

lifeline



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My Name Is Sean

My name is Sean and I'm an alcoholic. I have been an alcoholic for forty years. I have been going to meetings off and on for three decades. I went to meetings for the most part to appease loved ones and for legal reasons. I went to prove that I was different from others and I went with the intent of getting the best of my illness or becoming a functional alcoholic. I have different amounts of sobriety times with many more relapses due to the fact that I never would continue to put in the work, or become stagnant and disconnected from the fellowship. I now see where I have failed and it simply can be stated by three ideas. First, I am powerless over alcohol and I will always be an alcoholic. It will always be smarter and more powerful than myself. Secondly, I cannot do it alone. I cannot continue to live by my will or without the trust and guidance of my higher power. And lastly, Alcoholics Anonymous is a "we" program and not a "me" program. Staying connected is the key to my success and reinforces the spiritual principles of honesty, open-mindedness and willingness. My name is Sean and I am an alcoholic who is grateful to Alcoholics Anonymous and to my higher power.



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C.O. Meeting Minutes December 8th 2020

Reports Board of Directors -

Chair: Julian G- Absent (Brad covered Warranties & Statement of Purpose)

Co-Chair: Brad - Welcome new C.O. reps: Debbie, John, Dan & Steve.

Secretary: Mike- Thanks to everyone who volunteers at Central Office. Welcome new reps.

Treasurer: Leonard B- Moved \$1500 rewards deduction from the debit card to checking, to be reflected in January's report. Light month in terms of expenses and group contributions. Net loss of \$800.

Trustee: Open - (District 2) Sonya will report on district 2 until the position is filled. Most of there panel is filled, but some positions are still available.

Trustee: Brad - (District 10) Many positions filled, some still available.

Reports Committee Chairs -

Events Calendar: Jake - Is stepping down after two years of service. Nothing to add to the calendar.

Archives: Laura - Come check out the map and timeline of AA & Utah history, recently added to the archives room.

Coins: Jim C. - Chip purchases have been down. Will look at inventory in the next few days.

Public Information: Melissa E - Explained the position and shared her experience as P.I. chair.

Treatment Chair: Rusty J. - I've been distributing literature to treatment centers, handling requests for AA meetings. Is transitioning out of this position and training someone new.

Webservant: Sonya - There is now a Newcomer Page which has a virtual newcomer package. I am playing around with closed captioning for meetings...more info next month.

Old Business : Lenny made a motion to install the 2021 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

New business: Elections and open positions.

Board positions -

- **Chairperson - Open**
- **District 2 Trustee - Rusty J**
- **Alternate(s) Trustee(s) - Open**

Committee Chair Positions -

- **Activities - Open**
- **Events Calendar - Open**
- **Archives - Open**
- **Bi-laws - Open**
- **Coins - Open**
- **Cooperation w Professionals - Open**
- **Corrections - Open**
- **Literature -**
- **Hotline - Open**
- **Newsletter - Open**
- **Outreach - Melissa E.**
- **Public Information - Open**
- **Tech Committee - Open**
- **Treatment Centers - Open**
- **12th Step Coordination - Open**
- **Volunteers - Open**
- **Webservant - Sonya**

**"Only 10% of those in
A.A. get involved with
service. Out of those 10%,
90% stay sober."**

Adjourn and Close with the Serenity Prayer

Keep Smiling And Have A Wonderful Safe Month!

*The next Central Office Board meeting will be held on Tuesday January 5th 2021 @ 6:30-pm

*Central Office Rep. meeting will be held on Tuesday January 12th 2021 @ 6:30-pm

Can we get some help here?



In 2012 a group at Central Office of Salt Lake put together a display of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous in languages from all over the world. A map of the world has been started with the holes drilled into place to light up the areas of the world where these languages are spoken. When we were building this display someone commented that it would be neat if we could push a button and see where they speak Urdu or any of the lesser known

languages represented on display. ***We need help!*** Someone with the skills to help create code so we can complete this project, someone who can help us wire the lights, and someone to email all over the world to get information on these countries. We would like to learn the history of how each country was introduced to A.A. and how the Big Book was translated. If anyone out there is ready to have fun adding to this “once in a lifetime” project, please call Central Office (801) 484-7871 or come in Saturday between 10:00-2:00 and meet Charlie.



