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Step 9 Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition 9 (Short Form) A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept 9 (Short Form) Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

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Memorial for Jennie M. (Moore) Central Office Manager 1993 to 2018

For those of you who may not have already heard, Jennie M., the former Office Manager for North County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 25 years passed away recently.



There will be a Funeral Mass at the Old Mission Church at 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2021. The address for the Church is 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92057. The Interment will take place immediately after the Mass and is **for family only**.

Written expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family, Attention: Debbie Moore at 35947 Lourdes Dr., Winchester, CA 92596.

There will be a Celebration of Life reception at the North County Alano Club after the Mass and the Interment. The family invites everyone to join them and share their memories. The address for the Alano Club is 4198 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92057.

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**Office Closed on the following
Holidays**

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

North County Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Date 9/08/2021

Called to Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Vickie A. There were **35 Reps** in attendance, with **2 new reps**.
- Traditions were read by Liz H.
- Minutes were read by Joan B. Moved and seconded to approve with corrections.

Financial Report: Rozee B. (951) 501-6398 (Email: RozeeB@ncsandiegoaa.org)

Ken G. reporting for Rozee B.

1. August total sales were \$2,079 and Cost of Goods Sold was \$1,296, yielding a Gross Profit of \$782. Along with Group Contributions of \$5,583 and Member Contributions of \$586, with other Contributions of \$61 and Miscellaneous Revenue of \$3, the Total Revenue was \$7,015. After Total Expenses of \$8,101, the Net Loss for August was (\$1,086). The YTD Profit, \$3,611. Prudent Reserve at 12 months of expenses as stated in Guidelines. Moved and seconded to approve the financial report. All in favor.

Central Office Report: Ken G. (760) 758-2514 (Email: Manager@ncsandiegoaa.org)

Ken reported that the Central Office had another overall good month. Phones are being handled and meeting updates are coming into the Central Office. Liz H. thanked the groups for calling in the updates.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Information Committee: Caroline H. (404) 435-0900 (E-mail: CHoward949@gmail.com)

Caroline reported that the PI Committee is moving ahead with the project of installing AA pamphlets in facilities due to approval received from the Business Committee. Currently two libraries, the Carlsbad Library on Dove Street and the Fallbrook Library have given consent to allow the pamphlets. The committee will use racks on-site in the libraries for now. Caroline is waiting to hear from other facilities she has contacted.

Telephone Committee: Jim R. (619) 890-2299 (Email: JimR@ncsandiegoaa.org)

Jim thanked Central Office for keeping meeting updates current. For the third month in a row, there are no current openings on the shifts. There will be an Orientation and Learning Session on Saturday, September 18th at 9:30 A.M on Zoom. The Zoom I.D. has changed and is in the note from the Chat below:

- **Zoom Chat**

A.A. Phone Committee Learning Sessions is scheduled on Central Office Telephone and 12-Step Work is scheduled for September 18, 2021

Zoom ID#: 318 406 912

Meeting Time: 9:30 am

Archives Committee: Danny O. (619) 884-7272 (Email: archives@ncsandiegoaa.org)

Danny reported the Booklet of Grapevine Stories is on hold. He is waiting for permission to reprint the stories from the Grapevine Office in New York. He also asked reps to ask at their groups if anyone has any historic memorabilia for the Archives. To donate items, please contact Danny.

Outreach Committee: Margaret T. (760) 504-5706 (Email: MargaretT@ncsandiegoaa.org)

Jim R. reporting for Margaret

Jim stressed the importance of updating meeting status to enable volunteers to give out correct information.

H&I Committee: Michael H. (619) 481-1714 (Email: H&Ichair@ncsandiegoaa.org)

(H&I Website: www.nchandi.org)

Michael announced that currently there are 31 volunteers needed for panels, especially women for all female panels. He asked that the Reps print out the form for volunteering which he supplied in the Chat (see below) and take to their meetings. AA Members who are interested in finding out more, can attend an orientation for new members on Saturday, September 18th at 9:00 AM at the Oceanside Alano Club or sign up on the H& I website. (Link below from Chat) New volunteer orientations take place the third Saturday of the month at the Oceanside Alano Club. Here information is given about the panels and panel guidelines. The H&I Committee has elected a new Chair, Hugh and a new Associate Chair, Tony G. Thank you Michael for being of service! The financial report is as follows: Beginning Balance, \$10,384; Income, \$1,491; Expenses, \$3,809 (Books Purchase) and Ending Balance, \$8,066.

