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"Our primary purpose is to stay sober & to help others achieve sobriety."

Slippery When Wet

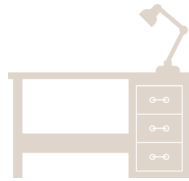
Treasure Valley Intergroup Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

December 18, 2022

Hello friends,

This is it! This issue spans the end of 2022 and the beginning of a shiny New 2023!



Of course, the end of the year is a reflective time. Like most of you, 2022 was a mix of happy times and adversity. Among other things, I needed three major surgeries and leaving the house was difficult for almost 11 months of the year. Needless to say, I *really* appreciated that my home group, the 7am Zoomers, was there for me every morning. My fellows gave me food for thought and spiritual nourishment. They were a source of much lightness, love, and laughter during a time when I might have drowned in self pity.

Adversity comes in many forms, and as AAs, we're taught to rely on a power higher than ourselves give us the 'strength, inspiration, and direction' to get through it. On this theme I've chosen some readings by AA fellows, see pages 11 and 13-14. I hope you enjoy them.

Finally, be sure to check out pages 15-17 for holiday events to help us all to say stay sober and enjoy fellowship. I'm excited about the Black and White New Year's Eve party, and have already chosen the perfect item of clothing from my wardrobe!

Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year to you, dear readers.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Ellie D.

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Notes from the Office

Just a few more days to Christmas and I wanted to say a special thank you to our faithful Volunteers who offered 50 hours of help this last November.

We were able to hold a Holiday Open House in early December. Lots of guests, great eats, fun fellowship, and a Spin to Win prize game. We here at Central Office had a great time With all who attended.

By the Way the M&M Count was 1209. Prize won by Dia O. who guessed 1178. The Big Book and Cover found its way to a new owner, and we are glad of that.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Many Happy Returns for the New Year. It has been a blessed Year in service to you all.

Thank you for the opportunities.

Your TVICO Sales Associates,
Janet, Marti, and Patty

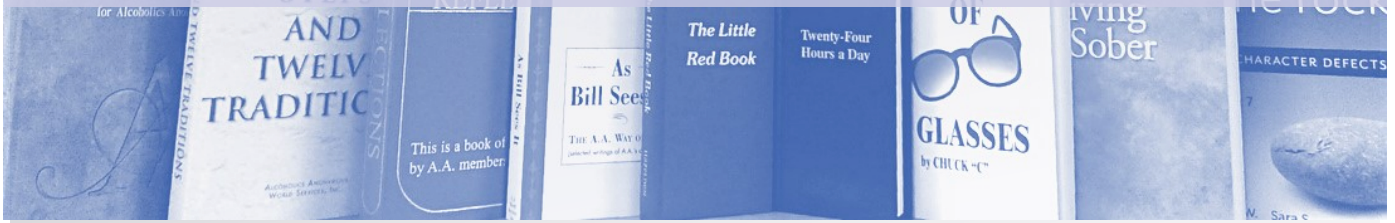
P.S. Central Office will be closed for the Holidays December 26, 2022 and January 2, 2023.

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Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

“Serving the Greater Treasure Valley Area AA Groups and Fellowship!”



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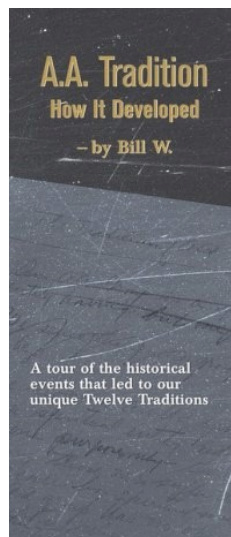
If your group has a meeting change,
please complete this form so that Cen-
tral Office can update the schedules.

<https://tvico.net/aameetingnews>

We'd love to hear from you!

I'd really love to hear from you, and so would your AA fellowship. Your suggestions, letters, visual or written works are welcome. Find a wonderful AA event or resource? Want to suggest a topic? You know where to find me!

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important!



