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## Chattin' with Cathy ~ Happenin' at NOCCO

Happy summer!!

Thank you to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NOCAA Women's Banquet for their generous donation to Central Office.

### VOLUNTEERS:

During the summer months NOCCO needs additional volunteers, as our regular volunteers take vacation; spend time with their families, etc. We answer phones, for "classes", and meetings, we sell Big Books, 12x12's, literature and chips and once in a great while, we get an honest to goodness old fashioned 12 step call!! If you have 6 months of sobriety, please call us at 714.773.HELP (714.773.4357) or email me at [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com) or visit our website @ [aanoc.com](http://aanoc.com) and fill out a volunteer form.

### 12 STEP LIST:

If you would like to be added to our 12 Step list, please email me at [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com), or fill out a form on our website at [aanoc.com](http://aanoc.com). We need your name, phone number, sobriety date, cities you are willing to go to and the hours you are available.

### FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC:

Our annual Founder's Day Picnic is Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @ the Brea Dam Park in Fullerton. See the flyers that your Inter-group Representatives are bringing to your meetings. If your meeting does not have any flyers for this event, please pick up some at Central Office (NOCCO) and take them back to your meeting. I would be happy to email you a flyer

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## Big Book 75th Anniversary Editions Now Available

The 75th ANNIVERSARY EDITION of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous first edition is available for purchase at North Orange County Central Office.



Copies are \$12 each, plus tax. AA World Services is publishing the only authorized reproduction of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of our book, 'Alcoholics Anonymous', for a limited time.

Published as it was in 1939, the reproduction features all of the original stories. It makes a splendid addition to any AA-related memorabilia collection.

Call Central Office at (714) 773-4357 or stop by at 1661 E. Chapman Ave., Suite 1H, Fullerton, CA.

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# NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUPS, INC.

Statement of Revenue and Expenses - Tax Basis  
For the One Month and Three Months Ended  
**March 31, 2014 and 2013**

Mar-14	2014		2013	
	Current Period	Current Period	Year To Date	Year To Date
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
<b>Revenue</b>				
Sales	\$ 5,281.75	\$ 5,728.35	\$ 15,501.00	\$ 14,897.85
Donations - meetings	3,249.43	2,141.62	10,800.59	10,034.00
Donations - B-day / other	134.00	118.07	725.00	972.07
Donations - Faithful Five	180.00	15.00	525.00	180.00
Fundraisers - Events	0.00	262.00	0.00	262.00
Fundraisers - Soberfest	0.00	0.00	4,820.00	0.00
Misc. Income	3.25	3.23	3.33	3.34
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 8,848.43</b>	<b>\$ 8,268.27</b>	<b>\$ 32,374.92</b>	<b>26,349.26</b>
<b>Cost of Sales and Direct Costs</b>				
Total Cost of Sales and Direct Costs	\$ 3,123.02	\$ 3,739.81	\$ 8,352.90	\$ 9,382.39
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 5,725.41</b>	<b>\$ 4,528.46</b>	<b>\$ 24,022.02</b>	<b>\$ 16,966.87</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Total Operating Expenses	6,459.19	6,541.86	20,698.92	19,754.36
Income From Operations	733.78	(2,013.50)	3,323.10	(2,787.49)
<b>NET INCOME(LOSS)</b>	<b>(733.78)</b>	<b>(2,013.50)</b>	<b>3,323.10</b>	<b>(2,787.49)</b>

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NOCCO Board Oversight Committee: Steve.

## Quality Sobriety vs. Quantity

I remember one of my favorite things to point out when I was newer in the program was the difference between “quality and quantity,” in terms of sobriety. This saying implies that there are different types of sobriety: quality sobriety is when you’re “doing the do” – working the steps, doing panels, going to meetings, sponsoring fellow alcoholics, each of which helps enlarge our spiritual lives. “Quantity” is you’ve got some time, but you’re not doing a whole lot with it. You’re basically loitering in the rooms with the intent to recover. In other words, I felt myself competent to determine the quality of someone else’s program.

Back in 2009, I spent over a year working in detox at a substance abuse treatment center in Orange County. There were plenty of opportunities to pass judgment upon my fellow staff (who were also friends of Bill W., and as spiritually sick as myself) and I seized upon them all. There were a couple of co-workers who had not had a drink in over twenty years, but I sneered that they had twenty years of “so-dry-ety,” not sobriety. That came out of *my* mouth – the same individual who was not working steps, didn’t even have a sponsor, had stopped going to meetings, and was cross addicted to

Internet dating.