- **Zoom Chat:** (for Sign-up Form)

<https://bit.ly/2VQEDbe>

H&I website:

www.nchandi.org

Area Assembly: TBD

No current Rep, but Vickie will ask for Volunteers at the end of her Report. The Area Assembly Rep attends a monthly Zoom Meeting of the Area 8 Assembly and is the liaison to the North County Intergroup, reporting on activities and events in San Diego County.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chairperson: Vickie A. (760) 828-5415 (Email: VickieA@ncsandiegoaa.org)

OLD BUSINESS:

Vickie reported that the Meeting Directory Ad Hoc Committee that was formed pre-covid will reconvene to get the project back on track in order to provide hand-held directories. Vickie also thanked Karla for Chairing the 42nd Anniversary Meeting and Margaret T. for being the Speaker. Only a disappointing 18 people attended. The Business Committee will start promoting the 43rd Anniversary Meeting much earlier than was done in the past. Karla reported on the upcoming Traditions Breakfast and is anticipating the event will be held March 20, 2022, at the California Center for the Arts Escondido. She is looking forward to being back in-person for the Traditions Breakfast.

Vickie discussed the new column in the Viewpoint, "Spotlight on the Group". In September the Fallbrook meeting will be in the spotlight. She presented a list of meetings that have submitted group histories, where the information for the column is obtained. If your group is not on the list, please talk to any old-timers in your group and send in the history to the Central Office. You can do this on the Central Office website.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a Funeral Mass for Jennie M., former Central Office Manager, at the Old Mission Church of San Luis Rey at 1:30 PM on September 24th with a Celebration of Life to follow at Oceanside Alano Club. Please see the September Viewpoint for more details.

Patrick M. volunteered as the Area Assembly Liaison for Intergroup. Thank you, Patrick!

ELECTIONS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adjournment: 7:42 pm.

Next Intergroup Meeting Date: October 13, 2021

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Joan B., Recording Secretary

Group Contributions

GROUP INFORMATION	AUG
AA Group 170401	30.00
AA Group 725500	25.91
Alive Again (000367094)	20.00
Area 8 District 16 / No Promises	261.05
Bonsall Burning Embers	410.48
Cardiff 7PM Happy Hour	107.00
Cardiff Ki's Weekender	329.50
Carlsbad SUN 11th Step Meeting	85.00
Encinitas - Surf Dogs 989954	666.00
Encinitas THU Women's Roving AA Group 166964	24.63
Encinitas TUE 7 PM North Coastal Men's 686387	432.75
Escondido - Taxicab SUN 930AM	140.77
Escondido - TUE 7PM 12x12 Serenity at House of Prayer Lutheran	40.00
Fallbrook SUN 8AM 1-2-3 Step Meeting	50.00
Fallbrook TUE 630PM Men's Step Study Group 722630	155.00
Julian MON Night	50.00
Oceanside - FRI Noon 12 & 12 at NCAC	100.00
Oceanside TUE 7PM Chip-in Group	25.91
Oceanside WED 730PM South Oceanside Men's	159.56
Poway Men's Sunday Morning SUN 9AM	158.00
Poway TUE 730PM Men's Group	66.00
Poway SAT Morning Sisters in Recovery	350.00
Poway Womens Winner Winner Chicken Dinner	520.00
Poway Women Seeking Solutions	92.10
Poway - Hope & Gratitude Poway Women's WED 930AM	420.00
Rancho Bernardo THU 7PM As Bill Sees It	150.00
San Marcos Discovery Group SAT 3PM at St. Mark's	11.57
San Marcos Men's WED 630 PM Blind Leading the Blind	83.25
San Marcos SUN 10AM Daily Reflections (651125)	200.00
San Marcos - Avalon 1 TUE 7PM	50.00
San Marcos TUE 8PM Rose Ranch Men's	25.91
Vista Noon Solutions at Steps Online	100.00
Zoom MON Women's Speaker	132.00
Zoomers at 3PM	12.14
Zoomless FRI Night	98.00
Total	5,582.53

Financial Highlights

Summary	Jul-2021	Aug-2021
Total Sales	3,129	2,079
Total Cost of Goods Sold	2,661	1,296
Gross Profit for Sales	468	782
Group Contributions	11,633	5,583
Member Contributions	523	586
Other Contributions	148	61
Misc. Revenue	15	3
Total Revenue	12,787	7,015
Total Operations Expense	8,091	8,101
Net Profit or (Loss)		4,697

Prudent Reserve

Prudent Reserve Balance:	Jul-2021	Aug-2021
Money Market (Maintain \$25K Balance for Best Rate)	35,227	35,228
Certificates of Deposit (Staggered Maturity Dates)	62,062	62,063
Total Prudent Reserve Funds	97,289	97,292

