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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

"What if" is a dangerous game normally associated with newcomers. A newcomer might ask, "What if I'm not an alcoholic? What if I can stop or moderate on my own? What if I'm only a heavy drinker and don't need the steps or meetings?" I think it's funny that we never ask, "What if I'm in denial?" Perhaps we should be asking if we're in denial.

I got sober, returned to work and wrote several articles for a local digest type publication. But what if I had been in denial? Maybe I wasn't that bad yet. If that were the case, my commanding officer would have discharged me under less than honorable circumstances, the articles wouldn't have been written, I wouldn't have been published and I would have been drunk. There's no up-side!

I went on to become an Intelligence Analyst tasked with monitoring foreign air forces. For my efforts I was rewarded by the Air Force and the Army. We were short handed and I convinced the Army to let me train a few Army soldiers on Air Force equipment. What if I had been drinking? The soldiers would not have been trained, we would still be shorthanded, and the Cold War would have been colder.

I married a wonderful woman and we had a son. What if I had been drinking? I probably wouldn't have

married at all. If I did marry it probably would have ended in a divorce. If children were involved I probably would have become a dead beat dad.

I served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. What if I had been drinking? I wouldn't have served anyone but myself. I retired from the Air Force, and later I retired from the Veterans Affairs. What if I had been drinking? Instead, I would have retired from life, withdrawing into myself leaving no room for anyone else. My favorite type of meeting is a Big Book Study. What if I had been drinking? First, I wouldn't read a book. Second, my favorite type of meeting would be alcohol with my lips.

Here's a little exercise anyone can do next time you are feeling out of sorts, your gratitude is low and you lack direction and purpose. It's my version of "It's a Wonderful Life." Take a piece of paper and draw a line down the center, creating two columns. Label the first column "Sobriety" and the other column "What if." In the first column, the "Sobriety" column, list all the places you've been to and the people you met.

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Also list all of the things you did that made you happy and all your accomplishments. List all the people you love. List how your sobriety affected you in all your affairs. Then in the column labeled "What if," list what would have happened had you been drinking. List the things that would never have happened. List the people you've met but wouldn't have met; the people you loved but wouldn't have loved. List how your drinking would have affected you in all your affairs.

I've discovered I like writing, especially about myself. I know the topic better than anyone I know. What if I had been drinking? You wouldn't be reading this story. I wouldn't have realized how very much I have to be grateful to. After this simple exercise I will end up with a list of people, place and things: but instead of ending up with a list to be thankful for I will end up with a list to be grateful to. The gratitude I find will continue to fuel my sobriety.

- Anonymous

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT



In 1994, I purchased a 1995 GMC Jimmy. It was my first car with lots of space. I was used to Triumphs, Mazdas, and half ton pickup trucks. My new car could hold lots of stuff; camping gear, bicycles and even sheets of plywood. I stocked it with Big Books. By now I had made it a habit to keep a "hot spare" Big Book on hand at all times. In the chapter "How it Works" it states, "If he shows interest, lend him your copy of this book," (Big Book, page 94). I didn't want to give my Big Book away, hence the "hot spare."

A few days before Christmas, I had to pick up my son at the Murray library. He wasn't quite done, so I went back to my car to listen to the radio until he was finished. Then a thought came to me, "What would happen to a Big Book anonymously placed in the book drop." I grabbed one of my "hot spares" and wrote my phone number on the inside cover of the Big Book. Another thing I did was to place the initial of my first name across the pages on the base of the book. This way, if they tore out the page with my phone number, I'd still be able to identify the book. Then I slipped it in the book drop.

I returned to the library about five days later. There was the Big Book with my phone number in it, sitting on a shelf, cataloged with the Dewey Decimal number on the spine.

About nine months later, I returned to the library. The Big Book was gone. I asked if they had another copy. The mystery deepened when the librarian said it wasn't checked out and that it should be on the shelf. I decided that the library was in need of another Christmas Big Book.

The week before Christmas, the Big Book Santa put his phone number in a Big Book and slipped it in the book drop. From 1994 to 2006, the Big Book Santa (me) dropped off a Big Book, the librarian cataloged it and an anonymous thief stole it. Twelve books seemed to have evaporated. Turns out, the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous is one of the most stolen books from municipal libraries. It would seem that anonymous people don't want a paper trail of what they've been reading.

The last copy of the Big Book I dropped off at the Murray Library was a large print Fourth Edition. My thinking was that the large print would be harder to steal. Clancy once said, "If a thief wants something, it's gone." He was right. The large print was gone. To this day, I have never seen a Big Book with the scar of having the Dewey Decimal rubbed off. Nor have I seen one with my initial across the pages at the base of the book.

