

# THE TRADITION

Monthly Newsletter of the Ventura County Central Service Office Inc.



Serving: Agoura Hills, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Camarillo, El Rio, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula, Fillmore

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## Founder's Day



June 10, 1935 is celebrated as the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous. On this day, Dr. Bob had his last drink.

**This year, A.A. celebrated 88 years!**

On Pages 2 & 8 are small excerpt from the pamphlet:

*'The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous: Biographical Sketches and their Last Major Talks'*

You can read and download the pamphlet - [HERE](#)

# 12, 12 & 12

## Step 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

## Tradition 6 (short form)

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

## Concept 6 (short form)

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

## The Tradition needs your AA related:

Stories, Writings, Poems

Artwork, Jokes, Quips

History, Trivia

News, Events

## The Co-Founders of A.A. - Bill W.

*“... It was five years ago I first met you, Bill ... I shall never forget, nor cease to be grateful.”*

*- Dr. Bob (1940)*

While attending Oxford Group meetings, he tried to sober up many alcoholics over the next six months, without success. In May 1935, a business trip to Akron, Ohio, led to his meeting with Dr. Bob, who became the second successful recovery — **and Alcoholics Anonymous was born.**

Bill's service to A.A. spanned 36 years, during which, with the help of other old-timers, he formulated A.A.'s recovery program, codified into a set of Traditions the first 10 years of its group experience, wrote four books for the movement, and contributed numerous articles about A.A. to internal and outside publications. He often spoke before medical, psychiatric, and religious societies, and testified (in closed session) before various state and Federal legislative committee hearings on alcoholism. During his lifetime, he declined all public honors, setting an example for the whole Fellowship.

Much of his A.A. life was devoted to building a sound structure for the Fellowship, helping first, in 1938, to establish a board of trustees. Following the writing and publication of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the Big Book) in 1939, he was concerned with setting up a publishing company and service office for the fledgling movement.

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## 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](mailto:vcaaco@verizon.net)

**ARE YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR  
EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, AND HOPE?**

**THE 2023 VENTURA COUNTY AA CONVENTION NEEDS YOU!!**

MARATHON MEETINGS RUN 24/7 FROM FRIDAY, 9/8 AT 12PM TO SUNDAY, 9/10 AT 9AM. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HOST A MEETING AND BRING A PANEL OF SPEAKERS WITH YOU, PLEASE CALL THE MEETING CHAIR TIM, [805-428-0752](tel:805-428-0752)

## Pig Roast July 14-16

**SANTA PAULA PIG ROAST CAMPOUT AT LAKE CASITAS**

**Bass (Hook-ups)**  
Mileage from Gate: 0.1  
Campground map not to scale

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

**AA SPEAKERS, CAMPFIRE MEETINGS, POKER TOURNAMENT! BOAT RIDES**

**JULY 14-16 2023**  
REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.SANTAPAULAPIGROAST.COM](http://WWW.SANTAPAULAPIGROAST.COM)

**MEALS INCLUDED**  
SAT. BREAKFAST, LUNCH, WHOLE HOG BAR-B-QUE DINNER  
SUN. COFFEE + SUNRISE MEETING AT 8:00 AM

**24 HOUR COFFEE!**

**SPEAKER MEETINGS**  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY AT 8:00 PM

**Water Park**

**DAY USE AVAILABLE**

**District 28 Annual**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BBQ**

**CONEJO CREEK PARK NORTH**  
1379 E. JANSS ROAD, THOUSAND OAKS  
(behind Thousand Oaks Library)

**Lakeside Pavillion**

**Starts at 10:30 am**  
**Speaker Meeting 2:00-3:00 pm**

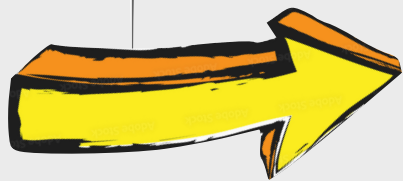
**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Provided**  
**Pot Luck Items Welcomed**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD FUN & FELLOWSHIP**

Questions?  
Sonya 818-416-4179 or  
Stacy 806-279-7969

Info & Registration [HERE](#)





Serenity by the Sea 1st Annual

# YARD SALE

Trust God  
CLEAN HOUSE  
Help Others

Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25  
9AM-4PM  
280 W Lewis St, Ventura, CA 93001

To arrange drop off and/or make donations,  
Contact Shaun B at 805-850-2686 and/or  
Colette P at 805-797-7364

You're invited

# GSR 101

## Workshop

SATURDAY, JULY 8  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Lunch, Coffee, and drinks provided

You do NOT need to be a GSR to attend. Anyone is welcome to come learn more about the position and General Service

Questions? Email [specialevents@aad13.org](mailto:specialevents@aad13.org)  
Please RSVP via this link:  
<https://www.aad13.org/event-details>

