

# THE VALLEY VIEW

## The Voice of the Valley

**I am responsible.  
When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of A.A.  
always to be there.  
And for that,  
I am responsible!**



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### Welcome to Michele C. New Office Administrator Of the Valley Service Center!

From announcements made at meetings for the past few months, many of you are aware that there was an Office Administrator position open at the Valley Service Center. We are pleased to announce that Michele C. has accepted the position and has started training.

Please help the Valley Service Center Board and Intergroup welcome Michele as our new Office Administrator. If you would like to meet Michele, her schedule is in flux right now, but you can reach her through the VSC email address [info@valleyservicecenter.org](mailto:info@valleyservicecenter.org).

Michele got sober in the Bay Area and has been in the East Bay since 2004, where she is a small business owner. Some of you may already know Michele from meetings in the area. She says that she is grateful and excited for the opportunity to work and be of service as our new Office Administrator. Feel free to stop by the office and meet Michele and welcome her to her new position.

The Valley Service Center is located at 6990 Village Parkway, Suite 214, in Dublin. The office is at the top of the stairs at the west end of the building, there is an elevator at the east end of the building. Current office hours are posted elsewhere in this newsletter. The Valley Service Center has AA literature available for purchase, pamphlets are free. In addition, there are flyers available for upcoming workshops, conferences, and other events that take place locally, in the wider Bay Area, and around the country.

The phone number for the office phone is 925-829-3160 and the number for the 24-hour hotline is 925-829-0666.

The URL for the Valley Service Center is: [valleyservicecenter.org](http://valleyservicecenter.org) or [trivalleyaa.org](http://trivalleyaa.org). The VSC email address, as noted above, is [info@trivalleyaa.org](mailto:info@trivalleyaa.org).

### Valley Service Center Contact Info

Mon. 5-7:30 pm,  
Except 1st Monday 7pm  
Wed. 6-8 pm  
Sat. 10:30-2:30 pm

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**Valley Intergroup**  
meets on the  
**1st Monday** of the  
month at **7:30 pm:**  
Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
1225 Hopyard Road  
Pleasanton, CA

*Visit our website at: [trivalleyaa.org](http://trivalleyaa.org)*

## Recap of September Intergroup Meeting

Here are the action items from the September Intergroup meeting:

1. We are still in need of an H&I representative and an Outreach Chairperson. Please announce this at your meetings and let people know if they want to volunteer they should come to the next Intergroup meeting to make themselves available.
2. The next workshop sponsored by the Valley Service Center is the 4rth Step Working Workshop. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 17th at St. Philip Church in Dublin. The event will be held from 11am to 3 pm. Come prepared with pen, paper, notebook, Big Book, and Twelve and Twelve. Flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.
3. AA wants your stories – Send essays to literature@aa.org.
4. The next NCCAA Conference is in Fresno October 30 – November 1 at Double Tree Hilton. Go online to ncc-aa.org and register for \$15 or it will be \$20 at the door. Staying at the hotel helps defray the cost of the conference.
5. An Editor position is open for NCCAA's Good News Newsletter, the oldest continuously publishing A.A. newsletter in the country. For more information see Janet V.
6. The annual OHAT Golf Tournament will be held in San Ramon on October 2, see flyer on the Valley Service Center website.
7. The third annual Gratitude Breakfast will be held on November 1st 9:30 – 1:30 at the Holiday Inn in Dublin. Pre-registration is \$22.00, there is no registration at door.

*The recap posted above is from the SEPTEMBER Intergroup meeting.  
A recap of the OCTOBER Intergroup meeting is available online  
A full report of the Valley Service Center's Intergroup minutes can be found at  
[www.valleyservicecenter.org](http://www.valleyservicecenter.org)*

### Words that are difficult to say when drunk:

Innovative, preliminary, proliferation, cinnamon

### Words that are very difficult to say when drunk:

Specificity, anti-constitutionality, passive-aggressive disorder, transubstantiate

### Words that are downright impossible to say when drunk:

“No thanks. I’m married.”

“Nope! No more booze for me!”

“Sorry, but you’re not really my type.”

“No thanks, I’m not hungry.”

“I’m not interested in fighting with you.”

“Thank you, but I won’t make any attempt to dance. I have no coordination and would hate to look like a real fool!”

“Oh, no! I must be going home now. I have to be up for work in the morning!”