Operating Expense and Months of Reserve Funds:	Jul-2021	Aug-2021
Actual Operating Expense	8,091	8,101
Number of Months in Reserve Funds	12.0	12.0

NORTH COUNTY H & I NEWS

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP. The majority of facilities your North County H&I committee support have reopened, and **we need your help restaffing our panels.** As of the first week of September we have openings for four facilities in Oceanside and Escondido. Our website nchandi.org has been updated to reflect these openings and include the days and times the panels take place. At this writing, we have a need for 30 people to fill these panels. Visit our website and contact Don C 760-212-9759 to sign up. AND ... our **in-person H&I Orientation is back on!** This is another way to learn which facilities need panel members. Join us September 18 at 9 AM at the North County Alano Club. Visit our website nchandi.org for directions and more information. See you there!

WHERE YOUR 7th TRADITION MONEY GOES: Each North County AA Group can get involved with NC H&I by contributing a portion of their 7th Tradition funds (via the Pie Chart) and/or passing the Green Can. Our goal is that 85% of all Pie Chart contributions will be used for literature purchases for the facilities we serve – with 15% being used for administrative expenses (i.e. rent, printing, etc.).

AUG 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Beginning Balance: \$10,384.50 Income: \$1,490.79
Expenses: \$3,809.32 Ending Balance: \$8,065.97

GROUP AND GREEN CAN CONTRIBUTIONS AUG 2021

Group Name	Green Can	Group
Big Book Study Monday Night 172755		158.00
Came To Believe 642583		173.00
Friday Night Beginner's Meeting 0163076	84.00	
Friday Noon NCAC		40.00
group 619740		30.00
Group 685121		88.60
Individual Contribution		3.00
Ki's Weekender		65.90
Men's Filling Station		158.00
New Beginning 162446		60.00
North Coastal Calle Barcelona 686387		86.55
Ramona Freethinkers - 725500		28.00
Robbers Roost	200.00	
South Oceanside Men's		39.89
Sunday Morning Taxi Cab Meeting		28.00
Tues Night 12x12		20.00
Tuesday Men's Step Study - 722630	41.00	
Wed Mens Hole in the Wall	150.00	
Women Seeking Solutions through the Steps		36.85
Totals:	\$475.00	\$1,015.79

Complete financial reports can be found on our website. *

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

GETTING INVOLVED: Stay tuned for announcements of possible opportunities and visit our website NCHandi.org for updates or contact Don C. at 760-212-9759. Each 3rd Saturday of the month NC H&I conducts an Orientation for all interested AA members to learn more about NC H&I Policy & Guidelines. At the conclusion of the Orientation meeting, attendees can sign up for a panel to get started on the journey of involvement in NC H&I service work. The Orientation meeting is held at 9:00 a.m. at the Oceanside Alano Club located at 4198 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92057. The Business Committee meets at 9:45 a.m., immediately following Orientation. All interested AA members are encouraged to attend both Orientation & Business Committee meetings.

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** You can visit our NC H&I website at NCHandi.org to view Policy & Guidelines, Financial Reports, and more.

Phone Committee



NEEDING HELP!

This is a great 12-Step Service opportunity!

Central Office Hotline operates a 24/7 Hotline for Alcoholics in need. The After-Hour Phone Committee needs volunteers to answer phones while the office is closed. We also need **12-Step Call List Volunteer's**. Most phone volunteers only have one shift per month ranging from 3 – 4 hours. 12-Step-Call Volunteers could be called upon to assist the phone volunteers with longer caller needs. This is a great way to be of service. If you're interested please contact the Central Office at (760) 758-2514 for more information.

CURRENTLY WE HAVE NO OPEN SHIFTS

But we're looking for Volunteer's to create a waiting list of possible future After-Hour Phone Volunteer's.

If you have any questions or interested in being one of these Volunteer, please contact Jim R: Phone Chairperson Jim R. 619-890-2299 or jimR@ncsandiegoaa.org

ADDITIONALLY, WE HOLD A MONTHLY ZOOM LEARNING SESSION FOR PHONE AND 12-STEP CALL VOLUNTEERS

Date: 3rd Saturday of each month
Next Session: Sept. 18, 2021 or Oct. 16, 2021
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Zoom ID: 318 406 912
Note: Please call or text Jim R. to gain access.

