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

# "Passing It On"

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## Step 3

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

*"Step Three is like opening of a locked door. How shall we let God into our lives? Willingness is the key. Dependence as a means to independence. Dangers of self-sufficiency. Turning our will over to Higher Power. Misuse of willpower. Sustained and personal exertion necessary to conform to God's will."*  
(12 Steps & 12 Traditions, p. 6)

## Tradition 3

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

*"Early intolerance based on fear. To take away any alcoholic's chance at A.A. was sometimes to pronounce his death sentence. Membership regulations abandoned. Two examples of experience. Any alcoholic is a member of A.A. when he says so."* (12 Steps and 12 Traditions, p 10)

## Step 4

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

*"Willingness to take inventory brings light and new confidence. Step Four is beginning of lifetime practice. Common symptoms of emotional insecurity are worry, anger, self-pity, and depression. Inventory reviews relationships. Importance of thoroughness."* (12 Steps & 12 Traditions, p. 6)

## Tradition 4

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

*"Every group manages its affairs as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Is such liberty dangerous? The group, like the individual, must eventually conform to principles that guarantee survival."*  
12 Steps & 12 Traditions, p. 135





## 12 STEPS OF A SPONSOR

1. I will not help you stay and wallow in limbo.
2. I will help you grow to become more productive by your own definition.
3. I will help you become more autonomous, more loving of yourself, more free to continue becoming the authority of your own living.
4. I cannot give you dreams or “fix you up”, simply because I cannot.
5. I cannot give you growth or grow for you. You must grow yourself by facing reality, grim as it may seem at times.
6. I cannot take away your loneliness or pain.
7. I cannot sense your world for you, evaluate your goals, or tell what is best for you in your world. You have your own world.
8. I cannot convince you of the crucial choice of choosing the scary uncertainty of growing over the safe misery of not growing.
9. I want to be with you and know you as a rich and growing friend, yet I cannot get close to you when you choose not to grow.
10. When I begin to care for you out of pity, when I begin to lose trust in you, then I am toxic, bad, and inhibiting for you and for me.
11. You must know – my help is conditional. I will be with you, hang in there with you, as long as I continue to get even the slightest hints that you are trying to grow.
12. If you can accept all of this, then perhaps we can help each other to become what God meant for us to be...mature adults, leaving childishness forever to little children.

*Bookmark in the Central Office for sale. Many selections to choose from. Come check it out!*

# HELP WANTED!!!

Looking for a service commitment? Want to give back to fellow A.A.'s? Want to enhance your Program? Here are some opportunities.

*"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible."*



**VOLUNTEER!!!**

## Treasurer Needed for Central Office

Must know QuickBooks and have at least 5 years of sobriety. Works with Central Office Coordinator and files State and Federal forms. If interested, call Tom M. at 805-944-0056.

## Why Volunteer?

*"Though they knew they must help other alcoholics if they would remain sober, that motive became secondary. It was transcended by the happiness they found in giving themselves for others."*  
Big Book p. 159

## 52<sup>nd</sup> District Board of Directors

DCM: Kris S.  
Alt. DCM: Matt  
Treasurer: Peter B.  
Secretary: Bee  
Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/PCP) Chairperson: Linda H.  
District Registrar: Rudy S.

## Call Forwarding Team

Answer calls from alcoholics after hours in your home. Get their contact info and pass it on to someone on the 12 Step Referral List. Call or text Tom M. at 805-944-0056.

## 12 Step Referral List

Put your contact info on the 12 Step Referral List. Be there for fellow alcoholics in need. Call or text Nancy N. at 661-361-0239

## Intergroup Representatives Needed!

Now it is even easier to be an Intergroup representative for your home group. Zoom meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 10am. The Zoom address is 715 037 7188 and the password is 12345. All are welcome to attend.

An Intergroup Representative brings his/her group's concerns, opinions, and suggestions regarding Central Office to the Intergroup Meeting. Information regarding Central Office activities and finances, as well as fundraising is presented.

Central Office is the "bookstore" for our District.

## District 52 Positions Available

. Archives Chairperson  
. Guidelines & Policies Chairperson  
Terms are for two years. Suggested sobriety for chairperson positions is 2 years.

For further info, contact Kris S. at 424-335-6562.

If your group does not have a GSR, become one & keep your group informed!!!

Some 52's Celebrating  
Anniversaries

2/2	Karen L.	17 years
2/4	Blackie B.	34 years
2/8	Chris G.	5 years
2/9	Mark A.	4 years
2/13	Jim P.	4 years
2/18	Marissa O.	2 years
2/19	Darrin W.	25 years
2/20	Jack S.	25 years
2/21	Brian P.	2 years
2/22	Todd B.	17 years
2/23	Jeff S.	6 years
2/24	Debbie H.	25 years
2/25	Tony H.	8 years
2/25	Craig L.	3 years
2/28	Carl H.	16 years
2/28	Bob C.	41 years
3/4	Tyler V.	2 years
3/4	Jessica B.	10 years
3/10	Mike F.	7 years
3/12	Lynn M.	32 years
3/15	Trish S.	42 years
3/17	Terry C.	29 years
3/18	Terry P.	2 years
3/20	Dorothy C.	2 years
3/23	Penny S.	4 years
3/24	Armando M.	19 years
3/29	Arlene H.	25 years
3/29	George L.	29 years



