

THE TRADITION

Monthly Newsletter of the Ventura County Central Service Office Inc.



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*Hi! My name is _____.
I'm an alcoholic.*

**YOUR
STORY
HERE!**

12 Steps, 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts

Step 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2 (short form)

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

Concept 2 (short form)

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

The Tradition needs your AA related:

Stories, Writings

Poems, Artwork

Jokes, AA Quips

History, Trivia

News, Events

The Tradition is asking for your stories!

Your Experience, Strength & Hope.

What is was like, what happened,
& what it's like now.

Tell us about the coolest place you've attended a meeting, your favorite commitment, your home group, or the promises in your life.

Tell us about the Powerlessness & Unmanageability, Coming to Believe, Turning over your Will & Life, Sitting down with Your Sponsor, Dropping the Rock, Making Amends, Incorporating Daily Inventory, How you Pray and Meditate, Tell us about your Spiritual Experience, or Share about Working with Others.

Pass along that saying that old timer used to share every meeting.

Give a shout-out recognizing what your A.A. friend, your sponsor, or your home group has meant in your life.

Tell us about that first awkward sober date.

Write about slipping and coming back into A.A.

Let us know about struggling with the Higher Power thing.

Let's share with each other to deepen our connection in our Ventura County Fellowship.

Please send contributions to ycaaco@verison.net

Districts, Area & AAWS Contacts

Ventura County Central Office serves the following Districts within Area 93

Gold Coast District

District 9: Oxnard, Point Mugu & Port Hueneme

District 12: Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark
& Santa Paula

P.O. Box 132, Camarillo, CA 93011

District 24

Simi Valley

P.O. Box 843

Simi Valley, CA 93065

District 13

Meiners Oaks, Ojai & Ventura

P.O. Box 166, Ventura, CA 93003

<https://www.aad13.org>

District 28

Agoura, Westlake Village,
Thousand Oaks, & Newbury Park

P.O. Box 3432,

Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Area 93

606 Alamo Pintado #3,
PMB #140

Solvang, CA 93463

<https://area93.org>

*Sign up for the
Area 93 newsletter

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services - AAWS

Member Services Line (212) 870-3023

P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163


<https://www.aa.org>

News, Events & Service Opportunities

Let's stay
connected

If you have any A.A. related news, events or meeting updates, please contact Central Office: [805-389-1444](tel:805-389-1444), vcaaco@verizon.net

VCAAC MEETING DATE CHANGE 2/19/23
PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD



DUE TO A CONFLICT WITH SOME APPARENTLY BIG FOOTBALL GAME, THE VCAAC PLANNING MEETING WILL BE MOVED TO FEBRUARY THE 19TH

For additional information please contact
CHAIR@VCAAC.ORG OR CO-CHAIR@VCAAC.ORG

3:30 AT THE BUCK IN CAMARILLO

Young Peoples of Simi Valley

VALENTINE'S DAY party

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
280 Royal Ave. Simi Valley 93065
February 14, 2022
Weekly meeting at 7pm
Party at 8pm



PRAASA 2023
AREA 05 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Area 05 SUR DE CALIFORNIA

56th Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
PRAASA 2023 LOS ANGELES
March 3 - 5
LAX Marriott

Live And In Person!

February 25th, 2023
Santa Paula Pig Roast FUNDRAISER

BINGO & BBQ DINNER

6:30-9:30 pm

THE BUCK
321 N. AVIADOR ST CAMARILLO, CA 93010

BBQ DINNER + 5 BINGO CARDS
\$25 PER PERSON
\$10 KIDS 13-18

CASH PRIZES 50/50 RAFFLE

Questions: Annie (805)750-5056 or email us at BBQ@SantaPaulaPigRoast.com



SERENITY BY THE SEA PRESENTS

MARCH 25, 2023 SATURDAY
6:00-9:00 PM

FREEDOM CENTER
515 Eubanks St.
Camarillo, Ca. 93010

BINGO

BINGO On Line Registration
WWW.VCAAROUNDUP.ORG
\$20.00 Pre-Registration

PRIZES:
Games 1-3 \$50.00
Games 4-6 \$75.00
Games 7-9 \$100.00
Game 10 BlackOut \$200.00
(Prizes split when multiple winners)



Add Your Name to the
VC Central Office 12-Step List!!