It was much easier for me to take other people’s inventories than it was for me to face my own. On page 64 of the Big Book, it says, “First, we searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure [emphasis added].” It doesn’t say, “Then, we criticize the flaws of others, and speculate what may have caused them.” In fact, when it comes to the behavior of other people, the book of Alcoholics Anonymous is clear on a few points, such as (and I paraphrase):

1. To conclude that others are wrong is often as far we ever got (p. 66).
2. The inventory we take is OURS – not the other person’s (p. 67).
3. Love and tolerance of others is our code (p. 84).

A couple of years ago, I found myself in a discussion with fellow recovering alcoholics about the importance of meetings. Full of self, and about three years dry at the time, I opened my mouth and disease spewed forth. I said something snide (which was typical) related to my theory about quality vs. quantity, in terms of sobriety. An older

woman in my sponsorship family raised a polite eyebrow at me and casually commented, “I used to think that way too. But then I realized, *it’s not for me to judge someone else’s program. I have no idea what’s going on between them and their God.*”

Whoa. Or as the kids say nowadays, “Hashtag, owned.”

I swallowed hard and looked at the ground. Had that woman raised her voice and jabbed an angry finger at me when she said this, her powerful words would probably have fallen on deaf ears; like our book says, “The message which can interest and hold alcoholic people must have depth and weight” (xxviii, “The Doctor’s Opinion”).

I’m thankful for the new pair of glasses I received that day, and for the opportunity to look at life differently. After all, we are supposed to practice these principles in all of our affairs. When I feel inclined to criticize someone at work, in a meeting, or on social media, I remember that *I have no idea what’s going on between them and God* and resolutely look for my figurative broom so I can begin the process of sweeping clean my own side of the street.

**Kendra H.  
Fullerton**

### Chattin’ with Cathy ... From Page 1

too! [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com)

Extra, Extra, read all about it, we have the 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE BIG BOOK in our office now. They are \$12.00 each plus tax. AA World Services is publishing the only authorized reproduction of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of our book, ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’, for a limited time.

#### MEETING/GROUP DONATIONS:

Your group contributions help to ensure that our phones are answered 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week. Be sure to include the meeting name (as listed in the directory), City, Day and Time so that proper credit can be given to your meeting donation. We have pre-printed donation coupons with self-addressed envelopes for your convenience. North Orange

County Central Office does not use a group number. If your group donation is not posted, email me at [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com). All monthly donation spreadsheets are uploaded to our website at [aanoc.com](http://aanoc.com).

#### BIRTHDAY / INDIVIDUAL / IN MEMORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to make a Birthday, individual or “in memory of” contribution, please note what the contribution is for when you send the contribution in. We have self-addressed printed envelopes for your convenience, come on down and pick up a few.

#### FAITHFUL FIVERS:

Faithful Fivers are AA members who graciously contribute a minimum of \$5.00 a month to sup-

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# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Tri-State Roundup Slated For May 15-18

Join old friends and make new ones at the 30th Annual Tri-State Roundup Thursday May 15 to Sunday May 18.

The Tri-State Roundup is the AA convention for Arizona, California and Southern Nevada.

The same location at the Riverside Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV on the Colorado River will be filled with meetings, fine fellowship, inspiring and humorous speakers, and more fun than ever.

Go to <http://www.tristate-roundup.com/> for more information and to register.

## Placentia Men's Meeting Relocates

The Men's Some are Sicker Than Others meeting in Placentia has relocated. The new address is 1180 N. Bradford Ave. in Placentia (in the Pavilion Club House). It had been meeting at the American Legion Hall, 230 S. Bradford Ave.

The location has changed, but the meeting time remains 7 p.m. For more information, call Bill W. at (714) 496-6002.



Events listed here are presented solely as a service to our readers, not as an endorsement by North Orange County Central Office.

## CHECK IT OUT – DUDE! YOUNG PEOPLE'S A.A. MEETINGS!

### Sunday

Anaheim	12+12 Young People 8 p.m.	202 W. Broadway (@ Lemon)
Fountain Valley	Youth in Recovery 1 p.m.	16581 Brookhurst St. Fountain Valley, CA
Orange	Young People's Dis- cussion 7 p.m.	820 W. Town & Country Rd. (Mariposa Women's Center),

### Monday

Costa Mesa	New Lease on Life 12:15 p.m.	2144 Thurin St @ Vic- toria St (Grange Hall)
	Women's Monday FUNDAY 8 p.m.	420 W. 19th St. (1st Methodist Church near Triangle Square),
Irvine	Wild Bunch Men's Step Study 7:30 p.m.	5001 Newport Coast Dr c/s Bonita Cyn (Mariners Church-Port Kid Zone room)

