

THE TRADITION

Monthly Newsletter of the Ventura County Central Service Office Inc.



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Rule #62

“Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser.”

One A.A. group, “figured the town needed a great big alcoholic center”...“To insure foolproof, continuous operation, sixty-one rules and regulations were adopted.”...“Then came the inevitable explosion...When that lifted, a wonderful thing had happened. The head promoter...did something else that was to become an A.A. classic...on a little card...the cover read: ‘Middleton Group #1, Rule #62’. Once the card was unfolded, a single pungent sentence leaped to the eye:

‘Don’t take yourself too damn seriously.’

(12x12, pg.146 - 149)

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12, 12 & 12

Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12(short form)

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept 12(short form)

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

When a book published in 1939 directly and personally attacks u



When they ask you to chair the meeting...



The Tradition needs your AA related:

Stories, Writings, Poems

Artwork, Jokes, Quips, Memes

History, Trivia, News, Events

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>

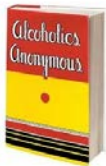
UPCOMING A.A. EVENTS!!

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

First Edition Big Book (75th Anniversary Reproduction)

Central Office will be receiving (November 20thish) a limited amount of 75th Anniversary reproduction and will be on sale for \$5. Call and reserve yours today.



Our Great Responsibility

Central Office will be receiving (November 20thish) a limited amount of **Our Great Responsibility** and will be on sale for \$5. Call and reserve yours today.

A selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks from 1951 to 1970. Timeless and timely, these 16 talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words. Chapters also cover the early history of Alcoholics Anonymous and include talks given by early "friends of A.A." With over 60 color and black-and-white images. General Service Conference-approved.

It's that time again!!! Time for the
48th SFVAA Convention
(With Spanish AA, Al-Anon, Spanish Al-Anon & Alateen Participation)

Come join us
January 26-28, 2024
@
The Warner Center Marriott,
Woodland Hills, CA

-24 HR. Marathon Mtgs.
-Al-Anon Luncheon
-Al-Anon
-Spanish AA
-AA Dances
-H&I Speaker Mtg.
-Golf Tournament

-Fri. Night Opening Mtg.
-Sat. Night Banquet
-Spanish Al-Anon
-Alateen
-50/50 Raffle
-Longtimer's Mtg.
-YHA Mtgs. & Dance

To register,
Please visit our website at www.sfvaaac.org
OR
Scan the QR code below

Event Page - [HERE](#)

PRAASA 2024
Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly

Save the Date!

March 1 - 3, 2024

San Francisco, California

All A.A.'s Welcome • With Al-Anon Participation
Spanish & ASL Interpretation Available

Event Page - [HERE](#)

39th Annual OCAA Convention
with Al-Anon Participation

March 29th, 30th and 31st 2024

Hilton Orange
County
Costa Mesa, CA
714-540-7000

39th OCAAC
AND MORE
IN 2024

Room Rates: \$149 Register EARLY!
Parking: \$12.00 overnight—\$10 In & Out

All Registrations are online
at OCAAC.org.

You can also register at the convention
starting March 29th 2024.
(Price list on back)

Event Page - [HERE](#)



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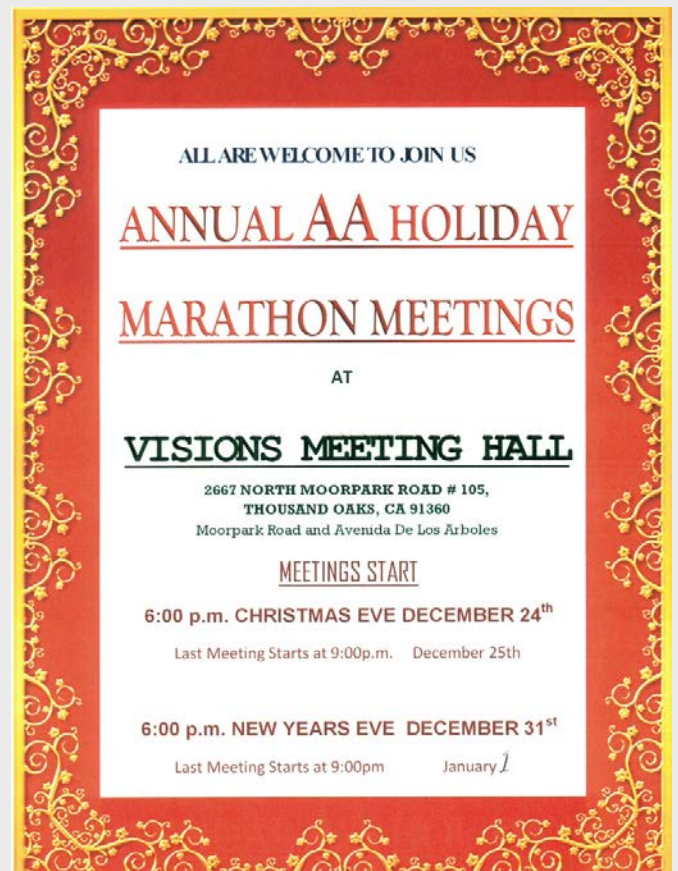
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AA MEETING



