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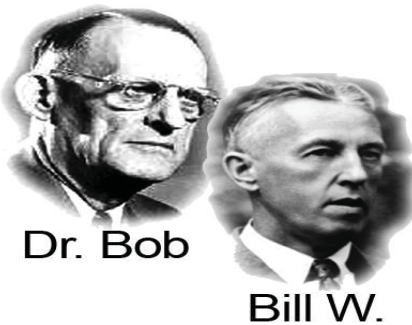
Alcoholics Anonymous

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## 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... *Continued on Page 10*

## Chains of Events a Reality

### 12 steps a brilliant example of chain theory

I’m guessing you don’t spend a lot of time thinking about chains, or more specifically, chains of events. For better or worse, this phenomena permeates everybody’s life.

Chains of events, whether in a business strategy, immunology, nuclear fission or destructive lifestyles, are a reality. In my opinion, life itself is all about a chain of events unfolding. Each event begets a reaction - sometimes yielding the intended consequences and at other times an unmitigated disaster.

Nobody knows better than a recovering

alcoholic how one bad decision leads to another as well as the carnage it wreaks on individuals, careers, families and health. Further to this point, it is by habituation to flawed thinking before surrendering to the idea that we are addicted to alcohol that prolongs our misery. Courts and jails are filled with endless examples of how a poor decision chain manifests itself in the life of an alcoholic.

When I look at the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, I see a brilliant example of chain theory resurrecting seemingly hopeless lives. Once lost, these same people find *Continued on Page 3*



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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 2015 and 2014**

	Mar-15	2015	2014	2015	2014			
		Current Period	Current Period	Year To Date	Year To Date			
		Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount			
<b>Revenue</b>								
Sales	\$	5,885.80	\$	5,281.75	\$	16,456.10	\$	15,501.00
Donations - meetings		3,701.40		3,249.43		10,997.71		10,800.59
Donations - B-day / other		225.00		134.00		313.00		725.00
Donations - Faithful Five		320.00		180.00		629.00		525.00
Fundraisers - Events		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
Donations - Soberfest		3,200.00		0.00		3,200.00		4,820.00
- OC Convention		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
- Women's Banquet		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
Misc. Income		0.58		3.25		0.64		3.33
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,332.78</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,848.43</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>31,596.45</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,374.92</b>
<b>Cost of Sales and Direct Costs</b>								
Total Cost of Sales and Direct Costs	\$	3,756.73	\$	3,123.02	\$	10,052.89	\$	8,352.90
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,576.05</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,725.41</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,543.56</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,022.02</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
Total Operating Expenses		6,709.63		6,459.19		21,756.57		20,698.92
Income From Operations		2,866.42		(733.78)		(213.01)		3,323.10
<b>NET INCOME(LOSS)</b>		<b>2,866.42</b>		<b>(733.78)</b>		<b>(213.01)</b>		<b>3,323.10</b>

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## Chains of Events ... From Page 1

a path leading to spiritual and ethical renewal. Brilliantly conceived and unmistakably inspired by a higher power, these steps have been redeeming lives for nearly four generations.

As I see it, the steps are a chain of redemption, a process with inter-linked events having clear start and end points. They are not some random collection of handy hints for successful living. Effective processes are, by necessity orderly, and not without some rigor involved. That is as it should be inasmuch as it is the weak link that causes the chain to fail.

A notable characteristic of chain theory is that it has no bias - it works for good or for ill. It is color blind, has no intellectual prerequisites, cares nothing about social class, sexuality, gender or place of birth. It works with the material it is given. Keep doing what you have been doing and you get the same general results, good or bad.

By working the steps honestly and then after some time in sobriety, new and healthy thinking patterns replace the habitual chains that bind us to self destruction. Ingrained thinking patterns die hard, so I practice vigilance by attending discussion meetings and a regular book study. This alcoholic does not want to go back to where he came from.

We all know life's journey can be stressful, there is no free ride. In my experience, the trying events have a way of testing my thinking from time to time. The more fit my attitude and spiritual condition, the less likely I am to fall into old habits.