Looking for A.A. meetings that are held in-person?

Go to our website: www.saltlakeaa.org

- ▶ select 'Meetings' from the drop down menu
- ▶ then select 'Schedule of Meetings'
- ▶ In the search box, type “Meeting in Person” then press the Enter key.
- ▶ From there, you can refine your search by location, day, time and/or meeting type.

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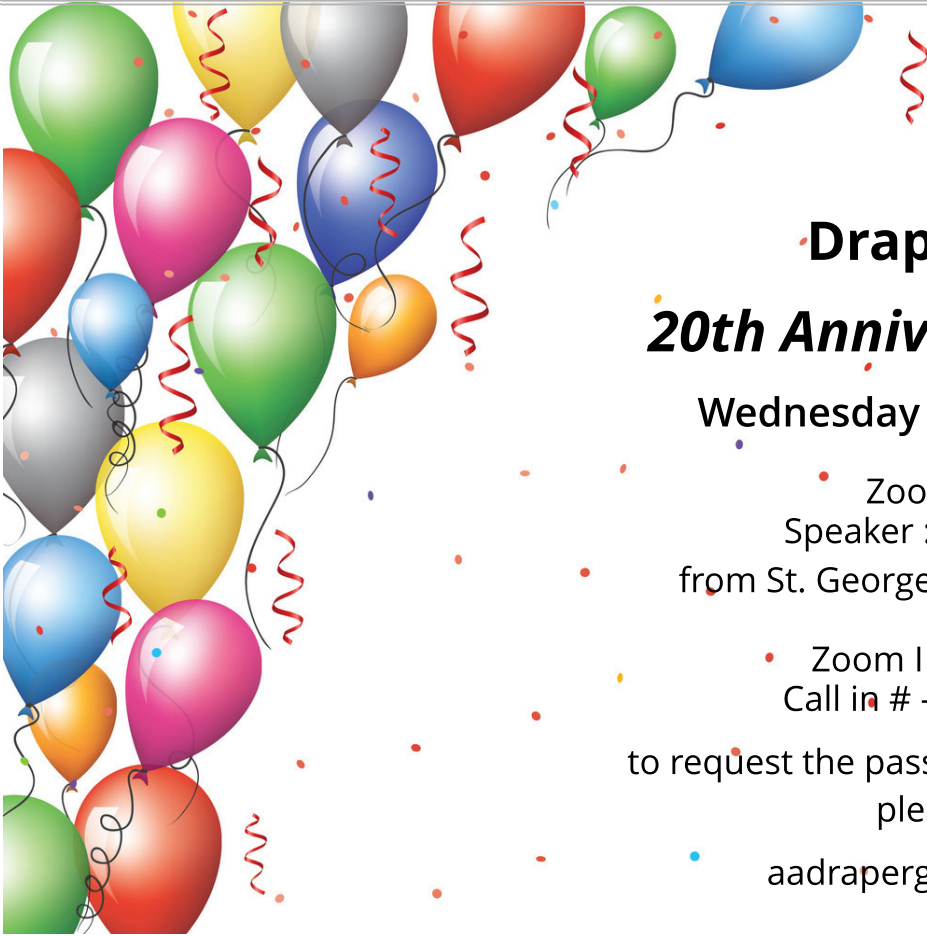


Please check on the Central Office website for up-to- date virtual meeting schedules. Most meetings have been moved to the Zoom app.

