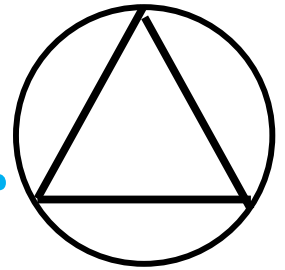


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“First of all we had to quit playing God.”

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“Carry the AA Message”

Join the fun and
submit an article!

Monthly Themes

FEBRUARY

Problems Other Than Alcohol

(due 12/22)

MARCH

Boy Meets Girl on A.A. Campus

(due 01/26)

APRIL

Sponsorship

(due 02/23)

Submit 500 to 1000 word story to
Newsletter Chair at:

sdaa.newsletter@gmail.com

For more information, see page 2

Contempt Prior To Investigation Quotation

(A brief history)

“There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which can not fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance – that principle is contempt prior to investigation”

Herbert Spencer???

by Thomas K.

This quotation first appeared as the prelude to a story **An Artist's Concept** in the *First Edition of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 380 and in *Experience, Strength & Hope*, p 130 (stories from the first three editions of *Alcoholics Anonymous*). The author, Ray C., also designed the original dust jacket cover for the 1st edition of the Big Book so he certainly made important contributions to the early history of A.A. The author used the quotation to explain the alcoholic's mental condition when it came to religion as a cure. He goes onto say that when the alcoholic finally comes to the realization that there is something out there larger than he, the word “contempt” changes to “hope” and ultimately “fulfillment.” As I read **An Artist's Concept**, the quote from his story “self –will was already drugged with poison – that it was very sick”* really hit home with me early in my sobriety as my self-will was of no use to me at all. A second quote also hit home: “I also knew that a person constrained to temperance by the domination of will is no more *cured* of his vice than if he were locked up in prison.”* This was something that I experienced in my early sobriety as I was still obsessed with drinking but had gotten just far enough into the program to realize I couldn't drink anymore. I was in the category of white – knuckling it and devoid of anything remotely spiritual. For me it took several months before the contempt was replaced with hope and finally fulfillment. If you can grasp this concept of something greater than yourself sooner rather than later the path will certainly remain clear of many obstacles.

While doing further research on this quotation, I found that there is a well documented opinion that Spencer never said the quotation he is credited for. Herbert Spencer (1820-1903) was an English philosopher, biologist, and sociologist who wrote a huge number of books in his lifetime on these topics and more. He studied Darwin as a biologist and is credited with the quotation “Survival of the Fittest,” not Darwin as many people have come to believe. While many believe that the quotation came from his Biology book nothing can be found in these writings. He was also an atheist, which distances him further from the quotation if you accept the religious connotations of the quote.

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Contributions from A.A. members are welcome and will be printed as space allows and as they are relevant to the upcoming topic(s) (*see page 1, bottom left*).

Submissions may be emailed to the newsletter chair at SDAA.newsletter.com. They may also be typed or neatly handwritten and mailed to Central Office or delivered in person to the committee on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6PM, Central Office. Submissions must include contact information and a name (your name and last initials only). The editors reserve the right to edit contents for length, clarity and their relation to the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. An effort will be made to contact the author regarding content changes.

Phone Volunteers, 12th Step Calls, meeting information, group and individual contributions, book and literature sales, Coordinating Council and Intergroup Information can be obtained at the Central Office. For Committee specific information contact the following Committee Chairs:

Coordinating Council Officers:

Council Chair	Rick W.
Council Assistant	Nicki F.
After Hours Phones	TBD
Business Committee	Ray R.
New Coordinators	Carrie
Outreach Committee	Paul H.
Program Committee	TBD
Public Info Committee	Sallye M.
Newsletter/Coordinator	Thomas K.

Area Officers:

Delegate	Tom M.
Alternate Delegate	Dean B.
Area Chair	Jane G.
Archives	Carrie E.
H & I Director	Chris S.
Young People's Committee	Morgan

Contributors: Thomas K., Bob P.

Jan. Theme: Contempt Prior To Investigation

Collate: Wed., **December 14, 2011 5:30 pm**, at Central Office

Committee Meeting: Thursday, **Dec. 22, 2011 6:00 pm**, at Central Office

View from the Chair

I would like to re-introduce myself as the newsletter chair for 2012. This is my third time I've chaired the committee in the past 34 years. I look forward to offering articles that you'll find interesting. I encourage any of you to submit any material on the monthly theme or anything you feel is in good taste. I hope that the next topic Problems Other Than Alcohol will inspire you to talk about your views about something that many of us in the fellowship have experienced.

You can email your work to us at sdaa.newsletter@gmail.com, drop it by the office or mail to: San Diego Central Office, 7075 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

Gratefully, Thomas K.

Thanks to Our November 16th Collating Volunteers!

Groups Represented	Volunteers
Newsletter Committee	Thomas K.
E S G	Gary U.
Another Sober Tuesday	Berkley & Rodie

**We Desperately Need
Collating Volunteers for
December 14th!**

Join the Faithful Fivers

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who make a pledge to contribute at least five dollars each month to support Central Office in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to alcoholics who still suffer in the San Diego area. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution will help Central Office to continue providing the services necessary to carry our message.

SERVICES CENTRAL OFFICE PROVIDES

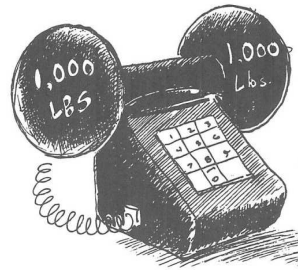
- *24 hours/7 days a week answering inquiries from those seeking help – suffering alcoholics, sober alcoholics, meetings, groups, professionals and the general public.*
- Directs callers to your AA Meetings.
- Publishes A.A. Meeting Schedules
- Maintains a 12-step list to help the still-suffering alcoholic.
- Maintains an informative and up-to-date website: aasandiego.org
- Orders and sells A.A. literature
- Publishes the **COORDINATOR** newsletter in print and email version
- Acts as an information exchange for all San Diego meetings.
- Cooperates with Area 8 Assemblies, Hospitals & Institutions, G.S.O. in New York and all other Intergroup and Standing Committees

Payment options are cash, checks payable to San Diego Intergroup, bank account auto-pay, debit card and Visa and MasterCard.

Contributions are limited to \$3,000.00 per member, per year and are tax deductible. For further information contact Connie J. at Central Office at 619.265.8762

Current Faithful Fivers

Tom M., Jerry C., Gary C., Ray R., Bill M., Robbie R., Paul G., Daniel Y., Nick C., Tom R., Connie J., Terry L., Bob M., Nancy N., Sallye M., Nikki F., John L.



CRITICAL and URGENT NEED!

Emergency back-up volunteers to answer daytime and after-hour phones! New groups needed for after-hours phones waiting list!

Call **Connie J.**, at
AA Central at **619-265-8762**
call forwarding is available

A.A. Birthdays!

Tom C. 17 yrs

Terry L. 20 yrs

Judy B. 23 years

Many A.A. members celebrate their birthday by sending a donation of one or two dollars for each year of sobriety to Central Office. If you would like to carry on this tradition, please fill out the form below.

