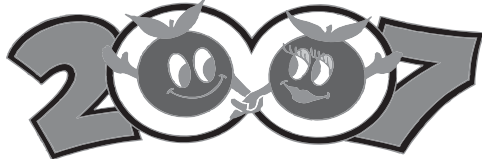


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My name is Brent G. and I am the chair-person for the upcoming 22nd annual Orange County Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous with AL-Anon participation.

Fun and sobriety are not necessarily words that go together when we are newly sober. I remember that when I was newly sober, everything was an adventure. My first memories of addictive behavior in sobriety were directly related to the Orange County Convention. I and other friends actually seemed to compete with each other to see how many committees we could be of service to. In turn, if we were of service and volunteered on a committee, we received a ribbon acknowledging our service to that committee and proudly displayed up to 8 to 10 ribbons. I think some of my buddies were cheating on how they got a couple of theirs, but in all honesty and to be fair, so did I, draping them across our chests or having them hang down to the ground etc.!

I only remember just having a blast, hooking up with a couple of other people and sharing a room, staying up until 2:30-3a.m. doing the sweep of the hotel to make sure we were all in a marathon meeting or done until the next event. Making a weekend of it and planning to stay the night was something to look forward to and the feeling of giving something back to the fellowship of A.A. while having so much fun doing it just felt illegal and it was great!! Attending the convention, staying the night and supporting the event itself is being of service in a great way.

We are not a glum lot!! I found that out and saw first-hand evidence while having a blast at the Orange County Convention. Whether you come to volunteer and serve or you come to just enjoy, have fun and see those people you see only once a year, or you come for the first time, just come and join us and find out how a few thousand or so drunks can show up without the authorities having to bust us up. Come and Enjoy the Moment!!!!

Do not miss the biggest annual A.A. party in Orange County. Thanks for the honor of giving me the gift of having fun while being of service.

*Brent G., 2007 OCAAC chairperson*

See page 12 for registration information.

## 15th Annual ROCKIN' SOBERFEST

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SPEAKER MEETING

DANCE - LIVE DJ MUSIC

**PURPOSE:** Fundraiser for North Orange County Central Office.  
**WHERE:** UFCW Union Hall, 8530 Stanton Ave, Buena Park, CA.  
**WHEN:** March 3, 2007 5:30 PM til 12:30 AM.  
**TICKETS:** Available at Central Office

*For more information or to volunteer:  
 Please call (909) 991-9997,  
 contact NOCCO at (714) 773-4357  
 or e-mail rockinsoberfest@verizon.net*

\*\*\* DEADLINE: March 1, 2007 - LIMIT to 500 Tickets \*\*\*

**NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE**  
 133 West Chapman Ave., Suite C  
 Fullerton, CA 92832

**OFFICE HOURS:** Daily 9am-9pm

**PHONE:** (714) 773-4357  
 (24 hrs)

**FAX:** (714) 773-0179

**WEBSITE:** www.aanoc.com

**E-MAIL:** OfficeManager@aanoc.com



### Tradition Four Quote

From "The 12&12" (page 147)

*"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."*

*"... We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this had we become that the original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation."*

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## Year-to-Date Donations (through November 2006)