<http://www.saltlakeaa.org>

As of this printing, the Salt Lake Central Office is **Open**

NEWS&EVENTS



Draper Group 20th Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday January 13th 2021

Zoom Platform

Speaker : **Dennis A. (Doc)**

from St. George with 47 years sobriety

Zoom ID: 263 219 320

Call in # - 1-669-900-6833

to request the password to join this meeting,
please email -

aadrapergroup@gmail.com

24th National A.A. Archives Workshop

"Today is Tomorrow's History"

September 30th - October 3rd, 2021

San Antonio, TX

for more information, contact:

Tami S., Chair: (210)316-0147

Paul B., Co-Chair: (210)885-5848

2021ArchivesWorkshop@gmail.com

website: 2021NAAAW.org

57th International Women's Conference

February 18th - 21st, 2021



HOSTED BY CHARLOTTE NC

REGISTRATION IS FREE BUT REQUIRED.
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME.

<https://internationalwomensconference.org/>

C.O. FINANCIALS DECEMBER 2020




Income Statement

Revenue

	2020	2019
Group Contributions	\$959.27	\$2,062.52
Copy/Newsletter donations	\$0	\$27.50
Individual Contributions	\$178.00	-
Sales - Literature	\$3,468.31	\$4,030.70
Sales - Coins	\$904.00	\$1,212.15
Sales - Other	\$208.05	
Total Revenue:	\$5,597.61	\$7,332.87
COGS - Literature	\$2,920.29	\$4,114.19
COGS - Coins	\$756.98	\$1,126.95
Total COGS	\$3,677.27	\$5,241.14
Gross Profit	\$1,920.34	\$2,091.73
Operating Expenses	\$2,797.16	\$4,077.75
Other Expenses:	\$	\$
Total Expenses:	\$2,797.16	\$4,077.75
Net Income:	\$(876.82)	\$(1,986.02)

Bank Accounts

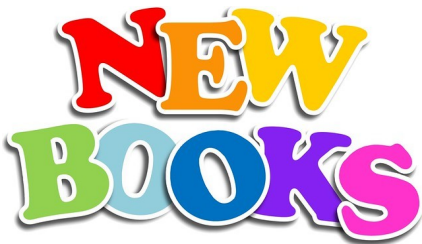
Checking & Petty Cash	\$21,820.19	\$12,324.82
Accounts Payable Due	\$(153.76)	\$(4,373.07)
Money Market - PR	\$22,424.91	\$19,378.28
Total:	\$44,091.34	\$27,330.03





By-Laws Update

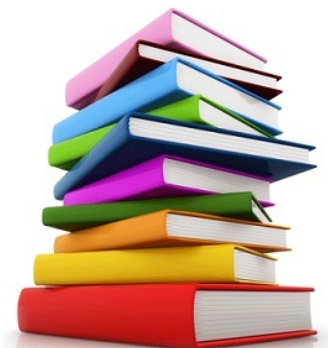
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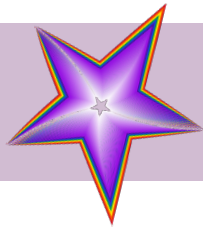


A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: *An Archival Journey.*

There is a new book being released February 14th 2021. There will be a pre-order period from Dec. 1st, 2020 - January 31st, 2021 where it can be ordered at an early bird price of \$11 (the list price will be \$12). Copies pre-ordered will be delivered in advance of the February 14th release date.

This book originated as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. "It is a celebration of our history in words and images." It includes a special focus on Detroit in A.A.'s history - an updated coverage of recent innovations in A.A. group life.