I gave up being Big Book Santa in 2006 after a grave illness. Then in 2010, out of the blue, I get a phone call from a man named Robert. He was an inpatient at a treatment center in Calgary, Canada.

My curiosity was piqued. I asked him how he had gotten my number, and he said, "It was on the inside cover of a Big Book he was given by the treatment center." The book also had my initial across the pages. I don't know what happened to him or the book, but I hope he is sober and the book is used.

What happened to the twelve Big Books? I may never know. I pray the thief is not in a coffin and the book in a landfill. I hope they ended up in the hands of an alcoholic in need. If not, I hope they end up in the library of an active or potential Al Anon.

- Anonymous

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DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.'s future; To
place our common welfare first; to
keep our fellowship united. For on
A.A. unity depend our lives and the
lives of those to come.

CENTRAL OFFICE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2023

Board of Trustees

Chair: Wade J. – Not present, excused.

CO-Chair: Shannon M. – Reads preamble and welcomes everyone.

Secretary: Jake S. – Sends sign-up sheet around for new reps.

Treasurer: Mark C. – Not present, excused. No pressing issues. Really good month overall.

- Group contribution \$5,100.00 this year vs \$3,765.00
- One off Individual Contribution- \$3,000.00
- Cancelled Yellow Pages per last years vote.
- Operating Expense \$4,500 on target
- Operating Income \$5,400.00

Trustee: John S. – Went to the District 2 GSR meeting last night, a lot going on regarding pink can money, definite need for the jails and prison, please continue with contributions for the pink can.

Trustee: Sonya M. – District 11 meeting was small. 12 attendees. Budget was proposed. It is 15% smaller than last year as the district historically uses less than 50% of its budget. PI chair was recorded with a message for a local hospital group. Hopes to get a copy to use with other groups.

Trustee: Phillip W. – District 11 had a small meeting, only about 12 attendees, 15% smaller proposed budget than last year.

Trustee: Alan B. – The GSR Meeting day, time, and location has changed. It is now the 3rd Monday of each month. New Location: The Good Shepherd Church 8575 S 700 E, Sandy, UT 84070, Time: 6 pm. The first meeting at the new location was well attended and two new GSRs came to the meeting.

District 13 GSRs reported solid attendance at most of the meetings. There are several open positions available, including DCMs, which would be the priority now. If you know anyone that qualifies for that position, send them my way.

Alternate Trustee: Alyssa F. stands for the position. Vote taken. Minority voice heard. At least one vote changes. Re-vote occurs. Majority sustain. Congrats Alyssa!

Alternate Trustee: OPEN

Immediate Past Chair: Brad M. Not present, excused.

NOVEMBER 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

- Treasurer- No one stood. Please take this back to your groups.
- Secretary- No one stood. Please take this back to your groups.
- Trustee at Large (District 10 Liaison)- No one stood. Please take this back to your groups.
- Trustee at Large (District 13 Liaison)- Alan B. stands. Unanimously approved. Thanks Alan!
- Alternate Trustee at Large- No one stood. Please take this back to your groups.

Standing Committee Reports

Hotline Telephone: Max D. – We finally got all our time slots filled and we are FULLY 24 X 7! That's a great accomplishment and I have you - the Hotline Committee members - to thank!

You guys/gals rock! In this new phase, obviously, we are busier and pursuing even more ways to reach alcoholics in need who are ready to experience the AA way of life.

We are one of the tools they can use to Bridge the Gap and be with us in our journey towards emotional sobriety. To accomplish that I need someone that I can train in the somehow complex program (SwitchVox) that transfers calls from the Central Office to your personal phones.

I'm asking for volunteers to come and work with me in this very rewarding opportunity for service! If interested, contact me for additional information and I will help you understand the requirements. Counting on your help, one more time!

Twelfth Step: Charlie C. – Working on updating the list, 84 people on the list currently volunteering, this is the list for volunteers to connect with AA members to do 12 step work, including those who are willing to take people to meetings. Going to make a separate list for those who are willing to take people to meetings.

Activities: Kim B. – Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Danny B. – Just a reminder that the Lifeline is looking for stories to publish. Please remind your group members. Please send stories to Lifeline@saltlakeaa.org

Outreach: Jack H. – Nothing to report, has some people assisting him in visiting the meetings.

Website: Jeff P. - Web traffic is down, only 4,600 visitors in October compared to average 5,100.