Umbrella image courtesy of the AAGrapevine: aagrapevine.org

Treasure Valley Intergroup Meeting
November 10, 2022, 2022 6:00 pm

1. Meeting opened at 6pm. Moment of Silence...Serenity Prayer
2. Twelve Traditions... Bitty C.
3. Declaration of Unity... Stan N.
4. Intergroup Statement of Purpose ... Kimmie P.
 - a. Fostering and encouraging AA unity and cooperation among Idaho Area 18 AA Groups to raise funds to provide for the viability of a Central Office.
 - b. Guiding the operation of TVICO through its subcommittee known as the TVICO Steering Committee.
 - c. Furthering the AA program in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - d. Providing a 24-hour hotline Answering Service.
 - e. Publishing a monthly Newsletter.
 - f. Maintaining a list to volunteers to accept 12-Step calls.
5. Birthdays...
6. Roll Call ... Stan N. Chair, Bitty C. IGR On the Rocks, Scott T. IGR DPMG/Intergroup Sec., Randy C. Treasurer / IGR Dist. 4 Barb T. IGR Seekers, Brandi IGR w/ Rule 62, Capella I IGR Dist. 9/Steering Committee Chair, Lonnie B. IGR There is a Solution, Hotline Answering Service, Kimmie P. IGR for TAC, Ellie D. Newsletter Editor/IGR 7am Zoomers, Brian T IGR Primary Purpose, David H., Dave L. Cary N. Barb T.,
7. Secretary ... Scott T. Sec Report (see attached report) Kimmie P. motion to approve Randy C. 2nd. Report was approved.
8. Treasurer ReportRandy C. (see report) Kimmie P. motions to approve, Scott T. 2nd report was approved.
9. Elections for Intergroup and/or Steering Committee ... n/a
10. Intergroup Co Chair / Entertainment Chair...(see report) Stan N. will continue to reach out to home groups in the valley. Membership is up but we could always use more participation. TVICO website is still in the process of being updated. dev.tvico.net is the website address please check it out.
11. Newsletter Editor...Ellie D. nothing new to report editor. slipperywhenwet@gmail.com
12. Hotline Answering Service... Dave F. not available
13. TAC Representative... Kimmie P. very active in taking meetings in treatment centers. Balance of TAC of 4054.07
14. CPC/PI Representative...n/a still in need of service position.
15. Central Office Financial Report... Randy C. (see report)
16. Steering Committee Chair...Capella I. (see report) capellaikola@outlook.com for questions.
17. Web master for TVICO Dave H. content is up to Intergroup for changes with suggestions made by the Steering Committee. dev.tvico.net is the website address and will be taking suggestions for any changes, and will be open up soon. david112218@outlook.com. 208-250-3359
18. Group Representatives
 - a. Bitty—On the Rocks, meets 6 nights a week at Church of Christ in Caldwell and on the 1st Saturday of the month hosts a dinner.
 - b. Scott T.—DPMG meets every Sun at 7pm at The Alano Club in Boise.
 - c. Barb T.—Seekers Immanuel Lutheran Church 706 W Fort Street Boise M-F at noon.

November Intergroup Meeting, Continued

- a. Brandi—Rule 62 meets in Middleton at Canyon Springs Church on Monday and New Creations Church on Tues & Thurs at 7:30.
 - b. Capella I. in McCall—The Back to Basics group meets at 506 Pine St. Sun-Thurs at 5:15 and Fri-Sat at 7pm, and the Sunrise Group meets at St. Andrews Episcopal Church meets 7 day a week at 7am.
 - c. Lonnie B.—There is a Solution looking new location. Currently at the Eagle United Methodist Church and meets Mon-Fri.
 - d. Ellie D.—7am Zoomers online 7am, [7am Zoomers meeting link](#).
 - e. Kimmie P. TAC Business Meetings - 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 am. It is Hybrid, meaning on Zoom and in person (Alano Club - 3820 Cassia St., Boise, ID). also the meeting of DT's and Beyond meets Monday 7pw at River Valley Church 1115 Garden St. Boise. Zoom ID is 836 4495 5858 password disabled.
 - i. Brian T.—Primary Purpose and meet Tue & Thur. 8pm.
 - j. Lisa—Mountain Home Group meets Mon thru Sat. @ St. James Episcopal Church.
 - k. Dave L.—IGR for How it Works meets on Mon-Sat 12 to 1pm and Men's group Wed 6:30 to 7:30.
 - l. Cary N.—IGR Midtown Meeting held at River Valley Community Church on Sunday nights 7pm 115 N Garden St and 5:30 Big Book meeting.
 - m. David H. representing Friday Night Newcomers in Nampa located Salvation Army off 12th St at 7pm and entrance is through the back door.
 - n. Randy C. Dist. 4 meets 2nd Saturday of the month.
19. Unfinished Business... none
20. New Business... none

12-8-22 Intergroup Chair Report

We will continue to reach out to other home groups in the valley. Our membership is increasing, but we could definitely have more home groups involved in intergroup.