*Thank you for supporting YOUR Central Office!*

AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	YTD	AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	YTD
Anaheim	6:30pm Fri.	Gratitude is action	323	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Ernie C.	26
Anaheim	Mo 5:30 PM	Pinkcloud202	60	NOCCO	Steven C	Personal	684
Anaheim	Mo 7:30 PM	12 & 12 Oasis	100	NOCCO	Anonymous	Lissette	8
Anaheim	Mo 8:30 PM	Big Book Study Group	30	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Timmy	9
Anaheim	Mon 8pm	Big Book Study 202 Club	35	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Jean P	21
Anaheim	Mon 7pm	Hart House Big Bk Study	125	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Henry	8
Anaheim	Sa 12:00 PM	Participation	40	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Wilfred M. (Fred)	32
Anaheim	Sat. 6:00am	Attitude Adj. Serenity Hall	31	NOCCO	Anonymous	Personal	283
Anaheim	Serenity Hall	Just for Today	40	NOCCO	Arnold	Personal	100
Anaheim	Sunday	Western Medical Am	200	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Simon K.	4
Anaheim	Th 7:00 PM	"Step Study, Hart House"	50	Birthday	Birthday	Jenni J.	5
Anaheim	7:30am Sat.	Donut Meeting	20	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Steve D.	16
Anaheim	Tues.12&12	Kaiser	70	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Harry B.	53
Anaheim Hills	Mon. Night	"Experience, Strength, Hope"	296.40	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Frank and Sandy	17
Anaheim Hills	Thuir 7:00pm	"Men's Stag, Kaiser"	60	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Big John J	22
Anaheim Hills	Mon+B57 7:00pm	Kaiser Women's Myg.	231	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Roxy T.	8
Anaheim Hills	Sa 6:00 PM	Winner's Circle	360	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Jim D. 3-18-82	48
Anaheim Hills	Sa 8:30 AM	It's In The Book	655	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Melody W.	20
Anaheim Hills	Th 7:00 PM	Women's Solution	322	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Bill E	26
Anaheim Hills	Tu 7:30 PM	Women's Big Book & Step	18	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Tanny T.	23
Anaheim Hills	Wed.730pm	Big Book Study	86	NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Lou H. 60yrs	60
Brea	Tues 530pm	Men's Stag Calif. Men's	100	NOCCO	Anonymous	Camp Pendleton	120
Brea	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study	223	NOCCO	Personal	Bud S	50
Brea	Mo 10:00 AM	Women's Discussion	271	NOCCO	Memry of	John N	205
Brea	7th Tradition	161369	75	NOCCO	Cans		202
Brea	Mo 5:30 PM	Happy Hour Step study	60	NOCCO	Central Office	Estate of Hank S	500
Brea	Mo 5:30 PM	Women's Happy Hour	60	NOCCO	Central Office	Bday Dave O (FA)	17
Brea	Mon. Nite	Big Book Workshop	268	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers	60
Brea	Sa 10:30 AM	Women's Step Study	360	NOCCO	Central Office	Kip C. Faithful Fivers	5
Brea	Th 5:30 PM	Living in the Solution	75	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers Colleen B	150
Brea	Tu 5:30 PM	Women's 10th Step	120	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers Joe E	5
Brea	We 5:30 PM	As Bill Sees It	70	NOCCO	Central Office	Anonymous	172
Brea	Tues. 8:00pm	Step Study	44	NOCCO	Central Office	Personal Colleen B.	200
Brea	Wed 630pm	Daily Reflections	323	NOCCO	Central Office	Soda Coffee	113
Buena Park	Thur.800pm	Runamucks Men's Stag	300	NOCCO	Central Office	Telephone Calls	12
Buena Park	Fr 8:00 PM	Friday Nite Discussion	330	NOCCO	Colleen B	Personal	50
Buena Park	Mo 7:30 PM	Just for Today	155	NOCCO	Tammy D	Birthday	100
Buena Park	Su 8:00 PM	Fireside Speaker	457	NOCCO	Jan W.	B Day	15
Buena Park	Tu 8:00 PM	Line Up Study Group	30	NOCCO	Jerry L.	B-Day Anon Times	30
Buena Park	Couples	Couples Group	50	NOCCO	SBC	United Way	196
Buena Park	We 8:00 PM	Sobriety First	70	NOCCO	State Refund		349
Cypress	5-6pm	Sun. Happy Hour	258	Nocco	Mr.and Mrs. F	Personal	100
Cypress	Tues.730pm	Big Book Study	375	NOCCO		ANONYMOUS TIMES	12
Cypress	Fri. 8pm	Lunatic	535	NOCCO		B-Day Anon Times	16
Cypress	Monday Night	We Agnostics	70	NOCCO		INTERGROUP	491
Cypress	Topic Disc. Monday	8:00pm Topic Discussion	234	NOCCO		SBERFEST	2,200
Cypress	Tu 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study	300	Orange	7:30pm Sun.	Shutup I can't Hear Folub	60
Cypress	Fri.8:00pm	Cypress Fiday nite Traveler	100	Orange	6:30pm Fri.	Smashing Donuts	90