Christina, a very nice lady I have come to know, shared a bit of wisdom on chain theory with me that I'd like to pass on.

*Watch your thoughts, they become your words*

*Watch you words, they become actions*

*Watch your actions, they become habits*

*Watch your habits, they become your character*

*Watch your character, it becomes your destiny*

*Author Unknown*

Character becoming your destiny is a bit of wisdom we could all embrace! We are creatures of habit, good and bad. We need to be careful about what we nurture. A casual glance at the tabloids near the check-out stand of the grocery store informs us of the rich and famous whose destructive patterns are tearing apart their lives.

Spectacular moral and ethical failures sell in all forms of media.

Occasionally we learn of some person whose constructive thinking freed them of the bondage of poverty, dysfunctional families, physical handicaps, etc. to achieve remarkable feats.

It is refreshing and inspiring to recognize that ordinary people like ourselves can face adversity and emerge victorious. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that we can even exceed our dreams.

The common denominator in the healthy and the destructive chains is that the sequence of events follows the same path. Thoughts that begin in the mind, and that are nurtured, translate into actions and habits that shape one's destiny.

If we take the time to identify and jettison the flawed thoughts that beleaguer us, we can create a new pattern for living that frees us of the bondage of the past.

Thinking about our thinking is a much underrated pastime.

**Dick C.  
Anaheim**

### Hospitals and Institutions

To Carry the Message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Alcoholic who is confined in a Hospital or Institution is the mission of H&I.

Orange County H&I Meets the second Sunday of the month. Institutions meet at 4:00; Hospitals meet at 6 p.m. at the Garden Grove Alano Club, located at 9845 Belfast Drive, Garden Grove. Call (714) 979-8524 or Central Office at (714) 773-4357 for additional information.

South Orange County H&I meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Laguna Canyon Club, which is located at 20456 Laguna Canyon Road., Laguna Beach. Call (949) 497-1823 for more information.

Sober members of AA are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is another way to reach out to newcomers and to become involved in your own sobriety.

Remember, we must give it away to keep it!



## Calendar of Events

### May 14 - 17

31st Annual Tri-State Round-Up  
Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino; Laughlin, Nevada  
www.TriState-Roundup.com

### May 15 - 17, 2015

34th Annual H&I Conference  
Holiday Inn: 14299 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada, CA  
90638 www.socalhandi.org

### May 15 - 17

Woodstock West  
Four Points by Sheraton, LAX  
9750 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

### June 4 - 7

AA Desert POW WOW; Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa; Indian Wells, CA; www.desertpowwow.com

### July 10 - 12

Tehachapi Mountain 14th Annual Roundup; Indian Hill Ranch Campground; Tehachapi, CA [tehadapiroundup.org](http://tehadapiroundup.org).

## Volunteering

*"Alcoholics Anonymous, how may we help you?"*

### CALL FORWARDING:

Call Forwarding enables the phones at North Orange County Central Office to be answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call NOCCA at (714) 773-4357 to volunteer.

### NOCCA:

The Central and Satellite Offices have openings available for regular and fill-in time slots.

### 12 STEP LIST:

Volunteer to carry the message to alcoholics who reach out to Alcoholics Anonymous. Call Central Office at (714) 773-4357 to submit your name and phone number to the list.

## Happy Birthday!

Leslie R.	↔	40
Cathy M.	↔	37
Craig M.	↔	35
Steve D.	↔	25
Henry G.	↔	17
Sabrina B.	↔	7



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

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

### **1st Edition Big Book Reproductions**

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 for Volunteers!**

Central Office took 591 calls in December-January

314 were from men

277 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 10 and June 14 12**

**NOCPIC**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
**May 13 and June 10**

**INTERGROUP**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
**May 13 and June 10**

**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 Wednes-  
day 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.