By-laws are updated and we sent out an e-mail to you that they were done. They are ready for you to make a hard copy. In our last meeting I encouraged all to have a hard copy. If you need us to supply you with one that can be arranged. E-mail or text me your address and we will make that happen.

Met with TVICO central office staff meeting Nov. 29 and The TVICO Steering com Dec. 6th.

I attended the TVICO store Christmas open house. It was delightful. I encourage all to drop in and see the remodel. The ladies would love to see you.

Thanks,

Stan N.

Intergroup Chair

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TVICO Steering Committee Chairperson Report
From Meeting on December 6, 2022
To Treasure Valley Intergroup

November Financials were presented by Teri and approved.

In Marya's Store Report she said that the Open House was a great success. It was very well attended on both days and Marti told her we did \$1,090 in sales, mostly on Friday. Hope you all received positive responses from your groups and friends, and possibly visited yourselves. She also reported that Devin feels confident that most all IT issues have been resolved and expects, barring any unforeseen circumstances, that things will move smoothly now.

David H had notified Marya that there was a slight glitch when the Website went live. Northwind had to open some access link and then everything proceeded smoothly.

Chuck will consult with David H to fine tune our survey questions. He will then notify the Steering Committee, who will review the survey and we will then notify everyone we can that the survey will be available to respond to on the Website and made available to whomever else wants it from Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2023.

Chuck is continuing to pursue access to the "Intergroup Offices of Alcoholics Anonymous" Symposium report for our store staff.

Teri has developed an official letterhead for TVICO that most all correspondence to our AA community should be utilized for.

Capella has written a letter to Nick Evans, Area 18 Chair, asking if they have a record of a written agreement between them and TVICO regarding housing the Area archives at the Central Office. Our staff could not find a record of such an agreement. If they do not, then I requested that he appoint several Area representatives to work with us in developing a formal agreement, agreeable to both parties.

We have had a person hanging out at the store, with no intentions of getting sober for more than 3 days. Marti told Marya that she can not get her duties done, because this person wants to talk to her. We believe, ultimately, that we should have the same 'no loitering' policy as any other place of business, if the person is not seeking help in getting sober.

We currently have vacancies on the Steering Committee from Districts 3 & 4.

Yours in Service
Capella I, Chairperson
TVICO Steering Committee

INTERGROUP TREASURERS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD 11/01/2022 | | \$506.99 |
| INCOME | | |
| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| NONE | | |
| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| NONE | | |



December (Feeling all these years at once)
Ellie D., 2022-Recovery Art series

Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office
Cash Flow
NOVEMBER 2022

INFLOWS

| | | |
|-----------------|----|---------------|
| Archives | \$ | - |
| TAC | \$ | 100.00 |

Gross Sales

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------|
| GSO Sales | \$ | 2,726.55 |
| Non-GSO Sales | \$ | 2,213.91 |
| Meeting Schedules & NCP | \$ | - |
| In House Merchandise | \$ | - |
| Gift Certificates | \$ | (27.75) |
| Refunds | \$ | - |

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|--------------------------|----|-----------------|
| TOTAL Gross Sales | \$ | 4,912.71 |
|--------------------------|----|-----------------|

Member Donations

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------|
| Group Donations | \$ | 2,114.36 |
| Individual Donations | \$ | - |
| Donation Can | \$ | - |
| Coffee Fund Donation | \$ | - |
| District | \$ | - |
| Treasure Valley Banquet | \$ | 3,977.01 |

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|------------------------|----|-----------------|
| TOTAL Donations | \$ | 6,091.37 |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|

Miscellaneous Revenue

| | | |
|---------------------|----|-------|
| Interest Income | \$ | 3.27 |
| Shipping & Handling | \$ | 25.00 |
| Printing | \$ | 1.20 |
| PA Income | \$ | - |

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| TOTAL Misc. Revenue | \$ | 29.47 |
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| TOTAL INFLOWS | \$ | 11,133.55 |
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Cash on Hand \$ 21,286.66

Less Liabilities Owing \$ (7,087.10) ²

Cash Available for Operations \$ 14,199.56

Cash Drawer \$ 150.00

Prudent Reserves:

Operations Prudent Reserve \$ 20,104.56

Literature Prudent Reserve \$ 11,000.00

Inventory on Hand \$ 27,860.23

Amounts due from Customers \$ 3,662.52

OUTFLOWS

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| Cost of Goods Sold | \$ | 5,087.23 ³ |
|---------------------------|----|------------------------------|

Office Expenses

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| Assembly Expense | \$ | - |
| Bank & Merchant Serv Fees | \$ | 131.53 |
| Building Maint-Painting/Carpet | \$ | - |
| Computer/Website Maint. | \$ | 806.87 |
| Copy Machine Lease | \$ | 426.92 |
| Coffee, Candy, Water, Etc | \$ | 47.11 |
| Donations from TVICO | \$ | - |
| Office Expense/Supplies | \$ | 164.83 |
| Over-Under | \$ | 0.68 |
| Phone/Internet Service | \$ | 148.52 |
| Postage & Delivery | \$ | 80.30 |
| Printing & Reproduction | \$ | 68.99 |
| Professional Fees | \$ | 514.49 ¹ |
| Rent | \$ | 1,298.00 |
| Web Site Hosting | \$ | - |
| | \$ | - |
| | \$ | - |

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|-----------------------------|----|-----------------|
| TOTAL Office Expense | \$ | 3,688.24 |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------------|

Payroll Expense

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------|
| Includes Employer Taxes | \$ | 4,247.19 |
| Work Comp Insurance | \$ | - |

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|------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| TOTAL Payroll Expense | \$ | 4,247.19 |
|------------------------------|----|-----------------|

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| TOTAL OUTFLOWS | \$ | 13,022.66 |
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| NET CASH +/- | \$ | (1,889.11) |
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NOTES:

¹Prof. Fees for include reconciling previous month bank statements, preparing payroll & making payroll tax deposits and/or reports, reporting & paying sales tax, review customer & vendor accounts, W2s, 1099s, annual reports, preparation & E-Filing Annual 990-EX Tax Return, & Enhanced Payroll & LogMeIn Subscripti

²Liabilities Owing Includes: Vendor invoices, payroll liabilities, credit card balance Idaho Sales Tax, and Gift Certificates

³Includes Inventory Adjustments for Prior Month Orders Received/Counted twice

Thank you for supporting Central Office, we couldn't do it without you!

**T.V.I.C.O.
GROUP DONATIONS
NOVEMBER 2022**

| Date | Group Name | Amount |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 11/01/2022 | Outright Mental Defect | 155.00 |
| 11/03/2022 | Seekers | 214.00 |
| 11/03/2022 | Wednesday Night Men's Solutions | 68.00 |
| 11/03/2022 | As Bill Sees It | 263.18 |
| 11/03/2022 | How It Works - Nampa | 132.42 |
| 11/08/2022 | Sobriety Seekers | 100.00 |
| 11/08/2022 | Dream Catchers AA Group | 80.00 |
| 11/08/2022 | There is a Solution | 200.00 |
| 11/08/2022 | Faith Forward | 251.00 |
| 11/08/2022 | Linder Group | 60.00 |
| 11/08/2022 | Speak Easy Group | 236.20 |
| 11/16/2022 | A Vision for You | 100.00 |
| 11/17/2022 | Puttin Sober | 74.56 |
| 11/22/2022 | Saturday Night Live | 30.00 |
| 11/29/2022 | M-3 Men's Meeting | 150.00 |
| Total Group Donations | | \$ 2,114.36 |

**Central Office would like to thank all the Groups, Individuals, and
Districts for their donations last month.
We appreciate it so much ! ! !**