By-Laws: Brad C. – Will be creating a committee in February to go over the bylaws.

Volunteer: Bob C. – \$3,000 contribution was from Ron K. who was our last paid manager, it was from his estate when he passed. Heater has been fixed.

Literature: Jim S. – Had opportunity to buy Our Great Responsibility book from GSO for only \$3, so he sold the books for \$3, but when he gets the new shipment they will be at the usual price, and will not buy as many as we did when the book was first released. If you have requests for books and cannot find them, please let him know.

Archives: Ben H. — We had fun and learned a lot at the Archives event. Recorded the 3 speakers on tape. A new display case is now showing. Thank you for letting me serve.

Public Information: Allison S. – Had a meeting with a representative from local media broadcasting Broadway Media, including X96, which does PSAs for free. Is getting with the district PIs to coordinate. If anyone is interested in PI work, please let her know.

CENTRAL OFFICE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2023

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Accessibility: Charlie T – Update on Purple Can; It has paid 40 times this year. We sent out \$2,500 and pulled in \$9,000 last year. We have about \$4,500 left today. Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday meetings are listed online to serve the deaf.

Corrections: Serena C. – The corrections get-together a few weeks ago was very informative. I had a chance to meet and chat with other jail & bridging the gap volunteers. Friday, I purchased several Daily Reflections with the remainder of my corrections budget. These little books are always much appreciated by the inmates.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B. – Has been recovering from health issues, happy to be back.

Technology: Elan B. – If you have a position at Central Office, there is a corresponding email account. Please contact him if you are having any issues.

Coins: Kathy M. – Not present.

Old Business — Vote on Utah Area History Books Being Sold at Central Office Vote taken. Minority voice heard. At least one vote changes. Re-vote occurs. Majority approve.

New Business – Motion to Amend Bylaws Presented by: Jake S, Secretary Board of Trustees Date Submitted: 11/14/2023

- Motion: Add a section to the Duties of the Chairperson as follows— 6.7.1.9: Attends the annual ICOAA Seminar (Intergroup/Central Office/Alcoholics Anonymous World Services/Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine Seminar) each year, and is defrayed with funds from the Central Office account.
- The Chairperson will subsequently give a full report at the following monthly Board of Trustees meeting, inviting all Central Office Representatives to be in attendance, and an abridged report at the Central Office Representative Meeting.
- Question from Reps: How much did the recent trip cost to defray Wade? Tabled to next month to get info on how much it costs.

Adjourn and Close with Responsibility Statement.

Next Central Office Representative meeting will be held on 12/12/23 @ 6:30 pm.

CENTRAL OFFICE IS REACHING OUT FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO FILL THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY CHAIR POSITIONS AT THE NEXT CENTRAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING TO BE HELD 12/12/23@6:30 PM. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AMAZING SERVICE POSITIONS.

A STEP POEM

I took Step One began to moan

I can't do this one on my own

I took Step Two began to pray

Restore me God please now today

I took Step Three gave up my will

Maybe God could love me still

I took a Fourth I looked inside

Nothing more would I hide.

And on the Fifth I said aloud

I've done some wrong and I'm not proud

I took Step Six and got prepared

To lose the defects I was scared

Now I'm at Seven take them away

My God for this I do pray

And on Eight the list was long

Amends to make for all the wrongs

I took Step Nine put down my pride

Amends made I will not hide

Step Ten I take each day I pray

I make amends along the way

And on Eleven I pray to know

Each day his will which way to go

I take Step Twelve I'm like a bird

To others now I spread the word

- Unknown

PAMPHLET OF THE MONTH

YOUNG PEOPLE AND A.A.

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

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

If drinking is causing you trouble, and you want to stop but can't seem to do it on your own, give Alcoholics Anonymous a try—try it for 90 days, and if your life doesn't get better, at least you'll better understand your options.

All of us felt strange about going to A.A. But we now see that A.A. saved our lives—and is the best thing that ever happened to us. We also now know that there are many members who are our

age—in fact, approximately 10% of A.A. members are under the age of 30.

At beginners meetings, we discover that we are on the same level with anyone who is new to A.A. Even if there's a business executive or a grandmother next to us, we're all starting from scratch together, tackling the basics of A.A.

Some communities have young people's groups. You can find these groups in a local meeting list, or by asking Young member. Young members can attend any meeting, and as you'll see or hear in our stories, a bond of understanding links alcoholics of all ages and circumstances.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

An alcoholic goes to the store to buy some whiskey. He tucks the bottle under his jacket and stumbles out the door. As he is stumbling thru the streets he gets hit by a car. He falls to the ground and feels something wet on his side. He puts his hand inside his jacket to see what it is. He pulls his hand out of his jacket and exclaims, "Thank God it's only blood."