### Tuesday

Costa Mesa	New Lease on Life 12:15 p.m.	2144 Thurin St @ Vic- toria St (Grange Hall)
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### Wednesday

Yorba Linda	Topic Discussion 8 p.m.	18372 Lemon Drive @ imperial Hwy (1st Baptist Church)
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### Thursday

Costa Mesa	We are Not Saints 3 p.m.	2701 Fairview Rd. (Stu- dent Health Center Rm. 108)
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### Friday

Anaheim Hills	Discussion 8 p.m.	411 Lakeview Ave. (@91 Freeway Medical Office building in base- ment)
Huntington Beach	Seacliff 7 p.m.	225 7th St. Garage #1
Tustin	Turning the Corner 7:30 p.m.	1221 Wass St, 92780

### Saturday

Newport Beach	Hoag Hut Speaker	201 Newport Blvd.
Long Beach	Nite Owls 10:30 p.m.	4019 E. 4th St.

# Calendar of Events

May 15-18

Tri-State Roundup

Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel & Casino

Laughlin, NV 89029

<http://www.tristate-roundup.com>

May 30 - June 1

Woman to Woman 35th Annual Weekend

For Sober Alcoholic Women

2014 Mount St. Mary's College

Chalon Campus Brentwood, CA <http://www.womantowomanla.org>

June 5,6,7,8

AA Desert Pow Wow

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort

44-400 Indian Wells Lane

Indian Wells, CA 92210

<http://www.desertpowwow.com>

June 20 - 22

24th Annual June Lake Kampvention

OH Ridge/Inyo Campground

June Lake, CA

<http://www.kampventionjunelake.org>

July 3-6

AA & AL-ANON 38th ANNUAL SEQUOIA CAMPOUT

Sequoia National Forest

For info call: Gordon (949) 302-4224

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## AA's 12 Concepts

Is it something about the number 12? In addition to its 12 steps and 12 traditions, Alcoholics Anonymous has 12 concepts. In the coming issues of the Anonymous Times, two will be listed.

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

Concept II: 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.

## BIRTHDAY DONATIONS

Bubbles ↔ 39 years

Flo Z. ↔ 39 years

Cathy Mc. ↔ 36 years

Craig Mc. ↔ 34 years

Arnold ↔ 26 years

Steve D. ↔ 24 years

Jeanne L. ↔ 25 years



### **PUBLISH YOUR BIRTHDAY or SOBRIETY STORY TODAY!**

Shall we put another candle on your birthday cake too? To publish your birthday, send us your name, sobriety date and your contribution check (DO NOT SEND CASH) in the mail to: North Orange County Central Office, 1661 E. Chapman Ave., Suite 1H; Fullerton, CA, 92831. Email: [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com).

## Central Office News

### **Thank You for Support**

*Thank you to all our supporters.*

*Your gracious pledge helps NOCCO to carry the A.A. Message of hope and recovery to alcoholics still suffering in the North Orange County area.*

*Stay tuned for announcements in coming months about activities related to recover.*

### **Call for Volunteers!**

Central Office took 777 calls in March-April

452 were from men

325 were from women



Keep up the great work — YOU make a difference!

## NOC Central Office BULLETIN BOARD

**H&I**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY**  
**May 11 and June 15**

**NOCCIP**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
**May 14 and June 11**

**INTERGROUP**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
**May 14 and June 11**

**Orange County Hospitals and Institutions Committee**

2nd Sunday of each month.  
Institutions Committee: 4-5 pm  
(Orientation at 3:15 pm)

Hospitals Committee: 6-7 pm  
(Orientation at 5:15 pm)  
Garden Grove Alano Club  
9845 Belfast, Garden Grove  
Call (949) 278-5173

**North Orange County Public Information Committee**

*Learn about sharing the message with Non-A.A. people like high school and college students.*

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at NOCCO  
1661 E. Chapman Ave., Suite 1H,  
Fullerton  
If you have questions, call  
Brian K. 714-658-4581

**North Orange County Intergroup Association Intergroup**

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL CENTRAL OFFICE AT (714) 773-4357**

### Much AA Information at [www.aanoc.com](http://www.aanoc.com)

Visit [www.aanoc.com](http://www.aanoc.com) for the latest events, meetings and other information.

The site is chock full of information, including a sobriety clock, links to meetings in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego counties, as well as links to Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Organization, Southern California GSR Service Area 9 and the AA Grapevine. Current and past issues of the Anonymous Times newsletter are also available for download from the site.