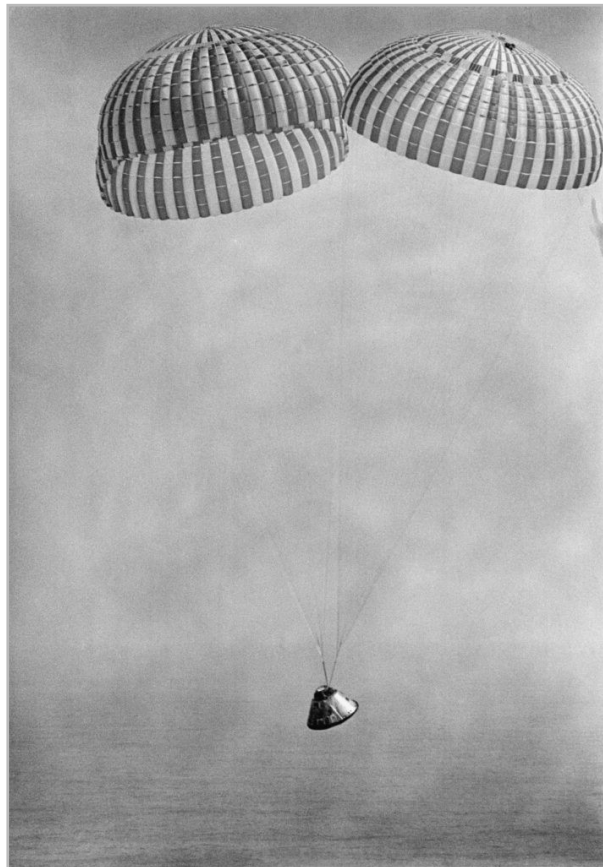
Thank you for supporting Central Office, we couldn't do it without you!

Bondage of Self

These four walls, these four walls, forever hold me in.
Keep me trapped in misery, over and over again.
I know you're thinking prisons, or this concrete cage called jail.
But the walls that keep me imprisoned don't come with court dates or bail.
One wall is labeled anger. It stands taller than I can see.
Another is named resentment, that stays staring back at me.
The third one is named guilt, where I am the only one I can blame.
And the last one is named fear, a ferocious demon I could not tame.
I know these walls surrounding me were built by my very own hand.
Trials, tribulations and obstacles blinding me from discovering who I am.
As I bow my head, I admit defeat, I reach out for some kind help.
I pray these walls fall apart, releasing me from bondage of self.

– **Jeramy G., Southeast Region**

From *Sharing From Behind the Walls*, Fall 2022, [link](#).



Nasa, "Recovery of the Apollo 9 spacecraft, March 13, 1969."

Area Committee Business Meetings

- **TAC** (Treatment—Accessibility and Corrections) West Monthly Business Meeting (for district and group reps) – 3rd Saturday of the month – 10:00 am – Zoom Meeting ID 836-4495-5858
- **CPC/PI** West Monthly Business Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm – Zoom Meeting ID 913-045-768
- **IFYPAA** Business Meeting – 2nd Sunday of the month – 2:00 pm – 344 Park Ave. (The Villa), Idaho Falls, ID
- **EMMYPAA** Business Meeting – Sundays – 8:00 pm – Gem County Community Recovery Center, 199 S. McKinley Ave. Emmett, ID
- **BACYPAA** – 1st, 3rd and 5th (when applicable)- Sunday of each month – 5:30 pm – SNL, 5383 W. Franklin Street, Boise, ID
- **SCTI TAC** Business Meeting – 4th Sunday of every month – 2:00 pm Shoshone Senior Center, 218 North Rail, Shoshone, Idaho

District Business Meetings

- **District 1** – 2nd Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm – Friendship Club of Pocatello, 1st & Lovejoy, Pocatello, ID
- **District 2** – 1st Sunday of the month – 10:00 am – Hybrid, Alternating Locations, Zoom ID: 634 518 5576 Passcode: 135791; Magic Valley Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls & Sun Club South In Hailey), ID
- **District 3** – 1st Tuesday of the month – 7:00 pm – Collister United Methodist Church, 4444 Taft, Boise, ID
- **District 4** – 2nd Saturday of the month – 4:00 pm – First Christian Church, 619 12th Av. S., Nampa, ID
- **District 5** – 1st Sunday of the month – 3:00 pm – 324 S Meridian Rd, Room 25 Meridian, ID
- **District 6** – 1st Tuesday of each month – 7:00 pm – Serenity Hall (downstairs), 600 S. Blvd., Idaho Falls, ID
- **District 7** – (6 times a year) January, February, March, May, August and October – 3rd Sunday of the month if there is not an Area meeting. If it lands on the same day it would be the following weekend which the 4th Sunday of the month, Rexburg, ID
- **District 8** – 4th Thursday of the month – 7:00 pm – First Presbyterian Church, 950 West State Street, Boise, ID Currently meeting online: Zoom ID: 828 3715 2976 Passcode: 887820
- **District 9** – 3rd Saturday of the month (Quarterly Feb, May, Aug, Nov.) – 1:00 pm – Rotating location
- **District 10** – 1st Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm (Potluck at Noon)- Jerome Library, Jerome, ID
- **District 12** – Rotating meeting times and locations. For more information please email district12@idahoarea18aa.org

