

# ❖ Anonymous Times ❖

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## HOW AN OLD TIMER GREETES A NEWCOMER



His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for the past four years of life. He is brilliant; kind of profound and very, very bright. He became an alcoholic while attending college. Things have only gone down hill since.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative A.A. club. They want to develop a meeting for the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The meeting has already started and so Bill starts looking around the room for a seat. The room is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, the well-dressed people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the front of the room, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

About this time, the evening's speaker realizes that from way at the back of the meeting, an "old timer" is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the "old timer" is in his eighties, and has silver-gray hair and a three-piece suit. A spiritual man - very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane as he starts walking toward this boy. Everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

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## CENTRAL OFFICE NEEDS YOU!

**Are you looking for a rewarding service commitment?**

Consider a volunteer position at Central Office. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the office and essential tools in maintaining the machinery of A.A. in North Orange County. The work is also an essential part of your Twelfth Step-carrying the message of A.A. to other alcoholics.

To learn more about this commitment call Roxy at 714-773-4357. Six months sobriety is required.

**Remember...to keep it you gotta give it away!**

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## Tradition Eight Quote

FROM "THE 12&12" (PG. 166)

***"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."***

*Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few A.A.'s have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee.*

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# Year-to-Date Donations (through July 2007)

Thank you for supporting YOUR Central Office!

AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	YTD	AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	YTD
Anaheim	6:30pmWed	Victor House Men	100	La Habra	Thurs.8pm	Participation	60
Anaheim	6:30pm Fri.	Gratitude is action	594	La Habra	Tuesday 8pm	Discussion	60
Anaheim	Fri. 8pm	202 W Broadway	59.96	La Habra	Womens 8pm	Open Discussion	85
Anaheim	Mo 7:30 PM	12 & 12 Oasis	100	Yorba Linda	Thurs.8pm	119601	160
Anaheim	Mo 8:30 PM	Big Book Study Group	100	LaHabra	Mon.730pm	Fireside Greenwood M.	200
Anaheim	Serenity Hall	Just for Today	70	Los Alamitos	Wednesday 7pm	Girls night out	50
Anaheim	Sunday	Western Medical Am	200	Los Alamitos	Saturday	Sat. Night Lite	500
Anaheim	Womens 6&7	Tuesday 630pm	158	Los Alamitos	ALL	Surrender is Freedom	711
Anaheim	Thurs. 7:30pm	Oasis Big Book	221.33	Los Alamitos	Thurs 7 pm	Cover to Cover	68
Anaheim	Wed.7:30pm	Easy Does It	100	Los Alamitos	Sun. 6pm	Big Book Study	60
Anaheim Hills	Fr 8:00 PM	couples Group	60	NOCCO	Central Office	Memory Kendra	30
Anaheim Hills	Fri. Kaiser	Y.P. Discussion	206	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Five Jill	30
Anaheim Hills	Mon. Night	Experience, Strength, Hope	151	NOCCO	Central Office	B-Day Norma L	34
Anaheim Hills	Monday 7:00pm	K aiser Women's Myg.	87	NOCCO	Central Office	Grama Jean P.	22
Anaheim Hills	Sa 6:00 PM	Winner's Circle	360	NOCCO	Central Office	Grama Jean P. Big John	50
Anaheim Hills	Sa 8:30 AM	It's In The Book	326	NOCCO	Central Office	B-Day Frank & Sandy	36
Anaheim Hills	Th 7:00 PM	Women's Solution	117.2	NOCCO	Central Office	Audrey L	20
Anaheim Hills	Tu 7:30 PM	Women's Big Book & Step	84.43	NOCCO	Central Office	Anonymous	5,131.00
Anaheim Hills	Wed.730pm	Big Book Study	130	NOCCO	Central Office	Lou H	61
Brea	Tues 530pm	Mens Stag	323	NOCCO	Central Office	Jim L & Bill E	50
Brea	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study	35	NOCCO	Central Office	Bud S	60
Brea	Mo 10:00 AM	Women's Discussion	239.5	NOCCO	Central Office	Jim D B-Day	50
Brea	Mo 5:30 PM	Happy Hour Step Study	78.75	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers Colleen B	125
Brea	Mon. Nite	Big Book Workshop	250	NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fiver Julie L	60
Brea	Sa 10:30 AM	Women's Step Study	370	NOCCO	Central Office	Soda Coffee	146
Brea	Th 5:30 PM	Living in the Solution	100	NOCCO	Central Office	Telephone Calls	31
Brea	Tu 5:30 PM	Women's 10th Step	105	NOCCO	Central Office	INTERGROUP	269.95
Brea	Tues. 8:00pm	Step Study	31.5	Orange	Central Office	SOBERFEST	4,000.00
Brea	Wednesday 630pm	Daily Reflections	180	Orange	Fr 7:30 PM	T.G.I.F., Friendship Club	120
Fullerton	Thurs.8pm	Kitchen Table Meeting	110	Orange	Group 660951	Kevin O.	140
Buena Park	Couples	Couples Group	70	Orange	Mon.630am	Taking Care of Business	90
Cerritos	11th step	Sunday 6-7pm	60	Orange	Sa 7:00 PM	Not a Glum Lot	180
Corona Del Mar	Friday Nite	Rebels	297.5	Orange	Sun Attit.Adj	830am Orange Olive	240
Costa Mesa	AAOCYPA	2&4th Monday	42	Orange	Friday noon	Freindship Club	258
Cypress	Big Book Study	Tuesday 7:30pm	240	Orange	Tuesday	8pm Hartpark Newcomer	50
Cypress	5-6pm	Sun. Happy Hour	150	Orange	Thu630am	Friendship Club	105
Cypress	Tues.730pm	Big Book Study	175	Orange	Tu 7:00 PM	Walnut TustinCl.Disc.	333
Cypress	Fri. 8pm	Lunatic	740	Orange	Tu. 6:30am	Doughnut Meeting	215
Cypress	Tu 5:30 PM	Happy Hour BB Study	120	Orange	Wed.7pm	Easy Does It	170
Fullerton	daily6:00AM	Att.Adjt.FAC	428	Placentia	Monday oon 12&12	Freindship Club	100
Fullerton	FAC WED.200pm	Women's Coffee Talk	140	Placentia	Mo 6:30 PM	Beginners' Sober Start	180
Fullerton	Fr 8:00 PM	St. Jude Speaker	550	Placentia	Su 7:30 PM	Sunday Nite Bradford	266
Fullerton	7pm Tues.	FAC Participation	56	Placentia	Su AM	Right Start	210
Fullerton	Fri 8:30pm	Valencia mesa 12-12	72	Placentia	Tu 7:00 PM	Palm Ladies 12 x 12	55
Fullerton	Fri. 6pm	Singles 4 Sobriety	60	Placentia	Wed 7:00 pm	Palm Ladies Big Bk Study	218.4
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	Kats on the roof	48	Placentia	Tu 8:00 PM	Bradford Discussion	120
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	Men's Stag	50	Santa Ana	7:00	Tues. Drunks R Us	50
Fullerton	Mo 6:30 PM	Women Living in Solution	282.7	Seal Beach	7pm Tues.	Drunks R Us	50
Fullerton	Mon.730pm	Freedom Meeting Place	50	Whittier	Su 7:00 PM	11th Step Meeting	89
Fullerton	Sa 6:00 PM	Sat Night Live	306.92	Whittier	Fri.7-8pm	Big Book Study	25
Fullerton	Sa 9:30 AM	Feelings-Fullerton Alano	25	Whittier	Friday7:00am	Attitude Adjustment	17
Fullerton	Su 10:30 AM	Speaker Alano	70	Whittier	Saturday 730pm	Shepard of the Hills Spk	25
Fullerton	Th 6:00 PM	Men's Stag	20	Whittier	Mo 7:00 PM	As Bill Sees It	35
Fullerton	Th 7:30 PM	Women's Closed BB St	66	Whittier	Sat. 10:30 am	Women's Acceptance	50
Fullerton	Th 8:00 PM	Women's KISS	295.11	Whittier	Sa 8:00 AM	12 x 12 Group	25
Fullerton	Thurs 8:00pm	Men's Stag	250	Whittier	Sunday7am	AA Golden Key	125
Fullerton0	Thursday 600pm	Womens FAC	75	Whittier	Thursday 8pm	The Den	20
Fullerton	Tu 1:30pm	Womens mtng	42	Whittier	Tue.No Nonsense	12&12 Whittier	25
Fullerton	Tu 6:30 AM	Val Mesa Big Book	96	Whittier	Tu 7:00 AM	Attitude Adjustment	40
Fullerton	We 8:00 PM	FAC Speaker Mtg.8pm	37.1	Whittier	Wed. 7pm	Women's Winner Meeting	65
La Habra	Fr 8:00 PM	Friday Nite Speaker	65	Whittier	Wed.630pm	Happy Hour Big Book	87.5
La Habra	Fri. 8pm	Beginners Basic	625	Yorba Linda	Wednesday night	Shepard of the Hills Particip	18
La Habra	M-F 6:30 AM	Topic Discussion	80	Yorba Linda	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification	2,957.10
La Habra	Sun.10:30am	Participation Meeting	75	Yorba Linda	Fr 5:30 PM	Happy Hour Big Book	80
La Habra	Sat. 800pm	Participation Meeting	235	Yorba Linda	Mo 12:00 PM	Nooners	60
La Habra	Sun.7pm	Sober Sunday	30	Yorba Linda	Mo 7:30 PM	Monday Nite Book Study	180
La Habra	Tu 8:00 PM	Participation	60	Yorba Linda	Mo 8:00 PM	Yorba Linda Lutheran Ch.	240
La Habra	We 7:30 PM	Women's Participation	30	Yorba Linda	SatNite	8:00pm Speaker	100
La Habra	Wed.730pm	Men's Stag	40	Yorba Linda	Th 7:30 PM	Serenity Seekers	40
La Mirada	Tues.8pm	Winners Circle	20	Yorba Linda	Thurs 8:00pm	Discussion-Presb. Ch.	360
La Palma	Friday	Big Book Group	70	Yorba Linda	Tu PM	Rose Dr. Bapist Womens	215
La Palma	Wed.8pm	Sobriety First	105	Yorba Linda	YP Wed. 8:00pm	Topic Discussion	65
La Palma	Sun. 6 PM	Disaster Group LP Hosp.	100	Yorba Linda	10:00am	Womens Tuesday	65
La Mirada	Mens	Big Book Study	16	Yorba Linda	We 12:00 PM	Noontimers	285
La Habra	Sunday 10:30	LaHabra Sun 10:30 AM	325				

## JUNE/JULY 2007 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:**  
1111 Commonwealth, Suites C&D, Fullerton, CA 92831
- ♥ **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 June and July Central Office took **1,360 calls:**

