

THE TRADITION

Monthly Newsletter of the Ventura County Central Service Office Inc.



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A.A.'s Legacy of Service

by Bill W.

Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer — ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

12, 12 & 12

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

Memes, Jokes, Quips

History, Trivia

News, Events

Vital to A.A.'s Growth

These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or A.A. as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make A.A. more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion.

Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question: “Is this service really needed?” If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A.

The most vital, yet least understood, group of services that A.A. has are those that enable us to function as a whole; namely, the General Service Office, A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and our Board of Trustees, known legally as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our worldwide unity and much of our growth since early times are directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities.

Until 1950, these overall services were the sole function of a few old-time A.A.'s, several nonalcoholic friends, Doctor Bob, and me. For all the years of A.A.'s infancy, we oldtimers had been the self-appointed trustees for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Read more from the pamphlet, *A.A.'s Legacy of Service*, including:

- What is the basic A.A. service?
- The Fellowship's responsibility
- The pioneers' battle for the Big Book
- News stories and sudden A.A. growth
- Beginnings of group and world services
- Origin of the Twelve Traditions
- G.S.O. today
- Birth of the General Service Conference

<https://www.aa.org/aas-legacy-service>

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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>

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

PRAASA 2024

Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly

Save the Date!

March 1 - 3, 2024

San Francisco, California

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

Event Page - [HERE](#)

**SERENITY BY THE SEA
2024 PRESENTS...**



**BINGO
NIGHT**

Doors Open : 6:00 pm Game Time: 6:30-9:30PM

\$20.00 ADULTS | KIDS ENTRY IS FREE | FREE COFFEE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

Balboa Middle School FREE BLACKOUT TICKET
247 S. Hill Road WITH SBTS PRE-
Ventura REGISTRATION AT EVENT

\$20.00 ADULTS | KIDS ENTRY FREE | 50/50 OPPORTUNITY

Registration & www.vcaaroundup.org PIZZA, SNACKS &
More Information : BEVERAGES AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

Register - [HERE](#)

AA Traditions Workshop

How best to apply AA's 12 Traditions
4 experienced speakers
Q&A and discussion
Free lunch provided!

hosted by the Gold Coast combined district

Sat Feb 24, 2024

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Roger Jones Community Center

2864 Jourdan Street, Oxnard

Free lunch provided

Contact: Derrick (702) 217-9629

or Paul (310) 600-9134



Ventura County Alcoholics Anonymous Convention Planning Committee

Invites You to be of Service at this year's Convention's Committee Meetings

Come be a part of our County's Yearly Celebration of Recovery

So many Committee Chair, Co-Chair and Service Positions are available to choose from to best suite your service needs

The next Committee meeting will be held:
Sunday February 18th, 2024 at 3:30 pm
 Most meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month

All meetings are held at The Buck
321 N. Aviator St. Suite 111, Camarillo, CA 92010

Meeting Schedule:	
February 18	June 9
March 10	July 14
April 14	August 11
May 19	August 25

VCAAC Convention Dates:
 September 6, 7, & 8

For more Info Contact:
 Committee Chair: Camille
 chair@vcaac.org

More Info - [HERE](#)

44th Annual VCAAC Logo Contest

This Year's Theme:

A Common Solution

The tremendous fact for every one of us is that we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree, and upon which we can join in brotherly and harmonious action. This is the great news this book carries to those who suffer from alcoholism.

Page 17 - Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

Winner of the VCAAC Logo Contest will receive the following package:

- Registration for 2 to the 2024 VCAAC on September 6-8th 2024
- 2 Tickets to the Al-Anon Luncheon Saturday September 7th 2024
- 2 Tickets to the AA Banquet Saturday September 7th 2024
- 2 Personalized Mugs with logo, name, and sobriety date

Bragging rights for winning the 2024 Logo Contest!

All entries are due to Logistics Co-Chair Garth C. no later than Saturday, March 9th 2024

Entries may be emailed to: VCAACdrg@gmail.com

Entries should be in digital format with high resolution. Formats include .pdf, .jpg, .tif

If you cannot submit a digital format, inform us in an email and bring your entry to the planning meeting at 3:30 pm on March 10th 2024 located at:

The Buck 321 N. Aviator St. Suite 111, Camarillo, CA 92010



More Info - [HERE](#)



EASY DOES IT WEEKEND

AT CAMP SEELY IN CRESTLINE CALIFORNIA (Map on Back)
AA & AL-ANON
45 YEARS OF MAGIC IN THE MOUNTAINS
April 19, 20 & 21, 2024

Check website for theme of this Camp & more information
<http://www.easydoesitweekend.org>

Rustic heated cabins with beds.
 Bathrooms and showers are not inside cabins.
 Singles & Couples Welcome - Limited number of couple cabins ~ First come, First served
 Five great hot meals, fabulous meetings, plus a dance, raffle, horseshoes, games and more!