Send Us Your Story

Online! Anonymous Times

articles can be submitted to

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



## Faithful Fivers

Bridget W. • Patricia B. • Amy H. • Pamela C. • "Just Ken" • 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 2015 Meeting Donations

City	Day/Time	Meeting	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Total
Anaheim	Sunday 10:30 am	24 Hour Group Speaker	31.00		40.00	71.00
Anaheim	Sunday 8 pm	Fireside Speakers		180.00		180.00
Anaheim	Monday 12 pm	Nooners BB & Step Study	105.70		47.00	152.70
Anaheim	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Women's 6th & 7th Step			45.31	45.31
Anaheim	Tuesday 8 pm	TNT&T		10.00	10.28	20.28
Anaheim	Wednesday, 6 pm	Men's Stag - Victor House	70.00			70.00
Anaheim	Thursday 7:30 pm	Men's We Got A Coffee Pot			35.00	35.00
Anaheim	Friday 12 pm	Women's Big Book Study		48.82	34.96	83.78
Anaheim	Friday 6:30 pm	Gratitude Is An Action			32.00	32.00
Anaheim	Saturday 8:30 am	It's In the Book	240.00		180.00	420.00
Brea	Monday 10:00 am	Women's Discussion		31.00	42.50	73.50
Brea	Monday 5:30 pm	12 x 12		70.00	70.00	140.00
Brea	Tuesday 10:30 am	Daily Reflections for Women		89.64		89.64
Brea	Tuesday 5:30 pm	Men's Topic Discussion		67.80		67.80
Brea	Tuesday 5:30 pm	Women's 10th Step HH	60.00	60.00		120.00
Brea	Wednesday 5:30 pm	As Bill See's It	85.20			85.20
Brea	Wednesday 6:45 pm	Daily Reflections/Women	28.75			28.75
Brea	Thursday 10:30 am	Step Sisters Step Study	75.00			75.00
Brea	Thursday 5:30 pm	Living In the Solution			70.00	70.00
Brea	Friday 5:30 pm	Happy Hour		120.00		120.00
Brea	Friday 8 pm	Men's	75.00			75.00
Brea	Saturday 10:30 am	Womens AA Step		73.00		73.00
Cypress	Friday 7 pm	Girls Night Out			35.00	35.00
Cypress	Friday 8 pm	Lunatic Fringe	100.00		100.00	200.00
Cypress	Saturday 7:30 pm	Open Topic			75.00	75.00
Fullerton	Daily 6 am	Attitude Modification	90.00		180.00	270.00
Fullerton	Sunday 10:30 am	Sunday Speaker		79.00		79.00
Fullerton	Sunday 8 pm	Discussion		35.25		35.25
Fullerton	Monday 10:30 am	Morning Glories BB Wom.			140.00	140.00
Fullerton	Monday 6 pm	Cat's On the Roof (women)	22.75			22.75
Fullerton	Monday 8 pm	Big Book Study	52.50			52.50
Fullerton	Tuesday 7:30 pm	Men's Downtown 12x12		150.00		150.00
Fullerton	Wednesday 7:30 pm	Intergroup		56.75		56.75
Fullerton	Thursday 5:30 pm	Women's Big Book Study		20.00		20.00