Birthday Gratitude

Name _____

City/Home Group _____

Sobriety Date _____

Amt. Enclosed _____

Please mail to:

San Diego Central Office
7075-B Mission Gorge Rd
San Diego, CA 92120-2454

All birthdays submitted will be published the month following submission. Please contact the newsletter chair if a birthday has not been published for two months following submission.

Group and Meeting Changes

NEW MEETING

Ain't Life Grand

Church (basement) 1535 3rd Ave (enter on Beech St)
Tue @ 12 noon Downtown

REINSTATED

Step Study Dirty Dozen

Office Bldg 5744 Pacific Center Blvd #306
Fri @ 12 noon Sorrento Mesa
(was 6901 Central Ave Lemon Grove Sun @ 11 am)

RELOCATED

As Bill Sees It Code: C

Med Bldg (Rm 107) 1460 E Main St
Wed @ 6 pm El Cajon
(was 9225 Carlton Hills Blvd, Santee)

TIME CHANGE

Fellowship Of The Spirit

Club 9535 Kearny Villa Rd #104
Tue @ 7:30 pm Mira Mesa
(was 8 pm)

Ramona Mens New Vision Code: M *

Recv Ctr 323 Hunter St
Wed @ 8 pm Ramona
(was 7 pm)

NAME CHANGE

OB Friday Night BB Study/Speaker

Club 2229 Bacon St
Fri @ 8 pm Ocean Beach
(was O.B. Friday Night Big Book Study)

DAY CHANGE

R.B. Early Birds Code: *

Restaurant 17210 W Bernardo Center Dr
Mon-Sun @ 7 am Rancho Bernardo
(was Mon-Fri)

CODE CHANGE

Downtown Discussion Codes: * +

Fellowship Hall 825 7th Ave
Sat @ 7:30 pm Downtown
(was Code: *)

CANCELED

Conscious Contact Meditation

Church 4690 Palm Ave
Fri @ 7 pm (effective Dec 30) La Mesa

Mission Bay Sat Night Speakers

USD-Camino Hall (Rm 108) 5998 Marian Way
Sat @ 8 pm Linda Vista

Coronado Traditions

Club 950 Orange Ave (rear alley)
Sun @ 6:30 pm Coronado

My Chance To Live

Events I thought were the end of the world turned out to be gifts. It was all very confusing. Slowly things began to even out. As I began to take the steps of recovery, my role in the pitiful condition of my life became clear.

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Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 316

Coordinating Council Attendance

**The following 50 groups attended December Coordinating Council
There are 760 registered groups in San Diego
WAS YOUR GROUP THERE?**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS: THURSDAY, January 12, 2012

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OF SAN DIEGO

Battery Chargers	Mid-Week Mens
Big Book & 12 X 12 Study	Mira Mesa Friday Night
Clairemont Mens	Miracles On Monday
Clairemont Womens	Mission Bay Speakers
Daily Reflections	Monday Night Young Peoples Steps
Downtown Discussion	North Park Mens
Early Morning Recovery	Old Town Speakers
East Side Group	Over The Bridge
Easy Does It Riders	Point Loma Mens
Fourth Dimension Group	Porter Hall Structured S/S
Free On Friday	S.D. Speakers Meeting
Fresh Start Beginners	San Carlos Single Purpose
Friday Morning Womens	Santee Saturday Night Speakers
Friday Night Irregulars	Santee Thursday Closed Mixed
God Squad Too	Scripps Ranch Mens Two
Golden Hill Sun Discussion	Sky Hi Womens
Great Fact Group	Smokefree La Mesa Womens
Harmony Group	So Bay New Womens
I.B. Up	Straight Shooters
Imperial Beach Group	The Joy Of Living Group
Kelton Ave Big Book Study	The Other Meeting
La Mesa Beginners	The We Group
La Mesa Mixed	Tues Night Big Book Step Study
La Mesa Open Discussion	Water Walkers Too
La Mesa Step Study Workshop	Womans Let Go And Let Go

The 100% Step

**Only Step One, where we made the 100 percent admission we
were powerless over alcohol, can be practiced with absolute
perfection.**

Reprinted with permission from A.A. W.S., Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 68

Long before I was able to obtain sobriety in A.A., I knew without a doubt that alcohol was killing me, yet even with this knowledge, I was unable to stop drinking. So, when faced with Step One, I found it easy to admit that I lacked the power to not drink. But was my life unmanageable? Never! Five months after coming into A.A., I was drinking again and wondered why.

Later on, back in A.A. and smarting from my wounds, I learned that Step One is the only Step that can be taken 100%. And that the only way to take it 100% is to take 100% of the Step. That was many twenty-four hours ago and I haven't had to take Step One again.

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**Thank you, Day Time Phone Volunteers
For Carrying The Message!**

**Minutes of the Coordinating Council
Thursday, December 8, 2011**

Nancy N. – Council Chair called the 798th meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Gretchen read the 12 Traditions. Council Definition and Purpose read by Mark. There were 7 new Coordinators, 0 visitors and 5 birthdays. 7th Tradition was \$50.00. Roll Call: Rick W., Assistant Council Chair reported 50 groups were represented out of 76 registered Coordinators. There was a quorum (35) As specified in the Coordinating Council Guidelines, a new quorum is established in December as 50% of the registered active groups. The new quorum for January-June 2012 will be 36. It was m/s/c to approve the minutes of November 2011 Council Minutes.

Area Assembly No Report Given.

For information on all Area Events, please visit the area08aa.org website or contact Central Office at 619-265-8762.

H & I Representative: Debbie, Co-Director shared the purpose of H & I (to establish and maintain AA meetings in facilities where people are confined and to bring AA General Service Conference approved literature into those institutions). We have more requests to bring a meeting in than we have volunteers, so we are always looking for new members. Individuals or groups may adopt a meeting. We have two Orientation Meetings each month: 3rd Sunday @ 12:15 pm Hall 5150 Kearney Mesa Rd 92111 and 3rd Thursday @ 7 pm Central Office 7075-B Mission Gorge Rd 92120. Contact on Release's purpose is to introduce alcoholics being released from confined facilities to AA in San Diego. When notified of a release in San Diego County, volunteers contact the individual and take them to their first few meetings. Go to area8aa.org and click on the H & I tab for more info.

AFTER HOURS PHONES: No Report Given.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Ray R. Chair reported Committee met on Tuesday 12/6/11 at 6:00 pm. Present: Ray R., Jerry C., Gary C., Steve E., Leonard R., Nancy N., Council Chair, Rick W., Asst Council Chair and Connie J., Central Office Manager. There was a quorum.

- 1) It was m/s/c to approve November 2011 Minutes.
- 2) It was m/s/c to approve November 2011 Financials.

November 2011 Financial Statements' Summary:

- a) Our November 2011 Net Revenue is \$376.75. Our 2011 YTD Net Loss is (\$8,269.56). Group and Individual Contributions were \$9,998.11. Literature Sales Revenue and bank interest was \$1,733.04 while total office and committee expenses were \$11,354.40. Thank you for supporting your Central Office in carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic.