## Excerpt from the General Service Office Guideline MG-02—Central or Intergroup Offices

### Staffing the Central or Intergroup Office

Most A.A. central offices now employ at least one paid full-time secretary or manager, as well as A.A. volunteers—members who respond to Twelfth Step calls at the office, answer the telephone, and often carry out other service office duties. Large offices may also have paid clerical workers on the staff to assist the full-time person.

Although the principles involving certain paid employees of A.A. service centers are now widely known in A.A., it is still helpful to review the appropriate A.A. Tradition at the time of opening a new service office. As it states in Tradition Eight: “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.” It should be clear from this that the paid secretary functions as a paid employee of the central office—not as an A.A. member—during duty hours and is hired largely on the basis of professional skill.

Regarding compensation for paid workers, Bill W. writes in “Twelve Concepts for World Service” as follows: “We believe that each paid executive, staff member, or consultant should be recompensed in reasonable relation to the value of his or her similar services in the commercial world.” Also, Social Security and certain insurance benefits are provided, as well as sick leave and vacations.

It is suggested that the central office full-time secretary also be accorded a vote as well as a voice on the steering committee. This policy is successfully followed by A.A. World Services, Inc.: The staff coordinator—a paid employee as well as an A.A. member—also serves as a director and thus has a vote on policy matters.

*Note: With Michele starting her new position at the Valley Service Center, this might be a good time to provide information to the Fellowship about the workings of Alcoholics Anonymous with which you may not be familiar. This excerpt is from one of the Guidelines published by our General Service Office and available online at [aa.org](http://aa.org). Future issues of the Valley View will provide excerpts from other GSO publications.*

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Accrual Basis

**Valley Service Center  
Group Contribution Summary  
March through August 2015**

	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	TOTAL
As Bill Sees It	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Broken Elevator Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.90	0.00	70.00	102.90
By the Book	0.00	122.60	0.00	0.00	96.66	0.00	219.26
Carrying the Message	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	301.50	301.50
Crossroads Fellowship	180.00	180.00	183.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	723.00
Friendship Group - SR Friday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.50	0.00	46.50
Hard Knox Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.00	0.00	0.00	78.00
Hilltop Group	112.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	174.36	286.86
Individual	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Intergroup Meeting	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Jaywalkers	71.52	81.70	0.00	79.74	38.39	75.29	346.64
Ladies Lifeline	87.06	155.19	96.68	73.67	135.61	206.10	754.31
Primary Purpose	0.00	804.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	744.50	1,548.51
S. R. Recovery Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.60	0.00	144.60
San Ramon Community Center Noon	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50
Saturday Morning Breakfast	222.82	0.00	111.17	210.20	99.67	81.99	725.85
Serenity Seekers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.50	0.00	46.50
Sunday Morning Coffee - Dublin	0.00	204.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	354.00
There is a Solution	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.60	90.60
Tri-Valley Fellowship	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	150.00
unscripted Group	0.00	277.31	0.00	152.60	0.00	225.65	655.56
Women Staying in the Book	141.60	0.00	110.53	80.11	66.76	135.27	534.27
Words Of Wisdom	0.00	76.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	317.08	393.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>870.50</b>	<b>2,236.32</b>	<b>551.38</b>	<b>913.72</b>	<b>849.69</b>	<b>2,387.34</b>	<b>7,808.95</b>

**Average Monthly Contribution = \$976.12**  
**Last Year's Average Monthly = \$1,817.79**  
**Contributions through Aug 15 = \$7,808.95**  
**Contributions through Aug 14 = \$11,218.20**

*A full set of the Financials can be viewed on the Valley Service Center web site  
trivalleyaa.org*

### What is Acceptance?

One way to get at the meaning of the principle of acceptance is to meditate upon it in the context of AA's much used prayer, 'God Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.'

Essentially, this is to ask for the resources of grace by which we may make spiritual progress under all conditions. Greatly emphasized in this wonderful prayer is a need for the kind of wisdom that discriminates between the possible and the impossible. We shall also see that life's formidable array of pains and problems will require many different degrees of acceptance as we try to apply this valued principle.