Current Speaker Meetings

**Happy Hour Group** – 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress (last Monday of the month, 5:30pm)

**South County Speaker Meeting** - Arroyo Grande (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8pm) **Zoom ID:** 945-645-5808  
**Password:** 123456

**1600 Live** – 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress Ave (4<sup>th</sup> Sat., 7pm)

**Santa Maria Valley Group** - 1600 Club, 324 W. Cypress (Sunday, 7pm)

**SY Valley Action Group** - Solvang Alano Club, 320 Alisal Rd. (Saturday, 8pm) **Zoom ID:** 771-277-508 **Password:** 12345

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

**Santa Ynez Valley Action Group** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Alano Club, 10am

Monthly Service Meetings

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month: 10:00am** - Intergroup Committee (Central Office) **Zoom ID:** 832-2760-8507 **Password:** 12345

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month: 10:00am** - GSR (District) meeting **Zoom ID:** 395-603-3289, **Password** not required

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month: 10am** - Central Coast Roundup  
Call Joseph M. to confirm 805-406-3774

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

### Central Office Board of Directors

Chairperson: Tom M.  
 Co-Chairperson: Open  
 Treasurer : Open  
 Secretary: Kathy T.  
 Central Office Coordinator: Nancy N.  
 Member at Large: Rudy S.

### Central Office Hours

Mon. 9am-12pm    Thurs. 12pm-3pm  
 Tues. closed      Fri. 9am-12pm  
 Wed. 11-2pm      Sat. 11am-2pm

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### Non Event Fundraiser Ticket Super Sellers!!!

Shawn H., Solvang	90 tickets
Leo B., Santa Maria	34 tickets
Lisa B., Santa Maria	22 tickets

**192 Total tickets sold! Thanks everyone!**

### STATS

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
• Books Sold	36	23
• Regular Chips	44	5
• Fancy Chips	--	2
• Pamphlets	80	49
• Mtg Guides	50	---
• Misc.(cards/BBD/Bkmk)	4	7 (cardsindx)

### BILLS

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
• Rent	\$380.00	\$380.00
• Comcast	\$117.59	\$114.75
• Answering Service	<u>\$115.50</u>	<u>\$115.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$613.09</b>	<b>\$610.25</b>

### ADD'L EXPENSES

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
• Amazon (Books)	\$ 41.55	---
• Chips	\$ 53.22	\$ 16.30
• Local Copies (Mtg in Pocket)		\$ 114.08
• Office Depot	\$ ---	\$ 23.53
• Postage	\$ ---	\$ 4.80
• World Services	<u>\$131.75</u>	<u>\$ 592.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$226.52</b>	<b>\$ 751.466</b>

<b>TOTAL BILLS &amp; ADD'L EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$839.61</b>	<b>\$1,361.71</b>
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The following individuals and groups donated to Central Office during February and March:

Kathy T.	\$ 20.00	Six A.M. Sickies	\$ 911.00
Pablo L.	\$ 40.00	Women in Recovery	
Danelle W.	\$ 40.00	Christmas Luncheon	\$ 150.00
Peter B.	\$ 50.00	Sober Chicks	\$ 31.00
Robert T.	\$ 50.00	SMVG	<u>\$ 8.88</u>
Trish S.	\$ 10.00		\$1,103.88
Mark G.	<u>\$ 4.54</u>		
	<b>\$214.54</b>		

**TOTAL DONATIONS FEB/MARCH  
 \$1,318.42**



## 52<sup>nd</sup> District Central Office Website Redesigned

We've got a new look! Check us out at [www.aa52centraloffice.org](http://www.aa52centraloffice.org) You can download the app for iPhone or Android by clicking on the "Meetings" link. Put it on your phone so you have a meeting guide at your fingertips!

Zoom, hybrid and in-person meetings are now on the same schedule. To access the Zoom connection, click on the top "Meeting" heading (not the "pdf of meetings"). Find the Zoom meeting you're interested in attending and click the name of the meeting. A window will open with information about the meeting and a link to click to join with Zoom. A password will be listed, if needed.

### "PASS IT ON"

The Story of Bill Wilson and how the A.A. message reached the world

Here is Bill W., the man everybody knew and nobody knew. Here too, inextricably entwined with his life, is the dramatic story of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous, its early struggles and amazing growth.

Bill's character was complex and contradictory. Although we always tried to place him on a pedestal he strove for genuine humility, declining honors and stressing the spiritual value of anonymity. The co-founder of A.A., he was never a member of A.A., because we never allowed him to be. Ego-driven, he nevertheless always gave credit to others: to Ebby, to Dr. Bob, to Lois, as appropriate. A charismatic leader, he eschewed power and "was willing to let go of us before we were willing to let go of him" (in Dr. Jack Norris' words). He has been hailed as one of the most significant figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; yet a nonalcoholic typist for the manuscript of the book commented, "Isn't it too bad he never did anything with his life".

(Book available at the Central Office)

### RULE 62

Don't take yourself so seriously



### **Editor's Corner**

**A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who purchased tickets for the non-event fundraiser. The donations were amazing! Thanks for the privilege of bringing you the Newsletter!**

**If you'd like the Newsletter e-mailed to you, send your e-mail address to Kathy T. at [blakeyboysmom@hotmail.com](mailto:blakeyboysmom@hotmail.com) The Newsletter is also on the Central Office website... [www.aa52centraloffice.org](http://www.aa52centraloffice.org)**