**AA has a wrench
to fit every nut that
walks in the door**



FINANCIALS – OCTOBER 2023

<u>Income Statement</u>	2023	2022
<u>Revenue</u>		
Group Contributions	\$4,448.18	\$4,426.80
Contributions - Other	\$3,192.20	\$90.48
Purple Can Contributions	\$520.29	\$ -
Sales of Product Income	\$8,236.34	\$9,209.52
Total Income:	\$16,397.01	\$13,726.80
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$6,013.36	\$6,932.69
GROSS PROFIT	\$10,383.65	\$6,794.11
<u>Expenses</u>		
Accountant	\$630.00	\$630.00
Advertising	\$435.00	\$435.00
Square fees	\$162.35	\$ -
Bank Service Charges	\$(1.95)	\$ 229.87
Activities	\$335.62	\$ -
Lifeline/Newsletter	\$53.70	\$ -
Cash Over Short	\$(153.12)	\$ 206.05
Cleaning and Office Supplies	\$187.55	\$ 15.16
Volunteer Snacks Etc.	\$54.20	\$ -
Water	\$15.16	\$ -
Phone & Internet	\$243.90	\$220.36
Licenses and Permits	\$20.00	\$ -
Printing, Paper & Reproduction	\$303.88	\$ -
Purple Can Expenses	\$600.00	\$ -
Rent	\$1,500.00	\$ 1500.00
Software & Hardware	\$232.94	\$403.36
Utilities	\$314.01	\$326.43
Website	\$23.99	\$19.95
Total Expenses:	\$4,957.23	\$3,989.18
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$5,426.42	\$2,795.93
Interest Income	\$37.81	\$25.28
Net Income:	\$5,464.23	\$2,821.21

Please Note: According to the Central Office Bylaws it is required to have 6 months overhead in the prudent reserve. Average monthly costs are \$4,000 per month, or \$24,000 for 6 months.

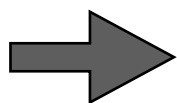
Thank you everyone for your donations!! We appreciate you!

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS – OCTOBER

17th and 17th	\$225.00
Acceptance Group	\$60.00
A Vision for You	\$291.00
An AA Group	\$100.00
By the Book	\$270.60
City at 7	\$175.00
DNS	\$137.50
Early Beginnings	\$125.00
Early Friendship Group	\$325.05
Every Night Firelight	\$150.00
Garden Variety	\$52.00
Grape Vine Group	\$113.09
Happy Group	\$132.00
Highland Group	\$108.00
Magna Friendly Bunch	\$300.00
No Nonsense Group	\$120.00
Park City Mens Group	\$514.43
Park City Wake Up Call	\$442.00
South Davis	\$88.00
South Valley Bunch	\$72.00
Speak Easy Ladies	\$209.35
Sugarhouse Men	\$407.21
Top of the Morning	\$156.60
Unknown	\$130.58
Central Office Activities	\$136.00
We agnostics	\$125.00
Women in Sobriety	\$39.25
Monthly Total:	\$5,004.66

Thank you so much for all the groups and individuals who donated this month.

Donate here



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HOPE OF HOPE UTAH STATE PRISON

Tim S. — 30 Days
 Ron W. — 60 Days
 Tim S. — 60 Days
 Paul L. — 90 Days
 Lauawder S. — 6 Months
 Darcy A. — 3 Years
 Ronnie N. — 5 Years
 Anthony C. — 6 Years

UNITY LUNCH BUNCH

Henry — 30 Days
 Flo — 9 Years
 Lana Y. — 40 Years

AND TO ALL WHO WE MISSED !

Submit picture or scan group
 birthdays to: lifeline@saltlakeaa.org
 Or drop them off at C.O. at 80 West
 Louise Ave (2860 S.) SLC, UT

Do you have an AA meeting that you
 would like to add to the Central Office
 Meeting Schedule?

Please contact Jeff
webservant@saltlakeaa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alano West Christmas Party

Saturday December 16, 2023

5:30 PM to 8:PM



Bring a potluck dish to share.
Bring a white elephant Gift
Family, food, fun, and fellowship.

9087 West 2700 South
Magna, UT 84044
Downstairs
Contact: Casey 801-243-5139



Fellowship Hall Presents CLEAN AND SOBER KARAOKE

with DJ Phil N Clean

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 9 PM TO 12 AM

Everyone is invited to come to have good clean and sober time!
FREE to enter! \$5 Donations appreciated!
All donations go directly to the club!