*Bill W.  
Language of the Heart*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Primary Purpose Meeting celebrates birthdays every Monday, 8:00 p.m.			1	2 7:00 pm Friday Nite Live Birthday Meeting St. Phillips Church 24th Annual OHAT Golf Tournament, San Ramon Golf Club	3 8:00 pm Danville-Diablo Speaker Meeting Birthdays
4	5 7:30 pm Valley Inter-group at Trinity Lutheran 8:00 pm Monday Nite Live Birthday Meeting YMCA	6 Young Peeps 1st Annual 2nd Anniversary Potluck	7 7:00 pm H&I Orientation 7:30 pm H&I General Mtg 111 Fairmont Ave Oakland	8	9	10
11	12	13 7:30 pm TriValley Fellowship Membership Meeting	14	15	16	17 11:00 am-3:00 pm 4th Step Working Workshop, St. Phillips Church, Dublin
18 3:30 pm—5:00 pm NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference Host Committee Meeting 396 Civic Dr. Pleasant Hill	19 6:45 pm General Service Sub District mtg. Resurrection Church, Dublin	20	21 6:00 pm PJCPC meeting 295 27th St., Oakland	22	23	24
25	26 6:30 pm VISC Board Mtg. 7:30 pm General Service District 70 8:30 Monday Night Live Birthday Meeting	27 6:30 pm Ladie's Lifeline Birthday Meeting 7:30 pm Sunol Birthday Meeting	28 7:30 pm Hilltop Birthday Mtg	29 7:30 pm Sunol Birthday Meeting	30 11:30 am San Ramon Birthday Meeting NCCAA Conference Fresno	31 9:00 am Saturday Breakfast Birthday Meeting 8:00 pm Crossroads Fellowship Birthday Meeting 8:00 pm Tri Valley Fellowship Birthday Meeting 31 NCCAA Conference

## Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Events!

### **Fourth Step (Working) Workshop** **Saturday, October 17**

11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Philip Lutheran Church

8850 Davona Drive, Dublin

*Lunch will be served*

*Bring pen, pencil, highlighter, Big Book, Twelve and Twelve, and a notebook  
Bring a friend! Bring a sponsee! Bring a sponsor!*

### **3rd Annual Gratitude Breakfast** **Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Speaker: Tom W. of Oakland, Ca

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn

6680 Regional Street, Dublin, CA

Pre-registration only—no registration at the door

### **Valley Service Center 45th Anniversary Dinner** **Saturday— January 17, 2015**

Tickets sales start December 1st

*Flyers for the events listed above are available at the  
Valley Service Center or on the VSC web page at  
[valleyservicecenter.org](http://valleyservicecenter.org) or [trivalleyaa.org](http://trivalleyaa.org)*

### **NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference** **San Ramon Marriott Hotel—March 18 – 20, 2016**

#### **Host Committee Meeting Schedule**

October 18, 2015  
November 15, 2015  
December 20, 2015

January 17, 2016  
February 21, 2016

*Host Committee meetings are held at 396 Civic Drive in Pleasant Hill 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

March 13, 2016— The final meeting for the Host Committee will be held at the Marriott Hotel  
2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583 From noon until 2:00 p.m.

**Chair person: Dan K 4busybees@comcast.net**

## Road Trip!

A friend of mine says that until he was about a year sober he thought his AA name was "Shut up and get in the car!" The guys in his area would pick him up and head off to a meeting. There would be the meeting on the way to the meeting, the meeting, and the meeting on the way home from the meeting. He says that he didn't always know where they were headed, but he knew there would be an A.A. meeting and usually a cup of coffee or a piece of pie on the way home.

Grab an A.A. newcomer, a friend, or a sponsee (or all three) and head out to a new meeting, a meeting you've never attended, or one you've heard about!  
Looking for a meeting to try? How about one of these?

### **Hard Knox Men's Stag**

*(closed men's stag, step study)*

Tuesdays  
7:00 p.m.

Meets at  
John Knox Church  
7421 Amarillo Road  
Dublin

### **Women's Step Study**

*(open women's step study)*

Wednesdays  
6:30 p.m.

Meets at  
Tri Valley Fellowship  
3101 Old Santa Rita Rd #20  
Pleasanton, CA

### **By the Book**

*(closed Book study, Tradition on the last Tuesday of the month, one hour meeting)*

Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.

Meets at  
St. Clare's Church  
3350 Hopyard Road  
Pleasanton

### **The Free Thinkers Group**

*(open, discussion one hour meeting)*

Wednesdays  
7:00 p.m.