**764 from men and  
596 from women.**

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



### North Orange County Central Office Revenue and Expense Report thru July 2007

Revenue .....	Thru July 2007	Thru July 2006
Sales - AA Books and Literature.....	\$23,694.60	\$23,748.82
Sales - Chips and Non-AA.....	\$17,844.10	\$18,925.87
Donations- Groups and Individuals .....	\$38,643.83	\$34,043.18
Fundraisers.....	\$4,000.00	\$2,200.00
Interest .....	\$17.93	\$670.80
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$84,200.46</b>	<b>\$79,588.67</b>
Cost of Goods.....	\$30,578.70	\$26,780.19
Gross Profit .....	\$53,621.76	\$52,808.48
<b>Operating Expenses .....</b>		
Salaries.....	\$22,880.00	\$22,880.00
Bank Charges.....	\$35.00	\$33.00
Bad Checks.....	\$19.40	\$0.00
Computer Expenses.....	\$1,228.61	\$49.99
Depreciation .....	\$599.03	\$432.90
Dues & Subscriptions.....	\$0.00	\$80.00
Insurance - General Liability .....	\$103.18	\$0.00
Insurance - Work Comp.....	\$328.78	\$1,145.36
Insurance - Medical .....	\$1,575.00	\$1,138.88
Legal & Accounting .....	\$1,225.00	\$1,125.00
Newsletter Cost.....	\$1,480.50	\$1,939.52
Office Supplies.....	\$1,791.85	\$1,361.52
Office Rent .....	\$9,111.73	\$5,880.00
Equipment Rental.....	\$1,024.77	\$175.21
Relocation Expense .....	\$770.00	\$0.00
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$490.20	\$174.95
Seminars & Education.....	\$735.60	\$724.40
Taxes- Payroll.....	\$1,862.29	\$1,897.70
Taxes- Annual Filings .....	\$60.00	\$80.00
Telephone.....	\$2,708.29	\$1,828.12
Utilities.....	\$977.40	\$299.06
<b>Total Operating Expense.....</b>	<b>\$49,006.63</b>	<b>\$41,245.61</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss) .....</b>	<b>\$4,615.13</b>	<b>\$11,562.87</b>

AREA	DAY & TIME	MEETING NAME	JUNE	JULY
Anaheim	6:30pmWed	Victor House Men		100
Anaheim	6:30pm Fri.	Gratitude is action	253	
Anaheim	Sunday	Western Medical Am		200
Anaheim	Womens 6&7	Tuesday 630pm	34	
Anaheim	Wed.7:30pm	Easy Does It	100	
Anaheim Hills	Fri. Kaiser	Y.P. Discussion	156	50
Anaheim Hills	Mon. Night	Experience, Strength, Hope	70	70
Anaheim Hills	Monday 7:00pm	Kaiser Women's Myg.		87
Anaheim Hills	Sa 6:00 PM	Winner's Circle	120	
Anaheim Hills	Sa 8:30 AM	It's In The Book	72	72
Anaheim Hills	Th 7:00 PM	Women's Solution		50
Anaheim Hills	Tu 7:30 PM	Women's Big Book & Step	50	
Brea	Tues 530pm	Mens Stag	132	
Brea	Mo 5:30 PM	Happy Hour Step study		78.75
Brea	Mon. Nite	Big Book Workshop	250	
Brea	Sa 10:30 AM	Women's Step Study		80
Brea	Tu 5:30 PM	Women's 10th Step	105	
Brea	Tues. 8:00pm	Step Study	31.5	
Brea	Wednesday 630pm	Daily Reflections		80
Fullerton	Thurs.8pm	Kitchen Table Meeting	30	
Corona Del Mar	Friday Nite	Rebels		297.5
Costa Mesa	AAOCYPA	2&4th Monday		42
Cypress	Big Book Study	Tuesday 7:30pm	60	
Cypress	5-6pm	Sun. Happy Hour	90	50
Cypress	Fri. 8pm	Lunatic	100	200
Fullerton	FAC WED.200pm	Women's Coffee Talk	35	
Fullerton	Fr 8:00 PM	St. Jude Speaker	200	
Fullerton	7pm Tues.	FAC Participation	36	
Fullerton	Fri 8:30pm	Valencia mesa 12-12	36	
Fullerton	Fri. 6pm	Singles 4 Sobriety	35	
Fullerton	Mo 6:00 PM	Kats on the roof		17
Fullerton	Mo 6:30 PM	Women Living in the Solution	60	60
Fullerton	Sa 6:00 PM	Sat Night Live	52.5	53
Fullerton	Th 6:00 PM	Men's Stag	20	
Fullerton	Th 7:30 PM	Women's Closed BB Study	66	
Fullerton	Th 8:00 PM	Women's KISS	36	37.44
Fullerton	Thurs 8:00pm	Men's Stag	50	
Fullerton0	Thursday 600pm	Womens FAC	25	20
Fullerton	Tu 6:30 AM	Val Mesa Big Book	36	
La Habra	Fr 8:00 PM	Friday Nite Speaker	35	30
La Habra	Fri. 8pm	Beginners Basic	100	225
La Habra	M-F 6:30 AM	Topic Discussion		80
La Habra	Sat. 800pm	Participation Meeting	40	35
La Habra	We 7:30 PM	Women's Participation	30	
La Habra	Wed.730pm	Men's Stag	40	
La Mirada	Tues.8pm	Winners Circle	20	
La Mirada	Mens	Big Book Study	16	
La Habra	Sunday 10:30	LaHabra Sunday 10:30		75
La Habra	Womens 8pm	Open Discussion	25	25
LaHabra	Mon.730pm	Fireside Greenwood M.		100
Los Alamitos	Saturday	Sat. Night Lite		200
Los Alamitos	ALL	Surrender is Freedom	120	87
Los Alamitos	Thurs Nite 7pm	Cover to Cover		18
Los Alamitos	Sun. 6pm	Big Book Study		30
NOCCO	Central Office	Memory Kendra		30
NOCCO	Central Office	Gram Jean P.	22	
NOCCO	Central Office	Gram Jean P. Big John	50	
NOCCO	Central Office	Anonymous	50	81
NOCCO	Central Office	Jim L. & Bill E		50
NOCCO	Central Office	Bud S	10	10
NOCCO	Central Office	Faithful Fivers Colleen B	50	25
NOCCO	Central Office	Soda Coffee	28	25
NOCCO	Central Office	Telephone Calls		15
NOCCO	Central Office	INTERGROUP	47	37
Orange	Mon.630am	Taking Care of Business	20	
Orange	Sa 7:00 PM	Not a Glum Lot		60
Orange	Thu630am	Friendship Club		105
Orange	Tu 7:00 PM	Walnut Tustin Cl. Disc.		108
Orange	Tu. 6:30am	Doughnut Meeting	140	
Orange	Wed.7pm	Easy Does It	70	
Placentia	Monday Noon 12&12	Freindship Club	100	
Placentia	Mo 6:30 PM	Beginners' Sober Start		60
Placentia	Su AM	Right Start		70
Placentia	Wed 7:00 pm	Palm Ladies Big Bk Study	66	
Placentia	Tu 8:00 PM	Bradford Discussion	60	
Whittier	Friday7:00am	Attitude Adjustment		17
Whittier	Thursday 8pm	The Den		20
Whittier	Wed. 7pm	Women's Winner Meeting		35
Yorba Linda	ALL 6:00 AM	Attitude Modification	650.7	864
Yorba Linda	Mo 8:00 PM	Yorba Linda Lutheran Ch.	60	60
Yorba Linda	Tu PM	Rose Dr. Baptist Womens		70
Yorba Linda	YP Wed. 8:00pm	Topic Discussion	65	
Yorba Linda	We 12:00 PM	Noontimers		120