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articles can be submitted to

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## Faithful Fivers

Cindy Z. • Margaret J. • Ruth T. • Chris D. • Rachel A. • Carol G. • Karen M.  
Cliff M. • Julie S. • Paul P. • Sherry L. • Jan. W • Joe P. • Kent M.  
Laurel Mc. • Steve D. • Tammy D. • Michele M. • Linda C. • Michael V. • Mike  
Cate. C. • William G. • Jeanne L. • Nathan J. • Jill L.

Faithful Fivers are A.A. Members who graciously contribute \$5.00 or more\* each month to support their local Central Office in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics still suffering in our area. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution will help make these vital services possible. The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered that we wasted much more than \$5.00 a month during our drinking days.

YES! I wish to participate as a Faithful Fiver

Here is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: NOCCO ~ 1661 E. Chapman Ave. #1H, Fullerton, CA 92831

\*Contributions are limited to \$5,000.00 per year, per member and are tax deductible under IRS Code 501(c)3

# January-March Meeting Contributions

City	Day/Time	Meeting	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Total
Anaheim	Sun 10:30 A	24 Hr. Group Speaker	50.00			50.00
Anaheim	Sun 8:00 P	Fireside Speaker			180.00	180.00
Anaheim	Mon 12:00 P	Nooner's BB Step Study		107.10		107.10
Anaheim	Tue 7:30 P	Big Book Women's Part.			60.00	60.00
Anaheim	Tue 8:00 P	TNT&T			10.00	10.00
Anaheim	Th 7:30 P	We Got A Coffee Pot Men's	35.00		35.00	70.00
Anaheim	Fri 12:00 P	Women's Big Book Study			101.85	101.85
Anaheim	Fri 6:30 P	Gratitude Is An Action	64.32			64.32
Anaheim	Sat 7:30 A	Eye Opener Table Pounding	25.08	25.70	20.66	71.44
Brea	Mon 10:00 A	Women's Discussion	20.00	23.00	25.00	68.00
Brea	Mon 5:30 P	12 & 12	60.00		70.00	130.00
Brea	Tue 7:00 P	Step Study Workshop			20.00	20.00
Brea	Wed 5:30 P	As Bill See's It	141.00		60.00	201.00
Brea	Wed 6:45P	Daily Reflections/ Women's	35.00			35.00
Brea	Th 10:30 A	Step Sisters Step Study	50.00		50.00	100.00
Brea	Th 5:30 P	Women's BB Study		69.37		69.37
Brea	Fri. 5:30 P	Big Book Study		70.00		70.00
Brea	Fri 8:00 P	Men's			100.00	100.00
Buena Park	Mon 7:30 P	Mon Nite BP Topic Disc			100.00	100.00
Buena Park	Fri 8:00 P	Friday Nite Discussion	77.57			77.57
Cypress	Tue 7:30 P	Big Book Study	84.00			84.00
Cypress	Sat 7:30 P	Open Topic	75.00			75.00
Fullerton	Daily 6:00 A	Attitude Modification	180.00	270.00	90.00	540.00
Fullerton	Sun 6:00 P	How It Works	19.00			19.00
Fullerton	Mon 10:30 A	Morning Glories		70.00		70.00
Fullerton	Mon. 6:00 P	Fullerton Big Book		10.00		10.00
Fullerton	Mon 6:00 P	Cat's On The Roof			35.54	35.54
Fullerton	Mon 6:00 P	Mon Nite Men's @ FAC	210.00			210.00
Fullerton	Wed 2:00 P	Women's Coffee Talk		60.00		60.00
Fullerton	Th 7:30 P	Kitchen Table Meeting		20.00	20.00	40.00
Fullerton	Th 8:00 P	Men's Participation (Mo's)		175.00	80.00	255.00
Fullerton	Fri 6:30 P	Women's Hit & Run			70.00	70.00
Fullerton	Fri 8:00 P	Downtown Fullerton Speaker		90.00	45.00	135.00
Fullerton	Sat 2:00 P	Hot Topic		60.00		60.00
Fullerton	Sat 6:00 P	Saturday Night Live		20.00		20.00
Garden Gr	Sun 12:00 P	Participation	20.00	20.00	10.00	50.00
Garden Gr	Mon 7:00 P	Primary Purpose Book St	21.00			21.00
Garden Gr	Tue 12:00 P	No Whinning Group		100.00		100.00
Hunt Bch	Daily 7:00 P	Triangle Group	80.00			80.00
La Habra	Sun 10:30 A	Participation	90.00			90.00
La Habra	Sun 7:30 P	Sober Sunday		40.00		40.00
La Habra	Tue 8:00 P	Participation		50.00		50.00
La Habra	Wed 7:30 P	La Habra Men's Stag		150.00		150.00
La Habra	Th 8:00 P	Participation	60.00			60.00
La Habra	Fri 8:00 P	Friday Night Beginners		150.00		150.00
La Habra	Fri 8:00 P	Friday Night Speakers			100.00	100.00
La Mirada	Sun 8:00 P	Men's Big Book Study		50.00		50.00
Los Alamitos	Daily 7:00 A	Surrender Is Freedom				240.00
Los Alamitos	Sun 6:00 P	Big Book Study				180.00
Los Alamitos	Sun 6:00 P	Big Book Study				120.00
Los Alamitos	Sun 6:00 P	Big Book Study				60.00
Orange	Sun 11:00 A	Book Study				105.00
Orange	M-F 5:30 P	Tustin Rush Hour				60.00
Orange	Tue 7:00 P	Orange - Tustin Group				126.43
Orange	Tue 7:00 P	Orange - Tustin Group				126.43
Orange	Wed 7:00 P	Easy Does It				100.00