SUNDAY DEC 24th 10PM

*Hot Cocoa & Marshmallows
Delicious Christmas Eve Treats*

**JOIN US FOR A SAFE & SOBER
UNIT A CHRISTMAS EVE**





Register Online - [HERE](#)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!!



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



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



Ventura County Central Office

November - 7th Tradition Donations

If you don't see your meeting's donation for November listed, please have your treasurer contact Central Office.

Donations that are received without meeting information are placed in the unassigned category.

Name	Amount
11th Step Prayer and Meditation	120.00
AH04 Agoura Morn Fellowship	1,331.00
AH05 Welcome Newcomers	150.00
AH13 Monday Night Women's Gro_1	84.00
AH27 Last Chance Men's Stag_1	170.00
CM13 Discussion Mtg_1	73.00
CM17 Back to Basics_1	300.00
CM17 Back to Basics_1	220.00
CM21 Womans Lunch Bunch_1	178.50
NP01 Wed Q&A Group_1	274.80
NP04 Women in the Solution_1	145.17
NP06 Staying Alive Disc_1	19.00
NP06 Staying Alive Disc_1	20.00
OJ05 Sunrise Meditation Grp_1	107.70
OX23 Mon Night Disc_1	220.00
OX45 Noon at the Park_1	125.00
OX593 Legacies Disc Mtg_1	54.00
serenity gals zooming	169.50
Sober Swell, Ventura	299.81
SV04 Way of Life Group_1	132.46
SV60 Just The Big Book, SV60 Ju	20.00
The Daily Reprieve	125.00
Unassigned	20.00
Unassigned	30.00
Unassigned	27.67
Unassigned	145.17
Unassigned	28.64
Unassigned	18.93
Unassigned	5.00
Unassigned	5.00
Unassigned	23.79
Unassigned	18.93
Unassigned	48.06
Unassigned	96.62
Unassigned	4.37
Unassigned	18.93
Unassigned	160.00
Unassigned	523.00
Unassigned	2.00
VE13 Back to Basics Men Stag_1	250.00
VE18A I Can't.. We Can, Stp St	22.00
VE64 Corner Group_1	5.00
VE92 Way Out, VE92 Way Out	150.00
Women's Meditation Meeting	100.00
WV03 Fellowship Grp Spk_1	811.50
Total	6,853.55

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!!

Ventura County Intergroup's monthly newsletter is asking for your contribution.

Yes, you! We would love to publish your writings about:

- ◆ Your Story: Experience, Strength, & Hope in Recovery.
- ◆ One of the 12-Steps, 12-Traditions, or 12-Concepts.
- ◆ How your sponsor or sponsee contributes to your recovery.
- ◆ What it was like attending your first A.A. meeting.
- ◆ Your experience at an A.A. event: Round-up, Convention, NYE Dance, etc.
- ◆ A service commitment, your home group, first sober holiday, favorite line in the Big Book, and any other recovery related writing.

Suggestion for Main Article length: 400 - 600 words; *can be longer

Suggestion for Smaller Articles: 200 - 300 words

The Tradition is sent out via email to a list of subscribers, mainly people in A.A. in Ventura County, and published on the website, <https://aaventuracounty.org/>

****We also love jokes, quips, poems, artwork, trivia, event info, meeting updates, and A.A. history!!**

Send in Your Contributions Now!

Email: vcaaco@verizon.net Phone: 805-389-1444

A.A. Quip of the Month

“I’m not much, but I’m all I think about!”

A.A. Quote of the Month

“Selfishness — self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles.”

(A.A. p. 62)

Good Joke of the Month

Me: Is this the helpline for alcoholics?

‘Yes. It is’

Me: So how do I make a mojito?



BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

I’m addicted to drinking brake fluid, but it’s OK
because I can stop any time.



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! IT'S
FREE

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