Fullerton	8:00 PM	Sunday Harley Men's Stag	35	Orange	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour, Friendship Club	420
Fullerton	daily6:00AM	Att.Adjt.FAC	1,243	Orange	Fr 7:30 PM	T.G.I.F., Friendship Club	150
Fullerton	WED.200pm	FAC Women's Coffee Talk	101	Orange	Fr.8pm	Insurance NoPuffer Speaker	100
Fullerton	Train Wreck	Friday	50	Orange	Mo 6:30 PM	Donut Meeting	309
Fullerton	Fr 12:00 PM	12 & 12 Step Study	54	Orange	Mo 7:30 PM	Speaker	408
Fullerton	Fr 6:00 PM	Anything Goes Mtg.PI	606	Orange	Sat. 730pm	OrangeOlive Club	180
Fullerton	Friday730pm	Dreams Come True	150	Orange	Sa 7:00 PM	Not a Glum Lot	266
Fullerton	7pm Tues.	FAC Participation	20	Orange	Sun Attit.Adj	830am OrangOlive	480
Fullerton	Fri 8:30pm	Valencia mesa 12-12	145	Orange	Th 7:30 PM	Newcomers	25
Fullerton	Fri. 6pm	Singles 4 Sobriety	42	Orange	Tu 5:30 PM	Rush Hour, Friendship Club	480
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	FAC Women's Meeting	122	Orange	Tu 7:00 PM	Walnut TustinCl.Disc.	590
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	Men's Stag	400	Orange	Tues.12:00noon	Freindship Club	240
Fullerton	Mo 6:30 PM	Women Living in the Solution	257	Orange	Tu. 6:30am	Orange-Olive Freindship Club	350
Fullerton	Mon.8pm	True Colors	30	Orange	Wed.7pm	Easy Does It	115
Fullerton	Sa 6:00 PM	Sat Night Live	75	Placentia	Mo 6:30 PM	Beginners' Sober Start	123
Fullerton	Sa 8:00 PM	Odd Fellows	292	Placentia	Mo 8:00 PM	Unmanageables	120
Fullerton	Sa 9:30 AM	Feelings-Fullerton Alano	56	Placentia	Su 7:30 PM	Sunday Nite Bradford	731
Fullerton	Sat.7pm	Fullerton Alano Club	90	Placentia	Su AM	Right Start	7273
Fullerton	Sat. 1130 am	Fullerton Alano Club	20	Placentia	Tu 7:00 PM	Palm Ladies 12 x 12	224
Fullerton	Su 10:30 AM	Speaker Alano	331	Placentia	Wed 7:00 pm	Palm Ladies Big Book Study	60
Fullerton	Sunday8pm	Mens Stag	70	Placentia	Tu 8:00 PM	Bradford Discussion	280
Fullerton	Friday	Train Wreck	50	Santa Ana	Sat.8pm	Cooperfellowship	100
Fullerton	Th 6:00 PM	Men's Stag	90	Tustin	Thursday 9am	Women's Unity	25
Fullerton	Th 8:00 PM	Women's KISS	426	Villa Park	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification	60
Fullerton	Thurs 8:00pm	Men's Stag	970	Tustin	Serenity Recovery	AA Panel	10
Fullerton0	Thursday 600pm	Womens FAC	45	Villa Park	24hr.Group	Attitude Modification	1,192
Fullerton	Tu 7:00 PM	Women's Thrill Seekers	70	Villa Park	Su 7:00 PM	11th Step Meeting	75
Fullerton	Tues 6:00pm	Q&A	5	Whittier	Fri.7-8pm	Big Book Study	50
Fullerton	We 8:00 PM	FAC Speaker Mtg.8pm	65	Whittier	Saturday 730pm	Shepard of the Hills Speaker	130
Garden Grove	F-Troop		140	Whittier	Mo 7:00 PM	As Bill Sees It	10
H.Beach	6pm. 11th step	Thursdays Club	130	Whittier	Sat. 10:30 am	Women's Acceptance	145
La Habra	Fri. 8pm	Beginners Basic	766	Whittier	Sa 8:00 AM	12 x 12 Group	60
La Habra	M-F 6:30 AM	Topic Discussion	180	Whittier	Sunday7am	AAGolden Key	47
La Habra	Monday 8:00pm	Greenwood Fireside	200	Whittier	Wed 7pm	Faith Community Church	58
La Habra	Sat. 800pm	Participation Meeting	80	Whittier	Wed. Night	Women's Meeting	25
La Habra	Su AM	Participation	110	Whittier	Wednesday night	Shepard of the Hills Participation	123
La Habra	Sun.7pm	Sober Sunday	60	Yorba Linda	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification	5,485
La Habra	Tu 8:00 PM	Participation	60.00	Yorba Linda	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour Big Book	238
La Habra	We 7:30 PM	Women's Participation	145	Yorba Linda	Fr 8:00 PM	Participation	170
La Habra	Wed.730pm	Men's Stag	215	Yorba Linda	Mo 12:00 PM	Nooners	245
La Mirada	Tues.8pm	Winners Circle	25	Yorba Linda	Mo 7:30 PM	Monday Nite Book Study	108
La Palma	Friday	Big Book Group	158	Yorba Linda	Mo 8:00 PM	Yorba Linda Lutheran Ch.	60
La Palma	Sun. 6 PM	Disaster Group LP Hosp.	100	Yorba Linda	SatNite	8:00pm Speaker	280
La Palma	Thursday 8-9 pm+B158	Kitchen Table Meeting	80	Yorba Linda	Su 8:30 AM	Right Start	34
La Mirada	Mens	Big Book Study	50	Yorba Linda	Th 7:30 PM	Serenity Seekers	143
Los Alamitos	ALL	Surrender is Freedom	720	Yorba Linda	Th 8:00 PM	Y.L. Participation	600
Los Alamitos	Sun. 6pm	Big Book Study	30	Yorba Linda	Thurs 8:00pm	Discussion-Presb. Church	70
Montage	Saturday Morn	Mens Beach Myg.	210	Yorba Linda	wed 800pm	Topic Discussion	60
Unknown	126613		240	Yorba Linda	We 12:00 PM	Noontimers	220
Unknown	Sisters in Sobriety		221			YTD Total through Nov.	40,883