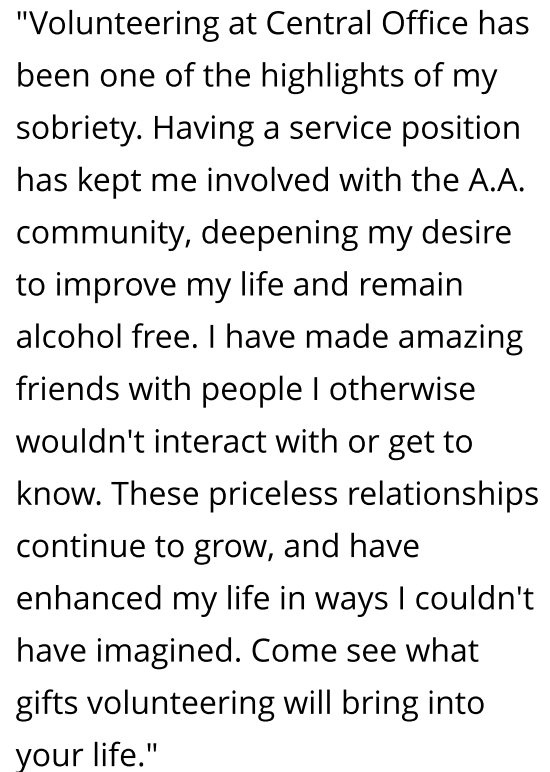


Central Office Elections

After our election meeting last month, many positions still remain open at Central Office.

They are:

- Chairperson
- Three Trustees
- Two alternate Trustees
- Hotline
- 12th Step Coordinator
- Activities
- Newsletter
- Outreach
- Website
- By-Laws
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Archives
- Public Information
- Treatment Facilities
- Corrections
- Co-operation w/ Professionals
- Coins



"Volunteering at Central Office has been one of the highlights of my sobriety. Having a service position has kept me involved with the A.A. community, deepening my desire to improve my life and remain alcohol free. I have made amazing friends with people I otherwise wouldn't interact with or get to know. These priceless relationships continue to grow, and have enhanced my life in ways I couldn't have imagined. Come see what gifts volunteering will bring into your life."

For more information on these service positions, please visit -
<https://www.saltlakeaa.org/download/SL-Central-Office-By-Laws.pdf>



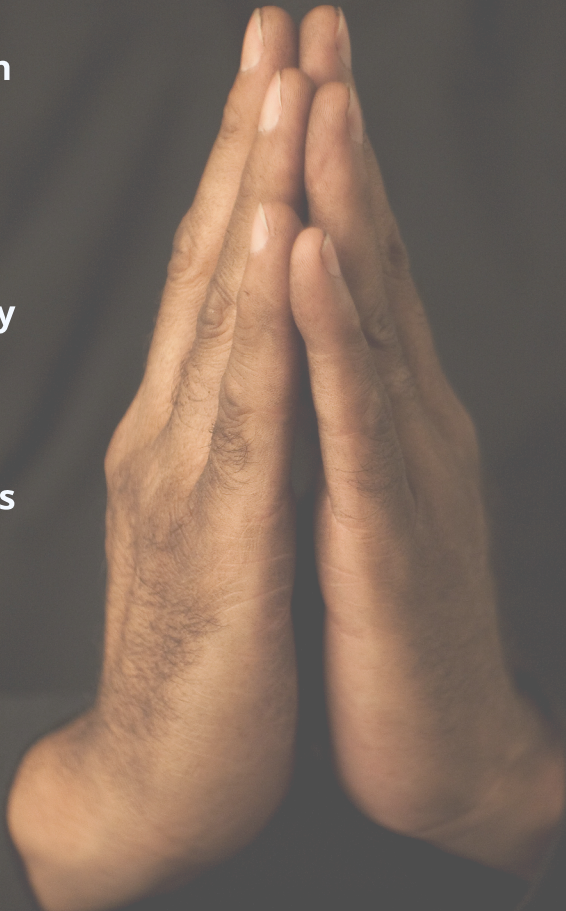
Joke of the Month



A cowboy rode into town and stopped at a saloon for a drink. Unfortunately, the locals always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished his drink, he found his horse had been stolen. He went back into the bar, handily flipped his gun into the air, caught it above his head without even looking and fired a shot into the ceiling. "Which one of you sidewinders stole my horse?!" he yelled with surprising forcefulness. No one answered. "Alright, I'm gonna have another beer, and if my horse ain't back outside by the time I

finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas!" Some of the locals shifted restlessly. The man, true to his word, had another beer, walked outside, and his horse has been returned to the post. He saddled up and started to ride out of town. The bartender wandered out of the bar and asked, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

