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## 2025 General Service Conference Was Your Voice Heard

By Judy F.

In the April 2024 volume of the Gratitude Gazette I wrote an article on the 2024 General Service Conference that was being held in New York the week of April 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024. At the 2024 Conference the final vote was delivered on moving forward with the **Plain Language Big Book**. It has since been released and is currently in its second printing.

At the end of April 2025 our new delegate will be participating in the 2025 General Service Conference in

New York. The conference theme this year is **Working Together, Increasing Trust** and some of the workshop topics are: **Delegating: It is ok to ask for help; Closing the Gap: How do we make the voice of every group count; Our Financial Responsibility in Carrying the Message.**

For me, some of the hot topics to be discussed, reviewed and some even voted on will be:

- Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (PAI 23)
- Review draft of revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"
- Consider request to update the book Living Sober. PAI PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90,

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## SCV Central Office

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## Intergroup Representatives

Name	Meetings
<b>Bobby B.</b>	Rafters, Sun Night Big Book Study, Recovery Room
<b>Doug W.</b>	Intergroup Chair, Just for Today, Stepping Stones
<b>Ida B.</b>	New Reflections, Christ Lutheran
<b>Jennifer Y.</b>	Santa Clarita Speakers Meeting, Magic Mountain Group, St. Stephens Church
<b>Jenny M.</b>	Magic Mountain Group, United Methodist Church
<b>John C.</b>	Men's Crosstalk, OLPH, Easy Does it
<b>Judy F.</b>	Intergroup, Central Office Manager
<b>Kathy B.</b>	Secretary, Step Sisters, St. Stephen's Church, Wednesday Night Happy Hour
<b>Leslie M.</b>	Daily Reflections, Stepping Stones
<b>Linda C.</b>	Step Sisters 12&12, St. Stephen's
<b>Patty G.</b>	Women's Bean Bag Toss, Stepping Stones, <b>PI/CPC</b>
<b>Susie R.</b>	Coyote Group & Magic Mountain Group Monday
<b>Tobiah N.</b>	12&12 Discussion, Recovery Room, <b>Outreach</b>

## How to Become an IGR

You can get involved by becoming an Intergroup Representative (IGR) for your meeting or group if they do not have one. An IGR should have at least one year of sobriety and be able to attend the monthly Intergroup meeting on the 4<sup>TH</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. You can also get involved by participating in one of the Intergroup committees.

If your meeting or group is not represented, you can take a group conscience to decide on representation, make a motion, and vote to have an IGR. You can then vote for a member to be your representative. The term is two years. A group may also elect an alternate IGR.

The Central Office can assist with questions and the process to help anyone interested in becoming involved in this service work. Central Offices are essentially AA service entities, "directly responsible to those they serve," as described in Tradition Nine. Local group representatives reflect the groups' conscience in the service center operations.

## AA Meetings

[aa.org/meeting-guide-app](http://aa.org/meeting-guide-app)

*Did you know your Central Office updates meetings in the SCV for the meeting guide app for your smartphone?*

Your Central Office has 160 meetings in English and Spanish both in person and on-line listed. If you need to update or add your meeting information, please reach out to the Central Office at [webservant@aascv.org](mailto:webservant@aascv.org).

To find upcoming meetings nearby or anywhere in the U.S. or Canada, use the Meeting Guide App. This app currently includes listings from 400 AA service entities, providing you with access to over 100,000 weekly meetings. The information is refreshed twice daily and is supported by AA World Services.



The Meeting Guide App is available for free from the Apple Store and Google Play Store. Look for the chair in the circle and download the app today.

## News from New York

I just recently found this amazing page on the website for Alcoholics Anonymous ([aa.org](http://aa.org)) It's called "What's New" and it features news items from New York. It's all updated and you can search by category, date or key word. For example there is a message from Bob W, the general manager at the AA General Service Office. He sent out a message concerning the affect the recent tariffs may have on the printing of our literature.

Anyone who is attending the International Convention in July may want to visit this site since there are several announcements pertaining to the convention.

Visit the following for more information - [www.aa.org/news-and-announcements](http://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements).

### 2025 SCV Convention Corner

Women's Day Tea Party Luncheon, Special Event.