**OCT. 06/NOV. 06 DONATIONS**

*If your meeting is not listed here,  
PLEASE see your meeting secretary.*

**ATTENTION MEETING SECRETARIES**

**Suggested Donations are as follows:**

- ♥ **70% N.O.C CENTRAL OFFICE:** 133 W. Chapman #C, Fullerton, CA 92832
- ♥ **20% GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE:** Box 459, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
- ♥ **10% MID-SO. CAL AREA #9:** P.O. box 51446, Irvine, CA 92619
- ♥ **OPTIONAL 5% Local District Office or Hospitals & Institutions**

See page 67 of the Orange County Meeting Directory for more info.

*Please include the following important information when submitting your group donation: Full Meeting Name, Day, Time and City. Please include your name and return address so we can mail you a receipt.*

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**During October and November Central Office took 1,620 calls:**

**897 from men and 723 from women.**

*Keep up the great work – YOU make a difference!*



**ALL DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO?**

*Don't forget to pick up the new Orange County A.A. Meeting Directory, available at Central Office, Clubs and Fellowship Halls. For less than the price of a cup of coffee (54 cents including tax), you'll have the latest meeting information at your fingertips. Buy one for yourself and one for a friend – It's a great way to welcome a newcomer to the Fellowship!*

AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	OCT	NOV
Anaheim	6:30pm Fri.	Gratitude is action	150.00	
Anaheim	Sa 12:00 PM	Participation	40.00	
Anaheim	Serenity Hall	Just for Today		40.00
Anaheim	Sunday	Western Medical Am	100.00	
Anaheim	Th 7:00 PM	"Step Study, Hart House"		50.00
Anaheim Hills	Sa 8:30 AM	It's In The Book	60.00	
Anaheim Hills	Th 7:00 PM	Women's Solution	70.00	
Brea	Tues 530pm	Men's Stag Calif. Men's		100.00
Brea	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study	105.00	
Brea	Tues. 8:00pm	Step Study		23.50
Brea	Wed 630pm	Daily Reflections		75.00
Buena Park	Su 8:00 PM	Fireside Speaker		276.75
Cypress	5-6pm	Sun. Happy Hour		38.00
Cypress	Tues.730pm	Big Book Study		35.00
Cypress	Fri. 8pm	Lunatic		35.00
Cypress	Tu 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study		60.00
Fullerton	FAC Wed 2 pm	Women's Coffee Talk		101.20
Fullerton	Train Wreck	Friday	50.00	
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	FAC Women's Meeting	24.50	
Fullerton	Su 10:30 AM	Speaker Alano	48.00	
Fullerton	Sunday8pm	Mens Stag		35.00
Fullerton	Friday	Train Wreck	50.00	
Fullerton	Th 8:00 PM	Women's KISS	61.80	
Fullerton	Tues 6:00pm	Q&A	5.00	
Garden Grove	F-Troop		140.00	
La Habra	Fri. 8pm	Beginners Basic	125.00	
La Habra	Monday 8:00pm	Greenwood Fireside		100.00
La Habra	Sat. 800pm	Participation Meeting	25.00	30.00
La Habra	We 7:30 PM	Women's Participation	25.00	
La Habra	Wed.730pm	Men's Stag		100.00
Los Alamitos	ALL	Surrender is Freedom	99.00	81.00
Los Alamitos	Sun. 6pm	Big Book Study		30.00
NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Melody W.		20.00
NOCCO	Personal	Bud S	10.00	10.00
NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers Colleen B	25.00	
NOCCO	Central Office	Anonymous	39.00	56.10
NOCCO	Central Office	Personal Colleen B.	50.00	50.00
NOCCO	Central Office	Soda Coffee	17.82	
NOCCO	Jerry L.	B-Day Anon Times		30.00
NOCCO	B-Day Anon Times	Roxy T.		8.00
Nocco	Mr.and Mrs. F	Personal		100.00
NOCCO		INTERGROUP	44.00	49.00
Orange	Fr 5:30 PM	"Happy Hour, Friendship Cl"		280.00
Orange	Mo 7:30 PM	Speaker		134.35
Orange	Sat. 730pm	OrangeOlive Club		180.00
Orange	Tu 5:30 PM	"Rush Hour, Friendship Club"		280.00
Orange	Tu 7:00 PM	Walnut TustinCl.Disc.	90.00	
Orange	Tues.12:00noon	Freindship Club		100.00
Placentia	Mo 6:30 PM	Beginners' Sober Start		48.00
Placentia	Mo 8:00 PM	Unmanageables		120.00
Placentia	Su 7:30 PM	Sunday Nite Bradford	70.00	
Placentia	Tu 7:00 PM	Palm Ladies 12 x 12	11.00	
Placentia	Wed 7:00 pm	Palm Ladies Big Bk Study		45.00
Tustin	Thursday 9am	Women's Unity	25.00	
Villa Park	24hr.Group	Attitude Modification	60.00	342.98
Whittier	Saturday 730pm	Shepard of the Hills Spk	40.00	
Whittier	Sat. 10:30 am	Women's Acceptance	25.00	
Whittier	Wed 7pm	Faith Community Church		27.50
Whittier	Wed. Night	Women's Meeting		25.00
Yorba Linda	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification		585.60
Yorba Linda	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour Big Book		87.50
Yorba Linda	Mo 7:30 PM	Monday Nite Book Study		50.00
Yorba Linda	SatNite	8:00pm speaker		100.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:30 PM	Serenity Seekers	40.00	
Yorba Linda	We 12:00 PM	Noontimers	60.00	

## Looking for something to do?



### Rockin' Soberfest

The 15th Annual Rockin' Soberfest will be held Saturday, March 3, 2007 beginning at 5:30 PM at the UFCW Union Hall, 8530 Stanton Ave., Buena Park. Come for the Spaghetti Dinner, Speaker and Dance. Tickets are \$20.00 and available at North O.C. Central Office. For information or to volunteer call (909) 991-9997.

### Orange County Convention

"Enjoy the Moment" is the theme for the 22nd Annual Orange County Convention with Al-Anon Participation, which takes place April 6, 7 & 8, 2007 at the Costa Mesa Hilton.

The convention features Speakers, Friday & Saturday Nite Dances, Al-Anon Luncheon, A.A. Banquet, Golf, Marathon Meetings, Movie Room and much more. Package Registration is available – plan to stay for the weekend and find out what all the buzz is about! Register online at [www.oacaac.org](http://www.oacaac.org).

### Imperial Valley Round-Up

"Happy, Joyous and Free" and "We Are Not a Glum Lot!" are the themes for the 17th Annual A.A. Imperial Valley Round-up. The round-up will be held February 2-4, 2007 at Casa de Manana Imperial Valley Expo in Imperial, CA. Come out for the workshops, meetings, ice cream social, dance and so much more. Pick up a registration form at North Orange County Central Office.

### International Women's Conference

The Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center is the location for the 43rd International Women's Conference which will be held February 15-18, 2007. Come for a weekend filled with Inspiration, Recovery-based panels, Workshops, and Open Talks that you will remember for years to come. For more information, log onto [www.iaawc.org](http://www.iaawc.org).

### Phoenix A.A. History Conference

The Fifth Annual Phoenix A.A. History Conference will be held February 23-25, 2007 in sunny, warm Phoenix, Arizona at the Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel. The Conference is presented by the History Conference Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Log on to [www.aaarizona.org](http://www.aaarizona.org) for more information.

### International Men's Conference

The 20th Annual Men's International Conference is coming to Las Vegas March 29 - April 1, 2007. Come for the meetings, the golf, the banquet and the camaraderie. Check out [www.iaamcvegas.org](http://www.iaamcvegas.org) for information, registering and hotel reservations.

# 2007

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Orange County Convention April 6, 7 & 8, 2007 OPEN PLANNING MEETINGS

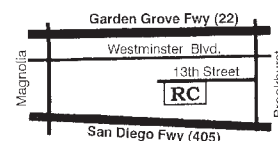
At the Roque Center

Meetings start at 7:30 P. M. on the third Wednesday of the month

August 16, 2006  
September 20, 2006  
October 18, 2006  
November 15, 2006  
December 20, 2006  
January 17, 2007  
February 21, 2007

March 21, 2007 (walk-through at hotel)

Roque Center, 9842 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Garden Grove



#### IF YOU CAN...

talk, stand, sit, smile, saw, paint, hammer, drive, file, type,  
write, count, create, breathe, or just tell jokes...

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## BIRTHDAY DONATIONS



Jerry L. 30 Years  
 Melody W. 20 Years  
 Dennis D. 15 Years

*Thank you for contributing to OUR sobriety  
 It's a WE Program!*

**\*\*\* YOUR NAME HERE \*\*\***

Many A.A. members across the country are currently sharing their birthday celebration with others by giving a dollar or two for each year of their sobriety to Central Office. This ensures that the same help they received will be available to others that are new to the Fellowship. *Start this year and make it an annual event!*

Mail your donation to North Orange County Central Office, 133 West Chapman Suite C, Fullerton, CA 92832

### IS SOMEBODY SPECIAL CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

Gold, silver and tri-plated chips can be ordered through Central Office. Specialty medallions like sponsor chips, friendship chips and women/men in recovery are also available. All orders must be prepaid and require one week for delivery. Please plan accordingly.

