

The Doll and the Rose

I was walking around in a store. I saw the cashier hand this little boy his money back saying “I’m sorry, but you don’t have enough money to buy this doll.”

Then the little boy turned to the old woman next to him:” Granny, are you sure I don’t have enough money?”

The old woman replied: “You know that you don’t have enough money to buy this doll, my dear.”

Then she asked him to stay there for 5 minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly.

The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand.

Finally, I walked toward him and I asked him who he wished to give this doll to.

“It’s the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her.”

I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her after all, and not to worry.

But he replied to me sadly, “No, Santa Claus can’t bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mommy so she can give it to my sister when she goes there.”

His eyes were so sad while saying this. “My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mommy is going to see god very soon too, so I thought that she could take the doll with her to give it to my sister.”

My heart nearly stopped.

The little boy looked up at me and said: “I told Daddy to tell Mommy not to go yet. I need her to wait until I come back from the mall.”

Then he showed me a very nice photo of him when he was laughing. Then he told me “I want Mommy to take my picture with her so she won’t forget me.”

“I love my Mommy and I wish she didn’t have to leave me, but Daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister.”

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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:
December 2006**

SIMPLY BIG	SERENITY VIEW
GARDEN VARIETY	HAPPY HOUR
HILLCREST	OFF THE CUFF
CITY AT SEVEN	OLD FASHION AA
CAME TO BELIEVE	BIG UGLIES
ACCEPTANCE GROUP	NEW LIFE
COME AS YOU ARE	LIVING IN SOBRIETY
TOOELE BEGINNERS	NON-SMOKING SOBRIETY
HAPPY DESTINY	HOUR
HAPPY GROUP	SUGERHOUSE MEN'S
VISION FOR YOU	FRESH AIR
10 TH STEP GROUP	WENDOVER GROUP
D N S	APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES
5:30 SOBRIETY HOUR	WELCOME HOME
WEDS. FIRESIDE CHAT	EARLY FRIENDSHIP
AN AA GROUP	MIDVALE LUNCH
NO NONSENSE	SIMPLY BIG
BOUNTIFUL COMMUNITY	SUNDAY BREAKFAST
MURRAY GROUP	
IT'S IN THE BOOK	

Is Your Group Represented?

The next C.O. Reps Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at Central Office. - 80 West Louise Ave. (2860 So.), Salt Lake City, UT., 84115-3514

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

"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 recieved us back into its citizenship."

A.A. Comes of Age, pp. 232-233

Upcoming Events

January 12th — 14th, 2007; **17TH ANNUAL RIVER ROUNDUP**, Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino
Laughlin, Nevada

Registration forms online: www.rcco-aa.org

February 9th — 11th; **56TH GREELEY A.A. STAMPEDE 2007**, Best Western Regency Hotel, Greeley, CO.

Contacts: Shelli R. @ 970.405.1904 or Mike R. @ 970.356.9489

February 17th; **AREA 69 COMMITTEE MEETING**, UT. ST. Univ., 987 E. Lagoon St., Roosevelt, UT.

Contacts: Nadine N. @ 435.724.4209 or the Alano Club @ 435.722.2595

February 23rd — 25th; **10TH ANNIVERSARY DIXIE WINTERFEST**, St George, UT.

Info: www.dixiewinterfest.org or Mike @ 435.229.6572

May 4th—6th; Seventh Annual Fellowship of the Spirit West Conference,
Big Bear Lake, CA

register online @ www.fotswest.com. or call 301.379. 9456

May 25th—27th; **U.C.Y.P.A.A. UTAH VALLEY 2007**, Courtyard Marriott, Provo, UT

Marriott's address and phone number are:

1600 N. Freedom Blvd.[200 West]; landline @ 801.373.2222

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

NEW MEETING: “STUDY THE STEPS”—Th @ 7:00PM-8074 So. 1300 E.- OPEN

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT - Th @ 7:00PM - LOCATION CHANGE-CALL STEVE V. - 661-5631

CITY AT SEVEN IS LOCATED AT 252 SOUTH 500 EAST. (THE REAR DOOR OF THE SALVATION ARMY)

Wake up Call is now meeting at 1361 Woodside Ave. (senior center, Park City) Monday through Friday at 7:00 am and on Saturdays and Sundays at 8:00 am

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.

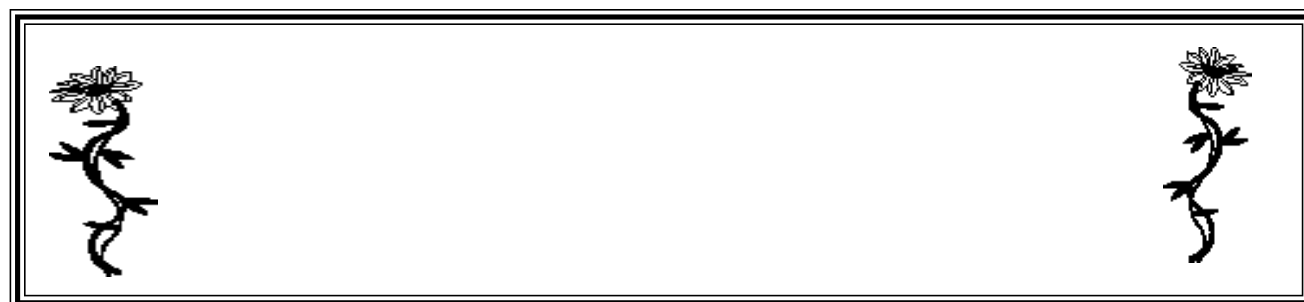
The **12 O'Clock High** that meets at noon in the club at 567 S. 2600 W in Bountiful will now meet at 12:00 pm Monday thru Friday. This is also an open meeting.