June 14<sup>TH</sup>, 11am - 3pm

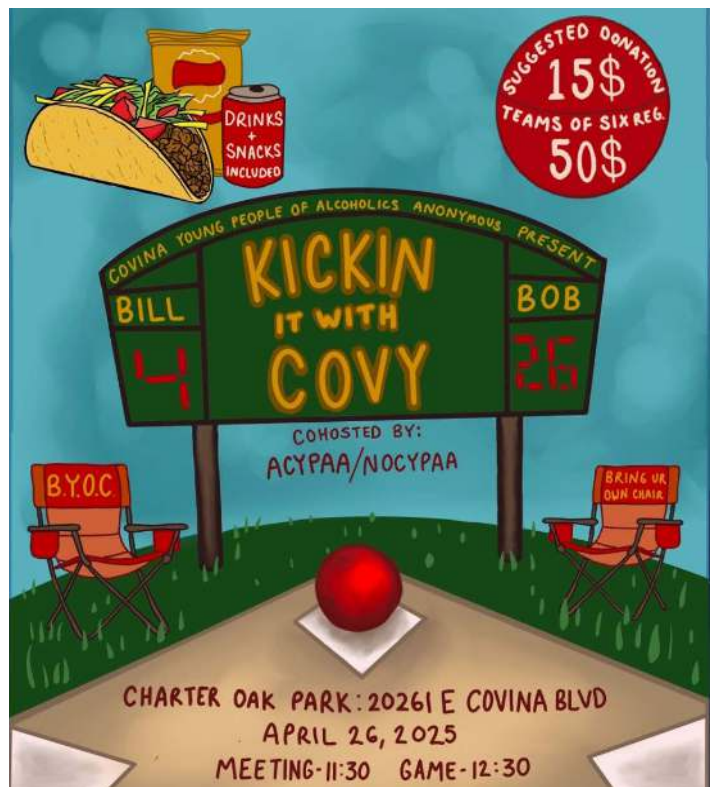
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Church

22508 Copper Hill Dr, Santa Clarita

Tickets - \$25 (Presale Tickets Only)

A date has been set for the Santa Clarita Valley Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous With Al-Anon participation, to be held at the Embassy Suites Valencia.

Mark your calendar - October 17<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025. Watch the Gazette for further information on special events throughout the year as well as information on planning meetings.





## Grapevine News

[aagrapevine.org/store](http://aagrapevine.org/store)

*Grapevine Digital Subscription. Combines the Grapevine complete On-Line access to the website, archive, and the App:*

Look for the May issue of Grapevine, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. May's featured section is "Young and Sober" - members who got to AA at an early age share hopeful stories about getting involved in service and events, making friends, and enjoying a sober life. Featured articles include: **20 And Free**; **Silver Lining**; **Young And Homeless In Anchorage**; and **Sharing The Grief**.

**Gratitude grows when shared!** Try the new shareable gratitude list on the Grapevine app today! Get the full Grapevine experience and register for an account today! There is no obligation to subscribe. Go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) to see what's available. From daily quotes to podcasts you can experience it all for - visit the Grapevine Store for more information.

### Daily Quote:

*"Let it never be said that the spiritual way is a cowardly or escapist approach to life. On the contrary, it requires maximum diligence and persistence to seek divine guidance when all the evidence of our eyes and ears tries to tell us that life is largely physical, intellectual and emotional."*

*"Let Go and Let God,"* Jackson, Mississippi, November 1964  
Grapevine

## Legacies for May

- Step 5** Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- Tradition 5** Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- Concept 5** Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

## Literature

[aascv.org](http://aascv.org)

*Literature available at Central Office.*

Normally we highlight a specific piece of literature we carry at Central Office in this section but I'm going to change it up some this month.

We want you to consider your home group or home meeting and think about the literature that your meeting makes available.

Do they have at least one book of **Alcoholics Anonymous** and one **Twelve and Twelve** for that newcomer who walks through the door? Do they have any pamphlet literature, such as, **"Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."** and **"This is A.A.?"**

Make sure your meeting is ready for the newcomer. You can purchase this books and pamphlets at your Central Office.