Manager's Report

- 1) December's Book of the Month: Any *Grapevine* book for \$1.00 off regular price.
- 2) Initiated *Faithful Fivers Club* for individual contributions. Have received \$2,500 so far.
- 3) Central Office offers Gift Certificates for \$10-\$25 increments for holiday shopping.
- 4) Aasandiego.org has surpassed 1,000,000 hits.
- 5) aasandiego.org website: on "electronic forms page" – in pdf format: example: *literature price list, contributions pie chart, secretary meeting log and handbook, big book readings ...* Have added *Faithful Fivers Sign-up, After Hours Phones Group Sign-Up Sheet, Coordinating Council Guidelines &* built google maps in Calendar Events.
- 6) *Coordinator Newsletter*: sign-up for a FREE subscription electronically by email. Send an email to sdaaco@aol.com or call 619-265-8762. Hard copies will continue to be available at Central Office. Currently emailing 1,350.
- 7) Sending group contributions receipts, with current event flyers by email.

Committee Member reports:

- 1) Ray R. – Kept abreast of Central Office Activities during the month.
- 2) Gary C. – Reviewed November bank deposits.
- 3) Jerry C. – signed checks, reviewed bank reconciliations and financial statements, and attended Traditions Workshop.
- 4) Rick W. – Coordinator call reminder lists.
- 5) Nancy N. – Website working properly.
- 6) Steve E. – Meeting schedules available.
- 7) Leonard. – prepares committee minutes.

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Old Business:

- 1) Discussed and revised 7th Tradition letter to groups & Faithful Fivers Club.

New Business:

- 1) Gary C. & Jerry C. available for 2nd term.
- 2) Year-end inventory on Sat., Dec 17 @ 9 am.
- 3) Discussed tokens.

COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER Tom K., Chair reported committee met on Thursday, 11/25/11. Present: Linda F., and Thomas K. Absent excused: ., and Lisa O. and Maureen B. February's Theme: "Problems Other Than Alcohol". Submissions of 500-1000 words welcome. (Submissions due by December 22nd) Send to sdaa.newsletter@gmail.com or mail to Central Office at 7075-B Mission Gorge Rd San Diego, CA 92120. Come join in the fun. NEED groups to adopt a month to collate the newsletter.

COORDINATOR OUTREACH Paul H., Chair shared Help NEEDED from all current Coordinators in participation and outreach to invite groups to have an Intergroup Coordinator. Have prepared packets for you to take with you. We have a responsibility to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous with our group's voice and activity in service and unity.

ORIENTATION & GUIDELINES Frances reported committee met tonight at 6:35 pm. present: Frances and Duncan. Absent: Carrie

- 1) Orientated 7 new Coordinators.
- 2) Discussed duties of the Coordinator and orientation packets and questions. Read the "History of San Diego", Traditions 3 & 4, Robert's rules of order" and a Quorum.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Nicki F., Chair

- 1) New Years Eve Event will be at Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley on Saturday, December 31st. Tickets are \$22.00 and available at Central Office. Tickets MAY be available at door if not sold out. Room capacity: 500.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:

Terry L., Chair reported that the committee met on Monday, 12/5/11 at 6 pm. There were 16 people in attendance. The importance of us as a Fellowship communicating to the public "What Alcoholics Anonymous Is and What It Is Not." As outlined in the GSO Public Information

Workbook and Guidelines there are lots of possibilities for that, distributing PSA's to TV and Radio, Big Books to libraries, delivering pamphlet racks to public places, arranging for speaker presentations at schools and volunteers at health fairs.

- 1) Approved Dorothy R., Sandy B. and Heiki to serve on committee. To approve at Council.

December Elections:

All elected unanimously to serve.

- 1) Council Chair: Rick W. (sob 2-3-75)
- 2) Council Chair Assistant: Nikki F. (5-27-99)
- 3) After-Hours Phone Committee: Zak (1-11-05), Barbara (1994) and Paul (1-17-08)
- 4) Business Committee: Gary C. (sob 2-20-84) and Jerry C. (sob 8-2-94) were elected to serve 2nd term.
- 5) Newsletter Committee: Carolyn (11-2-06)
- 6) Orientation Committee: Jim (11-15-92) and John (9-12-05)
- 7) Outreach Committee: Terry L. (11/24/91)
- 8) Program Committee: Linda (5-1-07), Nicki (8-8-88) and Linda B. (11-23-90)
- 9) Public Information Committee: Approved unanimously Dorothy R. (1985), Sandy B. (3 ½ yrs) and Heiki (2-2-10)
- 10) John L., volunteered to be coffee maker.

Thank you to everyone rotating off for your service to Alcoholics Anonymous and welcome to newly elected committees.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Motion to amend Council Guidelines Section V paragraph D2, Coordinator Newsletter Committee, to add "*and to ensure that any topic or monthly theme for the newsletter be limited to those subjects addressed in AA Conference approved literature.*" Coordinators presented their groups discussion on this motion. Vote on motion will occur at January 12, 2012 Council Meeting.
- 2) Carolyn F., Coordinator for Women Let Go Let God Group, motion that the Coordinating Council considers an organized awareness campaign tabled to next month.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

Thanks to everyone for their help with set-up.

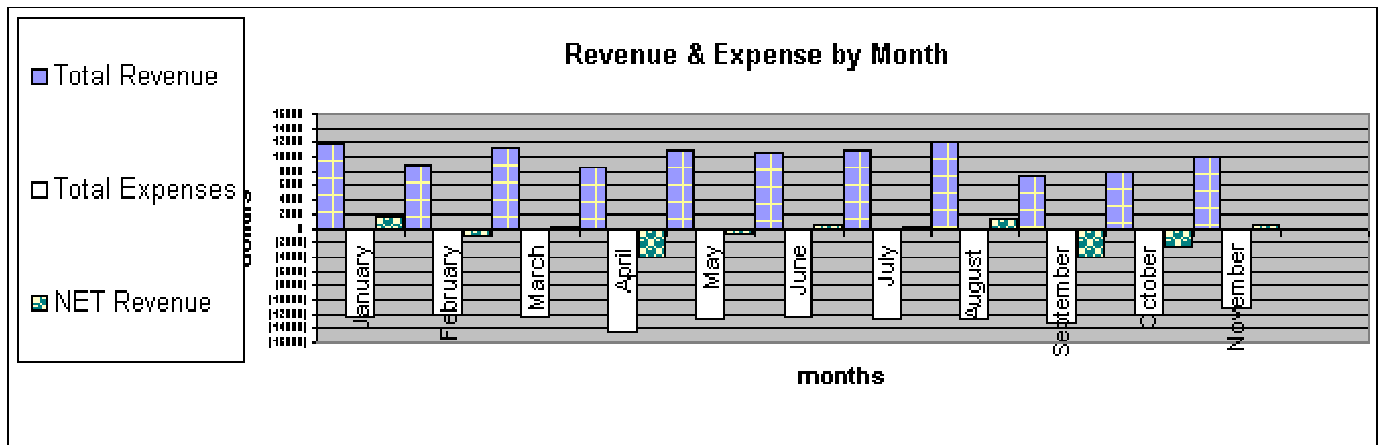
Respectfully submitted ,

Connie J.