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.

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.



The Doll and the Rose, continued

Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly I reached for my wallet and said to the boy, “What if we checked again, just in case you do have enough money?”

“Ok” he said “I hope that I have enough.” I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll and even some spare money.

The little boy said: “Thank you God for giving me enough money.”

Then he looked at me and added “I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I had enough money to buy this doll so that Mommy can give it to my sister. He heard me!”

“I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my Mommy, but I didn’t dare to ask God for too much. But he gave me enough to buy the doll and a white rose.

“My Mommy loves white roses.”

A few minutes later, the old lady came back again and I left with my basket.

I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn’t get the little boy out of my mind,

Then I remembered a local newspaper article 2 days ago, which mentioned a drunk man in a truck who hit a car, where there was a young lady and a little girl.

The little girl died right away, and the mother was in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to recover from the coma.

Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after the encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young lady had passed away.

I couldn’t stop myself as I bought a bunch of white roses and went to the funeral home where the body of the young woman was exposed for people to see and make last wishes before burial.

She was there, in her coffin holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest.

I left the place, teary-eyed, feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love that this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk driver had taken this away from him.

Now you have 2 choices:

1: Pass this story on.

2: Ignore it as if it hasn’t touched your heart.

A postscript to **The Doll and a Rose**, page 5

A quote for this month is by Jay Leno:

“With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud-slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, “Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?”

**THESE ARE AA MEETINGS HELD IN TREATMENT CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE SALT LAKE VALLEY.
THEY REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

VOA WOMEN AND CHILDREN’S CENTER; 697 W. 4170 S., Friday @ 7:00 pm.

HIGHLAND RIDGE; 175 W. 7200 S. Mon. @ 8:30 pm and Thurs. @ 8:45pm.

HIGHLANDERS; 8072 Highland Dr, Wed. @ 8:00 pm.

WHIPPER SNAPPERS; 5770 S. 1500 W., bldg. D, Fri @ 5:30 pm.

WOMEN’S BIG BOOK MEETING; 175 W. 7200 S., Mon. @ 7:00 pm.

ONE SMALL STEP; 5770 S. 1500 W., bldg. D, Mon. @ 8:00 pm.

Wider Understanding

To reach more alcoholics, understanding of A.A. and the public good will towards A.A. must go on growing everywhere. We need to be on still better terms with medicine, religion, employers, governments, courts, prisons, mental hospitals, and all enterprises in the alcoholism field. We need the increasing good will of editors, writers, television and radio channels. These publicity outlets need to be opened ever wider.

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Nothing matters to A.A.’s future welfare more than the manner in which we use the collossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination.

Should we handle this great instrument badly, we shall be shattered by the ego manisfestations of our own people. Against this peril, A.A. members’ anonymity before the general public is our shield and our buckler.

Twelve Concepts, page 51
Grapevine, Nov. 1960
As Bill Sees It, page 255

After Hours Transfer Phones for Central Office
January 2007

	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
10:30pm-9:30am	**	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
10:30pm-9:30am	**	10th Step Group	**	**	**
Third Week					
5:30pm-10:30pm	No Nonsense	10th Step Group	Fresh Air Serenity	Skip	5:30 NonSmoking Sobriety Hour
10:30pm-9:30am	**	10th Step Group	**	**	**
Last Week					
5:30pm-10:30pm	No Nonsense	10th Step Group	Fresh Air Serenity	Dave S.	5:15 Happy Hour
10:30pm-9:30am	**	10th Step Group	**	Dave S.	5:15 Happy Hour 5:30 till 10:00pm
**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.		Saturday		Sunday	
		First Week			
		2:00pm-6:30pm	John T.	9:00am-12:00pm	**
				12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
		6:00pm-10:00pm	**	6:00pm-8:00am	974 Group
		Second Week			
		2:00pm-6:00pm	It's In the Book	9:00am-12:00pm	**
				12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
		6:00pm-10:00pm	**	6:00pm-8:00am	**
		Third Week			
		2:00pm-6:00pm	**	9:00am-12:00pm	**
				12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
		6:00pm-10:00pm	**	6:00pm-8:00am	We Care Group
		Last Week			
		2:00pm-6:00pm	Dave P.	9:00am-12:00pm	**
				12:00-6:00pm	An AA Group
		6:00pm-10:00pm	**	6:00pm-8:00am	**