BE THERE FOR THE STILL SICK & SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC

Ventura County Central Office is creating a new list of names to contact when someone who is having a problem with alcohol calls. Be there to talk on the phone, go to a meeting, connect at a coffee shop, & share your experience strength and hope.

This is a vital part of our recovery program.

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.” (A.A. p. 89)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Matthew @ (805) 389-1444 or vcaaco@verizon.net

Volunteers Needed for the Phone Line

Volunteer for a once a month shift to answer the Ventura County Alcoholics Anonymous Phone Line. Calls are forwarded to your cell phone. Answer the phone from home, in-town, out-of-town, anywhere!

To Volunteer, Call the Office at 805-389-1444





A.A. History

Service Material from the General Service Office

THE AA PREAMBLE: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

THE PREAMBLE was introduced in the June 1947 issue of the AA Grapevine magazine. It was written by the then-editor, who borrowed much of the phrasing from the Foreword to the original edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

In those early years, the Grapevine had just begun to circulate among nonalcoholics, and the Preamble was intended primarily to describe for them what AA is and is not. It is still often used for public information purposes. As time passed, it began appearing in all Conference-approved publications, and many AA groups now use it to open meetings.

The original version differed in two ways from the familiar form we all know: 1) It stated that the only requirement for membership is an *honest* desire to stop drinking," and 2) it contained only the very brief statement "AA has no dues or fees."

People often ask why the word "honest" was deleted. At the 1958 General Service Conference, a delegate asked about the words "honest desire to stop drinking," suggesting that since "honest" does not appear in the Third Tradition, it might be deleted from the Preamble. In discussion, most Conference members felt that as AA had matured, it had become almost impossible to determine what constitutes an honest desire to stop drinking, and also that some who might be interested in the program could be confused by the phrase. Thus, as part of the evolution of AA, the phrase had been dropped from common usage. The midsummer 1958 meeting of the General Service Board of Trustees ratified the deletion, and since then the Preamble has read simply "a desire to stop drinking."

At the same time, the phrase "AA has no dues or fees" was clarified to read as it presently does: "There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions." The current version of the Preamble appears on page one of every issue of the Grapevine.

At the 71st General Service Conference in 2021, after a series of votes, a final Advisory Action requested that "The Preamble revision replacing the words 'men and women' with the word 'people' be presented to the General Service Board for approval as the new revised A.A. Preamble." The revised A.A. Preamble first appeared in the July 2021 AA Grapevine and the July/August La Viña, and afterwards throughout Grapevine and A.A.W.S. literature and other media.

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AA PREAMBLE©

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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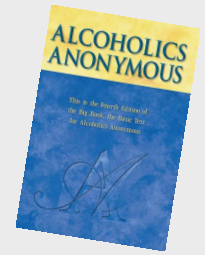
A.A. Quip of the Month

Don't leave before the miracle happens!

A.A. Quote of the Month

10TH STEP PROMISE!

"And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone - even alcohol.
For by this time sanity will have returned." (A.A., p. 84)

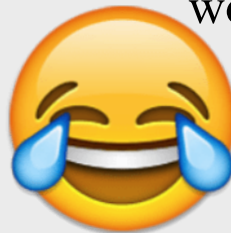


Good Joke of the Month

How do you get a drunk up
on the roof?
Tell him drinks are on the

BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

What do you call a drunk who
works at an upholstery shop?
A recovering alcoholic.



Meetings, Meetings, Meetings!
Check for weekly updates on local meetings
<https://aaventuracounty.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*.

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FREE

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