Orange	Wed 7:00 P	Name In The Hat				25.00
Orange	Th 6:30 A	Early Bird Discussion				100.00
Orange	Th 7:00 P	Men's				60.00
Orange	Th 7:30 P	All About Me Men's Stag				200.00
Orange	Th 7:30 P	All About Me Men's Stag				100.00
Orange	Fri 12:00 P	Quality Serenity				255.00
Orange	Fri 8:00 P	No Puffers Speakers				178.96
Orange	Fri 7:00 P	OC Fri Nite Roaming Couples				160.00
Orange	Fri 7:00 P	OC Fri Nite Roaming Couples				160.00
Placentia	Sun 8:30 A	Right Start				100.00
Placentia	Sun 8:30 A	Right Start				100.00
Placentia	Mon 6:30 P	Beginners Sober Start				80.00
Placentia	Mon 6:30 P	Beginners Sober Start				80.00
Placentia	Mon 7:00 P	Men's SRSTO				166.00
Placentia	Mon 7:00 P	Men's SRSTO				166.00
Placentia	Th 10:30 A	Women's Stepping Stones				100.00
Placentia	Th 10:30 A	Women's Stepping Stones				100.00
Tustin	Mon 9:00 A	Women's Utility Group				60.00
Tustin	Mon 9:00 A	Women's Utility Group				60.00
Villa Park	Daily 7:30 A	24 Hr. Group				140.75
Villa Park	Daily 7:30 A	24 Hr. Group				140.75
Whittier	Sun 8:00 P	Sunday Night Step Study				15.00
Whittier	Sun 8:00 P	Sunday Night Step Study				15.00
Whittier	Tue 7:00 P	No Nonsense 12 x 12				10.00
Whittier	Tue 7:00 P	No Nonsense 12 x 12				10.00
Whittier	Th 8:00 P	The Den Book Study				25.00
Whittier	Th 8:00 P	The Den Book Study				25.00
Whittier	Fri 7:00 P	Big Book Study				40.00
Whittier	Fri 7:00 P	Big Book Study				40.00
Whittier	Sat 10:30 A	Women's Acceptance				61.25
Whittier	Sat 10:30 A	Women's Acceptance				36.25
Whittier	Sat 10:30 A	Women's Acceptance				97.50
Whittier	Sat 7:30 P	Whittier Sat Night Speaker				40.00
Whittier	Sat 7:30 P	Whittier Sat Night Speaker				40.00
Whittier	Sat 7:30 P	Whittier Sat Night Speaker				80.00
Yorba Linda	Daily 6:00 A	Attitude Modification				473.56
Yorba Linda	Daily 6:00 A	Attitude Modification				607.20
Yorba Linda	Daily 6:00 A	Attitude Modification				607.45
Yorba Linda	Daily 6:00 A	Attitude Modification				1,688.21
Yorba Linda	Tue 7:30 P	Y.L. Closed Women's				60.00
Yorba Linda	Tue 7:30 P	Y.L. Closed Women's				60.00
Yorba Linda	Tue 7:30 P	Y.L. Closed Women's				60.00
Yorba Linda	Tue 7:30 P	Y.L. Closed Women's				60.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 12:00 P	Noontimers				163.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 12:00 P	Noontimers				175.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 12:00 P	Noontimers				338.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 7:00 P	Women's Big Book Study				60.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 7:00 P	Women's Big Book Study				60.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 7:00 P	Women's Big Book Study				60.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 7:30 P	Wednesday Night Book				80.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 7:30 P	Wednesday Night Book				80.00
Yorba Linda	Wed 7:30 P	Wednesday Night Book				80.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:00 P	Solutions - Women's				140.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:00 P	Solutions - Women's				140.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:00 P	Solutions - Women's				140.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:30 P	Y.L. Thursday Participation				112.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:30 P	Y.L. Thursday Participation				112.00
Yorba Linda	Th 7:30 P	Y.L. Thursday Participation				112.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 12:00 P	Daily Reflections				50.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 12:00 P	Daily Reflections				75.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 12:00 P	Daily Reflections				125.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 8:00 P	Fri Nite Ohio Winners Circle				150.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 8:00 P	Fri Nite Ohio Winners Circle				150.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 8:00 P	Fri Nite Ohio Winners Circle				150.00
Yorba Linda	Fri 8:00 P	Fri Nite Ohio Winners Circle				150.00
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???		711332				112.50
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**no info**		**no info**				70.00
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# Our Greatest Danger: Rigidity

