

THE TRADITION

Monthly Newsletter of the Ventura County Central Service Office Inc.



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Is It Time To Update the Big Book?!

The letter below was originally distributed to the delegates as an informal survey to gather information for the upcoming conference. Subsequently, it has made its way to social media and spread throughout the A.A. community.

November 13, 2023

Dear Trusted Servants:

A.A.'s Co-Founder, Bill W., in his 1953 address to the General Service Conference, stated that he did not consider himself the author of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book (*Our Great Responsibility*, p. 92). He also alluded to the fact that in the various A.A. literature published prior to his passing, he borrowed heavily from other sources, and that other A.A. members made significant contributions.

12, 12 & 12

Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition 1(short form)

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Concept 12(short form)

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

The Tradition needs your AA related:

Stories, Writings

Poems, Artwork

Memes, Jokes, Quips

History, Trivia

News, Events

On the other hand, addressing the historical context of some of the writings of our Founders, many members in our Fellowship have expressed strong sentiment against any changes in the first 164 pages of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book, as well as the Preface, the Forewords, The Doctor's Opinion, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and the Appendices. In fact, as early as 1995 and most recently in 2022, Advisory Actions designed to protect the above-referenced contents have been passed by the General Service Conference.

In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd General Service Conference suggesting that trustees' Literature Committee *seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback)* regarding any possible future changes to *literature written by A.A.'s Founders*, the trustees' Literature committee agreed it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship regarding this topic.

We would like to hear from you – the top of the triangle! While we hope that the suggested questions will help to spark thoughtful sharing and discussion, please feel free to add questions that we may not have thought of that you feel may best inform the discussion. Most of all, we are grateful for and thank you for your participation.

In fellowship,

The trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)

See Page 7 for Suggested Questions for Discussion

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

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SATURDAY FEB 10 | **6:00-9:30PM**

NEW LOCATION
MISSION CHURCH 5353
WALKER ST. VENTURA 93003

EMAIL US @
BBQ@SANTAPAULAPIGROAST.COM

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](#)

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.sfvaa.org
OR
Scan the QR code below



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

Fun. Fellowship
39th OCAAC
ADD 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](#)

SOBOBA
CASINO RESORT

951-665-1000

*Book your rooms early.
Coachella is the same weekend!!

IEAAC.org

Find us on Facebook

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The Courage to Change

35th Inland Empire AA Convention
April 18-21, 2024

Soboba Casino Resort Event Center
San Jacinto, CA

Speaker Line-up

Tina A (Hollister, CA), Danny M (Valley Glen),
Charlie C. (Camarillo, CA)

More Speakers TBA, Stay Tuned!

*Speakers and events subject to change

Events

- ⚓ Workshop led by Billy N. (Florida)
- ⚓ Ice Cream Social, Poker Run/Motorcycle Run,
- ⚓ Gary P. Golf Tournament,
- ⚓ 2 Banquet Meals, Sunday Breakfast.
- ⚓ YPAA Participation
- ⚓ Interview with a Drunk x2
- ⚓ Lindsey C. Interviews Sarah H. followed by Paul W.

visit www.IEAAC.org for more Info

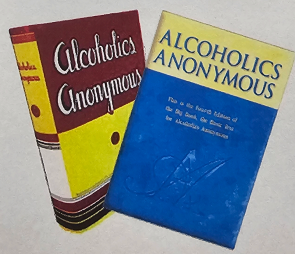
This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And
the lives of those to come.

Event Page - [HERE](#)

***WHAT DOES THE
BIG BOOK SAY?***

A SUBJECT STUDY OF
THE BASIC TEXT OF
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

STARTS JANUARY 14, 2024



MEETING: SUNDAY'S 7:00-8:30 PM
321 N AVIADOR STREET, CAMARILLO
AT THE BUCK

THIS IS A CLOSED MEETING FOR AA MEMBERS ONLY

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](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



HOW SHOULD WE TREAT A.A. FOUNDERS' WRITINGS

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?
2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?
3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?
4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?
5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?
6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)
7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

Note: Please be as concise as possible in your responses to the questions.

For information and to submit you & your group's feedback regarding this correspondence please contact Pablo, Area 93 Delegate, at delegate@area93.org

Ventura County Central Office

November 2023 - Gratitude Month Contributions

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.