### THE ANONYMOUS TIMES NEEDS YOU!!

***Do you have a burning desire to share your story?  
 Want to help somebody else stay sober?***

Tell us how **YOU** did it! Send us your articles. Please keep the stories **700 words or less** (sorry, no poetry), and **confine the subject matter to alcoholism**.

*If you include material from another source such as the Grapevine or the Big Book, please specify which page # and book. Submit your article to Central Office or e-mail to: aatimes@aanoc.com*

## CHECK IT OUT—DUDE! YOUNG PEOPLE'S AA MEETINGS!

### SUNDAY

Fullerton 6:00 pm 216 N. Malden (Alano Club)  
 Orange 7:00 pm Chapman Univ/Argyros Forum, #212

### MONDAY

Huntington Bch 8:00 pm Triangle Group  
 18582 Beach Bl, #2 @ Ellis  
 Irvine 7:30 pm Wild Bunch Men's Step Study  
 3 Ethel Coplen Way (Rancho Sr. Center)

### TUESDAY

Anaheim Hills 7:30 pm Step Study/Kaiser Lakeview-Bsmt

### WEDNESDAY

Anaheim 8:00 pm Young Peoples Meeting  
 9581 #B W. Ball Rd.  
 (between Brookhurst & Gilbert)  
 Huntington Bch 8:00 pm Triangle Group Big Book Study  
 2721 Delaware @ 17th  
 Irvine 7:30 pm Wild Bunch Beginner Q&A  
 3 Ethel Coplen Way  
 (Rancho Senior Center)  
 Newport Beach 8:30 pm Topic Discussion (C,Y)  
 414 E. 32nd St. (888-H7)  
 Yorba Linda 8:00 pm Topic Discussion, 5320 Richfield Rd.

### THURSDAY

Costa Mesa 8:00 pm Moorehead Podium Call-up  
 2476 Newport Blvd @ Fair (Oddfellow Hall)  
 Laguna Beach 8:00 pm Romper Room Beginners  
 20456 Laguna Canyon Rd.

### FRIDAY

Anaheim Hills 8:00 pm Discussion, Kaiser Lakeview, Bsmt.  
 Huntington Bch 7:00 pm Seacliff, 225 7th St., Garage #1 @ Olive  
 Irvine 7:30 pm Boys in Sobriety, 4400 Barranca & Culver  
 San Clemente 10:00 pm Voluntary Participation,  
 929 Calle Negocia, Suite H  
 @ Calle Amanecer

### SATURDAY

Rancho Santa Margarita 7:30 pm (C,Y) RSM One Hour Discussion  
 30322 Via Con Dios (Lutheran Church)

## SUBSCRIPTIONS/GIFTS

Treat yourself or a friend to the *Anonymous Times* for only \$6.00 a year!  
 Send us your name and address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Meditation Matters

Tony L.

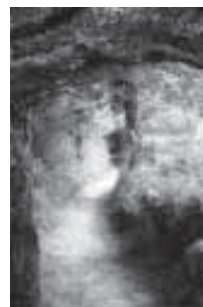
Earlier today when I was doing my reading, I started thinking about how alone I am. I wasn't feeling particularly bad about it, just the matter of fact truth that for 70 days I have had no phone calls, no A.A. meetings, and no conversations with people in recovery. In prison, if I'm emotionally disturbed and need a meeting, there are none. If I'm struggling with an obsession and need my sponsor, there are no phones. If I'm confused about making some decision in my life and want to sit with another sober alcoholic, there are none. I can write letters, of course, but I need help now!

Everyone is isolated at times from the support and help of their recovery program; it's expected. When alone and in need, they pull out the tools, put into action any number of workable solutions and follow it up later with a meeting or a phone call. If a member is upset, angry, depressed, lonely, frustrated, fearful, confused or in any way emotionally disturbed, they are told to go to a meeting, call their sponsor, make a gratitude list, pray or to get busy and help others. Why? Experience has taught alcoholics that they will feel better if they do. There really is relief in taking such actions. Our dependency on meetings and people and service for emotional balance is a well established principle. I have the tools but my present circumstances deny me the normal follow up. What I do have is something I've come to rely on with improved results and assurance.

In my current isolated situation, I have made gratitude lists and have been of service. It has provided relief but where I really start feeling turned around in that moment of disturbance is when I meditate. I'm talking about the kind of meditation that is described on page 100 of the Twelve and Twelve, "we rest quietly with the thoughts of someone who knows, so that we may experience and learn." I'm getting the kind of help from meditation that I've received in the past from meetings and people. If I'm reading recovery or spiritual literature, I'm listening to the words of the writer. I'm taking in the meaning of each phrase and idea. I'm resting quietly with the thoughts of someone who knows, so I experience and learn. If I'm seeking a specific answer and asking for help, the writer is providing it. I'm willing to listen and act. Just like the member who shares at a meeting or calls his sponsor is willing to listen and act.

So, in a meeting, on the phone, or reading a book, it's the meditation that really matters and I feel better. I feel better because I've tapped into the real source of our common solution, "the great fact is just this, and nothing less: that we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences...to accomplish those things for us which we could never do ourselves." (The Big Book page 25). The A.A. program of recovery is a spiritual program of action. The actions I take provide a spiritual solution to

my problems, the only real solution. As I listen to and meditate on the ideas and principles of sobriety as presented to me and I willingly take the suggested action, I experience



***"Both you and the new man must walk day by day in the path of spiritual progress."***

an internal change that humbly allows me to find acceptance and relief from my disturbance. In the *Twelve and Twelve* on page 101, it says that to meditate is to improve our conscious contact with God and "meditation is in reality intensely practical. One of its fruits is emotional balance." That's right, I feel better!