Connie J., Recording Secretary

November 2011 Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	November '11	November '10	YTD '11	YTD '10	\$ Change	Budget '11
Ordinary Revenue/Expense						
Revenue						
Contributions Group	7,019.29	7,032.46	99,620.50	102,331.51	(2,711.01)	118,384.00
Contributions Individual	2,978.82	358.89	8,639.92	9,357.44	(717.52)	9,650.00
Contributions SDIAA	-	-	1,240.00	1,030.00	210.00	1,125.00
Interest - Cert of Deposits	27.48	50.73	502.66	778.80	(276.14)	900.00
Total Revenue	10,025.59	7,442.08	110,003.08	113,497.75	(3,494.67)	130,059.00
Expense						
Accounting & Legal	-	225.00	2,540.00	5,925.00	(3,385.00)	2,650.00
Auto/Travel/Seminar	16.50	36.75	1,119.60	1,585.12	(465.52)	1,300.00
Bank Service Charges	2.00	2.00	74.14	120.54	(46.40)	125.00
Cash (Over) Short	(7.29)	(4.75)	(38.22)	65.57	(103.79)	(50.00)
Equipment Maint & Repair	35.27	-	571.70	70.00	501.70	500.00
Equipment Purchase	135.93	-	1,431.32	463.92	967.40	500.00
Insurance	50.00	50.50	550.00	284.13	265.87	1,100.00
Office Maint. & Repairs	-	-	33.00	77.11	(44.11)	500.00
Office Supplies	48.20	283.20	2,500.32	3,396.21	(895.89)	3,900.00
Rent	1,697.00	1,648.00	18,471.00	17,936.00	535.00	20,168.00
Taxes	-	-	64.45	83.49	(19.04)	80.00
Telephone	233.45	244.09	2,651.00	2,561.28	89.72	2,900.00
Utilities-Electricity	212.08	197.66	3,168.17	3,085.34	82.83	3,600.00
Website	20.00	20.00	319.30	290.30	29.00	500.00
EMPLOYEES			-			
Accrued Payroll Taxes	529.90	561.75	6,669.37	6,825.77	(156.40)	7,400.00
Employee Wages	6,926.86	7,343.04	81,891.46	82,215.00	(323.54)	89,990.00
Employee 403B Contribution	187.14	175.00	2,051.83	1,925.00	126.83	2,100.00
Employee Health Benefit	817.00	853.04	9,023.04	9,522.38	(499.34)	10,236.00
Insurance-Worker's Comp	50.00	50.00	662.00	586.50	75.50	850.00
Total Expense	10,954.04	11,685.28	133,753.48	137,018.66	(3,265.18)	148,349.00
Net Ordinary Revenue	(928.45)	(4,243.20)	(23,750.40)	(23,520.91)	(229.49)	(18,290.00)
Other Revenue/Expense						
Literature Revenue/Expense						
Sales (see schedule)	1,705.56	1,858.41	20,961.57	21,534.98	(573.41)	25,540.00
	1,705.56	1,858.41	20,961.57	21,534.98	(573.41)	25,540.00
Standing Committees Expense						
Committee (see schedule)	400.36	301.42	5,480.73	7,273.87	(1,793.14)	7,250.00
Total Other Expense	400.36	301.42	5,480.73	7,273.87	(1,793.14)	7,250.00
Net Other Revenue	1,305.20	1,556.99	15,480.84	14,261.11	1,219.73	18,290.00
Net Revenue	376.75	(2,686.21)	(8,269.56)	(9,259.80)	990.24	-