Bob P. and his thoughts on AA's future

For those of you who believe Alcoholics Anonymous is becoming institutionalised with its current processes and procedures, the following talk by Bob P. may give some hope.

Bob P (1917-2008) was General Manager of the General Service Office, New York, from 1974 to 1984, and then served as Senior Advisor to the G.S.O. from 1985 until his retirement. His story is in the Big Book as "AA Taught Him to Handle Sobriety," 3rd edit. (1976) pp. 554-561, 4th edit. (2001) pp. 553-559. In 1983, on behalf of AA, Bob took possession of the papal medal awarded to both Travers and Sackville for carrying the AA message to the Vatican. This medal is on display next to the Lasker Award in the main reception area. Bob was a principal speaker at the AA Reunion in Bristol in 1986

During the 1986 General Service Conference, Bob gave a powerful and inspiring closing talk to the conference at the closing brunch on Saturday morning, April 26. It was an especially significant occasion, because he knew that he was going to retire early the next year, and that this would be his last General Service Conference. The following excerpts are taken from that farewell speech, as published in the Conference's final report: The Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 1986 (Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, April 20-26, 1986), Final Report.

This is my 18th General Service Conference -- the first two as a director of the Grapevine and A.A.W.S., followed by four as a general service trustee. In 1972, I rotated out completely, only to be called back two years later as general manager of G.S.O., the service job I held until late 1984. Since the 1985

International Convention, of course, I have been senior adviser. This is also my last Conference, so this is an emotionally charged experience.

I wish I had time to express my thanks to everyone to whom I am indebted for my sobriety and for the joyous life with which I have been blessed for the past nearly 25 years. But since this is obviously impossible, I will fall back on the Arab saying that Bill quoted in his last message, "I thank you for your lives." For without your lives, I most certainly would have no life at all, much less the incredibly rich life I have enjoyed.

Let me offer my thoughts about A.A.'s future. I have no truck with those bleeding deacons who decry every change and view the state of the Fellowship with pessimism and alarm. On the contrary, from my nearly quarter-century's perspective, I see A.A. as larger, healthier, more dynamic, faster growing, more global, more service-minded, more back-to-basics, and more spiritual -- by far -- than when I came through the doors of my first meeting in Greenwich, Connecticut, just one year

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## Chattin with Cathy ...From Page 3

port NOCCO in carrying the message of hope and recovery to alcoholics who are still suffering. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution helps to make our vital message of hope and recovery possible.

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

If you are looking for a way to be of service, and like going to meetings new to you, please consider joining our Outreach Committee. This committee visits meetings not currently being represented by an Intergroup Rep and briefly explains what an intergroup rep is and what the commitment requires. Please email me at [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com), if you would be interested in helping with this committee.

### INTERGROUP REP:

Why does your meeting need an intergroup rep? To have a voice, to have a vote, to know what is going on in your AA

community. If you attend a meeting that does not have an Intergroup Rep, and you have one (1) year of sobriety, step up and volunteer for this commitment. It is only 1 hour out of the month, and we have coffee and cookies!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Old-timers (Long-timers) dinner and meeting (date/time – TBD) – flyer coming soon

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gratitude Dinner: November 8<sup>th</sup> @ the Union Hall, Buena Park, CA

May God Bless You and Keep You as we trudge this Road Of Happy Destiny!

*In gratitude,  
Cathy*



# SPEAKER MEETINGS: May/June/July 2014

Anonymous Times would like to publish your list of speakers for July/August 2014.