Treasure Valley Intergroup Business Meetings

- **Intergroup** – 2nd Thursday of the month 6PM. 1111 S. Orchard Street, Suite 180, Boise ID (Central Office) Zoom ID: 833 3194 0106 Passcode: 164
- **TVICO** Steering Committee Tuesday prior to Intergroup meeting at 6pm. 1111 S. Orchard St, Suite 180, Boise, ID (Central Office)

One Last Meeting

BY: KEITH T. | LAS VEGAS, NEVADA | FEBRUARY 2009

In a strange city far from his home group, an AA shares his story

This is a letter I mailed to the DeKalb, Illinois, Alano Club on behalf of an AA member, sober for twenty-eight years.

Dear DeKalb Alano Club:

Yesterday my sponsee Bill B. and I had the privilege of making a Twelfth Step call on one of your former club members, John McD., who is in a hospice dying from lung cancer. John moved to Las Vegas about five years ago. He was only here a short time and became very ill. During the past few years, John has been more in the hospital than out, and never had a chance to get involved with AA in Las Vegas.

My sponsee's sister works in the critical care unit, where John was told yesterday morning that aggressive treatment would only extend his life by a few months. John had been in so much pain for so long, he chose to discontinue treatment and have all life support systems removed. This choice gave him less than thirty days.

John asked the attending nurses if they would call AA and have someone come by. He had put on his admission documents that he was an alcoholic, and the nurses presumed he was an active alcoholic and wanted to get connected to AA before he died. It seemed a strange request; he was certainly not going to ever drink again. He said it was a spiritual matter.

I guess the nurse assumed he was concerned for his salvation. She contacted a Catholic priest, who came by and visited, then told the nurse that John had been expecting someone else. Again, the well-meaning nurse thought that John might be a Protestant, and she contacted the hospital chaplain. The chaplain visited; he, too, said John had been expecting someone else.

Certain that John was confused, the nurse had the staff psychiatrist call on him. The psychiatrist was only in the room a few minutes and grasped the spiritual nature of John's request: He indeed wanted to see someone from AA.

The nurse, who is my sponsee's sister, called him. Bill was erroneously told that a gentleman in the facility was dying from alcoholism and wanted someone from AA to visit. Bill called me to go with him on the Twelfth Step call. We weren't sure what we would tell someone in a hospice about the near-term benefits of gaining sobriety. We had no idea John had been sober for twenty-eight years.

The old-timers told me when I first came around AA that I never had to be alone again. . . they kept their promise.

Arriving in John's room, we found him with his daughter, Debbie. I told her we were from AA and she lit up like a casino bingo sign. So did John. John was pretty weak and was speaking in a whisper, but when he saw us he smiled and said, "Thank you. Thank you for coming."

We could barely make out what he was saying. He whispered, "I've been sober since August 12, 1979, and I love AA." I told John it was an interesting coincidence that he and I were both from the sober class of 1979 and that classmates should stick together. He laughed. The visit was off on the right track.

As we continued to visit, John got more animated and his voice got stronger and more understandable. Before we left, he was laughing a lot as we shared stories.

Two days earlier, John had had the opportunity to make amends to his first wife, who had divorced him forty years ago. His daughter Debbie told us later that John had been trying to make amends to her mother ever since he had been sober, and she would never give him the opportunity.

Debbie called her mom and said, "My dad's dying and I think it would be a decent thing for you to let him make his amends." The ex-wife said she would give John fifteen minutes to get it off his chest. She spent more than two hours with him, said she would be back to visit again, and was glad she'd come. Debbie said she watched forty

One Last Meeting, Continued

years of hatred and anger melt away in one afternoon.

John said he'd wanted someone from AA to come so we could tell newcomers that not only will God help you stay sober through anything life hands you, but even at the end, he's there to help you face the last challenge. "The old-timers told me when I first came around AA that I never had to be alone again. . . and here twenty-eight years later, even in a strange city, they kept their promise," he said.

John said he wished he could make one last AA meeting, so a few of us are going over today. He asked if we would contact the DeKalb Alano Club and tell his friends: "John finished the race sober and he loved his friends right to the end." Both Bill and I wish we could have known John much longer.