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Looking for something to do?

Here are some upcoming events that might be of interest.

### Kernville Soberfest

The 19th Annual Soberfest will be held at Frandy Park Campground in Kernville, CA September 28-20, 2007. Share sobriety, serenity and clean mountain air. There will be guest speakers, welcome party, meetings, games and so much more. For more information, log on to [www.krva.com](http://www.krva.com)

### Ventura Co. AA Convention

The Ventura County Alcoholics Anonymous Convention is coming to Westlake Village, CA September 7-9, 2007. Attend speaker and marathon meetings, a golf tournament, AA trivia, a country store and a silent auction. Don't miss out on a great weekend! For registration forms and information, log on to [www.vcaa.org](http://www.vcaa.org).

### Santa Clarita Valley AA Convention

The Fourth Annual Santa Clarita Valley Convention of AA will be held October 19-21, 2007. This year's theme is "Searching and Fearless". Come and join the celebration of sobriety at the Hyatt Valencia and Santa Clarita Conference Center. Go to [www.scvaaconvention.org](http://www.scvaaconvention.org) for more information or call (661) 310-0384.

### Hawaii Convention

The 46th Annual Hawaii Convention will be held November 1-4, 2007. You must be registered to attend and no refunds after October 1. Get all the information about registration at [hconv-secretary@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:hconv-secretary@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 545-7112.



### LONGTIMER'S PANEL MEETING

AT THE 49TH ICYPAA

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST**  
**4-6PM DOWNTOWN L.A.**

SCHEDULED TO SPEAK

Joan S., *San Diego*, 50 yrs

Harry H., *Oceanside*, 52 yrs

Herb K., *South L.A.*, 52 yrs

Marty M., *North Hollywood*, 53 yrs

Verna B., *Pico Rivera*, 56 yrs

Lou H., *Placentia*, 61 yrs

THE 49th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS • AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2, 2007  
BONAVENTURE HOTEL, 404 S. FIGUEROA, LOS ANGELES  
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## 2008

### 23rd Annual Orange County Convention March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd 2008 Open Planning Meetings

At the Roque Center  
Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. on the  
third Wednesday of the month

August 15th, 2007

September 19th, 2007

October 17th, 2007

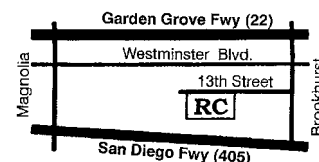
November 21st, 2007

December 19th, 2007

January 16th, 2008

February 20th, 2008

March 19th, 2008  
(walk-through at Hilton)



# BIRTHDAY DONATIONS



Tanny T. 9/10/83  
 Fred M. 8/16/74  
 Jan W. 8/19/91

**In Memory of:**

Jim L. & Bill E.: \$25 each from Connie C.  
 Walter C.: \$50 from Sandra C.  
 Kendra: \$30 from Constance B.

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

## 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 pre-paid and require one week for delivery. Please plan accordingly.