All for just **\$128** per person (no one under age 18)
 Bring warm clothing, bedding and towels (see website for more complete list)
No pets ~ No special food requests ~ No soliciting ~ No Refunds

FOR INFO: Registration Chair: Christina R. (626) 421-1952
 Call Registration Chair to check availability
 Camp Chairperson: Marilyn C. (714) 307-6006

Rough Terrain may not be suitable for physically impaired
 If you have any medical conditions, you are responsible for your own care
 First Aid Attendant is there for minor first aid treatment only
 Check-In Begins at Noon on Friday

April 19, 20 & 21, 2024

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone number _____
 Email _____ ****Only put email if it is OK for EDIW to send you emails****
 Couple _____ Single _____ SPECIAL REQUEST _____

IF YOU WANT TO SHARE CABIN WITH SOMEONE SPECIFIC PUT THEIR NAME HERE _____
 IF YOU HAVE BEEN TO CAMP BEFORE & WANT A SPECIFIC CABIN REQUEST CABIN # _____ (NOT GUARANTEED)

\$128 per person. Pre-registration required. Make check or money order payable to:
Easy Does It Weekend and mail to: PO Box 201 South Pasadena CA. 91030
 Cancelled check is your confirmation - visit website or call registrar for availability near time of event.
Mail Registration early to ensure your spot

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



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)



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951-665-1000
*Book your rooms early. Coachella is the same weekend!!

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

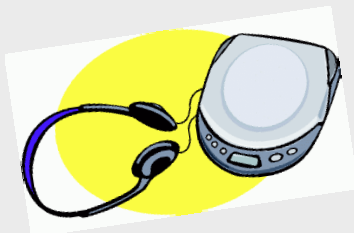
This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And
the lives of those to come.

NEW PRINTABLE DIRECTORIES!

Available to download from the Central Office homepage <https://aaventuracounty.org>
Copies can be picked up at the office. Directories are now available for English speaking meetings, Spanish speaking meetings and combined.

Event Page - [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](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

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

January 2024 - Group 7th Tradition 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.

Agoura Ladies Meeting	\$ 5.00
AH04 Agoura Morn Fellowship	\$ 565.00
AH27 Last Chance Men's Stag_1	\$ 100.00
AH29 Friday Eleventh Step_1	\$ 353.00
as bill sees it zooming	\$ 103.05
Back to Basics workshop, Back t	\$ 55.00
CM04 Women's Disc Grp	\$ 167.60
CM12 12 &12 Step Study_1	\$ 200.00
CM15 Men's Stag_1	\$ 200.00
Hueneme Bay Friends of Linc H.	\$ 50.00
MP04 Women Fellowship Spir_1	\$ 573.60
NP01 Wed Q&A Group_1	\$ 84.60
NP06 Staying Alive Disc_1	\$ 34.00
NP06 Staying Alive Disc_1	\$ 25.00
NP09 Attitude Adjustment_1	\$ 567.50
NP11 Saturday Women's Promise_1	\$ 155.20
NP19 The Fellowship We Crave	\$ 214.95
OJ05 Sunrise Meditation Grp_1	\$ 42.90
OJ07 Sun Spiritual Mtg_1	\$ 802.50
OJ16 Speaker Mtg_1	\$ 150.00
OX121 Tuesday Noon at the Par_1	\$ 50.00
OX593 Legacies Disc Mtg_1	\$ 60.50
Sat Women's Discussion, Sat Wom	\$ 136.00
SV04 Way of Life Group_1	\$ 188.78
SV14 Daily Reflections_1	\$ 392.00

TO07 Thurs "Noon 15" Grp_1	\$ 86.91
VE17 Women's Group_1	\$ 240.00
VE64 Corner Group_1	\$ 100.65
VE68 No Frills Noon Mtg_1	\$ 3.00
VE68 No Frills Noon Mtg_1	\$ 150.00
VE81 Daily Reflections_1	\$ 341.93
VE89 Burning Desires_1	\$ 25.00
WV03 Fellowship Grp Spk_1	\$ 1,202.34
WV13 Sat Night Live_1	\$ 235.00
zooming promises	\$ 100.44
unassigned	\$ 3.00
unassigned	\$ 12.00
unassigned	\$ 17.00
unassigned	\$ 136.00
unassigned	\$ 18.93
unassigned	\$ 18.93
unassigned	\$ 28.64
unassigned	\$ 20.00
unassigned	\$ 71.59
unassigned	\$ 220.00
unassigned	\$ 5.00
unassigned	\$ 27.67
unassigned	\$ 150.16
unassigned	\$ 18.93
unassigned	\$ 30.00
unassigned	\$ 20.00
Total Contributions:	\$ 8,559.30

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

You never have to drink again. Even if you want to.

A.A. Quote of the Month

"We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than one hundred men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body." - A.A., Forward to the First Edition, pg. xiii

Good Joke of the Month

I just got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts.

I won't lie, it was a Rocky Road.



BAD JOKE OF THE MONTH

Did you hear about the man who fell into the upholstery machine?

He is fully recovered.



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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