I can't wait to get back to my home group, to start calling my sponsor again, to sit down with sober friends; but for now, I'll continue to meditate, to rest quietly with the thoughts of those who know, so that I may experience and learn.

If you're alone or isolated from your support group, upset and confused, here are some wonderful thoughts to meditate on from page 100 of *The Big Book*, and I hope you find emotional balance as you discover that meditation matters. "Both you and the new man must walk day by day in the path of spiritual progress. If you persist, remarkable things will happen. When we look back we realize that the things which came to us when we put ourselves in God's hands were better than anything we could have planned. Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and you will presently live in a new and wonderful world, no matter what your present circumstances!"

### Regularly Scheduled North Orange County Meetings

#### North Orange County Intergroup Association

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton (First Christian Church)

#### Orange County Hospitals and Institutions Committee

2nd Sunday of each month as follows:  
Institutions Committee: 4-5 p.m. (Orientation at 3:15 p.m.)  
Hospitals Committee: 6-7 p.m. (Orientation at 5:15 p.m.)  
Garden Grove Alano Club, 9845 Belfast, Garden Grove

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

1st Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
202 W. Broadway, Anaheim

#### North Orange County Hispanic Intergroup Association

Every Friday at 8:00 p.m.  
330 N. State College Ste 207, Anaheim  
Call (714) 956-7243 for information

#### North Orange County Public Information Committee

2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
North Orange Co. Central Office, 133 W. Chapman, Fullerton  
For information call Brian K. (714) 658-4581

# SPEAKER MEETINGS: January/February 2007 – DON'T MISS THESE!!!

Anonymous Times would like to publish your list of speakers for March/April 2007. Contact Central Office or email to [aatimes@aanoc.com](mailto:aatimes@aanoc.com). Deadline for publication is Feb. 15.

## Friday Dreams Come True - Fullerton

### Formerly the Buena Park Speaker Meeting

7:30 pm 109 E Wilshire, Fullerton  
First Christian Church

1-05 Cliff R - Oceanside  
1-12 Robert S - Yorba Linda  
1-19 Larry P - Covina  
1-26 Richard W - Long Beach  
2-02 Chuck W - Fullerton  
2-09 Dick O - Fallbrook  
2-16 George S - Fullerton  
2-23 Laura H - Long Beach

## Friday St. Jude Speaker-Fullerton

8:00 p.m. St. Jude Hospital, Erickson Building  
101 E. Valencia-Mesa

1-05 Keith D - Yorba Linda  
1-12 Bubbles O - Fullerton  
1-19 Harold F - Hemet  
1-26 Jack B - Anaheim  
2-02 Roxanne B - Orange  
2-09 Jack G - Huntington Beach  
2-16 Janice R - Long Beach  
2-23 Richard W - Seal Beach

## Friday No Puffers Speaker - Orange

8:00 p.m. 395 S. Tustin St., Orange  
(room behind church)

1-05 Howard A - Long Beach  
1-12 Michael S - Long Beach  
1-19 Jak - Orange  
1-26 Tera E - Fullerton  
2-02 Gene - Santa Ana  
2-09 Robert E Tustin  
2-16 TBA  
2-23 TBA

## Saturday Oddfellows Speaker - Fullerton

8:00 p.m. First Christian Church  
Corner of Wilshire and Harbor Blvd.

1-06 Guy S. - Yorba Linda  
1-13 Dexter S. - Fullerton  
1-20 Nancy C - Downey  
1-27 Eric A. - Huntington Beach  
2-03 Ron S. - Huntington Beach  
2-10 Rick T. - Long Beach  
2-17 Cliff R. - Oceanside  
2-24 Chuck D. - Laguna Niguel  
3-03 Paula S. - Fullerton

## Saturday "Liverpool Speaker" Yorba Linda

8:00 p.m. 4861 Liverpool, Messiah Yorba Linda

1-06 Scotty B. - Fullerton  
1-13 Ronnie E. - Norwalk  
1-20 Michael C. - Tustin  
1-27 Rick H. - Fullerton  
2-03 Mo P. (Mo's Music) - Fullerton  
2-10 Marty S. - Yorba Linda  
2-17 Sandy M. - Anaheim  
2-24 Mickey B. - Santa Monica

## Sunday Fullerton Alano Center

10:30 a.m. 216 N. Malden Avenue

1-07 Dawn E. - Long Beach  
1-14 Clancy I. - Venice  
1-21 Norman S. - El Monte  
1-28 January Birthdays  
2-04 Kenny Bob D. - No. Hollywood  
2-11 Casey C. - Los Angeles  
2-18 Frank J. - Sherman Oaks  
2-25 February Birthdays  
3-04 Tina M. - Mission Viejo

## Sunday Western Medical 24-Hour Speaker

10:30 a.m. 1025 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim

1-07 Jill - Fullerton  
1-14 Julie - Newport Beach  
1-21 Peyman H - Yorba Linda  
1-28 Megan V - Tustin  
2-04 Chuck W - Fullerton  
2-11 Darrell T - Cypress  
2-18 Merrily R - Anaheim  
2-25 Matt R - Cypress

## Sunday Fireside Speakers-Buena Park

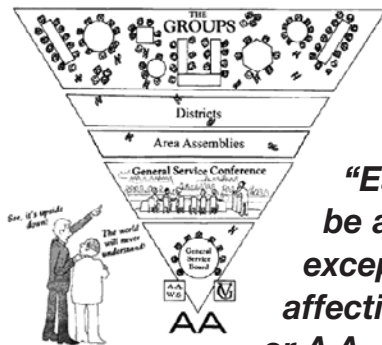
8:00 p.m. 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park

1-07 Ron S. - Seal Beach  
1-14 Karen M. - Fullerton  
1-21 Chris H. - Huntington Beach  
1-28 Marilyn S. - West Los Angeles  
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2-11 Molly B. - Beverly Hills  
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## TRADITION FOUR

**“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”**

As the years have gone by, many of us have tried to stray from the principles of our program. It seems to be a part of the alcoholic nature to try things new and different and most of the time we come out of the experiment safe and sound. This has proved, for some strange reason, to be beneficial to our program. I guess that’s because we tried and failed and so became more content to stay within the confines of this Tradition.