## 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, 133 West Chapman Suite C, Fullerton, CA 92832

## 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 261 N. Glassell @ Chapman  
 (The Ugly Mug)

**Monday**

Irvine 7:30 pm Wild Bunch Men's Step Study  
 5001 Newport Coast Dr Mariners  
 Church (Port Kid Zone room)

**Tuesday**

Anaheim Hills 7:30 pm Step Study/Kaiser Lakeview-Bsmt  
 Capistrano Beach 7:30 pm Campfire Beach Meeting  
 (Summer), Doherty State Beach@  
 Lifeguard Tower #6  
 (March thru November)  
 (Womter) 34451 Ensenada Pl. @  
 D.P. Harbor Dr.-Boat House  
 (December thru February)

**Wednesday**

Irvine 7:30 pm Wild Bunch Beginner Q&A  
 18842 Teller Avenue @ Campus  
 (New Song Church).  
 Newport Beach 8:30 pm Topic Discussion, 414 E. 32nd St.  
 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-411 Lakeview Ave. @ 91 Fwy.  
 (Medical Bldg., Basement, Room # B-4)  
 Huntington Bch 7:00 pm Seacliff, 225 7th St., Garage #1  
 @ Olive  
 Irvine 7:30 pm Boys in Sobriety,  
 4400 Barranca & Culver  
 Anaheim Hills 8:00 pm Discussion, Kaiser Lakeview, Bsmt.

**Saturday**

Rancho Santa Margarita 7:30 pm RSM 1 Hour Discussion  
 30322 Via Con Dios (Church)

## SUBSCRIPTIONS/GIFTS

Treat yourself or a friend to the A. T. for only \$6.00 a year!  
 Send us your name and address:

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

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

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this along with \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ subscriptions at \$6.00 per year to:

**ANONYMOUS TIMES:** 1111 COMMONWEALTH, SUITE D • FULLERTON, CA 92831 • Phone: 714-773-4357

**Note: Group subscriptions available-call Central Office for more info.**

## Summer Sunstroke Adventure

By Barbara C.

(sobriety date: 12-01-92)

Drunk and in a blackout from the night before, I decided to take a trip. I called it an adventure. A few simple things in my purse, I was ready. I drank a six pack of beer, then stood on the corner, thumb out, awaiting my first ride. Some hours later I found myself walking down the highway, dehydrated, sunburned, thirsty and hungry. Summer sunstroke adventure was my travel. Desert was all around. It was noon. The reality of this nightmare set in. Why was I here and how would I get home? I felt I would collapse. I knew I was going to die here and no one cared.

An old man in a truck stopped on the side of the road. He gave me a ride and something to drink. We stopped where I could rest and get something to eat. He drove me to the bus station and paid my fare. That old man saved my life. The bottle almost took it.

I made it safely home and never took a ride again. I still drank. I didn't have a problem. Denial I was in. I just didn't put my adventures together with alcohol. Now I'm sober. I know the danger of alcohol with me today. Never will this happen again as long as I don't romance the bottle. So I don't.

### 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.  
NOCCO, 1111 E. Commonwealth, Ste. D, Fullerton  
For information call Brian K. (714) 658-4581

## Remembering Mr. Bill

We all remember the story of Bill Wilson's last conversation with Dr. Bob just a few days before Bob passed away. Their conversation focused on the principles of our program of Alcoholics Anonymous. "Keep it simple", "Easy does it" and, most importantly, "Pass it on" were the last few words spoken between our two founders.

I met Bill E. over 20 years ago at a meeting in Placentia. He impressed me with his command of the English language and how he articulated his message of experience, strength and hope. We became good friends and attended hundreds of meetings together over the years.

Over the years my wife Bonnie, Bill and his wife Barbara became friends. We had the opportunity to attend conferences in Hawaii, Canada, Boston and other places with them along with other AA and Al-Anon couples. Bill and Barbara demonstrated through their actions towards each other how this program can repair and restore a marriage and become a blessing.

Bill was always very firm yet loving with me. He told me what I needed to hear and not what I wanted to hear. His message of living two lives in one lifetime, one life filled with pain, addiction and regret and his second life filled with sobriety, service, and blessings. This message will resonate in meetings forever.

Bill suffered over the past year with cancer. He fought the battle with dignity and with honor. As his health deteriorated he maintained a positive and uplifting attitude. I asked Bill, as we carried him into a meeting one night, "Bill, how do you maintain such a great attitude?" His reply: "Brad, AA has taught me how to live and is now teaching me how to die with dignity." I was speechless.

One night a few weeks before Bill passed, several of his close friends had a meeting in Bill's hospital room. When we arrived, Bill was lying in his bed in the fetal position, barely conscious. I had the privilege of opening the meeting and as I began to read the preamble, Bill opened his eyes and looked at me and smiled. During the course of this meeting Bill sat up in his bed, was alert and responsive. He participated verbally and with his gestures. At the end of our meeting Bill was tired but relaxed, with a bright smile beaming from ear to ear.

As it was with Bill W. and Dr. Bob, the process of recovery continues even during the last moments of our life here on earth. AA's simple yet life-saving message of hope, recovery, fellowship and carrying the message is a miracle derived from a Power greater than ourselves.

Thank you Bill and Barbara E. for your example and your blessings; and Bill, rest assured your message will be passed on to the alcoholic still suffering one day at a time.