**COLOR WARZ**  
MAY 31st | Meeting 12pm | Valencia Meadows Park  
Valencia, CA

**Unleash Your Inner Warrior.**  
Eat. Throw Down. Claim Victory.  
Win the Trophy.

Bring a chair & Wear white. Suggested contribution \$15

**THE WAR STARTS AT 1:30 PM SHARP BE THERE.**

SCVYPAA.ORG

# 2025 General Service Conference Was Your Voice Heard

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- 92, 121,122)
- Review progress report of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous
- Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (PAI 36, 93, 96)
- Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the Co-Founders’ writings. (PAIs 81,15, 26 and 109)

I am very interested in the outcome of expanding Article Three in the Conference Charter, as this would further protect the Co-Founders’ writings, especially the first 164 pages of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. One of the proposals is requesting a “super-majority” or ¾ approval from the full General Service Conference before any contextual changes are made. This would also include the Doctor’s Opinion, Dr. Bob’s Nightmare and AA Number Three stories, Appendix II Spiritual Experience, Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, As Bill Sees It, AA Comes of Age, Our Great Responsibility, and the Twelve Concepts essays.

There are three other proposals on the same topic, all protecting the Co-Founders’ writings. If pamphlets and new literature need to be written to be more inclusive of our diverse fellowship, so be it, but the Co-Founder’s writings should remain untouched.

If you are thinking, here she goes again on this damn conference, I’m glad I at least caught your attention, even if it’s a negative response. Bill was so sure that setting up AA World Service/General Service was necessary to the future unity and growth of AA, he stated that it was a necessity “even to our survival as a fellowship.”

For those of you who have ignored your group’s GSR reports on this upcoming conference as well as their requests for feedback on opinion polls made available for some of the agenda items to be brought before the conference please don’t be surprised when it’s announced General Service will be making changes to the **12 Steps and 12 Traditions** by including the Twelve Concepts; don’t be surprised if a 2nd Edition of Living Sober is made available or that changes have been made to the first 164 pages of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous. This is the sort of information your group GSR is trying to bring back from yet another district meeting or another area assembly. This is the sort of information that no one wants to hear about in those “boring GSR reports.” Yet the fellowship was the first to complain about the **Plain Language Big Book** when it was released. Yelling “how come I never heard anything about this?” I know of at least 5 GSRs that attempted to give reports at their respective meetings that the final voting on moving forward with the **Plain Language Big Book** would probably take place at the 2024 General Service Conference. Hence its release in November of 2024.

that it is only 10% of the AA fellowship that is bringing their conscience to the Area Assembly to inform our Delegate how we wish him or her to vote on agenda items at the conference. If this is true, then it’s approximately 10% of the entire fellowship that’s opinion is heard.

To make my point, there are over 360 meetings (122 groups, which 39 are active) in our District of the General Service and approximately 1,000 groups in Area 93. We currently have 26 active GSRs for District 7 and at the last Area Pre-Conference Assembly there were approximately 150 area participants (including some alternates) from Area 93, again around that 10%.

In a “Message From Bill” printed in the May 1964 edition of the Grapevine he wrote – “As we strive to devise better ways of carrying the AA message to those who still suffer, I hope that we will also try to create a wider understanding of the operation and needs of AA’s world services – that all-important cluster of activities which enables our fellowship to function as a whole. Because these far-flung services reach into every quarter of the world, their direct influence for good is too often unseen, and therefore unknown.”

Bill had high expectations of the fellowship. He was “entirely confident that we would eagerly shoulder and discharge well this most high responsibility to our Third Legacy.” Have we met this responsibility? Will your voice be heard at the 2025 General Conference? If you don’t care if it’s heard then don’t be the one to complain when changes come down that affect the **Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous** or the **12 Steps and 12 Traditions** or God forbid some of the original writings of our Co-Founders. It was your decision not to have a voice...

I want you all to consider this statement: 10% of the fellowship of AA do 90% of the work. If this is true, then consider the fact

## Birthday Board

We would love to acknowledge your sobriety so help us keep our birthday info updated by emailing us at [info@aascv.org](mailto:info@aascv.org)

Sandy C . . . . .	5/25/2022	3
Shelly L . . . . .	5/29/2021	4
Jessica A . . . . .	5/4/2013	12
Susan C . . . . .	5/31/2007	18
Jennifer E . . . . .	5/14/2000	25
Cathy L . . . . .	5/26/1987	38

It’s a common tradition for AA members to make contributions to the AA. Structures to celebrate their sobriety anniversaries, also known as AA birthdays. This is a way for members to give back to support their journey to recovery.