November 2011 Group Contributions

Group	Nov '11	Ytd 11	Group	Nov '11	Ytd 11
11th Step Journey-2622	175.56	500.56	Fletcher Hills Smokeless - 59	-	30.00
11th Step Meeting - 2322	55.25	105.25	Fountain of Youth - 2232	-	13.00
1207 Mens Stag - 2687	-	100.00	Fourth Dimension Group - 2415	-	651.75
3rd Eye Ladies Meditate - 2948	-	30.00	Free At Last - 2888	-	168.26
4077 Mash Step 11(read-meditate-share) - 2027	-	106.50	Free on Friday - 760	-	180.00
A Sense of Belonging Womens - 1205	-	155.80	Free Thinkers - 2824	72.00	72.00
A Womens Meeting - 1717	166.06	398.75	Free To Be - 935	-	67.35
Adams Avenue Big Book Study - 1892	-	200.00	Fresh Air Friday - 266	-	700.00
Allied Gardens Friday Lunch - 766	-	200.00	Fresh Start Beginners - 2609	-	1,100.92
Allied Gardens Step Study - 1629	-	250.00	Fri Noon Living Sober - 2767	-	30.00
Alpine Mixed Step Study - 2621	-	97.70	Friday Happy Hour - 2821	-	100.00
Annual Grateful Meeting - 2461	-	76.00	Friday Morning Womens - 104	-	400.00
Another New Beginning - 144	-	50.00	Friday Night Gratitude - 2829	-	67.50
Artists in Sobriety - 2459	-	37.00	Friday Night Irregulars - 2889	-	115.00
As Bill Sees It (University Heights) - 1788	-	50.00	Friday Night Santee - 1754	-	360.00
As Bill Sees It (Coronado) - 2780	-	150.00	Friday Nite Special - 2401	30.00	80.00
At Home Mens - 215	-	90.00	Friday Nite Weeks End - 1856	-	120.00
At One With Each Other - 789	-	300.00	Friday Spring Valley Lunch - 2732	-	90.00
B.Y.O.B. - 203	-	360.00	Gilman Group - Fri 1988	69.00	245.57
Back to Basics - 1026	-	2,250.00	God Squad Too - 2809	-	71.31
Back to Basics for Women - 1675	-	215.00	Golden Hill Sun Discussion - 1706	-	135.00
Balboa Breakfast - 2721	-	402.55	Goldmine Speakers - 2613	-	44.00
Battery Chargers - 98	-	400.00	Good Fortune Hui Group - 491	-	400.00
Battery Chargers Thanksgiving Alkathon	-	8.00	Good Morning AA - 1888	-	104.85
Bay Park Step Study Group - 299	30.00	60.00	Great Fact Group - 895	-	150.00
Bayside Big Book Study - 1610	-	150.00	Good News Bad News - 2833	-	56.00
Beginners Steps To Sobriety - 1007	-	86.88	Happy, Joyous & Free - 363	-	75.00
Big Bon-Fire Meeting - 1894	-	286.00	Harmony Group - 585	103.90	766.26
Big Book & 12 x 12 Study - 100	-	95.00	Haul Your Hiney Out of Bed - 704	-	50.00
Bonita Boozers - 2179	-	100.00	Hi-Nooners - 673	-	28.00
Bonita Womens Big Book - 2734	-	86.81	How It Is - 960	50.00	150.00
Breakfast Of Champions - 2818	100.00	800.00	How It Is Now Speakers - 390	-	220.00
Cajon View Open Disc - 471	-	75.00	Hwy 80 AA - 2722	-	540.00
Carrying the Message - 2458	150.00	366.00	I. B. Up - 2565	-	450.00
Casa De Oro Tradition Five - 503	150.00	525.00	Imperial Beach Group - 79	-	224.13
Cedar Street Mens - 1698	150.00	930.92	It's in the Book - 2030	-	56.00
Chula Vista 4 Min Speakers - 1568	150.00	500.00	Jamul Open - 63	-	100.00
Chula Vista Friday Night - 837	50.00	50.00	Judges Big Book - 2736	10.00	30.00
Citizens Again - 2658	-	332.50	Jump Start - 2174	-	200.00
Clairemont Daytime Step Study - 427	-	120.00	Kelton Ave Big Book Study - 2410	-	202.65
Clairemont Discussion - 314	-	150.00	Kick Start Your Heart - 2430	-	30.00
Clairemont Mens - 301	300.00	1,200.00	La Jolla Basic B/B Study - 2154	-	430.00
Clairemont Mesa Step Study - 1997	-	50.00	La Jolla Beginners Group - 82	-	620.00
Clairemont Mixed Discussion - 338	-	125.00	La Jolla Beginners Womens - 83	-	133.00
Clairemont Step & Traditions Study - 482	-	50.00	La Jolla Discussion Group - 85	-	600.00
Clairemont Wednesday Group - 303	-	115.00	La Jolla Lunch Bunch - 622	-	219.00
Clairemont Womens - 340	128.14	463.93	La Jolla Mens - 692	-	75.00
Clairemont Womens Step Study - 341	275.50	509.50	La Jolla Monday Womens - 87	-	1,000.00
Class Acts - 1845	-	730.00	La Jolla Nonsmokers Disc - 88	-	700.00
Coffee Clutchers - 2332	-	450.00	La Jolla Patio Group - 613	-	440.20
Come As You Are - 2661	-	40.00	La Jolla Speakers - 578	-	381.45
Come Get Recovery - 2630	-	50.00	La Mesa Big Book - 1689	60.00	60.00
Conscious Contact Meditation - 2834	40.00	65.00	La Mesa Mens - 106	39.77	671.85
Coronado Beginners - 344	-	60.00	La Mesa Mid Morning - 2777	-	140.00
Coronado Big Book - 1644	-	50.00	La Mesa Mixed - 2136	-	450.00
Coronado Nooners - 497	-	1,571.00	La Mesa Step Study Workshop - 1621	-	82.00
Coronado Step Study - 1523	-	60.00	La Mesa Womens Sat. Morning - 416	-	150.00
Coronado Sunday Noon - 1830	168.36	513.36	Laguna Mountain Group	-	60.00
Coronado Sundowners - 1634	-	116.00	Lake Morena Sink or Swim - 2830	100.00	250.00
Courage to Change - 2679	-	100.00	Lake Murray Lunch Bunch - 2701	-	247.00
Cups - 2938	-	825.00	Lake Murray Womens - 572	-	184.28
D.D.G.T.M. - 767	219.71	591.71	Lincoln Ave Speakers - 2914	-	50.00
Dawn Patrol - 263	116.49	784.18	Linda Vista Thursday Night - 319	-	215.00
Designs For Living - 488	-	235.85	Little Apple Group - 1438	-	370.00
Diamond St Mens Step Study - 569	-	483.91	Living Free - 477	-	2,700.00
Dignity Unlimited - 205	-	304.00	Lost & Found - 2907	-	22.00
Downtown Discussion - 1665	-	883.36	Lunch With Bill W. Bunch - 774	-	827.75
Drunks Only - 1605	593.08	1,782.23	Lunchtime Friends - 964	-	209.60
Each Day A New Beginning - 509	-	633.32	Lushes Lunch Thursday - 2807	-	352.69
Early Morning Recovery - 2688	82.20	985.11	Lushes Lunch Tuesday - 2641	-	327.57
Early Risers (Coronado) - 1525	-	100.00	Medicine Wheel - 1852	-	14.00
Early Risers (PB) -264	-	500.00	Men and Womens Monday Night - 95	5.00	185.00
East County Mens - 1905	-	50.00	Mens Step Study (CV) - 965	-	60.00
East County Young People Rule 62 - 2797	-	200.00	Mens Structured Step Study - 1469	-	176.00
East Side Group - 101	-	151.00	Mid-Week Mens - 560	120.00	419.00
Eastlake Greens Attitude Adjust - 2691	-	158.00	Midnight Howlers - 1025	100.00	1,240.00
Eastlake Greens Attitude Adjustment-Sun - 2712	100.00	520.00	Midway Bridge - 2171	-	122.01
Eastlake New Beginnings B/B S/S - 2673	-	180.00	Mira Mesa Early Risers - 967	-	60.00
Easy Does It Riders - 21	-	340.10	Mira Mesa Friday Night - 379	-	107.50
Easy Does It Speakers - 114	-	250.00	Mira Mesa Monday Noon Mixed - 542	-	40.00
El Cajon Daytime - 52	-	720.00	Mira Mesa Womens - 411	-	356.46
El Cajon Happy Hour - 61	-	60.00	Miracles on Mondays - 565	-	50.00
El Cajon Womens Serenity - 77	100.00	200.00	Misfit Mens - 2486	-	30.00
Evening in Harmony - 2864	-	150.00	Mission Bay Sat Night Speakers - 271	80.00	240.00
Evening Serenity - 2305	-	224.89	Mission Hills Beginners - 1612	60.00	110.00
Eye Opener Group - 607	-	469.50	Mission Hills Late Night - 2773	-	180.00
Faculty Group - 1645	-	250.20	Mission Hills Lunch Bunch - 2675	250.00	2,400.00