*Karate Brad W.*

## SPEAKER MEETINGS: September/October 2007 DON'T MISS THESE!!!

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

### Friday **Dreams Come True - Fullerton**

7:30 pm  
109 E Wilshire, Fullerton  
First Christian Church  
9-07 David D - Chatsworth  
9-14 Dick J.  
9-21 Emmett D - Los Angeles  
9-28 Maria O - Baldwin Park  
10-05 Al R.  
10-12 Lee C - Santa Maria  
10-19 Steve C - Chula Vista  
10-26 Bea J - Lakeview Terrace  
11-02 John A - Laguna Woods

### Friday **St. Jude Speaker-Fullerton**

8:00 p.m.  
St. Jude Hospital, Erickson Building  
101 E. Valencia-Mesa  
9-07 Tammy T - San Clemente  
9-14 Bob B - Chino Hills  
9-21 Matthew M - Long Beach  
9-28 Steve F - Whittier  
10-05 Heather VH - Rossmoor  
10-12 Alex V - El Monte  
10-19 Gloria V - El Monte  
10-26 Duane I - Placentia

### Friday **La Habra Speaker Meeting**

8:00 p.m.  
631 N. Euclid, La Habra  
(Church, 1 block south of Whittier Blvd);  
9-07 Barbara F - Long Beach  
9-14 Ron S - Huntington Beach  
9-21 Bob Z - Norwalk  
9-28 Dave W - Anaheim  
10-05 "Tree House Dave" - Chatsworth  
10-12 Linda P - Lake Los Angeles  
10-19 Pending  
10-26 Pending

### Saturday **Oddfellows Speaker - Fullerton**

8:00 p.m.  
109 E Wilshire, Fullerton  
First Christian Church  
9-01 Teresa P - Anaheim  
9-08 Gina - Long Beach  
9-15 Harold F - Hemet  
9-22 Mac - Temecula  
9-29 Michael J. Riverside  
10-06 Louis L - San Fernando Valley  
10-13 John B - Seal Beach  
10-20 Jim M - Hemet, Ca  
10-27 Jim S - Anaheim

### Saturday **"Liverpool Speaker" Yorba Linda**

8:00 p.m. 4861 Liverpool, Messiah Lutheran Church  
Yorba Linda  
9-01 Don M - Orange  
9-08 Jim C - La Habra  
9-15 Debi F - Running Springs  
9-22 Debbie H - Lakewood  
9-29 Maureen W - Yorba Linda  
10-06 Bubbles O - Fullerton  
10-13 Bill M - La Habra  
10-20 Whitney C - Yorba Linda  
10-27 Dennis M - Fullerton  
11-03 Peggy W - Anaheim Hills

### Sunday **Western Medical 24 Hr Speaker Mtg**

10:30 a.m. 1025 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim  
9-02 Farid  
9-09 George C  
9-16 Ernie C

### Sunday **Fireside Speaker Meeting**

8 p.m. Ehlers Community Center  
8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park Ca,90620  
9-02 John C - Los Angeles  
9-09 Hector E - Los Angeles  
9-16 Joy A - Seal Beach  
9-23 Denny S - Woodland Hills  
9-30 Joe W - La Cadia  
10-07 Pat Y - Pasadena  
10-14 Emmett D - Los Angeles  
10-21 Yvonne S - Los Angeles  
10-28 Jason M - Orange County



*Show up and hear  
the message of  
recovery!*

## TRADITION EIGHT

***“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”***



There will never be a professional class in A.A. Experience has taught us that money and spirituality do not mix, particularly when it comes to professionalism. Many believe that there are few cases in which recovery from alcoholism has been effected by even the world's best professionals. We accept, wholeheartedly, professionalism in other fields, but we also accept the fact that it does not work for us.

Often, suffering alcoholics turn a deaf ear to the person who is paid to deliver the message to them. We know, almost to a man, that helping another alcoholic must be based on a sincere desire to help and be helped. Speaking to another A.A. for money compromises the speaker, and has an adverse effect upon the potential member. For this reason, few of us have worked any of the steps for a fee.

Yet, in order for A.A. to function and survive, it became necessary to hire special workers for our service centers. Tons of books and A.A. literature had to be packaged and mailed and, in general, the business side of A.A. had to be kept in operation. This had to be done by people who were professionals in their respective fields. So A.A. hired special workers for our service centers and paid them well. A large percentage of our workers are not alcoholic.

The fear lurks in the hearts of many A.A.s that someday our name will be exploited for real cash. Perhaps the following quotation from our 12 and 12 will help put this fear to rest:

*“Our program is never to be paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire.”*

May it always be so.

## Traditions Checklist

From the AAGrapevine –  
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 Eight:** Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers

- ✓ Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
- ✓ When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
- ✓ Do I sometimes try to sound in A.A. like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On A.A. itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
- ✓ Do I make an effort to understand what A.A. employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
- ✓ In my own A.A. life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
- ✓ Have I paid enough attention to the book “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions”? To the pamphlet “A.A. Tradition-How it Developed”?

## 56TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 21ST THRU 23RD

### “The Keys To The Kingdom”

The 56th annual Southern California Convention will be held at the Anaheim Hyatt Regency Hotel in the heart of the Anaheim Resort Area. In addition to all the great meetings and speakers you have come to expect from the SCC, this year's program highlights include numerous Spanish speaking marathon meetings and a fabulous Latino Brunch for all! Our Native American members will host a speaker meeting and of course The Old Timers Meeting will definitely be an “E” Ticket ride! Children's events are in the works and of course, Al-Anon and Al-Ateen meetings galore. This year's Committee has planned the usual Golf Tournament and 5/10 K Runs. Tennis, Bowling, Fishing and a Paintball Tournament have been added. A Poker run for all sober Harley dudes and dudettes is also in the works and scheduled to end up at our very own AA game room/night club and the in-house STARBUCKS. The Saturday Night AA Banquet and Saturday noon Al-Anon Luncheon are reasonably priced and promise to be scrumptious! Rooms are going fast, so make your reservations in advance. The price of a Single room is \$119.00 per night. Upgrades are available at low convention rates. Your 2007 SCAAC planning committee encourages you to register early and sign up for the activities soon. Find us on the Web at WWW.AASOCAL.COM. See you in September!