## Faithful Friends

Consider supporting your Central Office by giving monthly or one time. Visit [AASCV.org](http://AASCV.org) to contribute.

# My Journey as a GSR: Understanding General Service in AA

By Doug W.

[webservant@aascv.org](mailto:webservant@aascv.org)

I was attending many Experience, Strength and Hope meetings and felt secure in my recovery, but I started to think there must be more to my maturity as a member of AA? What was General Service? I ventured out to learn and attended an Area 93 Assembly in the first year of Panel 73. What was Panel 73? It seemed like an odd numbering system. That was my first question, with many more to follow.

I wanted to bring my gifts to General Service but wasn't sure how. What would be required? Where should I start? I approached a group, which meets on Mondays, and made a motion to have a GSR and IGR for our group. They voted yes. Then came the second motion: we needed to vote someone in. There were two candidates, and I was voted in. The other member went through the same process and was voted in for a different group, as each group can have only one GSR. Today we both serve as GSRs for our respective groups. I felt both honored and overwhelmed. As Bill W. wrote, "*The strength of our whole AA service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative.*" Those words carried both inspiration and responsibility.

This article describes my experience and journey to becoming a GSR with the help of the **General Service Representative, P-19** pamphlet and other Conference Approved literature.

## Growing as a GSR?

I am now a GSR. Where do I start to learn General Service work? I started to focus on virtual meetings where General Service was the theme. I attended a Tuesday night 7:00 PM discussion on the Service Manual and it continues today (Meeting ID: 883 5669 9235 Passcode: 023869), I am on my third time through the manual. "**The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-311)**", I learned a GSR is the vital link between their local AA group and AA as a whole as well as the Guardian of the 12 Traditions. What a responsibility? I set out to learn more about the 12 Traditions. I knew they were important to the Group as the Steps are to the individual. As the "**GSR General Service Representative, (P-19)**" pamphlet states, "*You are linking your home group with the whole of AA*" This role was established in 1950, and I discovered it's much more than just attending meetings - it's about being part of AA's collective conscience.

## The Three Legacies

One of my early discoveries was understanding AA's three-pronged approach to recovery, unity, and service. While most newcomers naturally focus on recovery, I've come to understand that service helps strengthen my recovery, and unity emerges from learning to work well with others both inside and outside our meetings. These three principles work together to create a foundation for lasting sobriety, personal emotional maturity, and spiritual growth while enabling effective group functioning.

## Primary Responsibilities

My role as GSR has evolved into a fascinating journey of connection and communication. I attend District 7 meetings with other GSRs from my District and participate in four Area 93 Assemblies throughout the year. As a new GSR, I accepted an Area Committee commitment as the Area Newsletter Chair—what an experience! I've learned so much about how the Area works, and those early questions I had are getting answered. These gatherings provide essential opportunities to grow. During Panel 75, I was elected Area Registrar (an officer who manages group listings with GSO).

## The Learning Curve

As a new GSR, I quickly realized this isn't something you learn through osmosis. As one experienced GSR told me, "We don't learn how to become a GSR simply by being elected." The role requires investment, study, and dedication. Throughout my journey, I've found invaluable resources in the [GSR Kit](#) provided by GSO, the "**AA Service Manual (BM-31)**", "**The AA Group (P-16)**" pamphlet, and regular communication with my District Committee Member (DCM) and Area Officers. These tools have become my compass in navigating this new service territory.

## Reporting Back to My Group

One of my most important responsibilities is keeping my group informed, though in my experience, they aren't particularly keen on hearing the reports. Since my group isn't what I'd call traditional AA, I make an announcement at the beginning of the meeting inviting members to see me afterward for my report. Most often, no one comes by. I keep a printed report posted on the wall alongside other announcements, and I've even added it to the club's website. Through this process, I've learned the art of crafting concise, relevant reports that focus on matters directly

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# My Journey as a GSR

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affecting our group as many communications in AA is often evolving.

