

Information, Please

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood.. I remember the polished old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side off the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but I used to listen when fascination when my mother talked to it.

Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please", and there was nothing she didn't know. Information Please could supply anyone's number and the correct time.

I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver in the parlor and held it to my ear. "Information Please" I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small, clear voice spoke into my ear.

"Information."

"I hurt my finger..." I wailed into the phone, the tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question.

"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.

"Are you bleeding?" the voice asked.

"No," I replied. "I hit my finger with a hammer and it hurts."

"Can you open the icebox?" she asked.

I said I could.

"Then chip off a little bit of ice and hold it to your finger," said the voice.

After that I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help

with my geography, and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math. She told me my pet chipmunk, that I caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruit and nuts.

Then, there was the time Petey, our pet canary, died. I called "Information Please," and I told her the sad story. She listened, and then said things grownups say to soothe a child. But I was not consoled. I asked her, "Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers on the bottom of a cage?"

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**CENTRAL OFFICE
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Central Office is to provide the basic services listed, to include, but not limited to:

- To carry the A.A. message and help those individuals who suffer from alcoholism;
- to maintain a 24-hour Twelve-Step phone service;
- to answer phone inquiries as needed;
- to compile, update and print meeting lists;
- to maintain A.A.-approved literature for sale to members and the public;
- and to print and distribute a newsletter.

Specifically excluded shall be the operation of any club, clubhouse or drying-out place, and acts in violation of the Twelve Traditions of A.A.

**Suiting up and Showing Up
Groups Represented At the
Central Office Reps Meeting for:
August 2006**

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| MURRAY GROUP | EYEOPENER |
| OFF THE CUFF | SUNDAY BREAKFAST |
| BIG UGLIES | SUGERHOUSE GROUP |
| SPIRITUAL QUEST | VISION FOR YOU |
| SIMPLY BIG | SPEAKEASY LADIES |
| GARDEN VARIETY | NOMADIC LUNCH |
| FRESH AIR SERENITY SEEKERS | YOUNG AND ALIVE |
| OLD FASHION A.A. | EARLY FRIENDSHIP |
| HOLLADAY GROUP | CITY AT SEVEN |
| FOOTHILL GROUP | WEEKEND HONEY'S |
| A WAY OUT | NO NONSENSE |
| HAPPY DESTINY | STEP MONSTERS |
| SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS | HIGH AND DRY |
| HILLCREST | MIDVALE LUNCH |
| MAGNA FRIENDLY | CAME TO BELIEVE |
| LIVING IN SOBRIETY | AN A.A. GROUP |
| D.N.S. | ACCEPTANCE GROUP |
| STONEWALL | IT'S IN THE BOOK |
| 5:15 HAPPY HOUR | |

Is Your Group Represented?

The next C.O. Reps Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Central City Community Center, 615 South 300 East.

“Let us never be a closed corporation; let us never deny our experience, for whatever it may be worth, to the world around us. Let our individual members heed the call to every field of human endeavor. Let them carry the experience and spirit of A.A. into all these affairs, for whatever good they may accomplish. For not only has God saved us from alcoholism; the world has received us back into its citizenship.”
A.A. Comes of Age, pp. 232-233

LIFELINE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
CENTRAL OFFICE OF SALT LAKE CITY, INC.

We welcome your correspondence and will publish your material, space permitting, if it meets editorial criteria. *Share your experience, strength and hope with another alcoholic.* For a free subscription or to submit articles, suggestions or contributions, contact Central Office of Salt Lake City:

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To reduce our costs, Central Office would like to update our mailing list for the **LIFELINE**. If you have moved please contact C.O. at 484-7871
Thank you.

Please visit our website for meeting information.
www.saltlakeaa.org

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1st—3rd; **2006 Colorado State Convention**, Marriott Denver Tech Center, Denver, CO.

2006convention@comcast.net or state@al-anon-co.org

September 15th—17th; **CC + H₂O Men's Spiritual Retreat**, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

contacts: James B.; joheeb@gmail.com

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September 15th—17th; **Women's Big Book Retreat** (not an AA sanctioned event), YMCA Camp Roger

contact: Patti I.; 541.9901

September 8th—10th; **Bridging the Gap Conference**, Holiday Inn, 999 South Main, Salt Lake City, UT.

Sept. 22—24; **Fall Assembly 2006 Area 69 Elections**, Red Hills Best Western, Kanab, UT.

info: 435.865.5890

October 22nd; **Central Office Open House**, 80 W. Louise Ave., South Salt Lake

November 4th—5th; **Area 69 Fall Workshop**, Holiday Inn Salt Lake City, UT

November 23rd—26th; **Las Vegas Roundup**, Las Vegas, NV

register online at: www.lasvegasroundup.com

Stepping Stones was left off the schedule. Sorry. This group's open meeting is in the Alano Club building at 5056 S. 300 W. in Murray at 8:00 pm.

