

THE LIFELINE

JANUARY 2017

My Friend, Ronnie S.

At the time of his passing a month ago, I believe Ronnie to be the most tenured member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Utah. My memory is partial and probably not exact but I believe he joined Alcoholics Anonymous in about 1947, and fully committed in 1952. My father joined in 1948 in the same city of Midvale Utah. Ronnie's wife Marjorie worked close to my shop and I was familiar with her charm and her immaculate vintage 1953 Chevrolet. Ronnie made sure the car was always perfect. She parked behind my shop in the gravel parking lot. Ronnie grew up on a farm. His story is that after he lost his driver's license he would still drive to the Midvale liquor agency in his tractor and buy quarts of liquor - He claimed he quit drinking before they had fifths - a story I cannot confirm. He was easy-going, affable, and a great storyteller.

After a few years of my own personal tenure in AA, I became interested in the organizations history and how the organization grew..

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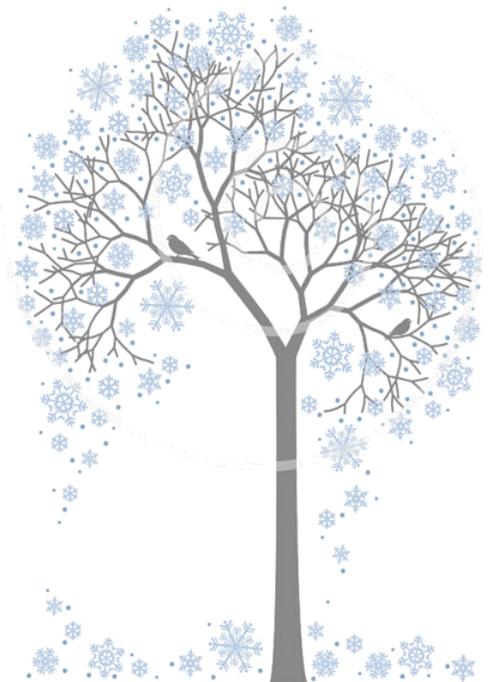
UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 2017

January 14: Draper Group
16th Anniversary Celebration:
Speaker Meeting & Pot Luck
Dinner @ Loan Peak Indoor
Pavilion: 10140 S 700 E,
Sandy (call Eric 801-633-
4262) .

FEBRUARY 2017

February 24-26: 20th
Annual Dixie Winterfest: St.
George, UT,
www.dixiewinterfest.com



CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH:

Understanding Anonymity



"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

“Over the years, anonymity has proved one of the greatest gifts that A.A. offers the suffering alcoholic. Without it, many would never attend their first meeting. Although the stigma has lessened to some degree, most newcomers still find admission of their alcoholism so painful that it is possible only in a protected environment. Anonymity is essential for this atmosphere of trust and openness. “

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-47_understandinganonymity.pdf

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“We Are Fully Self Supporting through Our Own Contributions.”

SALT LAKE CENTRAL OFFICE
Statement of Purpose

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

1. To carry the A.A. message and help those individuals who suffer from alcoholism
2. To maintain a 24-hour Twelve-Step phone list, and to answer phone inquiries as needed
3. To provide an A.A. listing in appropriate public sources
4. To function as a clearing house for the circulation and exchange of information among all of the A.A. Groups in the area
5. To compile, update and print meeting lists and other information about local A.A. services
6. To maintain A.A. approved literature for sale to members and the public
7. To print and distribute a newsletter
8. To be available to those in the community seeking information about alcoholism and A.A.
9. To maintain contact, refer inquiries and cooperate with General Service Committees and local groups
10. To arrange, delegate, or manage the details of all Central Office events or any other functions approved by the CO Committee
11. 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.
12. Such other activities that are consistent with the principles of the Twelve Traditions

***“Our admissions of
personal
powerlessness finally
turn out to be a firm
bedrock upon which
happy and purposeful
lives may be built.”***

12 Steps & 12 Traditions, p. 21

Intro to the Board: Evan J., Trustee

Aloha, my name is Evan I am an alcoholic . My sobriety date is February 05, 2013. My home group is "wake up call", at the Senior Center in Park City. I have a sponsor and my sponsor has a sponsor . I am originally from Encinitas , CA. where I managed to create a lifestyle that was completely unmanageable . I was having trouble figuring out what the root of my problems were , because as you may know- it wasn't the alcohol and it wasn't me , I was a victim of unfortunate circumstance .

On February 05, 2013, I was given the gift of desperation, I woke up that morning with an uncomfortable amount of fear. The fear of the next drink and the damage it would cause (death or institutions)... and so the journey began.

Today is much different. I am living and continuing to grow with life on life's terms (not mine).

Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about our fellowship and pay forward the priceless gift of sobriety.

-Evan

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

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FEAR OF MISSING OUT?

No need! The following positions are still available— come to the next Central Office Committee meeting to BE OF SERVICE!

Archives Committee: The Archive Committee will be entrusted with the safe keeping, organization, assembly and storage of all Central Office records as directed by the Board of Trustees and C.O. Committee. Past chair will train

Public Information Committee The Public Information Committee will function in cooperation with the similar committees in Districts 2, 10 and 11 and Area 69. The Committee, in carrying out its duties, will refer to the GSO A.A. Guidelines and Kit for direction and guidance. Past chair will train.

Treatment Facilities Committee: The Treatment Facilities Committee will function in cooperation with the similar committees in Districts 2, 10 and 11 and Area 69. The Committee, in carrying out its duties, will refer to the GSO A.A. Guidelines and Kit for direction and guidance. Past chair will train.

Twelfth Step Committee: The Twelfth Step Committee's primary function is to have willing A.A. members available to respond to requests for help. All participating groups will identify their Twelfth Step Coordinator and submit names and contact information to the Twelfth Step Committee. Central Office refers all requests for visits to the Twelfth Step Committee. The Committee contacts Twelfth Step Coordinators and/or members from the participating groups. In addition, the Twelfth Step Committee will inform members and groups of this service opportunity. Past chair will train.

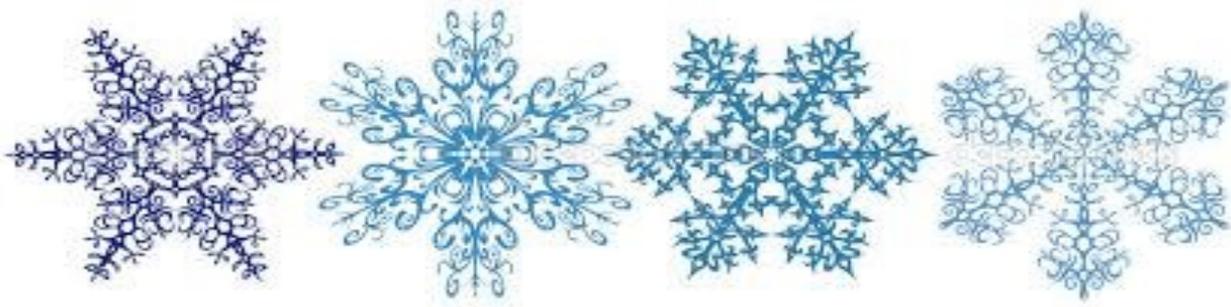
From the Chair

My name is Doug, alcoholic and sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous since January 14, 1983. I want to thank the CO Reps for giving me the honor of becoming the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of SL Central Office, Inc. I am very grateful to be able to serve, to attempt to pay back to this incredible Fellowship for everything that has so freely been given me. Welcome to the new Trustees; Kevin & Evan and our new Alternate Trustee Bob G. I look forward to working with you all in this upcoming panel.

I've asked our newly elected officers to write an introductory article. Next month I will ask the newly elected Committee Chairs to do the same thing and I will committee to writing an article for the Lifeline on a monthly bases.

My hope is to continue the spirit of cooperation and communication with all of the groups and districts that Central Office is here to serve. As our A.A. Service Manual suggests on page S41 in the section titled Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices. "Traditionally, general service committees and intergroup/central offices have performed different functions. Central Offices provide local services; general service committees maintain the link between A.A. groups and the A.A. Service Board by means of the Conference. So these two separate but vital service structures coexist in many areas in mutual cooperation and harmony."

I'm feeling overwhelmed, a little intimidated. Haaa I must be poised for some growth!



Meeting Updates

Cancelled Meetings:

First Step House Wednesdays @ 7pm First Step House: 411 North Grant in SLC

Happy Joyous & Free Tuesdays

Meetings Changes:

District 2 DCM Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6pm: Fellowship Hall 2060 S Winsor Street SLC

My Friend, Ronnie S. ...Continued from page 1

up in Utah. Ronnie had wonderful stories and was willing to talk. AA was much different then. It didn't rely so much on the book as it did the fellowship. 12 stepping was prominent as treatment centers were rare. Ronnie, Marjorie, my mother and father would often venture to Provo on Friday nights for Chinese dinner and an AA meeting held at the Protestant church in the center of town. Ronnie knew my dad well, and told stories from a point of view that I'd never heard. My respect for both of these men is long and deep as they genuinely loved each other. After 15 years my father started drinking again. Ronnie put no shame on the slip, Of course he called it what it was, a return to insanity and a tragic mistake. Later my father quit again and remained sober the rest of his life.