## *Growing Through Service*

What I've discovered is that being a GSR isn't just about serving others—it's also about personal growth. As one GSR shared, "This is where I begin to mature as an AA member." I had to look at my shortcomings: am I easily offended, and do I often lead with pride?" Yes to both questions. General Service work gives me a unique opportunity to grow up. Through this journey of personal growth, I observed my emotional development across five stages, which often overlapped. These stages, drawn from my experience and observations, revealed to me the necessity of spiritual growth.

The emotional and spiritual cycles of being a GSR and other General Service positions comprises five stages: **Uninformed Optimism, Informed Pessimism, Valley of Despair, Informed Optimism, and Serenity and Fulfillment.**

**Uninformed Optimism** is marked by excitement and anticipation of being of Service and what it will bring, but without acknowledging the costs.

In this stage, the person is excited about the idea of going to the Area Assembly and their Districts. They imagine the benefits of being there and have so many ideas that they want to express with changes, which they see as wrong with AA—but they haven't experienced any downsides yet, such as the time and effort it takes to become informed.

**Informed Pessimism** sets in as GSRs begin to realize the reality of their effort required for change (character defects arise), leading to negative emotions and doubt.

After a few Area Assemblies, the GSR may start to feel discouraged. They may realize how difficult it is to be heard and direct change, and it seems at times to combative and even chaotic. They may question whether it's really worth the effort to keep going.

**The Valley of Despair**, The third stage, is the lowest point, where many GSRs give up due to the discomfort and distance of the perceived benefits. If people persevere through this stage, they will reach the fourth stage of Informed Optimism.

The GSR may hit a low point and consider giving up. Maybe they've taken something personally, or frustration is too great, and the idea of continuing feels daunting. They may feel like they need to see results and wonder if all the effort is even worth it. This is a critical stage because if they quit here, they'll may never

be involved in General Service work again.

**Informed Optimism**, where the possibility of success at service increases and the benefits of personal change become more apparent.

If they can push through the Valley of Despair, they may start to see progress. They may notice that they can not take things personally or realize that their opinions are just one of many, and they may need to be better informed. They listen and learn before speaking. They study the Service Manual to understand the processes and get a Service Sponsor to help them find serenity in General Service work.

**Serenity and Fulfillment** are reached when the new behaviors become routine (less active Character Defects), the benefits are experienced, and the slow cost of change is perceived as worth it. The key to overcoming the emotional cycle of character defects is to have a compelling future vision of what God is asking of you, not accepting pride as in self-rule, and persevere through difficult times.

This progress can be motivating and discouraging, but God can help take away those feelings, and He will bring people into your Service work to encourage you, and you will feel more optimistic about Service work and you will encourage others to join you in this adventure.

## *Support*

I'm grateful to learn that I'm not alone in this journey. The support structure surrounding GSRs is robust and nurturing. Experienced GSRs and others in General Service work offer guidance and share their wisdom freely, while regular district and area training opportunities help me grow in my role. The collective experience of other GSRs in my district has become an invaluable resource, showing me that we truly are all in this together.

I asked a Panel 73 Officer to be my Service Sponsor, and although she agreed, the mentoring didn't materialize. I'm now seeking a mature Service Sponsor—someone experienced in General Service work who can offer spiritual guidance when challenges arise, helping me respond thoughtfully rather than reactively.

I continue to host my second weekly Service Manual discussion meeting where other members share their experiences and insights. Each week, I am given an opportunity to learn and mature.

To address my initial question about Panel 73: The General Service Conference began in 1950 with Panel 1, comprising half

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of the geographic Areas. Each subsequent year increments by one panel number, with Panel 2 covering the remaining Areas. Currently, we're in Panel 75 in our Area. The 93 Areas across the US and Canada are split between even and odd panel numbers. This rotation ensures that at the General Service Conference, one panel with a year's experience can guide the incoming panel. Each Panel commitment spans two years, after which positions rotate to new members—honoring the spirit of rotation from Tradition 9.