Group Name	Amount
1 - 4 Step Study, Simi Valley	\$88.00
11th Step Prayer and Meditation	\$62.00
5.30 Happy Hour Group	\$1,659.67
605 Women's Meeting, Camarillo	\$72.00
AH01 Hope Through Sharing Gp_1	\$85.00
AH05 Welcome Newcomers	\$66.00
AH09 The Best of The Big Book_1	\$398.00
AH10 Nitty Gritty Big Book Stud	\$43.64
AH11 Primary Purpose Group	\$27.00
AH13 Monday Night Women's Gro_1	\$30.59
AH27 Last Chance Men's Stag_1	\$485.00
as bill sees it zooming	\$20.00
Bicycle Club	\$40.00
CM02 Camarillo Grp_1	\$30.00
CM03 Kitchen Table Grp	\$15.00
CM05 As Bill Sees It_1	\$145.00
CM06 Beginner's Mtg	\$67.00
CM15 Men's Stag_1	\$215.00
CM17 Back to Basics_1	\$100.00
CM18 Noon Disc Grp_1	\$257.55
CM21 Womans Lunch Bunch_1	\$74.00
Corona Creek Thousand Oaks	\$264.17
Famingo Group	\$65.00
Filmore Fellowship	\$46.12
GalsInGratitude, SimiValley	\$37.00
kis ventura ZOOM	\$250.00
MP02 Book Study_1	\$135.00
MP04 Women Fellowship Spir_1	\$104.00
NP06 Staying Alive Disc_1	\$63.00
NP09 Attitude Adjustment_1	\$161.00
NP15 Newcomer Question & Answer	\$83.00
OJ02 5PM Ojai Group_1	\$401.00
OJ05 Sunrise Meditation Grp_1	\$356.00
OJ05 Sunrise Meditation Grp_1	\$337.50
OJ07 Sun Spiritual Mtg_1	\$159.35
OJ08 Daily Reflections_1	\$49.00
OJ16 Speaker Mtg_1	\$52.00
OJ32 Ojai Into Action Group	\$28.00
OX01 Beach Group_1	\$96.62
OX02 Big Book Study Grp_1	\$23.00
OX07 Serenity on the Sand_1	\$175.00
OX109 Monday Nooner_1	\$293.50
OX120 Thurs Noon at the Parek	\$87.00
OX121 Tuesday Noon at the Par_1	\$53.00
OX13 Into Action Fellowship_1	\$25.00
OX15 Men's Stag_1	\$112.00
OX19 Serenity by the Sea_1	\$90.00
OX22 Candlelight Disc_1	\$27.25
OX23 Mon Night Disc_1	\$73.00
OX31 Out of the Fog_1	\$58.00
OX42 Sunset at the Harbor_1	\$170.00
OX53 It Works It Really Does_1	\$90.00
Santa Paula Fellowship_1	\$30.00
Santa Paula Fellowship_1	\$88.02
Saturday Woman's Discussion Sim	\$83.00
Saturday women disc sv	\$50.00

Sober Step Sisters	\$85.60
Sober Swell, Ventura	\$60.00
SP09 Candlelight Mtg_1	\$20.00
SP13 Santa Paula Big Book Mtg_1	\$34.55
SP15 Tues Noon Serenity Disc Mt	\$39.00
SP16 Thursday Noon Discussion	\$37.85
SP21 Back to the Basics_1	\$20.00
SV04 Way of Life Group_1	\$134.00
SV07 Back to the Books_1	\$46.75
SV11 The Bananas Bunch_1	\$100.00
SV34 Spiritual Disc Grp_1	\$201.75
SV51 Evening Reflections_1	\$185.21
SV60 Just The Big Book, SV60 Ju	\$15.00
The Good Life, Ventura	\$37.00
TO07 Thurs "Noon 15" Grp_1	\$68.51
TO16 Visions Morning Grp_1	\$125.00
TO24 Knights of Round Table_1	\$132.00
TO31 Attitude Adjustment	\$217.00
VE07 12&12 Step Study_1	\$76.00
VE09 Here & Now_1	\$68.53
VE12 Hospital IV Meeting_1	\$77.00
VE13 Back to Basics Men Stag_1	\$264.25
VE14 Downtowner's Gr Spk Mtg_1	\$82.41
VE15 Friday Noon Group_1	\$74.49
VE16 Happy, Joyous & Free	\$73.00
VE17 Women's Group_1	\$73.00
VE18A I Can't.. We Can, Stp St	\$39.00
VE21 Discussion Grp_1	\$54.00
VE24 Women's 12 & 12_1	\$98.00
VE29 Foothills Men's Stag_1	\$137.00
VE36 "Not A Glum Lot" Spkr_1	\$125.00
VE39 Sobriety in the Park_1	\$158.38
VE63 Big Bk Step Study Group_1	\$69.00
VE64 Corner Group_1	\$115.50
VE75 Allergic to..._1	\$55.00
VE79 Friday Night Diffuser_1	\$244.00
VE80 Downtown Young People Grou	\$54.76
VE89 Burning Desires_1	\$21.00
VE92 Way Out, VE92 Way Out	\$194.88
VE99 The Place	\$68.00
Ventura Women's Meeting_1	\$99.00
Visions Meeting Hall	\$4,533.00
Women's Meditation Meeting	\$132.50
WV20 Big Book Study_1	\$126.00
WV23 Step Study Group_1	\$113.00
WV28 Tues Night Dog Pound_1	\$359.75
WV29 Cafe AA Big Book Study_1	\$112.00
WV41 Monday Noon Book Study	\$53.00
zooming promises	\$96.00
zooming step sisters	\$68.00
Unassigned	\$1,616.06
Total Contributions	\$19,285.71

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

H.O.W. it works (Honesty, Open-Mindedness, & Willingness)

A.A. Quote of the Month

“Willingness, honesty and open mindedness are the essentials of recovery. But these are indispensable.” - Herbert Spencer, pg. 568

Good Joke of the Month

An optimist sees a partly filled glass and says it's half full.

A pessimist sees a partly filled glass and says it's half empty.

An alcoholic sees a partly filled glass and says, “Hey, were you going to finish that?”



BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

I wanted to go to a CODA meeting...

But I couldn't find anyone to go with me.



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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