Fresh Air Serenity Seekers at 5056 S. 300 W. now meets Monday thru Friday at 12:00 pm. This is an open meeting.

The **12 O'Clock High** that meets at noon in the club at 567 S. 2600 W in Bountiful will now meet at 12:00 pm Monday thru Friday. This is also an open meeting.

Rocketing to the Fourth Dimension is at 1458 E. Hollywood Avenue. This meeting starts at 9:00 pm on Saturdays. It's an open smoking meeting.

Copperton City has a new meeting on Mondays. The **Copperton Group** meeting starts at 8:00 pm in St. Paul's at 410 Hillcrest Street.

In The Solution, a men's group in Layton, is a closed meeting at 7:00 pm in the Baptist Church at 1232 N. Hill Field Rd. Another new meeting in Layton meets in a church at 1074 N. Fairfield Rd.

It's in the Book meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. This is also a closed meeting.

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A group of AA members will travel to Akron, Ohio during September 22nd-24th, 2006. The cost will be about \$500.00 for transportation and lodging.

Anyone interested, please contact Vickie at 521-2114.

It's Official, Folks. . . .

At the Central Office Rep's meeting held on August 8th, 2006, it was decided that Central Office will be moving to 80 W. Louise Avenue (2860 South). The move is scheduled to occur between October 1st and 15th. An open house will be held at the new location on Sunday, October 22nd between 11:30 am and 3:00 pm.

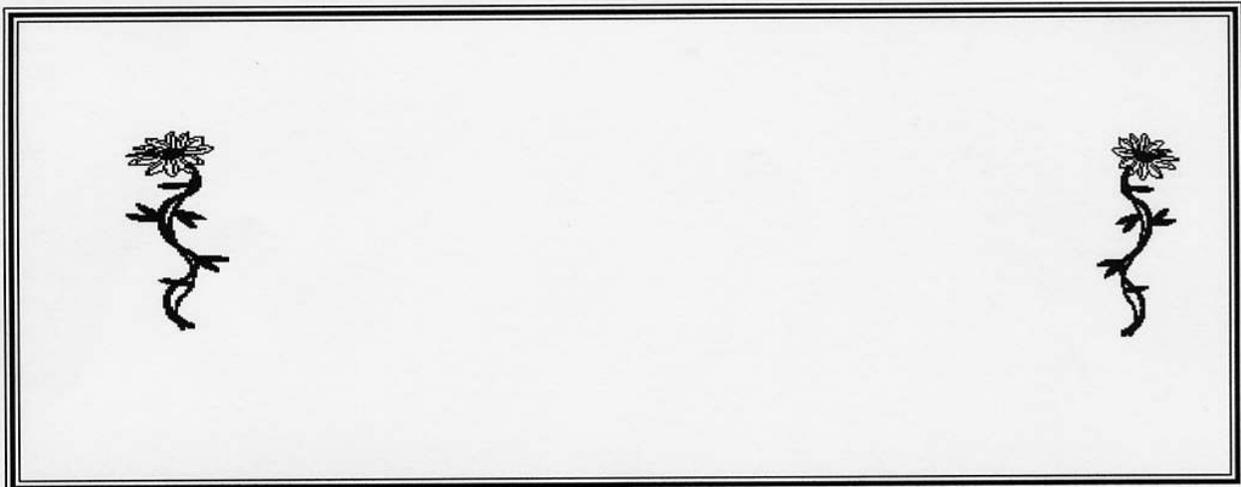
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIRTHDAYS!



Improve the quality of your sobriety and get out of yourself! Central Office needs volunteers for service work. We need people for 12-Step calls, stuffing envelopes, answering the telephone, et cetera. If you are interested contact Central Office at 484-7871.

Once you're dead, you're made for life.

—Jimi Hendrix—



Here's another meeting starting on Thursday. **Sunlight of the Spirit** is a Big Book study held in a house at 1999 W. 5580 S at 7:00 pm. I can only assume that it's in SLC.

An **AA Group** meeting in the family shelter at 210 South 455 West will now start at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. The **Davis Group** needs to clarify the information about it's meeting. It meets in the Catholic Education Center [440 Constitution in Layton] at 8:00 pm. This is an open meeting.

District 11 GSR has a new address. It now meets at 567 W. 2600 S in Boutiful at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Here endeth the meeting information.