While some may feel General Service work isn't for them, I embrace this opportunity wholeheartedly. I keep Tradition 5 (... **one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers**) as my North Star in all AA service work. AA was there when I needed it, and I want to ensure it's there for anyone who needs it today or in the years ahead. I've come to understand that GSR service truly embodies our responsibility declaration: **"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."**

AREA 93, DISTRICT 7 PRESENTS

# Emotional Sobriety

A FREE HYBRID WORKSHOP

Saturday May 31, 2-4pm




SPEAKERS

Dee F. Craig R.	Wayne B. Judy F.
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IN-PERSON  
QUARTZ HILL GRANGE  
41843 50TH ST. W

ZOOM  
ID: 948 284 4721

# FAITHFULL FRIENDS




## Contributions to the Santa Clarita Valley Central Office

Faithful Friends are A.A. members who choose to contribute five dollars or more each month to support the Santa Clarita Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer. As a Faithful Friend, your personal contribution will help your Central Office provide the services necessary to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Your Central Office Provides:

- 24 hour / 7 days a week answering inquiries from those seeking help - suffering alcoholics, sober alcoholics, meetings, groups, professionals and the general public.
- Publishes A. A. In-person Meeting Schedules
- Maintains an informative and up-to-date website: [aassv.org](http://aassv.org)
- Orders and sells A.A. literature
- Publishes the monthly Gratitude Gazette Newsletter
- Acts as an information exchange for all SCV meetings
- Cooperates closely with our Area 93 Assembly, Hospital and Institutions, and GSO in New York



Yes! I wish to participate as a Faithful Friend!  
Visit [aassv.org](http://aassv.org) and fillout the PayPal form (Debit Cards Accepted) No PayPal account needed.

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# Hotdog & A Hike

\$15 SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION\*

May 10th

MEETING @ 12PM  
HOTDOGS @ 2PM



## Arroyo Verde Park

FOOTHILL RD.  
VENTURA, CA 93003

\*INCLUDES 2 FREE HOTDOGS

# Events

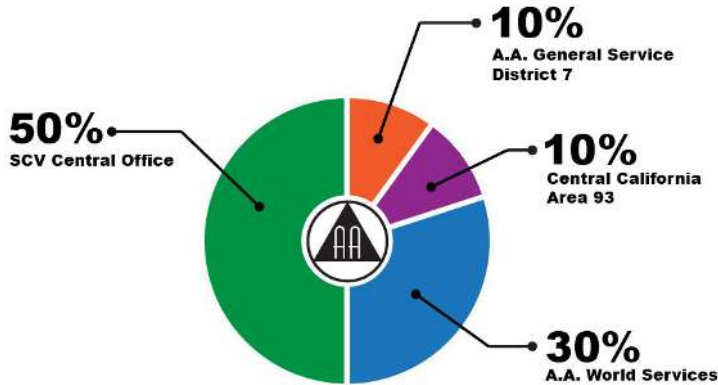
See <https://aascv.org/events-and-announcements/>

Date	Event	Time	Location
5/1/25	SCV H&I Monthly Meeting (in-Person)	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	24901 Orchard Village Rd, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
5/2-5/4	Easy Does It Weekend		Camp Seely in Crestline 250 CA-138, Crestline, CA 92325
5/1/25	AV Central Office Intergroup Meeting (In-Person)	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	43619 17 <sup>TH</sup> Street West, Suite 103, Lancaster, CA 93534
5/4/25	AV Monthly Roundup (In-Person)	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	41843 50 <sup>TH</sup> Street West, Quartz Hill CA 93536
5/6/25	A.A. Service Manual Discussion Meeting (On-Line)	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Meeting ID: 883 5669 9235 Passcode: 023869
5/10/25	Hotdog & a Hike (YPAA)	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Arroyo Verde Park Foothill Rd, Ventura, CA 93003
5/11/25	AV H&I Monthly Meeting (In-Person)	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	42545 Wall Street, Unit 115, Lancaster CA 93534
5/12/25	District 7 GSR Monthly Business Meetings (Hybrid)	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	41843 50 <sup>TH</sup> Street West, Quartz Hill CA 93536
5/13/25	A.A. Service Manual Discussion Meeting (On-Line)	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Meeting ID: 883 5669 9235 Passcode: 023869
5/16–5/18	From Shipwreck to Shore (H&I)		Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort 1050 Schooner Dr, Ventura, CA 93001
5/18/25	Area 93 CCAA (Hybrid)	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	33201 Golden Valley HS 801 Hosking Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93307
5/20/25	A.A. Service Manual Discussion Meeting (On-Line)	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Meeting ID: 883 5669 9235 Passcode: 023869
5/26/25	SCV Intergroup Meeting (In-Person)	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	26951 Ruether Ave., B-4, Santa Clarita, CA 91351
5/27/25	A.A. Service Manual Discussion Meeting (On-Line)	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Meeting ID: 883 5669 9235 Passcode: 023869
5/31/25	CPC/PI Monthly Committee Meeting (Hybrid)	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Meeting ID: 820 3482 3410 Passcode: D22CPC&PI
5/31/25	Emotional Sobriety, District 7 Workshop (Hybrid)	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Quartz Hill Grange 41843 50 <sup>TH</sup> St. W Meeting ID: 948 284 4721