Deadline for publication is June 15, 2014. Email: [OfficeManager@aanoc.com](mailto:OfficeManager@aanoc.com)

Friday  
8 p.m. Downtown Speakers (1 Hour)  
109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton 92632 (1st  
Christian Church)  
May 2 Larry J., Fullerton  
May 9 Karen L., Lakewood  
May 16 TBD  
May 23 Reggie P., Fullerton  
May 30 Kelly N., Fullerton  
June 6 Robert L., Fullerton  
June 13 Bruce B., Covina  
June 20 Tom W., Dana Point  
June 27 Zein B., Huntington Beach  
July 4 Alexis C., Tustin  
July 11 Corrina R., Fullerton  
July 18 Carolyn M., Orange  
July 25 Charlotte B., Huntington Beach

Friday  
8 p.m. La Habra Speaker  
631 North Euclid St., La Habra, CA 90631  
May 2 Plumber Jim, Orange  
May 9 Nancy N., Tujunga  
May 16 Nick M., Santa Ana  
May 23 Patt O., Mission Viejo  
May 30 De Andre, Redondo Beach  
Jun 6 Rosemary, Covina  
Jun 13 Frank J., Sherman Oaks  
Jun 20 Tom C., Marina Ctr., Culver City  
Jun 27 Bubbles O., Fullerton  
Jul 4 Robert G.  
Jul 11 Michael C., Irvine  
Jul 18 Dr. Dave, Huntington Beach  
Jul 25 Robert S., Whittier

Friday  
8 p.m. No Puffers Speaker  
395 S. Tustin St., Orange  
05/02 Laurie B., Anaheim  
05/09 Johnny Q., Rancho Santa Margarita  
05/16 Dave D., La Crescenta  
05/23 Eric S., Santa Ana  
05/30 Susan H., Newport Coast  
06/06 Tony F., Rancho Santa Margarita  
06/13 Leslie B., Fullerton  
06/20 Keith S., Santa Ana  
06/27 TBD

Saturday  
8 p.m. Liverpool Speaker  
4861 Liverpool @ Yorba Linda Blvd  
*Hear a great speaker share about sobriety every Saturday.*

Saturday  
8 p.m. Oddfellows Speaker  
109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton 92632  
*Hear a great speaker share about sobriety every Saturday.*

Sunday  
**10:30 a.m.** Fullerton Alano Center  
530 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton  
May 4 Cyndi C., Laguna Nigel  
May 11 Tina W., Glendora  
May 18 Gabrielle C., Long Beach  
**May 25 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
June 1 Ben P., Rancho Mirage  
June 8 Ashley S., Costa Mesa  
June 15 Jamey R., Bakersfield  
June 22 Tawnya G., Costa Mesa  
**June 29 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
July 6 Darren P., Santa Barbara  
July 13 Gloria V., El Monte  
July 20 Jerome S., Corona  
**July 27 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**

Sunday  
8 p.m. Fireside Speaker Meeting  
641 S. Western Ave. Anaheim CA 92804  
*Hear a great speaker share about sobriety every Sunday.*

Wednesday Fullerton Alano Center  
8 p.m. 530 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton  
*Hear a great speaker share about sobriety every Wednesday.*

Thursday Pioneer Speaker  
8 p.m. 202 W. Broadway, Anaheim  
*Hear a great speaker share about sobriety every Thursday.*



To include meetings, we need your  
speaker lists by June 15, 2014.

## Alcoholic Spends 1st Sober Birthday Remembering and Giving Thanks

*Woman comes long way in short time*

3/13/14:

Today I am sitting in the urgent care waiting room with my sick 2 year old. I am overcome with emotion.

Because I realize that it was exactly a year ago that I was in rehab for my alcohol addiction. I was blinded by my hurt & pain. I realize today that I couldn't see past myself.

God had blessed me with two innocent, healthy & precious boys but up until that point, they didn't matter past my own selfish & destructive ways.

In March 2013 God began to slowly change me & the process of healing began.

Today I have fully surrendered my will & my life to God & the gain of making this change WILL be remarkable. The lives of my 2 year old & 3 year old will be the direct results of making this change.

So as I sit here, holding my sick 2 year old, I realize that I am something today I could have NEVER been had I not surrendered my will & life to God. I am present. I am sane & I am sober.

I am exactly as God had always wanted me to be.



**Blanca**

*(Editor's note: Please submit you first name and last initial, along with your city of residence when submitting articles for publication)*

### Rigidity in A.A. ... From Page 9

after the famous [July 1960] Long Beach Convention. A.A. has flourished beyond the wildest dreams of founding members, though perhaps not of Bill himself, for he was truly visionary.

I echo those who feel that if this Fellowship ever falters or fails, it will not be because of any outside cause. No, it will not be because of treatment centers or professionals in the field, or non-Conference-approved literature, or young people, or the dually-addicted, or even the "druggies" trying to come to our closed meetings. If we stick close to our Traditions, Concepts, and Warranties, and if we keep an open mind and an open heart, we can deal with these and any other problems that we have or ever will have. If we ever falter and fail, it will be simply because of us. It will be because we can't control our own egos or get along well enough with each other. It will be because we have too much fear and rigidity and not enough trust and common sense.