City	Day/Time	Meeting	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Total
Fullerton	Friday 6:30 pm	Hit & Run Women's			37.00	37.00
Fullerton	Friday 8 pm	Downtown Fullerton Speaker	25.00	25.00	35.00	85.00
Fullerton	Saturday 2 pm	Women's Hot Topic		58.80		58.80
Hunt Beach	Daily	Triangle Group		100.00		100.00
La Habra	Sunday 10:30 am	Participation	37.50	50.00		87.50
La Habra	Sunday 7:30 pm	Sunday Night Book Study		17.00		17.00
La Habra	M-F 6:30 am	Topic Discussion	100.00			100.00
La Habra	Wednesday 7:30 pm	La Habra Wednesday Nite Mens	150.00		50.00	200.00
La Habra	Friday 8 pm	Friday Nite Beginners	145.00			145.00
La Habra	Friday 8 pm	Friday Night Speakers	100.00			100.00
La Mirada	Sunday 8 pm	Men's Big Book Study		50.00		50.00
Los Alamitos	Daily 7 am	Surrender Is Freedom	290.00	258.00	100.20	648.20
Los Alamitos	Sunday 6 pm	Big Book Study	180.00			180.00
Orange	Sunday 8:30 am	Attitude Adjustment		100.00		100.00
Orange	Monday 12 pm	12&12 / Traditions	115.00			115.00
Orange	Monday 5:30 pm	Rush Hour Discussion			200.00	200.00
Orange	Monday 7 pm	Women's E/S/H			200.00	200.00
Orange	Tuesday 7 pm	Group # 712280	25.00			25.00
Orange	Tuesday 7 pm	Orange Tustin Group		18.00		18.00
Orange	Wednesday 7 pm	Easy Does It	90.00			90.00
Orange	Thursday 5:30 pm	Rush Hour	150.00			150.00
Orange	Thursday 7 pm	Men's	100.00			100.00
Orange	Thursday 7:30 pm	Men's BB Study	80.00			80.00
Orange	Friday 8 pm	No Puffers Speakers			100.00	100.00
Orange	no info	Friendship Club			60.00	60.00
Orange Co.	Friday 7 pm	Friday Nite Roaming Couples		210.00		210.00
Placentia	Sunday 8:30 am	Right Start		150.00	100.00	250.00
Placentia	Monday 6:30 pm	Beginners Sober Start	40.00	10.00	25.00	75.00
Placentia	Monday 7 pm	SASTO - Men's			55.00	55.00
Placentia	Monday 8 pm	Unmanagables			60.00	60.00
Placentia	Thursday 10:30 am	Women's Stepping Stones		100.00		100.00
Sunset Beach	Sunday 7:15 am	Sober On The Sand			100.00	100.00
Villa Park	Daily 7:30 am	Villa Park 24 Hour Group	157.84			157.84
Whittier	Sunday 8 pm	Step Study	20.00		20.00	40.00

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# Chattin With Cathy Happening at Central Office

We have some exciting new items here at North Orange County Central Office. We have the Big Book and the 12x12 on CD, great for commuting \$20.00 each. The thin large print Big Book (no stories) is \$8.00 and the new "Many Paths to Spirituality" pamphlet recently put out by World Services. And we now carry sobriety keychains for \$7.00. All of these items are in addition to our regular inventory. Please stop by and check us out.

**EVENTS:** We have fundraisers to help supplement the costs of our office. As you know, our phones are answered 24 hours a day / 7 days a week and our office is opened 7 days a week.

We are here for the next suffering alcoholic. Our fundraising efforts have had an added bonus of the camaraderie of our fellowship. We are not a glum LOT!

**AA's 80th BIRTHDAY:** A blowout 80th Birthday/Founders Day Chili Cook off Picnic will be held June 14th from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, at **Yorba Regional Park - A NEW LOCATION!** In addition to the chili cook-off con-

test we will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers, there will be games for kids, a 50/50 drawing, etc. We have a great location in the park; this will be an awesome event. Please come and join us.

**2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2 – 5, 2015, information available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website @ [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), click on the 2015 International Convention logo.

**ANNUAL OLD-TIMERS/LONG-TIMERS** Dinner will be August 15th. Stay tuned for more details.

We have fliers for many upcoming AA events, please stop by our office and pick up some flyers, good way to know what is happening in your local AA Community, Southern California and beyond. If your meeting does not have an intergroup rep, and you are looking for a commitment this is a nice way to give back, and it's only one night a month for an hour or so.

**75th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS \$12+ tax:** Come on in and purchase one of these

beautiful limited edition books, they will only be in print until the 2015 International Convention.

**MEETING/GROUP DONATIONS:**

Your group contributions help to ensure that our phones are answered 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week. Monthly donation spreadsheets are uploaded to our website @ [www.aanoc.com](http://www.aanoc.com) as well as posted in our AA Times Newsletters. If your group donation is not posted, email me at [officemanager@aanoc.com](mailto:officemanager@aanoc.com). We have pre-printed donation coupons with self-addressed envelopes for your convenience.