We gave each group its own format governed only by the group conscience. We decided that we must not do anything that would harm our fellowship or the other groups. Sobriety was our main objective and we felt that we had earned the right to be wrong.

When A.A. first began, many young and eager groups started up at the same time. This seemed to induce a great feeling of grandiosity in the minds of our elders. They dreamed of elaborate structures and buildings that would house educational programs. Of course this fantasy was sparked by the inevitable con man that convinced all around him that this was the way to go. Some of the old-timers were disturbed and skeptical and contacted New York asking if this was in keeping with our Traditions. They could have saved their strength because the situation soon resolved itself. Trying to do all things for all people soon turned the would-be Miracle Program into a hopeless morass of confusion. The striving for serenity turned into a nightmare because every alcoholic wanted something different.

Finally it was agreed that just trudging down the middle of the road and following this Tradition as we know it was the best and safest route for us garden-variety drunks to follow.

So we proved to ourselves that we have the right to be wrong. As one of our wise writers puts it:

**“Don’t take yourself so damn seriously.”**

## Traditions Checklist

From the AAGrapevine – [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

The questions on the Traditions Checklist were originally published in the Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. While they were originally intended as suggestions for individual use, many A.A. groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

**Tradition Four:** Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

- ✓ Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in A.A.?
- ✓ Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of A.A.? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
- ✓ Do I put down other members’ behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
- ✓ Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in A.A., I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
- ✓ Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths – his lengths, not mine – to stay sober?
- ✓ Do I share my knowledge of A.A. tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

*Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That is taken directly from our book “The 12 & 12”. The formation of each particular meeting can be personalized to fit the wants and needs of that meeting. We have such a diverse attendance and not everyone wants or needs, for instance, to go only to a “closed” meeting. This program is of the people and for the people and I love it! I have the satisfaction of knowing that if I don’t like something, I have the option of voicing my opinion and that works for me.*

Anonymous NOCCO Volunteer



## RULE 62 and TRADITION FOUR— THE REAL STORY

**“Don’t take yourself so seriously.”** How many times have you heard that line from a sponsor or well-meaning friend? If you’re like some of us in the program, one too many! In the book *“A.A. Comes of Age”*, Bill W. sheds some light on the infamous Rule #62 and how it came to be part of A.A. lingo:

“...Tradition Four declares that *“Each group must be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”* As one of the people who helped start this movement, I thought for a long time that I ought to be able to manage it from New York. But I soon found that I could do no such thing. Neither could anybody else at A.A.’s Headquarters. The groups said to us, “We like what you are doing. Sometimes your suggestions and advice are good. But whether to take you or leave you alone is going to be our decision. Out in the groups, we are going to run our own show. We are not going to have a personal government in New York.....Services yes. But government no.”

Hence, A.A.’s Tradition of group autonomy...they told us just what they wanted, and that included the right to be wrong.

To illustrate: Years ago in a certain town a super-promoter got sobered up in A.A. At once he got very big ideas, all for the good of A.A. of course. As he saw it, the right setup would require a very big building and would take an awful lot of money. On one floor there would be a club. On the next floor there would be a meeting room. On the next, a clinic and rehabilitation center. Upstairs, there surely would have to be a loan agency where the indigent alcoholic could borrow a little spare cash. Such was his vision of the new center! He, naturally, was to become the general manager. His blueprint involved three separate corporations, one for the club, one for the clinic and one for the loan department. Altogether, he wrote sixty-one rules, regulations and by-laws to make these corporations do their good work.

With the exception of a few diehards, his fellow A.A.’s were sold. He applied to New York for a super-charter. Hearing of this, some of the dissenters wrote us. We had to tell them each A.A. group could manage its own affairs as it liked, provided it did not harm surrounding groups...

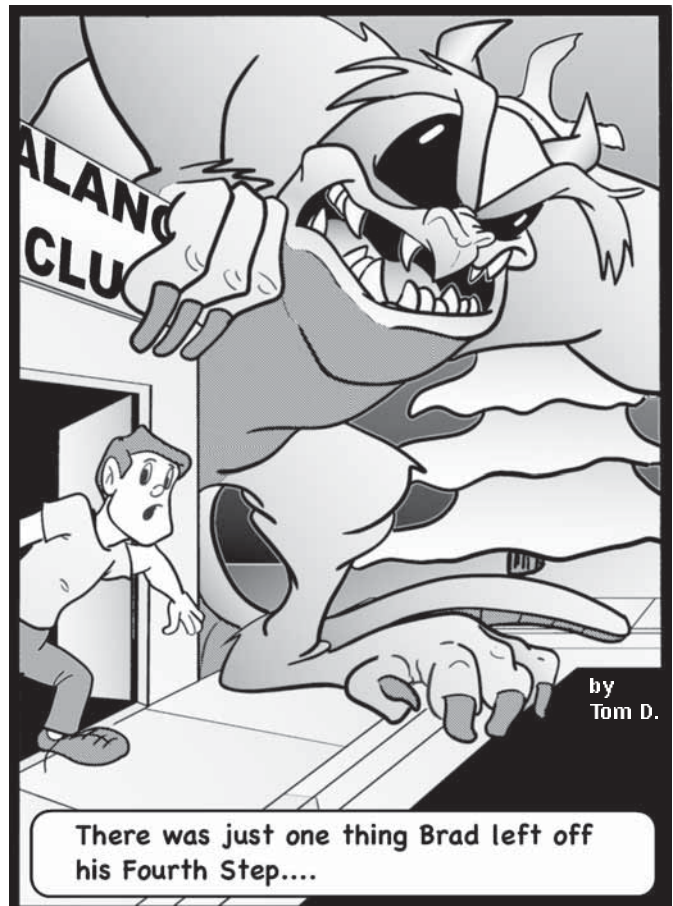
Maybe you can guess what happened. After many a rumbling, the crash came. It was like a boiler explosion in a clapboard factory. The thump of colliding egos could be heard and felt for miles.