If you were to ask me what is the greatest danger facing A.A. today, I would have to answer: the growing rigidity -- the increasing demand for absolute answers to nit-picking questions; pressure for G.S.O. to "enforce" our Traditions; screening alcoholics at closed meetings; prohibiting non-Conference-approved literature, i.e., "banning books"; laying more and more rules on groups and members. And in this trend toward rigidity, we are drifting farther and farther away from our co-founders. Bill, in particular, must be spinning in his grave, for he was perhaps the most permissive person I ever met. One of his favorite sayings was, "Every group has the right to be wrong." He was maddeningly tolerant of his critics, and he had absolute faith that faults in A.A. were self-correcting.

And I believe this, too, so in the final analysis we're not going to fall apart. We won't falter or fail. At the 1970 International Convention in Miami, I

was in the audience on that Sunday morning when Bill made his brief last public appearance. He was too ill to take his scheduled part in any other convention event, but now, unannounced, on Sunday morning, he was wheeled up from the back of the stage in a wheelchair, attached with tubes to an oxygen tank.

Wearing a ridiculous bright-orange, host committee blazer, he heaved his angular body to his feet and grasped the podium -- and all pandemonium broke loose. I thought the thunderous applause and cheering would never stop, tears streaming down every cheek. Finally, in a firm voice, like his old self, Bill spoke a few gracious sentences about the huge crowd, the outpouring of love, and the many overseas members there, ending (as I remember) with these words: "As I look over this crowd, I know that Alcoholics Anonymous will live a thousand years -- if it is God's will."

## Captured Quips from California Jack

The wit and wisdom of Bill and Bob's friends.

*From the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, pg 98; "Burn the idea into the consciousness of every man that he can get well regardless of anyone. The only condition is that he trust God and clean house."*

"You only fail when you quit trying." Dana, 6/20/2011

"Early on I thanked God for bringing me to AA but today, I thank AA for bringing me to God." Andy 6/21/2011

"I don't have a drink problem. I have a think problem and drinking is just a symptom." Steelers Dave, 6/28/2011

"I invited the demons back myself." Tim, 9/2/2009

"The more I surrender my ideas of the way it should be, the tighter God holds me." Sharon, 8/1/2009

"Why don't you take your self out of the competition?" Steve B. 1/19/2006

"You don't plea bargain with God." Bill E. 4/12/2006

"I have to remember that smart Roger isn't always with me but Stupid Roger is always there." Roger, 12/22/10

"No matter what shape you're in right now, there's a 50/50 chance that there really is a God and with the shape you're in right now, what have you got to lose?" Alexis 2/24/2011

"The God thing became better than just a good idea for me." Happy Ken, 3/7/2011

"The Secret of Life: Have something to Do, someone to Love, and something to Look Forward To." Mary O, 9/27/2011

"My arms are too short to box with God." Mac on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. 12/10/2011

"If I don't change, my sobriety date will." Still Mark, 5/22/2012

"I believe that God created blackouts. He figures we're guilty enough over the things that we do remember." Ray N. 6/8/2012

*Do you have a quote that you think should be added to the list? Send it to California Jack at [Golden.Buckeye@yahoo.com](mailto:Golden.Buckeye@yahoo.com)*

## Bill W. Discusses 12x12 Reasoning in Letter to Priest

*The following information comes out of 'The Soul of Sponsorship' The Friendship of Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J. and Bill Wilson in Letters. -- By Robert Fitzgerald, S.J....Hazelden Pittman Archives Press... Chapter 9--The Spiritual Exercises and the Traditions-- Pg.55-56*

*From a letter dated May 20, 1952, from Bill W to Fr Ed Dowling*

"A few people think that the Traditions aren't covered with enough dignity -- that posterity may not like them for that reason. However, we feel that we are writing for the information of alcoholics who ordinarily have no time to read



anything much except as it concerns their own survival. Our idea is to publish the Twelve Steps and these Twelve Traditions in a small book to appear, I hope, by next fall. If we are able to do

a fair job on the Steps, that will be helpful and, published along with the Traditions, they may act as a bait for reading the latter. However, we'll see."

The preceding information was posted online at the AA History Lovers Yahoo Group. More information is available at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/AAHistoryLovers/info>.

*Don't drink and don't die...that's how you become the old guy.*

*Overheard in an AA meeting*



# 4th ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE - AA

SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

BREA DAM PARK

1700 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, CA

11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Serving Hamburger's & Hot Dogs 11:30 – 1:30

Raffle, 50/50 drawing, Games for kids, DJ

Speaker: Tammy P. – L.A.

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