November 2011 Group Contributions

Group	Nov '11	Ytd 11	Group	Nov '11	Ytd 11
Mission Possible - 131	-	67.50	Newcomers Rise & Shine - 2702	-	50.00
Monday At A Time - 2875	75.00	315.00	Noon at the Grove - 628	60.00	460.00
Monday Mens Gut Level Group - 677	-	225.00	Nooners Anonymous - 1164	250.00	479.25
Monday Night Big Book Study - 2345	-	20.00	Noontime on the Patio - 2203	200.00	450.00
Monday Night Young People's StepStudy-2618	-	137.83	North Clairemont - 1102	-	272.20
Monday Nite Live - 643	75.00	225.00	North Clairemont Sat Nooners - 2572	-	100.00
Morning Attitude Adjustment - 768	-	575.00	North Park Mens - 465	224.00	684.50
Mother Earth Viejas Rez- 2019	-	10.00	North Shores Breakfast - 275	-	63.00
Mt Soledad Mens - 717	-	1,050.00	Not Alone Speakers Group - 1652	-	56.00
National City Maintenance - 136	-	170.00	O.B. Friday Night Big Book Study - 1316	-	150.00
New Beginnings (Sat) 2912	-	7.00	OB Peer Group - 2130	-	200.00
OB Womens Step Study - 2730	-	50.00	Steps To Recovery Group - 1169	-	22.00
Ocean Beach Tuesday - 246	-	200.00	Straight Shooters - 198	-	110.00
Old Timers Breakfast - 2828	-	50.00	Sunday Beach Sun-Day - 568	-	1,300.00
Old Timers Group - 2037	-	100.00	Sunday Kind Of Love - 429	-	252.00
Old Town Speakers - 321	250.00	750.00	Sunday MIDDAY - 161	100.00	300.00
On The Corner - 2384	-	167.40	Sunday Morning at the Grove - 117	-	167.50
One Step Ahead - 715	-	155.00	Sunday Morning Eleventh Step - 1206	-	345.00
One Step At A Time Runners - 1664	-	159.57	Sunday Morning Spiritual Meeting - 1700	-	150.00
Open Minded Mens - 626	-	200.00	Sunday Morning Sunshine - 407	-	40.00
Original Tues Night Step Study - 2124	-	101.65	Sunday Night Discussion - 212	-	100.00
Over The Bridge - 2689	-	507.76	Sunrise Promises - 2166	135.00	1,030.00
Pacific Beach Weekend Warmup - 725	-	460.80	Sweet Surrender Speakers - 2254	-	92.92
Paradise Hills - 392	-	50.00	Thankful Thursdays - 2542	-	75.00
Pass It On Big Book Study Group -2860	74.90	903.88	The Campus Meeting - 2911	-	78.44
Pass It on Group - 170	-	30.00	The Gathering of the Goddesses - 2890	-	81.00
PB Young Womens - 2187	-	175.00	The Grapevine - 2794	-	25.00
Penasquitos 12X12 - 2759	10.00	80.00	The Hole in the Donut - 2737	-	40.00
Penasquitos Discussion - 871	-	150.00	The Joy of Living Group - 2636	200.00	597.50
Poinsettia Group - 2210	-	200.00	The Other Meeting - 857	-	330.55
Point Loma AA Discussion - 242	-	170.00	The Womens Room - 450	-	18.12
Point Loma Mens - 245	-	90.00	Three Legacies Group - 2194	-	98.00
Point Loma Nooners - 1606	-	258.17	Thursday Campus Noon Group - 2387	-	205.00
Point Loma Saturday Morning - 1240	-	165.00	Thursday Promises Promises - 749	-	312.50
Point Loma Tuesdays Night - 2648	-	421.50	Tierrasanta Big Book Study - 1790	-	215.00
Porter Hall Group - 109	-	100.00	Tierrasanta Friday Night - 2645	-	210.00
Porter Hall Structured S/S - 97	-	290.00	Tierrasanta Happy, Joyous & Free - 2659	-	225.00
Practical Solutions - 2398	-	111.00	Tierrasanta Morning Serenity - 2811	30.00	434.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection - 2682	-	384.00	Top of the Hill - 41	-	110.00
Pt Loma Fri Afternoon Step Study - 244	-	442.50	Torrey Pines Open Disc - 94	-	200.00
Pt Loma Womens Discussion - 1608	-	475.00	Tri-Serenity - 836	-	40.00
Rainbow Group - 570	-	125.00	Tues Night Big Book Step Study - 1813	-	270.00
Ramona Monday Night - 1618	-	83.00	Tuesday Campus Noon Group - 2544	-	205.00
Ramona Wednesday Step Study - 141	-	20.00	Tuesday Morning Alpine - 440	-	252.43
Resentment and a Coffee Pot - 2561	-	250.00	Tuesday Morning Breakfast Special - 2761	50.00	220.00
Right Turn Group - 1900	80.00	370.00	Tuesday Night Mens - 56	-	100.00
Rise & Shine - 2170	47.00	771.27	Tuesday Night Participation - 905	-	100.00
Rocket Riders - 1730	-	464.00	Tuesday Night Primary Purpose - 130	-	75.00
Round Table Discussion - 123	-	257.50	Tuesday Vision 4 U - 2775	-	60.00
Rule 62 Group - 927	19.56	169.36	Two Bit Speakers - 201	-	112.93
S.D. Speakers Meeting - 152	-	351.48	University City Discussion - 368	-	50.00
Safe Sane and Sober - 1350	-	1,445.00	University City Womens - 369	-	500.00
San Carlos Single Purpose - 583	-	90.00	Valley Girls - 2617	-	222.20
San Diego Doctors Step Study - 194	-	175.00	Wake Up Call - 1932	10.00	35.00
San Diego Feeling Good	-	414.42	War Fever - 880	-	136.00
Santee Thursday Closed Mixed - 145	-	150.00	Water Walkers - 5	-	50.00
Sat Mens Early Awakening - 2209	-	725.00	Water Walkers Too - 1946	-	651.72
Sat Night Early Discussion - 336	-	842.51	Way Up and Out - 415	-	235.00
Sat Night Live - 2173	-	120.00	We Agnostics - 2096	100.00	150.00
Saturday A.M. Live - 782	-	183.60	Wed Nite Traditions Study - 2336	-	40.00
Saturday Night Candlelight - 1914	-	40.00	Wednesday Discussion Group - 2431	178.00	603.35
Saturday Night Fervor - 208	-	15.00	Wednesday Night Closed Topic - 165	-	50.00
Saturday Night Live - 2192	21.00	54.60	Wednesday Night Promises - 2167	-	75.00
Scripps Ranch Men's Two - 2776	-	200.00	Wednesday Winners Circle - 496	-	552.50
Serenity Seekers - 209	-	160.00	Weds Rule 62 Lunch Group - 687	-	423.00
Singleness of Purpose - 2882	-	470.00	White Flag Outdoors - 2788	-	498.00
Sky Hi Womens - 1633	50.00	240.00	Wholesale Miracle - 2474	-	83.09
Smokefree La Mesa Womens - 635	-	372.72	Womans Let Go and Let God - 446	116.75	236.75
So Bay New Womens - 2325	-	175.00	Women In Harmony - 1807	50.00	315.00
Sober Camel Speakers Meeting - 2296	-	100.00	Womens Attitude of Gratitude - 2751	-	246.92
Sober Minded Leather Folk - 1882	-	164.82	Womens Sober Sunday - 731	-	153.00
Sober Nooners - 196	-	584.14	Womens Step Study - 296	44.76	95.16
Sober Roses Womens Step Study - 2946	20.00	40.00	Womens Thursday Nite - 514	-	210.92
Sober Serenity Seekers - 887	-	378.90	Womens TLC - 2814	-	33.00
Sober Survivors - 2915	-	218.50	Womens Way To Recovery - 838	-	154.20
Sobriety Party (Ramona)	-	45.00			
Sobriety Seekers Step Study - 342	-	40.00			
Sole Purpose Group - 1657	-	125.00			
Solutions Not Excuses - 2857	-	200.00			
South Bay Mixed Discussion - 36	-	50.00			
South Clairemont - 305	-	184.00			
Spiritual Awakening - 2275	-	2,976.00			
Spiritual Awakenings Step Study -2601	-	100.00			
Spring Valley Step Study - 125	-	40.00			
Stadium Group - 372	-	60.00			
Step Sisters - 2155	98.30	294.30			
Step Up Step Study - 2817	-	75.00			

**Thank you for supporting your Central Office in
Carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic.**

**November Individual Contributions
David F., Terri G., Jeanne S., Judy B.
Robert H., Robin C., Daniel Y., Anonymous**

BOOK OF THE MONTH

December: "Any Grapevine Book" sale: \$1.00 off regular price

Revenue and Expense Summary November 2011	
Group Contributions	7,019.29
Individual Contributions	2,978.82
Literature & Interest	1,733.04
Total Revenue	11,731.15
Central Office Expenses	10,954.04
Committee Expenses	400.36
Total Expenses	11,354.40
November Net Revenue	376.75
2011 YTD Net Revenue	(8,269.56)



Adopt a Literature Rack!

Groups may provide information about AA by sponsoring a literature rack for display at high schools, hospitals, libraries, or churches...