## 7<sup>TH</sup> Tradition

### To AAWS, 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 all of the AA Service Structure.



## Monthly Service Meetings

### SCV Central Office/ Intergroup

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> Monday of the month

Central Office 7:00 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 AA community of Santa Clarita Valley.

### District 7- General Service

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> Monday of the month

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Quartz Hill Grange  
41843 50<sup>TH</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, CA 93536  
Zoom ID: 830 4964 7466

### Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday of the month

6:30 PM Orientation  
Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
St. Stephens Church  
24901 Orchard Village  
Valencia, CA 91355

## 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)

## AA World Services

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

## SCV Central Office

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

### Group IDs

When making contributions to AAWS, Area 93, Districts, Central Offices.

It is important to add your: **Group/**

### Meeting Information:

- **AAWS Group Number**
- **Meeting/Group Name**
- **Location**
- **Day(s) of your meeting and start time**

## Privacy Tip on the Venmo App

Many AA members use Venmo to make contributions. Follow these instructions to set your transactions to private.

1. Open the Venmo app on your mobile device.
2. Go to the lower right-hand corner and click "Me," then the "Gear" icon on the upper right-hand corner.
3. Choose "Privacy" under the Settings options.
4. Change the Default Privacy Setting:
5. Under the "Default Privacy Setting" section, tap on it and

select "Private". This will ensure that all future transactions are private by default.

6. Set Past Transactions to Private:
  - Scroll down to the "Past Transactions" section.
  - Tap on "Change All to Private" to update the visibility of all your past transactions to private.

**By setting your transactions to private, only you and the person you're paying or receiving money from will be able to see the details of the transaction.**

# Santa Clarita Valley Central Office IGR Minutes

Recorded by **Kathy B.**, Secretary  
Monday, April 28, 2025

- Meeting called to order : 7:01 PM by Doug W.
- Opening prayer: Serenity Prayer (all)
- Statement of purpose: Jennifer Y.
- Motion to accept January 2025 Motion by Kathy B., Second by Patty G., Minutes accepted

## Attendance

- Doug W., Jennifer Y., Kathy B., Jenny M., John C., Patty G., Susie R., Bobby B., Leslie M., Tobiah N.

## Chairpersons Report – Doug W.

- No IGR meeting in May due to Memorial Day.

## April Literature Share

Doug W, shared “Bridging the Gap Pamphlet” – Doug shared on the pamphlet that it is a temporary contact program for individuals getting out of treatment or other facilities, however, not for individuals leaving correctional facilities. There is a separate program for them called Contact upon Release. “Bridging the Gap” (BTG) is as old as AA with the concept of one drunk talking to another. AA members volunteer to be in contact with these newcomers in order to introduce them to Alcoholics Anonymous, hence BTG. Doug discussed the six bullet points which give information on how BTG works. He also touched on the pamphlets’ information about AA volunteers keeping in mind our A.A.’s tradition of non-affiliation (Tradition Six). While we cannot compromise our A.A.

Traditions, we should remember that we are guests of the facility. We are there to carry the AA message to the newcomer, and to answer any questions regarding the AA program of recovery and the AA way of life.

- Literature Share for June - Patty G.
- Literature Share for July – Jenny M.

## Treasurer’s Report – Doug W.

- March Central Office was in the black \$2,117.42
- Motion to approve treasurers report Kathy B. second by Jennifer Y.
- Motion approved

## Office Manager – Judy F.

- No Report

## Public Information – Patty G.

- No Report

## Outreach – Tobiah N.

- Requests a list of meetings without an IGR.