- A man walks into a bar with his alligator and asks: "Do you serve lawyers here?" The bartender says: "Yes, of course we do!" The man says, "OK, I'll have a beer for myself and a lawyer for my alligator."
- A hamburger walks into a bar. The bartender says "We don't serve food!" The hamburger says "That's OK, I just want a drink."
- Dear alcohol, We had a deal where you would make me funnier, smarter, and a better dancer. I saw the video . . . we need to talk.
- Me: "I love you."
You: "Is that you or the wine talking?"
Me: "It's me talking to the wine."

“Children of Chaos”: The Birth of A.A.’s Traditions

(Reprinted from Box 459)

“Moochers mooched, lonely hearts pined, committees quarreled, new clubs had unheard-of headaches, orators held forth, groups split wide open, members turned professional, sometimes whole groups got drunk, and local public relations went haywire.” (The Language of the Heart, p. 149) Such, according to A.A. co-founder Bill W., was the state of affairs in many of the Fellowship’s fledgling groups during A.A.’s pioneering time. With little or no experience to speak of in the harrowing new adventure of sobriety, A.A. groups were flying blind. Like wildfire, A.A.’s program of recovery, principally contained in the Twelve Steps as outlined in the Big Book, was spreading from one alcoholic to another, crisscrossing the nation and even jumping to foreign lands with alarming speed and facility. Helped by high profile media accounts and the growing support of medicine and religion, A.A. was well on its way to becoming a household name. People were getting sober and the good news traveled fast. Nevertheless, A.A.’s collection of burgeoning groups often had little to hold onto beyond the deep desire of their members for individual sobriety. Everything was being defined on a day-to-day, person-to-person basis, with trial-and-error discovery of what worked and what didn’t. Rules were made and broken; policies were introduced and soon discarded; and, inevitably, powerful, sometimes bitter, disputes broke out regarding the relations of A.A. members one to another and to the outside world. Problems were many in A.A.’s first decade, and while membership climbed higher and higher with each year, the challenges of living and working together not only as individuals but as groups began to pile up. With success and exposure also came suspicion, jealousy, and resentment. There was conflict over every conceivable issue: the use of money, the operation of clubhouses, misuse of A.A.’s name, leadership and personal romances. Meeting rituals varied from one group to another; some meetings aimed at low-bottom drunks, some featured those of the high-bottom variety; some allowed “slippers” to return to the fold, others thought they should be excommunicated. As Bill recounted in A.A. Comes of Age (p. 203): “It seemed as if every contestant in every group argument wrote us during this confused and exciting period.” The problems articulated by these A.A. members threatened to overwhelm the nascent Fellowship, and Bill confessed in a 1950 letter to an A.A. member in Michigan, “When letters describing the growing pains of the early groups came across my desk... I used to lie awake nights. It seemed certain that the forces of disintegration would tear our pioneering groups apart....” A.A. was not the first organization, however, to find itself foundering on the reefs of conflict and perilous success. The Washingtonian Society, a movement for the reclamation of drunkards a century earlier, had nearly discovered an answer to alcoholism. At the outset, the society, which originated in Baltimore, was composed entirely of alcoholics trying to help one another. They had notable

success and the movement thrived. Their membership passed the five hundred thousand mark. Yet, the Washingtonians permitted politicians and reformers, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic, to use the society for their own purposes and, in spite of their stated aims to avoid politics, religion and commercialization, many members took opposing sides publicly on questions of alcohol reform and other issues of the day. Within eight or nine years it was reported that the Washingtonians “had lost their thunder.” Said Bill W. at an annual A.A. banquet in New York City on November 7, 1945, “In short, the Washingtonians went out to settle the world’s affairs before they had learned to manage themselves. They had no capacity for minding their own business.”

The Oxford Group, a religious organization from which the seeds of A.A. grew and which supplied some of the Fellowship’s basic spiritual principles and precepts, also provided an example of what not to do. In *A.A. Comes of Age*, (p. 39), Bill wrote: “Early A.A. got its ideas of self-examination, acknowledgement of character defects, restitution for harm done, and working with others straight from the Oxford Groups and directly from Sam Shoemaker, their former leader in America.” However, while Oxford Group members were deeply interested in the plight of alcoholics, some of their practices made Bill and others uncomfortable. Serving as a spiritual springboard for many of A.A.’s fundamental concepts, the differences between the Oxford Group and the fledgling Fellowship ultimately prompted a separation of the two groups. As Bill once put it, “The Oxford Group wanted to save the world, and I only wanted to save drunks.” Utilizing the example of the groups that had come before and the growing body of experience from its own internal struggles in the Fellowship’s first decade, A.A. inched closer to a set of working principles that could guide and protect the group life of A.A. In 1946, in the *AA Grapevine*, these principles were codified by the founders and early members as the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous and were published under the title “Twelve Points to Assure Our Future.” They were accepted and endorsed by the membership as a whole at the International Convention of A.A., in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1950. Later, in April of 1953, the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* was published, providing for the Fellowship a blueprint for individual recovery and a roadmap for how to survive as an organization. “Children of chaos,” wrote Bill in Tradition Four, “we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.”