## VERN'S STORY

I was raised on a farm in North Dakota. I have one younger brother and two older sisters. My mom and Dad were strict Christians. They did not believe in drinking, smoking or swearing. We knew nothing about drugs and did not cheat, lie, or steal. If we did, we got hit with a hand or a stick. None of my family or relatives drank.

It was very hard work on the farm. We had 1,000 or more cattle, about 15 horses, also dogs, cats, ducks, pigs, and sheep. We had a very large garden so we worked early in the morning, went to school and worked after school feeding and caring for the animals. The farm was not profitable so we never had much money to spend; we farmed over 3,000 acres of non-cash hat crop for feed.

I was introduced to drinking at high school parties, dances, sports games, and I know now that alcohol was beginning to be a problem. After high school, I got a classmate pregnant in a blackout. I didn't think the child was mine because the young lady dated other guys, so I denied it until the baby was born. Then I took a blood test that came out negative so the case was dropped by the welfare support system. When Angela was about eight years old, she began writing and calling me her dad. We may take a DNA test to see if she is really my daughter but so far I don't really know for sure. I love her like my daughter and she loves me the same way.

I married in North Dakota at age 27 and moved to Orange County. I finished school and worked in a factory for 35 years. My wife could not have kids so we adopted a baby girl. I was drinking quite a lot then. As the years went by my drinking got worse. I was drinking every night when I came home from work and I just could not stop. I had many hiding places for my booze so I never ran out. My wife filed for divorce in 1986. My daughter was 13 when they moved back to North Dakota. It was devastating to lose my family and marriage after 20 years.

I met a lady at church and we dated for a year and a half and married in Las Vegas. This was a horrible mistake because she was an alcoholic and we were drinking together. She dared me to get married; we were so drunk we barely were able to sign our marriage license. When we got to the Little White Chapel we were dressed in Levis and pullover shirts. We had pizza and dirt all over

ourselves. The other people there avoided us like we were skunks. We hung on to each other to keep from falling down drunk. We pretty much came home in a blackout.

Late one night on the way home from dinner, dancing and drinking, I almost hit a pedestrian. I was covering one eye to see the marks in the road and the next thing I knew I was home in my recliner.

I woke up about 5:00 a.m. and remembered almost hitting the pedestrian. I wondered who would take care of my mother if I had hit and killed him and ended up in prison. I came to realize that I could never stop drinking. I had gone to A.A. for 15 years and just could not stop. I went to the 12 steps about ten times and to no avail. I finally completely surrendered and I asked God to forgive me of all my shortcomings and if it be His will, to take away the desire to drink. And just like that I felt a warm tingling feeling go from the top of my head to the bottom of my toes. I said "Wow! What was that?" God took the desire to drink away that morning, August 15, 1997, and I have not had any desire to drink since.

I retired and got a divorce so now I have time to work the program by helping others, participating in meetings and volunteering. My mother moved into my home with Alzheimer's and I helped her until she passed away in 2001. It was an honor and pleasure for me to care for her. I was able to sit by her bed and be with her sober when she died and I am so thankful for that. My life is not great living alone with no family or relatives here but I have A.A. for my family. For me to drink is to die and I am forever grateful to A.A. for saving my life so I can help save others with great feelings of accomplishment. I can live a happy, joyous and free life in A.A. sobriety.



***She dared me to get married; we were so drunk we barely were able to sign our marriage license.***

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CENTRAL OFFICE 714-773-4357**

## Looking for a great way to be of service and participate in your own sobriety?

Join us at the North Orange County Central Office  
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**Saturday, October 13 at 10:00 A.M.**

Learn how to answer phones and carry the message of A.A. to the North OC Fellowship.

Everybody is welcome – current AND future volunteers alike.

Please show up – the Office Manager doesn't want to eat all the donuts by herself!

For more information call Roxy at 714-773-4357.

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### What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who pledge at least \$5.00 each month toward the support of their local Central Office. This idea is catching on around the country. In the publication of the Tucson Area Intergroup *Just For Today*, a story noted that "the plan is used in several other cities and came about when we remembered that many of us had spent more than \$5.00 every week on alcohol during our drinking days."

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**YOU CAN MAKE THE LIST GROW TODAY!!!**



# The Spiritual Heroes of Recovery

## ***Ebby Thatcher***

He'll always be remembered as "the man who sponsored Bill Wilson." But just as Wilson's story gives hope for recovery to millions of alcoholics and addicts, Ebby Thatcher's story warns of the cunning, baffling, and powerful nature of the illness that often leads to relapse.

Edwin Throckmorton Thatcher was born in Albany, New York on April 29, 1896. Three members of his prominent family had served as mayor of that city and his brother came very close to being elected Governor of the state of New York. Ebby first met Wilson in Manchester, Vermont where he always spent the summer with his family. He attended Albany Academy (AA?) but dropped out of school before graduation. He took his first drink at age 19 and had problems with alcohol right from the beginning.

One famous drinking story that included Bill Wilson occurred in 1929 when Ebby and Wilson got drunk in Albany and talked a pilot friend into having a few drinks and then flying with them to a new airport set to open in Manchester. Half the town turned out to meet the inaugural flight and welcome them, only to see Bill and Ebby fall flat on their faces when they stumbled out of the plane!