## Old Business – Doug W.

- Bank Signature for Doug will be addressed when Judy returns home.

## Website – Doug W.

- Updated site, made the site colorful and better organized

## Announcements

- Emotional Sobriety Workshop (Hybrid), May 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2-4pm  
41843 50<sup>TH</sup> Street West Quartz Hill CA 93536  
Meeting ID: 948 284 4721
- Rafters Farewell Fundraiser – June 20<sup>TH</sup> and 21<sup>ST</sup> Two Speakers, Dance, meetings, and bingo. Location: Rafters: 24307 Railroad Ave. Newhall, 91321

## Birthdays

- Doug W. 4/5/15 for 10 years

Meeting ended at 7:43 PM with the pledge I am responsible

**On the next two pages, you will find a QR coded literature document. Small Groups or On-Line meetings can use it to share with members.**

**P-24**  
A Newcomer Asks

**P-36**  
Is A.A. for Me?

**P-1**  
This is A.A.  
An introduction to the A.A. recovery program

**P-83**  
ACCESS TO A.A.  
MEMBERS SHARE ON OVERCOMING BARRIERS

**P-13**  
Do you think you're different?

**P-2**  
Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.

**P-5**  
Women in A.A.

**P-4**  
Young People in A.A.

**P-32**  
EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH  
LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.

**P-16**  
The A.A. Group ...where it all begins

**P-15**  
Questions & Answers on Sponsorship

**F-4**  
"Where do I go from here?"

**P-18**  
Inside A.A.  
Understanding the Fellowship and its Services

**P-42**  
A Brief Guide to A.A.

**P-84**  
Many Paths to Spirituality

**P-33**  
It Sure Beats Sitting in A Cell

**P-90**  
Hispanic Women in A.A.

**B-28**  
A.A. for the Older Alcoholic  
—Never too late

**P-11**  
The A.A. Member — Medications & Other Drugs

**P-35**  
Problems other than alcohol  
by Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous

**P-87**  
A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues —and their sponsors

**P-86**  
The "God" Word  
Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A.

**P-55**  
The Twelve Steps Illustrated

**P-47**  
Understand Anonymity

**P-17**  
A.A. Tradition How It Developed  
—by Bill W.  
A tour of the historical events that led to our unique Twelve Traditions

**P-49**  
Bridging the GAP  
Between treatment and A.A. 12-step contact programs

**P-51**  
Black in A.A.  
EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH AND HOPE

On a mobile device scan the QR code or click on the QR code in the PDF.

# AA General Service

**BM-31**


**THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL**  
combined with  
**TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE**  
by Bill W.



**P-19**

**GSR**  
General Service Representative

Your path to AA




**P-44**

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature

**AA'S LEGACY OF SERVICE**  
by Bill W.

What is the basic A.A. service?  
The Fellowship's responsibility  
The pioneers' battle for the Big Book  
News stories and sudden A.A. growth  
Beginnings of group and world services  
Origin of the Twelve Traditions  
G.S.O. today  
Birth of the General Service Conference


THIS IS A REFRESHING  
THE A.A. SERVICE  
The complete manual  
guide in Fellowship and  
from the General Service



**P-8**

"The Twelve Concepts for World Service"  
The "What?"


The Twelve Concepts for World Service  
illustrated



**P-17**

**AA Tradition**  
How It Developed  
— by Bill W.

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The **TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated**




**P-16**

The A.A. Group ...where it all begins

How a group functions





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**Your DCM**  
District Committee Member

What is a DCM?  
The heart of A.A. is the group, which shares a general responsibility for the well-being of the Fellowship. The GSR attends district meetings that are made up of the groups in that district. The GSRs elect a district committee member (DCM). Thus, the DCM is the future backbone of the General Service Conference.

Where does the DCM come from?  
GSRs in each district usually elect a DCM for a good district committee. Background in A.A.



**P-45**

**Circles of Love and Service**

How A.A.'s work together to help the alcoholics who still suffer




**F-3**

**SELF-SUPPORT:**  
Where Money & Spirituality Mix




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