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She must have sensed my concern, For she said quietly, "Wayne, always remember there are other worlds to sing in."

Somehow, I felt better.

Another day I was on the telephone, "Information Please." "Information," said the now familiar voice. "How do I spell fix?" I asked.

All of this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. When I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home, and I somehow never thought of trying the shiny new phone that sat on the table in the hall. As I grew into my teens, the memories of these childhood conversations never really left me.

Often, in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

A few years later on my way west to collage, my plane set down in Seattle. I had about a half hour or so between planes. I spent fifteen minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now. I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information, Please," Miraculously, I heard the small, clear voice, I knew so well... "Information"

I hadn't planned this, But I heard myself say, "Could you please tell me how to spell fix?" There was a long pause. Then came soft-spoken answer, "I guess your finger must be healed by now."

"So it's really you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time?" "I wonder if you know how much your call meant to me. I never had any children and I looked forward to your calls." I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked her if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. "Please do," she said. "Just ask for Sally."

Three months later I was back in Seattle. A different voice answered, "information." I asked for Sally.

"Are you a friend?"

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“Yes, a very old friend,” I answered.

“I’m sorry to have to tell you this,” she said. “Sally has been working part-time for the last few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago.”

Before I could hang up she said,

“Wait a minute, did you say your name was Wayne?”

“Yes,” I answered.

“Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down in case you called. Let me read it to you.”

The note said, “Tell him there are other worlds to sing in. He’ll know what I mean.

I thanked her, and hung up. I knew what she meant.

Never underestimate the impression you may make on others.

Courtesy of *Yahoo* Mail

More Words. . .

communication, n. [fr. communication; L.*communicatio*, communication, from *communicare*, to communicate, share]

1. the act of imparting, conferring, or delivering, from one to another; as, the *communication* of knowledge, opinions, or facts.

2. intercourse by words, letters, or messages; interchange of thoughts or opinions, by conference or other means.

3. the science and art of communicating as a branch of study.

4. means of communicating; specifically, (a) connecting passage; means of passing from place to place; (b) [pl.] a system for sending and receiving messages, as by telephone, telegraph, radio, etc.; (c) [pl.] a system for moving troops and material.

5. that which is communicated or imparted; information imparted by word or writing; as, the general received an important *communication*.

6. participation in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. [Obs.]

Syn.—discourse, intercourse, correspondence.

communicable, a. 1. capable of being communicated; capable of impartation from one to another; as, knowledge is *communicable* by words.

2. communicative; ready to impart. [Archaic]

3. capable of being transmitted: said of a disease, etc.

Webster’s New Universal Unabridged Dictionary,
with one sentence omitted for space

After Hours Transfer Phones for Central Office
September 2006

	M O N D A Y	T U E S D A Y	W E D N E S D A Y	T H U R S D A Y	F R I D A Y
First Week 5:30pm - 10:30pm	No Nonsense	10th Step Group	Fresh Air Serenity	Skip	Greater Kearns; 6-11
	**	10th Step Group	**	**	**
Second Week 5:30pm - 10:30pm	No Nonsense	10th Step Group	Fresh Air Serenity	Hillcrest Group; 6-10	Basic Young People's; 7-11
	**	10th Step Group	**	**	**
Third Week 9:30pm - 10:30pm	No Nonsense	10th Step Group	Fresh Air Serenity	Skip	5:30 NonSmoking SobrietyHour
	**	10th Step Group	**	**	**
Last Week 5:30pm - 10:30pm	No Nonsense	10th Step Group	Fresh Air Serenity	Dave S.	5:15 Happy Hour
	**	10th Step Group	**	Dave S.	5:15 Happy Hour 5:30 till 10:00pm
9:30 am	Saturday			Sunday	
<p>**Time slots available for your group to answer the phones. Call Central Office during business hours to sign up for a time slot. The phone number is at the bottom of this page. C.O.'s hours are; Monday through Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm and 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Saturday's hours are 10:00am till 2:00pm.</p>	First Week 2:00pm - 6:30pm		John T.	9:00am-12:00pm	**
	6:00pm - 10:00pm		**	12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
				6:00pm-8:00am	974 Group
	Second Week 2:00pm - 6:00pm		It's In the Book	9:00am-12:00pm	**
	6:00pm - 10:00pm		**	12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
				6:00pm-8:00am	**
	Third Week 2:00pm - 6:00pm		**	9:00am-12:00pm	**
	6:00pm - 10:00pm		**	12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
				6:00pm-8:00am	We Care Group
	Last Week 2:00pm-6:00pm		Dave P.	9:00am-12:00pm	**
	6:00pm-10:00pm		**	12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
				6:00pm-8:00am	**

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