Your AA Group makes a check payable to San Diego Central Office for \$20.00 and the Public Information Committee delivers the filled rack to the location and refills the racks when necessary. For more info: Sallye M. @ 619-980-4405.

Current Participating Groups: North Park Mens, Scripps Ranch Mens Two, Womens Let Go and Let God, Downtown Discussion, Casa De Oro Tradition Five, Bonita Womens, Bonita Boozers, Area 8 District 16 and Ray R.,

The San Diego AA Coordinator Newsletter is available to all AA members.

Sign-up for the Electronic Coordinator Newsletter email list. Email: sdaaco@aol.com

Or call Central Office 619-265-8762 or group sign-up sheet.

(Please include name, contact #, and LEGIBLE email)

Hard copies will continue to be available at Central Office.

On our aasandiego.org website Electronic Forms Page AA San Diego Central
Please click any of the following links to find the following forms:

San Diego Group & Meeting Changes	Bookstore Literature Price List
12 Step Volunteer (phone, email)	Contributions Pie Chart with addresses
Public Information Speaker Request	Central Office Pamphlet
	Group Inventory
General Service Office New Group Registration	Secretary Handbook
General Service Office Group Change Form	Secretary Meeting Log Sheet
After-Hours Phones Group Packet	Suggested Open Meeting Format
After-Hours Phones Group Sign-Up Sheets	Suggested Closed Meeting Format
	AA Preamble
San Diego Coordinating Council Guidelines	How It Works
A Vision For You	AA Twelve Traditions
The Promises	More About Alcoholism

CENTRAL OFFICE

PHONE CALLS FOR **November 2011**

TOTAL CALLS FOR MONTH 1,955	Meeting Info	General Info	XII Step Calls
DAYTIME VOLUNTEERS From 9 am to 9 pm	1,263	353	22
NIGHT TIME VOLUNTEERS From 9 pm to 9 am	205	98	14

WEB SITE HITS: November = 24,540 Total 1,011,353

January 2012 AFTER-HOURS PHONE GROUPS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mission Hills Late Night	Mt Soledad Mens	San Diego Young Peoples	The We Group	Over The Bridge	Dawn Patrol	Old Town Speakers
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Adams Ave Big Book	Water Walkers Too	East Side Group	P. B. Early Risers	La Jolla Speakers	Mission Possible	Imperial Mens
La Mesa Mens						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
La Mesa Women's Sat Morning	Spiritual Awakening	Rule 62	Pacific Beach Young Peoples	Morning Attitude Adjustment	Rainbow Group	Cedar St Mens
Safe, Sane and Sober						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
South Clairemont	Downtown Discussion	Imperial Beach Group	La Jolla Beginners	Drunks Only	Lemon Grove Easy Risers	North Park Mens
Southern Cal Speakers						
29	30	31	Thank You, Night Time Phone Volunteers For Carrying The Message!			
Clairemont Mens	Diamond Street Mens	Eye Opener				
Harmony Group						

**If your Group wants to answer phones,
Call: Connie at Central Office (619) 265-8762**

January 2012

A.A. SERVICE EVENTS IN SAN DIEGO

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><u>New Years Day</u> Every Sunday <u>Comite de Instituciones</u> Oficina Central Hispana 3628 University Ave 6:00 pm</p> <p>Every Sunday <u>Greater San Diego Young People's</u> Coffee Shop 3343 Adams Ave Normal Heights 1:00 pm</p>	<p><u>New Years Holiday</u> <u>Central Office Closed</u></p> <p><u>District 8</u> Office Bldg 755 Emory St Imperial Beach 8:00pm</p>	<p>Every Tuesday <u>Information Publica</u> Oficina Central Hispana 3628 University Ave 7:00 pm</p> <p><u>District 19</u> Center 3909 Centre St Hillcrest 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>Area Policy Committee</u> Central Office 6:30pm</p>	<p><u>Public Information Committee</u> Central Office 6 pm</p> <p><u>District 4</u> Church 7111 La Jolla Blvd La Jolla 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Archives Committee</u> 6:45 pm Varies</p> <p><u>District 9</u> ARC 298 E. Ross Ave El Centro 7pm</p> <p><u>District 12</u> Church Fireside Rm (alley) 4690 Palm Ave La Mesa 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Every Friday <u>Districto 15</u> Oficina Central Hispana 3628 University Ave 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>District 7</u> Club 1944 30th St Golden Hill 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Area Assembly</u> Church Linder Hall 2111 Camino Del Rio South Mission Valley 92108</p> <p>Orientation 8am Registration 8:30 am Assembly 9 am</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><u>Grapevine Committee</u> Varies 1:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Area Newsletter Committee</u> Keith's Restaurant I-15 & Miramar Rd 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>Area Finance Committee</u> Central Office 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>District 6</u> Denny's Restaurant 901 Camino Del Rio S Mission Valley 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Business Committee</u> Central Office 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>District 10</u> Church 490 Farragut Circle El Cajon 5:30 pm</p> <p><u>District 13</u> Club 9535 Kearny Villa Rd #104 Mira Mesa 7:00 pm</p>		<p><u>Coordinating Council</u> Church 2111 Camino Del Rio South Mission Valley 92108</p> <p><u>Orientation Committee</u> 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>New Coordinators</u> 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>Coordinator Outreach</u> 7 pm <u>Council</u> 7:30 pm</p> <p><u>Area Agenda Committee</u> Central Office 7:00 pm</p>		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p><u>H&I Committee</u> Union Hall 5150 Kearny Mesa Rd Orientation 12:15pm Business Mtg 1:15pm</p>	<p><u>Area Literature Committee</u> Central Office 7:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Contact On Release Committee</u> Central Office 6:45 pm</p>	<p><u>Collate</u> <u>The Coordinator</u> <u>Newsletter Party</u> Central Office 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Area Committee</u> Church 2650 Melbourne Dr Serra Mesa 7:00 pm</p> <p><u>H&I Committee</u> <u>Orientation</u> Central Office 7:00 pm</p>		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p><u>Program Committee</u> Central Office 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>District 5</u> Church 5050 Milton St Clairemont 7:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Accessibilities Committee</u> Central Office 7:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Area Computer Needs Committee</u> Denny's Restaurant 135 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas 6:00 pm</p> <p><u>District 14</u> Church 1475 Catalina Blvd Point Loma 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>The Coordinator</u> <u>Newsletter Committee</u> Central Office 6:00 pm</p>		
29	30	31				
	<p><u>C.P.C. Committee</u> Central Office 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>District 11</u> Church 8350 Lake Murray Blvd San Carlos 6:30 pm</p>					

Things to Go and Places to Do

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

WHERE: SD Scottish Rite Center,
1895 Camino del Rio South
Mission Valley

WHEN: Sat. December 31, 7:30-8:30pm

Speaker Meeting
9:00pm-12:15am Dance

COST: \$22.00 at Central Office and at the Door if not sold out.