Center for Spiritual Living (Basement)  
101 S Laurel St, Ventura



More Info & RSVP - [HERE](#)

# More & More Events Coming up!

**VENTURA COUNTY A.A. CONVENTION  
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION**

**SAVE  
THESE  
DATES**



**JULY 29TH - BINGO**  
CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER

**SEPTEMBER 1ST- GOLF**  
TIERRA REJADA GOLF CLUB

**SEPTEMBER 8TH - 10TH  
CONVENTION**  
WESTLAKE HYATT

CHAIR@VCAAC.ORG  
CO-CHAIR@VCAAC.ORG

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN @ VCAAC.ORG**



**Ventura County A.A. Convention**

**GOLF  
Tournament**

**September 1, 2023**

**Tierra Rejada Golf Club**  
15187 Tierra Rejada Rd, Moorpark, CA 93021

**REGISTRATION \$120**  
(lunch included)

**4 - Player Texas Scramble**  
BBQ Lunch

**CHECK-IN 7:30**  
**SHOTGUN START 8:30 SHARP**

Tournament Games  
Raffles - Prizes - Awards

**REGISTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL**  
Online registration closes August 18th  
limited walk-ons available



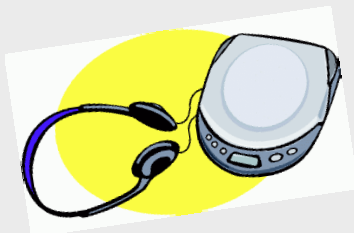

John (805)906-7779  
Bingo@vcaac.org

**www.vcaac.org/golf**

Tom (805)258-2057  
Bingo@vcaac.org

Info & Registration - [HERE](#)

Registration is **NOW OPEN** - [HERE](#)



## Speaker CD and Tape Project



Central office has been donated a large collection of speaker tapes (yes *actual tapes!*) and CDs. Looking for volunteers to listen to speakers and write a brief synopsis. Once completed we will look into digitizing.

If you're able to be of service, call Central office @ [805-389-1444](tel:805-389-1444)



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

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

## Volunteers Needed for the Phone Line

*It's for you!*

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

## The Co-Founders of A.A., cont.

### Dr. Bob



*“Simplicity, devotion, steadfastness, and loyalty; these were the hallmarks of Dr. Bob’s character which he has well implanted in so many of us.”*

**- Bill**

What manner of man was Dr. Bob? According to his son: “He had tremendous drive, great physical stamina. He was reserved and formal on first acquaintance, but as you came to know him, he was just the opposite: friendly, generous, full of fun — he loved a good joke. Regarding A.A., he tried to make every decision in the best interests of the group, to the exclusion of any personal advantage. He never ceased to be surprised that so many people sought him out, but felt he had only been God’s agent and so was not due any personal credit.”...

He held three concepts in particularly high regard. One was simplicity — in his own lifestyle and in practicing the A.A. way of life. Second, he believed in tolerance of other people’s ideas, in speaking out “with kindness and consideration for others,” and in “guarding that erring member, the tongue.” Third, he believed that one’s job in A.A. was to “get sober and stay sober” and “never to be so complacent that we’re not willing to extend that help to our less fortunate brothers.”

Dr. Bob firmly believed that “love and service” are the cornerstones of Alcoholics Anonymous.



Read the pamphlet -

[HERE](#)





*ARE YOU AN ARTIST, GRAPHICS DESIGNER,  
GOOD WITH CRAYONS...??*

THE VENTURA COUNTY AA  
CENTRAL OFFICE IS LOOKING  
FOR A LOGO.

*THE LOGO WILL BE USED FOR FLYERS,  
NEWSLETTER, LOCAL LITERATURE..*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS  
JUNE 30, 2023

CONTACT MATTHEW FOR MORE INFORMATION  
(805)389-1444 OR [VCAACO@VERIZON.NET](mailto:VCAACO@VERIZON.NET)

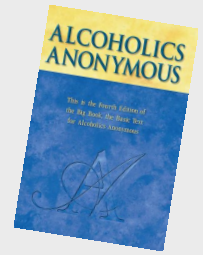


## A.A. Quip of the Month

But for the grace of God go I.

## A.A. Quote of the Month

“His sanity returned and he thanked God. Selecting a church at random from the directory, he stepped into a booth and lifted the receiver.” (A.A. p. 154-155)



## Good Joke of the Month

I'm allergic to alcohol. When I drink I break out in spots.  
Spots like Tulsa, OK; Buffalo, NY; Eugene, OR; Columbus, SC



## BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

A guy doesn't walk into a bar...



**Meetings, Meetings, Meetings!**

Check for weekly updates on local meetings - [HERE](#)

## **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!  
**FREE**

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