At my father's funeral, I was introduced to some old-time AA members that joined in the 40s and early 50s. As a history buff and one who likes first-hand accounts I pursued friendship with all of these men and one woman. Nobody was more interesting or free to tell stories like Ronnie. We had the added advantage that he lived just a half a mile from my shop. When he would visit, I would figuratively dust off the chair and make him as comfortable as possible and encourage him to spool out story after

story. He was a goldmine of first-hand accounts of early AA in Utah.

Somewhere in the 1990s, Ronnie started taking his neighbor, an equally old man to a few AA meetings in attempt to help the neighbor get sober. Ronnie could've been a patriarch, but with a genuine humility he was one among his fellows - no better - no worse - tenure did not matter. The neighbor never took the bait, but as we have witnessed before, helping others is what keeps us sober. I took Ronnie to a few meetings, and wanted to show him off, but he demurred any stardom. He listened intently and loved what he saw and the direction AA had gone.

The last few years he was a bit fuzzy and his mind could hardly focus. My affection for him only grew despite the fact that the early stories of Utah AA and his sobriety were rarely talked about. He was focused on his love for his family and grandchildren. He would tear up every time he thought of his beloved Marjorie. He was a sentimental man with a big heart and the long history that he was anxious to tell. I am glad I knew him.

Clark P

HOME GROUPS REPRESENTED @ DEC 2016 CENTRAL OFFICE MEETING

- Stonewall Group
- Murray Group
- Hillcrest Group
- Fresh Air
- Serenity Now
- Midvale Lunch Bunch
- Bntfl Community Church
- South Davis Group
- 90th & 32nd
- Rose Park Recovery
- Grapevine
- City @ 7
- By the Book
- Women in Sobriety
- 5:15 Happy Hour
- Sunday Breakfast
- Friday Young & Alive
- Monday Night Stepping Stones
- Daily Grind
- Come As You Are
- Highland Group
- Happy Destiny
- Hot Topic
- 5:30 Non-Smoking Sobriety
- Every Night Fire Light
- 10th Step Group
- Acceptance Group
- Bog Irish
- Salt Lake Group
- Park City Mens Stag
- Nomadic Lunch Bunch
- Draper Group
- Vincent & Friends
- Red Eye Group
- Primary Purpose

AA Central Office of Salt Lake, Inc.
Central Office Rep Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 6:30 pm

Chair: Nick R – WELCOME, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, INTRO OF NEW REPS: Mason R – Grapevine, Rob C – Fresh Air & Serenity Now, Melissa B – Daily Grind, Paul T – Hot Topic. Stated he had been contacted by Utah Jazz regarding group tix which are still expensive. Reminded folks about last year's Hockey game and asked that suggestions for other events be provided

Co-Chair: Doug R – Has been making a lot of contacts, the web site is updated

Secretary: Gina F – Sign in legibly

Treasurer: Lorraine R – Financial Report – gross profits up from last year, the quarterly summary is being done and will be available @ the end of December

Trustee starting January: Kevin D – n/a

Trustee: Sharon G - out

Trustee starting January: Evan – n/a

Alt Trustee starting January: Bob G n/a

Alt Trustee: Bob C – visited the District 2 meeting

Activities Chair: Joel R – Activities are wrapped up for the year. Has completed his term, and will be available to assist new chair

Archives: Josh D – Completed his term of service, Laura C indicated interest and may stand for post at January 2017 COR meeting

By-Laws: OPEN

Coins: Sandy A – ordered, received and put away

Cooperation with Professionals: Charlie B - Meeting with attorneys to talk about AA

Corrections Chair: Dan B – Jail still needs volunteers, applications are in the front lobby, is stepping down

Hotline Chair: John J – reported by Nick that all was well and he will remain in his position for another year

Literature Chair: Charlie T – Literature inventory to be held on Sunday, January 1 beginning January 1, 2017 at 9 am. All invited. Pamphlet of the month is Understanding Anonymity.

Newsletter Chair: Wendy P – Nothing new to report. Birthdays and articles should be emailed by the 15th of each month to lifeline@saltlakeaa.org

Outreach Chair: Sharon G – out/stepping down

Public Information: Beverly A – out/stepping down

Tech Committee Chair: Shayne F – out

Treatment Chair: Sandy Barlow – excused/stepping down/will help train new chair

12th Step Committee Chair: Tim E – List is current and ready to be used. Additional lists can be left in his central office mail box. Will help train new chair

Volunteer Chair: Jim C – Received a Christmas card from Genesis, held a volunteer luncheon to thank all for their service. Now out of budget.

Website Chair: Doug R – everything up to date

Elections for Central Office Committee Chairs (See attached page).

Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on Tuesday January 13, 2017

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