

THE TRADITION

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You Could Have Your Story in the Next Edition of the Big Book!

- CALL FOR STORIES -

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.”

Call for Contributions!

The Tradition would love your AA related:

- Stories, Writings
- Poems, Artwork
- Jokes, AA Quips
- History, Trivia
- News, Events

Steps, Traditions & Concepts

Step 7

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7 (short form)

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept 7 (short form)

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

In response to this Advisory Action, the trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: "Our hope is that many alco- holic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, 'Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.'"

It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition.

Deadline for submissions is October 31, 2022

Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through *Box 4-5-9*, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

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You can sign up to receive, *box 459 - News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A.*, - [HERE](#)

Districts, Area & AAWS Contacts

Ventura County Central Office serves the following Districts within Area 93

District (9 & 12) Gold Coast

P.O. Box 132
Camarillo, CA 93011

Area 93

PMB #140
606 Alamo Pintado #3, Solvang, CA 93463
<https://area93.org>
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District 13

P.O. Box 166
Ventura, CA 93002
<https://www.aad13.org>

District 24

P.O. Box 843
Simi Valley, CA 93065

District 28

P.O. Box 3432
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services(AAWS)

Member Services Line (212) 870-3023
General Service Office (GSO) Address:
P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Mail Donations to:

P. O. Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116
<https://www.aa.org>

*sign up for the G.S.O newsletter



**Let's stay
connected**

If you have any A.A. related news, events or meeting updates that you would like to be included in *The Tradition*, please contact us at Central Office: 805-389-1444, vcaaco@verizon.net

News, Events & Service Opportunities

BINGO! JULY 23RD



Come Support Your Long Awaited 42nd Annual Ventura County AA Convention

Saturday, July 23rd 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Camarillo Community Center
165 E. Burnley St
Camarillo, CA 93010

FREE ADMISSION - Must be over 18 to be admitted

Food and Social Hour starts at 5:00 p.m.
Plenty of good food, beverages and goodies available


We are looking for CASH donations from AA members and AA groups for items to be raffled during the Bingo Fund-raiser.
Any support is appreciated!

*VCAA is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. We will provide receipts upon request.

For questions and to donate items please contact:
Mary M. - (805) 404-1496
Jenni W. - (818) 338-1636



YPAA EVENT AUGUST 20TH



**YPAA SOBER STUFF
AT GOLF N STUFF**

**MINIATURE GOLF
ARCADE
GO-KARTS
BUMPER BOATS
BUMPER CARS**

**5555 WALKER ST,
VENTURA, CA 93003**

SATURDAY AUG. 20TH @ 2PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: FREDDIE (818) 292-1324 OR KIRBIE (818) 912-5140

GOLF FUN-DRAISER SEPT. 9TH



REGISTER SOON!

42nd Annual VCAAC FUN-draiser
Come join VCAAC at Los Robles Golf Course
299 South Moorpark Road
Thousand Oaks CA 91361
Friday September 9th, 2022

Check-in Starts at 7:30
Shotgun-Start at 8:30 SHARP!

- ~ 4-Player Texas Scramble
- ~ Tournament Games
- ~ Raffle-Prizes-Awards
- ~ BBQ Buffet (Tri-Tip and Chicken)
- ~ Registration \$99


All entries MUST be submitted by August 26, 2022

Form 4-Player Teams or
Submit Separate Entries
Register Online or Mail-in
Questions? Call John L. (805) 906-7779

Golf Registration at www.VCAAC.org

[Register Online](http://www.VCAAC.org)

VC AA CONVENTION SEPT 9-11TH



42nd annual Ventura County AA Convention

With Al-Anon Participation
September 9, 10 and 11, 2022,
at the beautiful Westlake Hyatt
880 S. Westlake Blvd.
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Come join us in Westlake Village for a fun filled weekend including:
Meetings and Events for AA and Al-Anon. Meetings in both English and Spanish.
Alcoholics, Al-Anons, Friends and Family! All are welcome!

Marathon Meetings, Fantastic Speaker Meetings,
AA Banquet, Al-Anon Luncheon, Young Peoples Friday Night,
and First-Class Saturday Night Entertainment!

Visit our AA Archives Room and Al-Anon Country Store.
There will be Raffles, Drawings, Prizes and Gift Baskets.
We will be having Morning Meditation and Yoga.
Memorabilia sale items with Apparel,
Personalized Mugs, and
Much, Much, More!

A Vision for You

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT VCAAC.ORG

[Register Online](http://www.VCAAC.org)

LABOR DAY CAMPOUT & RETREAT SEPT. 1ST - 5TH



Hosted by the Sunrise-Sunset Group
@ Malibu Creek State State Park

[Visit the Event Webpage](http://www.VCAAC.org)



NEW PODCAST - A.A. Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour

Tune in to hear funny, poignant, and always inspiring “**meeting after the meeting**” conversation about getting sober and staying sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Free wherever you listen to podcast or at www.aagrapevine.org/podcast

VC Central Office - Office Volunteer Shifts

Prerequisite - One year of sobriety. Duties include, but not limited to: answering phone, literature sales, organizing, stocking shelves.

Open Office Shifts

Wednesdays 2pm - 6pm

Thursdays 10am - 2pm

VC Central Office - Phone Coordinator Volunteer

Central office is looking for a volunteer phone coordinator.
Contact Matthew at Central Office for more information.



It's for you!



Open Phone Shifts

Mondays 9pm-9am 4th and 5th weeks

Wednesdays 9pm-9am 5th weeks

Thursdays 9pm-9am 1st week

Fridays 9pm-9am 3rd and 5th weeks

Mon & Weds 6pm-9pm 5th week

Prerequisite - One year of sobriety and completion of the steps.

*exceptions made on a case-by-case basis

A.A. History



History of A.A. International Conventions

Alcoholics Anonymous International Conventions have been held every five years since 1950.

3,000 A.A. members, including Bill W. and Dr. Bob., attended the first A.A. International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio from July 28 - 30, 1950. The theme was, “15th Anniversary”.

Attendance at Conventions has grown steadily since. Most recently, in 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia, an estimated 57,000 A.A. members attended. The theme was, “80 Years - Happy, Joyous and Free”. The convention had 5,000 volunteers - some local, others from distant states and countries.

As usually happens at A.A.’s International Conventions, attendees virtually took over the city, filling hotels and crowding the coffee shops. A.A. members enjoyed many activities - live music, dances, hospitality rooms, and more than 250 meetings, which were held in more than 10 languages, including ASL (American Sign Language).

Our next International Convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from July 3 - 6, 2025 at the Vancouver Convention Center and BC Place Stadium. The theme of the 2025 International Convention is, “90 Years - Language of the Heart”.

Registration and housing information will be available in early 2024.

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Learn more - [HERE](#)

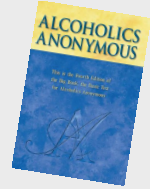
A.A. Quip of the Month

F.E.A.R.

False. Evidence. Appearing. Real.

Face. Everything. And. Recover.

A.A. Quote of the Month



“We asked Him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what He would have us be. At once, we commence to outgrow fear. ” (A.A., p. 68)

Good Joke of the Month

Why did the anvil get sent to A.A.?

He was always getting hammered.

BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

You might be an alcoholic if,

You lose arguments with inanimate objects.



Meetings, Meetings, Meetings!

Check for weekly updates on local meetings

<https://aaaventuracounty.org/meetings>

The Responsibility Statement

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous always to be there.

And for that; I *am Responsible*.

Oh Yes!
IT'S
FREE

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