Meetings Are Opening Back Up!

Many North County AA meetings have resumed as live gatherings. Some are successfully hosting hybrid (live and Zoom) meetings. If your group has returned to live status, make sure Central Office knows so that the online directory listing can be updated—see page 9 for details.

Here are some guidelines for our transition to normalcy:

- Please honor the preferences of the church or building management
- If you suspect that you have any symptoms that others wouldn't want to be exposed to, stay home and take advantage of the many available Zoom meetings.
- If, after attending an in-person meeting, you contract Covid, let the secretary know.

Also, did you know that you can contribute to Central Office [online](#)?

And, for GSO, go [here](#).

Updating Your Meeting Info

The most direct method to update information for AA meetings is to use the website created by and for local members and their groups (ref. <https://ncsandiegoaa.org>). Any personal information provided for point of contact purposes will be kept confidential. And, of course, if assistance is needed in any case, please call us at (760) 758-2514 or -2515.

For meetings already listed on the Meeting Directory (ref. <https://ncsandiegoaa.org/meetings>), locate the meeting and open the information page and click on the button labeled 'Request a change to this listing' on the lower left side of the screen. This will open a simple "form" that will take your name, email address and the message you leave about the change(s) you would like to have entered.

Adding a new meeting is just a bit more involved but can also be tackled directly. Select the 'New Meeting Form' shown below (ref. <https://ncsandiegoaa.org/meeting-update-form>). The form will collect meeting details such as name, day of week, time of day, location, address, and type of meeting. The form also has a section for your point of contact info such as: name, email, phone info.



Do you want to travel the world (virtually) and attend AA meetings? Here are two resources for English language meetings:

- <https://aaventuracounty.org/international-zoom-meetings-in-english>
- <https://aa-intergroup.org/oiaa/meetings/>

Recovery is everywhere!

Spotlight

Slow Learners Big Book Study Group: Valley Center

The Slow Learners Big Book Study Group of Valley Center is meeting today where it met when it first opened in 2006 at the Valley Community Center at 7:00pm. Dave M of Escondido and Margaret T. of Fallbrook were among the founding members.

Dave M. moved to Valley Center from Fort Lauderdale, FL, in 2005, and held the first meeting December 11, 2006. This is an open and a mixed meeting, held on Mondays. When Dave was a newcomer in Florida in 1987, he was a member of a Slow Learners Big Book Study there, and so he copied the same format in Valley Center: Read a little bit from the Big Book each week and share on what was read. Other aspects of the meeting format: “Nobody will call on you, so speak up as the Spirit moves you” and “This is a no-clapping meeting, except for newcomers, cakes and tokens.” When Dave then moved out of the area, Margaret T. stepped in as secretary and kept the group going through some lean times. The group now reads the Big Book, cover to cover. Group anniversaries are usually pot luck and a special occasion: film, recorded talk, history presentation, etc. Looking forward to their 15th anniversary meeting next December 11, 2021.

“This group has always signed court cards. It participates in the weekly Public Information meeting as the host group a couple times a year. Some members are on the phone committee and other committees. It is an active group.”

(Memorial for Jennie M. continued from page 1)

In memoriam contributions honoring Jenny Moore may be sent to the North County A.A. Central Office—by A.A. members only—by going to <https://ncsandiegoaa.org/contribute-to-central-office> or via mail to North County Central Office, 1020 S. Santa Fe, Ste. B, Vista, CA 92084.

Sharing A Few Personal Notes ~ Thoughts & Recollections from AA Members in North County San Diego

“I knew Jennie from her long and stellar service as the North County A.A. Central Office Manager. She was the face and spirit of A.A. in North County for all that time and more. A.A. could not have had a better representative of our way of life....” Paul C.

“I worked directly with Jennie for her entire time as the Office Manager, first as a volunteer and later as an employee. My most enduring memory of her is how she seemed to effortlessly make a meaningful connection with each member who visited the office.” Valerie M.

“Jennie was undoubtedly the warmest person I have ever known. She loved pretty much everyone she ever met in the program. She called everyone ‘honey’ and confided that was because she knew so many people and so many came into the office to see her she could never remember all the names so ‘honey’ worked for everyone and made them feel welcome which they truly were. She had time for everyone.” Dinah M.