Your in the Fellowship,
Keith T. & Bill B.

After Bill and I left the critical care hospital on Tuesday, they started sedating John to prepare him for his move to the hospice in Summerlin. The next afternoon, a group of us went to the hospice to have a little AA meeting with John. When we arrived, he was still sedated from the move, and his daughter Debbie said it might be hours before he regained consciousness. We stayed and visited with her; she looked like she could use the company.

She told us a lot of stories about John. He had owned a half-way house until he retired, and it rarely brought in enough rent to break even. But he said God always found a way to keep the mortgage paid. She said wherever you saw him he had a drunk or a sober alcoholic with him. He was always talking about how his life was saved by AA and that's why he needed to help other folks get what he was so freely given.

John died a few hours after we left, without ever regaining consciousness. But in that couple of hours on Tuesday afternoon, he was able to connect with AA again, and he knew his message to his AA friends back in DeKalb, Illinois, would be delivered: that he died sober and that he loved them.

Source: AA Grapevine, February 2009, [link](#).

SOBRIETY SEEKERS AA MEETING
AT THE END OF THE MERIDIAN BOWLING ALLEY



BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT OR SIDE TO SHARE.

**CHRISTMAS DAY
ALCATHON**



MEETING EVERY 2 HOURS

**DECEMBER 25,
2022**

6:30 AM – 8 PM

8 AM – 9:30 AM (Men's meeting)

Come join in the celebration with Friends, Fellowship and Fun!

Meeting Chairperson sign-up sheet and bring a dish sign-up sheet is below.



***A Black & White 2023
New Year's Eve Party
Hosted by District 10 AA***

Saturday, Dec 31st @ 5pm till 12am

-Black & White Attire Preferred-

The Senior Center

520 N Lincoln Ave, Jerome, ID

Potluck Style Dinner @ 6pm – signup sheet attached

***Hot Cocoa Bar & Selfie Photo Booth, Dancing, Chatting, Beir
Thankful & Grateful together, come join the fun!***

Speakers Josh S. & Cheri S. @ 7:30pm

***Raffle @ 8:45pm & 50/50 winner @ 9pm – signup if you can
donate a basket***



New Year's Day Alc-a-Thon

Serenity Place: Idaho Falls Senior Citizens Community Center
535 W 21st Street, Idaho Falls, ID

9:00 PM DEC 31st through midnight to New Year's Day

9:00 PM. Ring in 2023 with your sober friends!!!

Alc-a-thon Meetings at Serenity Place

HOURLY MEETINGS

Saturday, December 31st 9:00 PM

Through Midnight

To Sunday, January 1st 9:00 PM

Need a place to go during the holiday?

Bring food if you want.

Sign-up to run a meeting or attend any meetings

Contact Teresa D. - 210-857-8782 for more information

SAVE THE DATE

IDAHO AREA 18 AA

2023 Spring Assembly/Convention

Hosted by District 4

May 12 – 14, 2023

Nampa Civic Center

311 3rd St S

Nampa, ID 83651

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JUNE 8th - 11th 2023

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Fall 2022

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Calendar of Events

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September

1-4—*New Orleans, Louisiana.* ICYPAA. Write: Ch., 601 Loyola Ave., New Orleans, LA 70113; Info: 62nd.icypaa.org.

3-4—*Boston, Massachusetts.* XLIX Convencion Hispana de AA Estados Unidos y Canada. Info: <https://www.convencionhispanadeaasay-canada.com/informes>

3-4—*Monterey, California.* Monterey Bay Area Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 1462, Monterey, CA 93942; Email: MBARChair2022@gmail.com.

16-18—*Chouteau, Oklahoma.* Gratitude Getaway 2022 Women's Conference. Write: Ch., 406 E 76th Street N Sperry, OK 74073; Info: www.gratitudegetaway.com

16-18—*Gatineau, Québec, Canada.* 22e Congres du District 90-22 Gatineau. Écrire: Prés., 85, rue du Barry, Gatineau, Quebec J8T 3N5; congres22@aa90.org

16-18—*Salt Lake City, Utah.* Pacific Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; regionalforums@aa.org. Info: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

16-18—*San Diego, California.* Woman to Woman — San Diego. Write: Ch., 1710 Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 92109; Info: <https://womantowomansandiego.com>