Contact:
Central Office 619.265.8762

TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY ALKATHON

WHERE: American Legion Hall, 8118 University Ave., La Mesa

WHEN: Dec. 24th, Noon to Dec. 25th Noon, Potluck Buffet on Sat.,
12/24 at 6:00pm, Speaker at 7:30pm, Babysitting Available

Contact:

38th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE ALKATHON

WHERE: Church at 625 Pennsylvania Ave. at 6th Ave., San Diego

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 31st 4:00pm to Sunday Jan. 1st 6:00am
Speaker meeting, Sat. 8:00pm,
ASL offered

Contact:

SOUTH BAY ALKATHONS

WHERE: 270 C St. Recovery Home, Chula Vista,

WHEN: Dec. 24, 1:30pm to Noon Dec. 25th
Potluck 5:30-6:30pm on 12/24

WHEN: Dec. 31, 1:30pm to Noon Jan. 1
Potluck 5:30-6:30pm on 12/24

Contact:

SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL AREA 8 AA

Orientation Assembly (hosted by Dist. 8 & 13)

WHERE: Church Linder Hall
2111 Camino del Rio South
Mission Valley


WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2012
NEW GSR Orientation 8:00am
Registration 8:30am, Assembly 9:00am

Contact: Jane 619.217.3063, Tim 1.858.829.9342

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There is a paper written by Michael St. George, in 2005 that isn't conclusive proof but he does seem to have done his homework in attempting to document exactly where the quotation was first written.

St. George attributes the original quotation to British theologian William Paley (1743-1805). The quotation reads as follows: "*The infidelity of the gentile world, and that more especially of men of rank and learning in it, is resolved into a principle which in my judgment, will account for the inefficacy of any argument, or any evidence whatever vis. Contempt prior to examination.*"

Parry was talking about the ancient Greeks and Romans and their refusal of the Christian faith in a book called **A View of the Evidences of Christianity (1794)**. The stance that many of the Greeks and Romans adopted fits the religious view of the quote. In 1879 the Reverend William H. Poole in a book **Anglo – Israel** quoted Paley but the quotation had already been reconstructed.

Another example of the use of the quotation was from the founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses Charles T. Russell (1852-1916) who wrote the following in one of his mail order advertisements. "*One of the world's greatest observers and critics once said: There is one thing which constitutes an effectual barrier against all progress; which holds out a restraining hand against the onward march of all attainment; which damps the glow of study and research; which blocks the channel to an endless succession of happiness and that thing is—condemnation without investigation.*" It is fairly easy to see how Russell adapted the quotation to fit his religious views.

With the publishing of the Second Edition of the Big Book in 1955 the **Artist's Concept** story was replaced but the quotation of "... contempt prior to investigation..." was added to the end of the **Spiritual Experience** article. The quote now has a deeper meaning for me

now as I know how the quote has evolved over 300 years. This article can be found on pages 569-570 in the 2nd – 4th editions of the Big Book and also included in the article is another famous quotation from the pen of William James who talked about the "educational variety" of spiritual experience. The placement of the quotation at the end of this article was well thought out and perfectly fits the spiritual concept idea explained. I came into this program with no spiritual feelings in my life and as a result was immediately guilty of contempt in the beginning of my journey.

Today this quotation is something that I think about on a daily basis whenever I'm confronted with a number of situations in my life. I've come to believe in a power greater than myself and my will is no longer mine so the spiritual concept of this statement is not an issue but I'm constantly challenged to keep quiet and allow the other person their point of view. I can be very quick to form an opinion the opposite of what you think and challenge your thoughts and ideas while attempting to change your opinion. The bottom line is that it isn't important what I think and whether or not my feelings are hurt, angered, or it causes resentment from the other person. Today I'm perfectly willing to let you voice your opinion.

Whether or not it was Herbert Spencer, William Paley, Rev. Henry Poole, or A.A. who said the contempt quotation it is not important where the quote came from. The data that I gathered is for information purposes only. I present the information as I read it and offer no opinion. I can say that remembering the quotation in our everyday lives as members of A.A. is certainly a positive force and over time will enrich our lives.

If you enjoyed this type of history article and would be interested in reading more like it please feel free to e-mail me and let me know. My e-mail is tlkiefner@msn.com.

Our Greatest Danger: Rigidity

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During the 1986 General Service Conference, Bob gave a powerful and inspiring closing talk to the conference at the closing brunch on Saturday morning, April 26. It was an especially significant occasion, because he knew that he was going to retire early the next year, and that this would be his last General Service Conference. The following excerpts are taken from that farewell speech, as published in the Conference's final report: *The Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 1986* (Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, April 20-26, 1986), *Final Report*.

This is my 18th General Service Conference -- the first two as a director of the Grapevine and A.A.W.S., followed by four as a general service trustee. In 1972, I rotated out completely, only to be called back two years later as general manager of G.S.O., the service job I held until late 1984. Since the 1985 International Convention, of course, I have been senior adviser. This is also my last Conference, so this is an emotionally charged experience.

Let me offer my thoughts about A.A.'s future. I have no truck with those bleeding deacons who decry every change and view the state of the Fellowship with pessimism and alarm. On the contrary, from my nearly quarter-century's perspective, I see A.A. as larger, healthier, more dynamic, faster growing, more global, more service-minded, more back-to-basics, and more spiritual -- by *far* -- than when I came through the doors of my first meeting in Greenwich, Connecticut, just one year after the famous [July 1960] Long Beach Convention. A.A. has flourished beyond the wildest dreams of founding members, though perhaps not of Bill himself, for he was truly visionary.

I echo those who feel that if this Fellowship ever falters or fails, it will not be because of any outside cause. No, it will not be because of treatment centers or professionals in the field, or non-Conference-approved literature, or young people, or the dually-addicted, or even the "druggies" trying to come to our closed meetings. If we stick

close to our Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties, and if we keep an open mind and an open heart, we can deal with these *and any other* problems that we have or ever will have. If we ever falter and fail, it will be simply because of us. It will be because we can't control our own egos or get along well enough with each other. It will be because we have too much fear and rigidity and not enough trust and common

If you were to ask me what is the greatest danger facing A.A. today, I would have to answer: the growing *rigidity* -- the increasing demand for absolute answers to nit-picking questions; pressure for G.S.O. to "enforce" our Traditions; screening alcoholics at closed meetings; prohibiting non-Conference-approved literature, i.e., "banning books"; laying more and more rules on groups and members. And in this trend toward rigidity, we are drifting farther and farther away from our co-founders. Bill, in particular, must be spinning in his grave, for he was perhaps the most permissive person I ever met. One of his favorite sayings was, "Every group has the right to be wrong." He was maddeningly tolerant of his critics, and he had absolute faith that faults in A.A. were self-correcting.

And I believe this, too, so in the final analysis we're not going to fall apart. We won't falter or fail. At the 1970 International Convention in Miami, I was in the audience on that Sunday morning when Bill made his brief last public appearance. He was too ill to take his scheduled part in any other convention event, but now, unannounced, on Sunday morning, he was wheeled up from the back of the stage in a wheelchair, attached with tubes to an oxygen tank. Wearing a ridiculous bright-orange, host committee blazer, he heaved his angular body to his feet and grasped the podium -- and all pandemonium broke loose. I thought the thunderous applause and cheering would never stop, tears streaming down every cheek. Finally, in a firm voice, like his old self, Bill spoke a few gracious sentences about the huge crowd, the outpouring of love, and the many overseas members there, ending (as I remember) with these words: "As I look over this crowd, I know that Alcoholics Anonymous will live a thousand years - - if it is God's will.

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