**FAITHFUL 5'ER / BIRTHDAY / INDIVIDUAL / IN MEMORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS:** If you would like to join our Faithful 5'er Club, please be sure to fill out a coupon and mail in the self-addressed envelope. 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.

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

In gratitude,

*Cathy*

## January-March 2015 Meeting Donations ... From Page 7

City	Day/Time	Meeting	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Total
Whittier	Monday 7 pm	As Bill See's It			50.00	50.00
Whittier	Tuesday 7 pm	No Nonsense 12 x 12	75.00			75.00
Whittier	Thursday 6:30 pm	AA Happy Hour BB			84.12	84.12
Whittier	Friday 7 pm	Big Book Study			40.00	40.00
Whittier	Saturday 10:30 am	Women's Acceptance	75.00		62.50	137.50
Whittier	Saturday 7:30 pm	Saturday Nite Speaker	30.00	30.00	30.00	90.00
Yorba Linda	Daily 6 am	Attitude Modification	517.80	834.60	608.03	1,960.43
Yorba Linda	Tuesday 7:30 pm	YL Closed Women's		70.00		70.00
Yorba Linda	Tuesday 8 pm	Ohio Street Winners	119.00		175.00	294.00

City	Day/Time	Meeting	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Total
Yorba Linda	Wednesday 12 pm	Noontimers			192.50	192.50
Yorba Linda	Wednesday 7 pm	Women's Big Book Study	165.00		180.00	345.00
Yorba Linda	Thursday 7:30 pm	YL Participation	40.00			40.00
Yorba Linda	Friday 12 pm	Daily Reflections	81.61			81.61
???	no info	???	98.00			98.00
???	no info	???	81.00			81.00
		<b>TOTAL GROUPS:</b>	<b>4,123.65</b>	<b>3,172.66</b>	<b>3,701.40</b>	<b>10,997.71</b>



## SPEAKER MEETINGS: May/June 2015

Anonymous Times would like to publish your list of speakers for May/June 2015.  
Deadline for publication is June 15, 2015. 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 1 Wendi T., Aliso Viejo  
May 8 Larry., J., Fullerton  
May 15 Sina A., Sacramento  
May 22 Hiro S., Long Beach  
May 29 Reggie P., Fullerton  
June 5 Ryan M., Yorba Linda  
June 12 Jeff M., Fullerton  
June 19 Mike R., Palm Spring  
June 26 Marea K., Anaheim  
July 3 Ana A., Fullerton  
July 10 Brett S., Huntington Beach  
July 17 Ruby M., Bellflower  
July 24 Jessie C., Covina  
July 31 Pete B., Torrance

Friday  
8 p.m.  
La Habra Speaker  
631 North Euclid St., La Habra, CA  
May 1 Elaine G., Costa Mesa  
May 8 Phil C., Huntington Beach  
May 15 Bobby  
May 22 Danny B., Brea  
May 29 TBA  
June 5 Adam T., Hollywood  
June 12 LeAnne H., Anaheim  
June 19 Revo, Long Beach  
June 26 Patti O., Mission Viejo

Friday  
8 p.m.  
Friday Night No Puffers  
Community of Christ Church  
395 S. Tustin, Tustin

Saturday  
8 p.m.  
Liverpool Speaker  
4861 Liverpool @ Yorba Linda Blvd  
May 2 Johnathon M., San Pedro  
May 9 Jim H.  
May 16 BooBoo G., San Pedro  
May 23 Jimmy D., Malibu  
May 30 Pat. O., Mission Viejo

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 3 Chris H., Anaheim  
May 10 Cathy M., Fullerton  
May 17 Tawnya G., Costa Mesa  
May 24 Lupe M  
May 31 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY  
June 7 Honey T., Newport Beach  
June 14 Linda P., Lake Balboa  
June 21 Doug R., Tujunga  
June 28 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY  
July 5 T B D  
July 12 Cathy O., Santa Clarita  
July 19 Bill C., Hermosa Beach  
July 26 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

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

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

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



**to include meetings, we need your  
speaker lists by June 15, 2015.**

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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 clap-board 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.