23-25—*Kalispell, Montana.* Montana Fall AA Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 155, Bozeman, MT 59771; Email: information@aanwmt.org

23-25—*Richland, Washington.* Three Rivers BigBook Weekend III. Write: Ch., 750 W Livernois Way, Chino Valley, AZ 86323; Info: <https://www.threeriversbigbookweekend.org>

23-25—*Somerset, New Jersey.* NNJGS — Area 44 — 66th Annual Convention. Write: Ch., 2325 Plainfield Ave., Suite 2J, South Plainfield, NJ 07080; Info: <https://www.nnjaa.org/convention/2022>

30-02—*Spearfish, South Dakota.* 2022 Area 63 Fall Conference. Write: Ch., Box 1212, Spearfish, S.D. 57783; To book online: www.holiday-inn.com/spearfishsd and using the GROUP CODE AAC

30-02—*Stateline, Nevada.* Sobriety In The Sierras. Write: Ch., P.O. Box 18913, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151; Info: <https://www.laketahoe-aa-fallfestival.com>

October

7-9—*Cheektowaga, New York.* 81st Buffalo Fall Convention. Write: Ch., Box 685, Tonawanda, NY 14151; Info: buffalooa@hotmail.com

14-16—*Palmdale, California.* The Antelope Valley Roundup. Write: Ch., 5022 West Ave., N Ste.102 #104, Palmdale, CA 93551; Info: [Avroundup.com](http://avroundup.com)

14-16—*Puerto Peñasco Sonora, Mexico.* Rocky Point Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 10756, Glendale, AZ 85318; Info: <http://rockypointroundup.org>

14-16—*Round Rock, Texas.* SWTA68 Fall Voting Assembly. Write: Ch., Box 631, Cedar Park, TX 78630; Info: <https://d22-swta.org/contact-us.html>

21-22—*Saint Cloud, Minnesota.* "A New Beginning" — 39th Annual St. Cloud Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 125, Saint Cloud, MN 56302. Info: www.stclouddroundup.org

21-23—*Plymouth, Massachusetts.* MSCYPAA Convention. Email: mscypaaxiv@gmail.com; Info: www.mscypaa.com

28-30—*Melville, New York.* Empire State Convention of Young People in AA. Write: Ch., Box 975, Amityville, NY 11701; Info: <https://www.escypaa8.org>

November

17-19—*Manama, Bahrain.* 19th MERCAA Convention. Write: Library Room, American Mission Hospital, Manama Bahrain, Bahrain 11559; Info: <http://www.mercaa.com>

December

2-4—*New Orleans, Louisiana.* Southeast Regional Forum. Write: Forum Coord., Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163; regionalforums@aa.org. Info: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

January 2023

6-8—*Garden City, Kansas.* 52nd Annual Southwest Kansas Conference. Write: Ch., 105 S. Main Street, Ulysses, KS 67880.

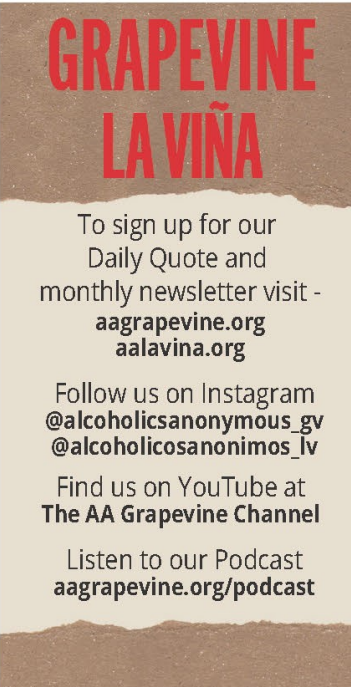
13-15—*Bismarck, North Dakota.* Rule 62 Rendezvous Annual Woodstock of ND. Write: Ch., Box 268, Bismarck, ND 58504; Info: Rule62rendezvous.com

27-29—*Boston, Massachusetts.* Freedom Trail Conference. Write: Ch., 15 Saint Paul St., Brookline, MA 02446.

27-29—*South Padre Island, Texas.* Sober in the Sand. Write: Ch., 108 Madelyn Rose, Bayview, TX 78566; Info: dist27dcm@gmail.com

February

16-19—*Addison, Texas, New York.* 59th Annual International Women's Conference. Write: Ch., Box 293013, Lewisville, Texas 75029-3013; Info: <https://internationalwomensconference.org/>



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