Meets at  
United Christian Church  
1886 College Ave.  
1 block south of the 4-way Stop  
Livermore

### A Trip to the Hospital

I recently got active in Public Information to give myself something to do other than be self-absorbed. I was welcomed at the District, that kind of service hadn't been active there for a while. I read the workbook and chose the tasks that didn't seem to complicated or inconvenient. I began taking AA literature to hospital emergency rooms, asking the nurse where I could leave it. I was always welcomed and felt AA was well-received. I began to have a sense of usefulness. I started talking about my experiences to anyone I thought might find it interesting, and hopefully, inspiring. I'm still puzzled that this arm of our service is so unpopular.

One day, a new sponsee was listening to me go on about how useful I felt when I delivered literature, how it's impossible to guess how many lives could be changed by this work. She rolled her eyes and said, "How hard can this be? Give me a packet, and I'll drop it off at the hospital." I gave her some pamphlets and explained what to do. I asked her to call me after she delivered it.

Later that evening, I got a call. She said, "Oh my God. I can't believe what happened. I went in like you said and asked the nurse where to leave the literature. I put it down and walked out the door. Once outside, I burst into tears. I realized I might have just saved someone's life.

It's impossible to guess how many lives are affected by the simple act of leaving an AA pamphlet in a public place. It's not so impossible to guess what happens for those who do the work. If only one person gets to experience the freedom from the bondage of self as I have as the result of carrying our message through Public Information service, I would consider that a great success. If no one else but me has that experience, I would consider that a great blessing.

*Anonymous  
February 2013 Grapevine*

*If you are interested in getting involved in Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC), there is a monthly meeting for our area at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at 295 27th Street in Oakland.*

## **Our area Fellowships celebrate sobriety!**

8:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month  
Come and celebrate your A.A. birthday with us!

### **TRI-VALLY FELLOWSHIP**

*Open Speaker meeting  
and birthday chips*

3701 Old Santa Rita Rd,  
#20  
Pleasanton

### **CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP**

*Open Speaker meeting  
and birthday chips*

386 Preston Ct.  
Livermore




## Monthly Events

- **1st Monday** Intergroup 7:30pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton
- **1st Monday** Monday Nite Live Birthday Meeting 8 pm, YMCA, 6693 Sierra Lane, Dublin
- **1st Wednesday** H&I Meeting, Orientation 7:00 pm General Meeting 7:30pm, 111 Fairmont Ave., Oakland
- **1st Friday** Friday Nite Live Birthday Meeting 7:00 pm, St. Philips Church, 8850 Davona Dr, Dublin
- **2nd Tuesday** Tri Valley General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Tri Valley Fellowship
- **2nd Saturday** San Leandro Speaker/Birthday Meeting
- **3rd Monday** General Service Sub District Meeting 6:45 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin
- **3rd Wednesday** PI/CPC Meeting 6pm, 295 27th Street, Oakland
- **3rd Saturday** Saturday Night Live Speaker Meeting, Brentwood
- **4th Monday** General Service District 70 Meeting 7:30 pm 20080 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley
- **Last Monday** of the month VSC Board Meeting 6:30 pm Valley Service Center, 6990 Village Parkway, Dublin
- **Last Tuesday** of the month Birthday Meeting, Ladies Lifeline 6:30pm, Trinity Lutheran, 1225 Hopyard, Pleasanton
- **Last Tuesday & Thursday** of the month Sunol Birthday Meeting, 7:30 pm, 143 Kilkare Road, Sunol
- **Last Wednesday** of the month Hilltop Birthday Meeting, 7:30 pm Lynwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton
- **Last Friday** of the month San Ramon Community Center, 12noon, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon
- **Last Saturday** of the month Crossroads Speaker/Birthday Meeting, 8pm
- **Last Saturday** of the month Tri Valley Speaker/Birthday Meeting, 8pm

COME TO THE DANVILLE-DIABLO AA

# SPEAKER MEETING



Celebrate your 30, 60, 90 day, 6 month, 9 month and 1-year-plus AA birthday & stay for the speaker's inspiring message

*Signing available for the hearing impaired*

**\*8:15 p.m.**

1st Saturday of every month  
Community Presbyterian Church  
222 W. El Pintado, Danville  
(in the main sanctuary)

\*Meeting start time changes from 8:15pm to 8:00pm effective Saturday April 11th, 2015

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