Another occurred several years later when Ebby was living at the family's summer home. He was trying to paint the house when some friends who had joined the Oxford Group paid him an unexpected visit. Initially, he wasn't too interested in their attempts to bring God into his life and take alcohol out. But shortly thereafter, he found himself in trouble with the law for shooting at several pigeons intent on adding a few unwanted touches to his fresh paint job. Told by the judge to stay sober over the weekend before returning to court for sentencing, Ebby was going to his basement to get some beer as one voice in his head was leading him to drink and another Voice called him away from it. Ebby listened to the other Voice and gave all his beer away to a neighbor.

When he did appear back in front of the judge sober, three Oxford Group members came and asked that he be turned over to the custody of Roland Hazard who was sober nearly three years at that time. In Roland's care, Ebby began to learn the Oxford Group practices of surrender, restitution, service and listening daily for God's guidance.

Two months later that guidance led him to make his providential telephone call to Bill Wilson to see if he was still having problems with alcohol and if, perhaps,

he could be of help. While Wilson soon found sobriety through the Oxford Group that lasted a lifetime, Ebby's lasted only two years. He began to suffer frequent, periodic relapses, a pattern that plagued him for most of his life.

Wilson was forever grateful for the messenger who brought him into recovery and he never gave up hope that Ebby would someday regain sobriety. Bill and several AA friends helped Ebby throughout the years often finding him jobs and giving him places to live - only to see his former sponsor relapse again and again. Ebby always believed the right woman and the right job would keep him sober but he never seemed to find them. He rarely attended meetings and was hospitalized several times before Wilson thought a geographic cure might help his old friend.

In 1953 the legendary AA old-timer Searcy W. from Dallas brought Ebby down to Texas where he received treatment at the clinic he then operated. This began for Ebby a period of sobriety that continued uninterrupted for nearly eight years. He spoke at AA meetings around the state and held down several jobs. But Ebby also held on to resentments for the man he sponsored, believing that Bill and Dr. Bob never fully recognized the contribution he made to the founding of AA. We all know where resentments usually lead.

Ebby also had a troubled relationship with a woman named Chloe who many of his friends thought to be more interested in what she could get from him than what she might give. Chloe died suddenly in 1961 and Ebby got drunk the very next day. Continually drunk and depressed, his Texas friends had done all they could do for Ebby, so he returned to New York and knocked once again on Bill Wilson's door. This time he had little hope to share with his old friend.

Wilson took Ebby in again as he had many times and eventually found a place for his sponsor at McPike's Farm, a small treatment center not far from Albany, New York. There Ebby stayed for two years, supported by Social Security and a \$200 monthly check from AA that Wilson had convinced the trustees to fund for him. His health slowly deteriorated and finally death came on March 21, 1966. Ebby was sober two and a half years when he died.

We're always carrying a message if not always the message. If it's been a while since you went to a meeting, Ebby's story might still be one God sent him to tell you!

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***We want to hear about your service commitment. E mail to [aatimes@aanoc.com](mailto:aatimes@aanoc.com) or mail to NOCCO, 1111 E. Commonwealth Ave., Suite D, Fullerton CA 92831***

## How An Old Timer Greet A Newcomer *continued from front page*

It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The meeting is utterly silent except for the clicking of the old man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The speaker can't even continue the meeting until the "old timer" does what he has to do.

And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and welcomes him so he doesn't feel outcast and alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the speaker gains control, he says, "What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Big Book some people will ever read."

-Author Unknown

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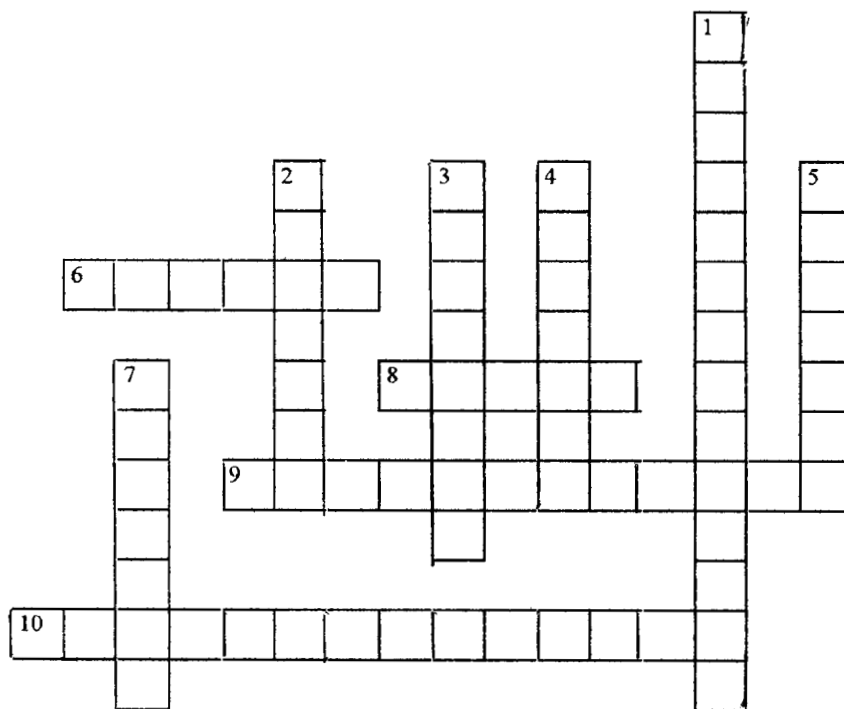
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## TRADITION 8 CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

6. Unexpected gift
8. Does not mix with spirituality
9. Opposite of amateur
10. One who works with another alcoholic

### DOWN

1. AA central offices are considered these
2. Without end
3. Paid worker
4. Hired Hands
5. Not ordinary
7. What we need to check daily

*Solution will be printed in November/December issue of Anonymous Times.*