## Heard in an A.A. meeting

I have only two kinds of days now that I am sober: good days and great days.

A good day is when everything is going my way – and I'm not drinking.

A great day is when nothing is going my way – and I'm not drinking.

## Have you heard this one?

A drunk was in front of a judge.

The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking."

The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

## AA International Convention to be July 2-5 in Atlanta, GA

"80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free" is the theme of the 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous to be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year with Big Meetings held Friday night, Sat-

urday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels.

Information about registering for the 2015 International Convention can be found at <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/ICAA075/attendee/landing.asp>.

For more information, visit the AA World Services site at <http://www.aa.org>.

# Captured Quips from California Jack

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

*From the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, pg 63 ". . . as we became aware of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow, or the hereafter. We were reborn."*

"I think God doesn't want everything to go real smooth because if it did, He'd never hear from us." Mike S.

"As I started doing this my God got bigger." Laura

"Thank God for God." Mario O.

"Back in the day the only reason I'd get on my knees was to look for my stash." Unk.

"Early sobriety makes me feel like a peeled grape rolling around on broken glass." Sean

"Put God in your head before you get there." Red Jerry

"If I keep God in one hand and AA in the other, it makes picking up a drink pretty hard." PA Al.

"When your life is up to nothing God is up to something." Rudy

"Wear the world as a loose garment? I feel like I've been wearing it like a wet suit that's 10 sizes too small." Lisa at 30 days

"Morning's first prayer: "God, Please get in my head before I do." Steven B.

"I'm convinced that I've been given the gift of desperation." Laura

"You may not know what God's will is but you sure know when you're not doing it." Reggie P.

"I pray for my ex. I ask God to give him some peace, or happiness, or a brain." Cambria in Yuma

"God answers my prayers as soon as I'm ready to accept the answer." John N

"I'm not going to change my life. I'm going to do these things and God's going to change my life." Roxanne

***And just for fun: - - - REMEMBER-***

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off!

*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)*

## About AA

### Excerpt from AA Newsletter for Professionals

*The following is excerpted from a publication, About AA, which is published by AA General Services Office and posted online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Its aim is to inform professionals of all types who deal with alcoholics.*

#### Keeping It Simple

Another lesson learned early on by

A.A.'s pioneering members revolved around questions of property, prestige, and determination of just what it was that A.A. was good at. Prompted by a number of enterprising members, the fledgling Fellowship entertained a few notable experiments that mixed A.A. groups with alcohol education, treatment and hospitalization, as some early A.A.s got together to start an alcoholism treatment center — "a kind of pilot plant A.A. groups could duplicate

everywhere," notes the text of A.A.'s Tradition Four.

"When we had agreed that the Twelfth Step couldn't be sold for money, we had been wise," says Tradition Eight. "But when we had declared that our Fellowship couldn't hire service workers nor could any A.A. member carry our knowledge into other fields, we were taking the counsel of fear, fear which today has been largely dispelled in the light of experience."

(Editor's note: There is an abundance of information, including downloadable pamphlets, available at the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services online <http://www.aa.org>.

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**Fundraiser for NOCCO**

More info call 714.773.4357 or  
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# 5th ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC & CHILI COOK OFF

## AA's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Yorba Regional Park**

7600 E. La Palma Anaheim, CA 92807 (714)973-6615 or (714)973-6838 yorbapark@ocparks.com.  
(\$5.00 per car parking fee at park ~ carpool) (Free parking on street)

**Serving Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**  
picnic donation only

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

**Prizes for best chili, honorary mentions and more**

(\$5.00 for chili taste off / judging)

**CHILI BY GROUPS**

**\$25.00 TO REGISTER YOUR GROUP/TEAM**

[registration form below](#)

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name, Address, City, Day, Time

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

email or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (cash, check, money order or credit card)

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