But of course things quieted down, and after a long interval we heard from the promoter. He wrote, “You told us that outside enterprises can be fine and very helpful. But you also said that they could

not be mixed with A.A. I figured that they could be and should be. Well, you folks at Headquarters were right and I was wrong.”

With his letter, the promoter sent us a card, which he had already mailed to every group in the United States. It was folded like a golf score card, and on the outside was printed, “Group so-and-so, place so-and-so. Rule No. 62”. When the card was unfolded a single pungent sentence met the eye: **“Don’t take yourself too damned seriously.”**

Thus, under Tradition Four, an A.A. group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it had been humbly willing to apply the lessons it had learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and had gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself – and that is the acme of humility.



There was just one thing Brad left off his Fourth Step....

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## North Orange County General Service Meetings

District	Day	Time	Location	Contact
5	2nd Thu	7:00 pm	19211 Dodge Ave @ Newport Tustin (Church of the Foothills)	Alex N. (714) 218-8867
7	1st Mon	6:30 pm	9845 Belfast Dr, Garden Grove (Garden Grove Alano Club)	Cheryl M. (714) 235-5019
10	1st Wed	8:00 pm	109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton (First Christian Church)	Donna S. (714) 572-1716
15	1st Thu	7:00 pm	441 N. Lakeview, Anaheim (Kaiser Hosp. 8th Floor, Room B)	Lynn C. (714) 671-0285

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# SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE



## Finding the Magic at the Orange County Convention

My name is Terry T. and I am proud to be the co-chairperson for the Host/Hostess Committee for the 22nd annual Orange County Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous with Al-Anon participation.

In 2005 I was just one week shy of my first A.A. birthday and was having second thoughts as to whether or not the A.A. way of life was for me. I was pretty sure that I was an Alcoholic, as this was my third attempt at getting and staying sober. The first two attempts were half-hearted at best, and not surprisingly, were unsuccessful. Hoping the 'third time was a charm', I was doing things differently; working with my sponsor, getting commitments, working the 12 steps and doing what was asked of me by my fellows in A.A. However, in my heart and in my head, I was still not convinced that I could live a happy, joyous and free sober life. That changed dramatically for me when I attended my first A.A. convention.

My attendance at this convention was planned with a couple of my newly-sober girlfriends. Our intention of heading to a resort destination for a fun-filled girls-only weekend was the premise. We were using the guise of the A.A. convention solely as an excuse to get away. To be honest, I really had not planned on getting involved in the convention to any degree. I just wanted and 'needed' a weekend away to relax as the past year had been so trying for me. After all, I 'deserved' the vacation; I was almost a year sober!

Upon arrival at the convention, it became immediately clear that all of my pre-conceived ideas, thoughts and notions about what the convention was all about were grossly inaccurate. Rather than staying on the sidelines of the convention, I was immediately welcomed with open arms by friends and 'family' alike. (After all, they say A.A. is the

only place you can walk into a room full of strangers and reminisce). I met one person after another after another, each of whom was more different than the next, each of whom was exactly like me sharing the common disease of alcoholism.

I met literally hundreds of amazing people that weekend. I attended round-the-clock meetings, I was asked to be a greeter and a hostess, where I was able to shake dozens of hands of warm, smiling, friendly faces. I was privileged enough to attend the banquets and relish in the warmth of 1500 alcoholics all saying the Serenity Prayer in unison (the power in that is indescribable!) I heard speakers who blew my mind away with their experience, strength and hope; I heard members share my life story and theirs; I made new friends that to this day I still cherish. I have never laughed and smiled more in my entire life than I did at the convention that weekend. I was welcomed with open arms and became a part of - something I had been searching for my entire life. I was an alcoholic, proud to be an alcoholic, and because of the convention, I knew I could live a happy, joyous and free sober life. The convention, in a word, was magical; a magical gift from God which anchored my faith securely in the blessings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Since that weekend, I have attended numerous conventions and now consider them to be a part of my program. Not only do I attend the conventions, I get to be of service by getting involved in the planning and preparation of these conventions. This is an awesome commitment to have and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to stay sober. Come join us and you too can find the magic that I found.

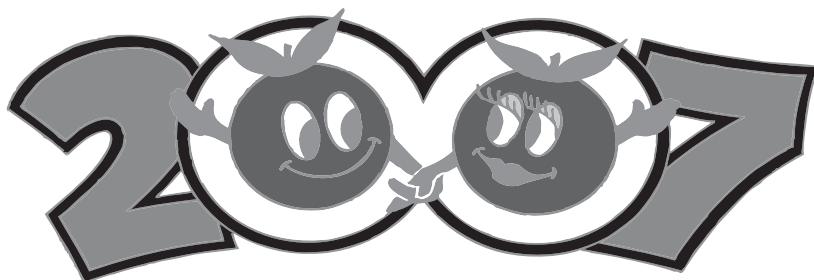
*Hi, my name is Dave F. and I am the Orange County Convention Archives Chairman. This will be my 4th Orange County Convention. My first year, I was newly sober maybe 50 days or so, and I remember everyone saying how much fun the Convention was so I went to the dance and a few marathon meetings and it was a lot of fun. From that point on I told myself I was going to get involved.*

*The following year I was a host, and for the first time in my life I was a part of. I shook so many hands from all over and met so many people. The following year I was archive co-chair and stayed in the hotel the whole weekend. I had so much fun, and I was sober.*

*Today it's a wonderful treat to be a part of something so big and it is God-given. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.*

*Love and Service, — Dave F.*

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