My experience with step one made me realize how badly I needed help. How powerless I actually was and how the hope I had completely lost was completely restored. My experience with step two was realizing that I can come back from



heartache and constant pain. I can be fixed. And I can be stronger than my addiction ever was. Finding my higher power has put me in a place where I understand that everything happens for a reason. Now I put all of my faith into my higher power. -anonymous

News Update from the Alano Board Members:

We thought we would take this opportunity to bring the local recovery community up to date on Alano Club news. The Club is open and meetings are happening, there will be an election in January to fill 4 Board of Trustee spots. There are ways to maintain your membership status even though the kitchen is closed and hours are reduced.

First, the Club is open and meetings are happening on a reduced schedule. We make a concerted effort to keep the online schedule up to date. It can be found at alanoclubslc.org. If anyone needs to contact the club to notify us of an outdated schedule item, a new meeting, or any other business, we can be reached at support@alanoclubslc.org. Due

to COVID-19, the downstairs is completely off limits, so the kitchen is closed. We are operating on a day to day basis so please check the website for updated news. The board has been doing as much as we can to stay open and support the recovery community.

We will be having our required general membership meeting at the end of January. It is unclear how that will happen due to restrictions on occupancy in the building so there may be some online options. More will be revealed on this, check the website. We do need to vote in 4 new board members and are looking for eligible people interested in helping keep this valuable resource alive. To be eligible for the board you currently must have paid your club dues

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My Life was ups & downs – in and out of jails & prisons. I was so powerless over my addiction. I would use not even really wanting to, knowing that I was heading in a direction that was the wrong way – making my life unmanageable to the point of losing everything. My house, my family, my self-respect. Admitting this to myself and others made me hear my addiction louder – made it real – helped me take a closer look at my behaviors. The smell of disaster and lost hope vs order and hopefulness is so different – and I want to smell the beauty of being clean & sober. My will to believe in a higher power to bring me to that is the only way I believe is possible. The day I came to believe in a higher power brought sunlight and the smell of flowers. My higher power is my light, my freshness. So, stop and smell the roses once and a while. Think about the beauty of the Grace of God (as you see him) Enjoy the little things. Let go and let God. He will provide. Trust him.

-anonymous



News Update from the Alano Board Members: ...Cont from pg. 10

...for the last 2 consecutive years. We are hoping to get some of the younger community involved to help us with new, creative and enthusiastic ways to reach out to potential members.

With kitchen operations curtailed and hours reduced, the club finances are even more precarious than usual. It is important for current members to maintain their membership dues and we'd really appreciate adding new members to our roles. This is the lifeblood of the organization. Dues can be paid by sending a check to the club (5056 South 300 West, Murray UT 84107). Be sure to include your name, address, phone and email so we can be sure to credit

the correct account or create a new one. Dues are \$10/month or \$100/year. We have a "Go Fund Me Account" where contributions can also be made. Dues give you a voice in membership decisions, eligibility for the board of trustees and serve as a vital role in keeping our club operational.

2020 was a difficult year for all of us. We do know that we can get through this together. Your support is greatly appreciated and we hope that this club can support you in your daily efforts to live a life of recovery. As the book says, We hope to see you along the way as we "trudge the road to happy destiny"!

THIS WILL NEVER WORK

In January 2012 the Central Office of Salt Lake City began the famous experiment called, "THIS WILL NEVER WORK." An *All-Volunteer Central Office*. What has happened? Has the experiment worked?

I only have the Charlie T point of view. I believe we have not only created a more attractive room for our literature, we have built a Global Presentation of A.A. from all over the world. For an extended period of time, we had our literature at cost and because we purchase some literature in bulk we were able to sell books at a discount below what you can purchase the same literature at from GSO. I believe we have produced a happy serene environment that has benefited not only the Volunteers but also the Visitors to Central Office. I propose we create a yearly celebration of "THIS WILL NEVER WORK." We have entered a new chapter of selfless service dedicated to you the member.



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