*Children are welcome but MUST be supervised!

Fellowship Hall 2060 South Windsor Street, SLC



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PRAASA 2024

Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly

Save the Date!

March 1 - 3, 2024

San Francisco, California

All A.A.'s Welcome • With Al-Anon Participation
Spanish & ASL Interpretation Available



Visit www.PRAASA.org

In late fall 2023 for online registration, hotel reservations, transportation and event info

District 2 Presents

AREA 69

COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB 24TH, 2024

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PARK CITY
COMMUNITY CHURCH
4501 SR-224, Park City, UT

Zoom Information
ID: 879 3198 3200
Passcode: 109417



LOCAL HOTELS ON BACK OF FLYER

UPCOMING EVENTS



Christmas Dinners

Dates and times will be announced.

**Fellowship Hall - 2060 Windsor
Salt Lake City, UT**

**Alano Club - 5056 S 300 West,
Murray, UT**



Area 69 Inventory

**Help your trusted servants hear the voice of
the Groups and Districts throughout Area 69.**

Come and take the Area Inventory.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

DECEMBER 2, 2023

**Sons of Utah Pioneers 3301 E. Louise Millcreek UT., 84109
8:30AM Registration (NO FEE) 9:00AM – 5:00PM**

**Suggestions and input from your groups and/or districts
will guide us on how to better carry the message of
recovery to the alcoholic that still suffers.**

The inventory questions will be available via the aaofutah.org website
Please participate through website if you are unable to join us via zoom.

Zoom Information: 879 3198 3200 Password: 109417

Hosted by District 12



SCAN ME

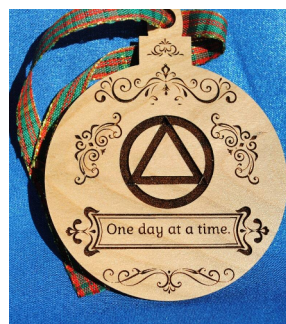


**Dixie Winterfest 2024, March 15-17, 2024
Red Lion Hotel, St. George, Utah**

There will be golfing, a poker run, a beautiful luncheon, workshops, speakers from AA and Al-Anon, a hike to Zion National Park, pickle-ball, and much, much more. Not to mention, good clean sober fun.

The Saturday night speaker meeting will be held at Dixie Convention Center, which has an auditorium that seats 900 people. There will be plenty of room for you, and your family and friends.

This year's conference theme is "*Finding My Spiritual Path*" and promises to be better than ever.



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CHRISTMAS PRESENT

I WAS driving home towards my fifth sober Christmas--thanks to AA--when the resentments started to creep in.

Certain friends and relatives who could drink sociably, without making hogs of themselves, would be visiting over the holiday season, and I had been asked to pick up a few bottles of liquor to help in entertaining them. Those few bottles now reposed in the trunk of my car.

"Why," I thought, "should I spend my hard-earned money on liquor for others to drink, when I can't drink it myself?"

From there, it was just a logical step to asking myself why, if others could drink, and enjoy all the festivities that go with Christmas, couldn't I permit myself to join them in just a few? After all, it was Christmas, and hadn't I proved by five years of abstinence that liquor was no longer a problem for me? Such is the ease with which resentments lead us into "stinking thinking."

Thank God, my memories suddenly switched back to all the Christmas holidays prior to the past five years. I saw again the spoiled dinners, the forgotten presents, the embarrassments and anger, and the hopeless, hungover days between Christmas and New Year's Eve, waiting for an excuse to start drinking again.

Suddenly, I realized what a small sum I had just spent on liquor in comparison with what I would have spent in the old days, when not only the cost of the liquor, but the money spent stupidly as a result of intoxication would have to be taken into consideration. From resentment, my feelings turned into gratitude and thankfulness that AA had shown me the way to conquer my weakness and stupidity. I realized too, the unconscious faith in my sobriety that had been expressed when my wife asked me to buy the liquor--me, an alcoholic.

Thanks to the sobriety attained through the help of AA, here I was, secure in a good job, moderately well off, owing nobody. My Christmas gifts were bought, and the makings of Christmas dinner were in the refrigerator. All at once, I needed desperately to share this good fortune.

On arrival at home, I telephoned my minister, and somewhat incoherently tried to express my thoughts to him. I ended by asking him if he knew of a family, who, through no fault of their own, might be unable to afford a Christmas dinner. He was able to give me an address.

With the enthusiastic cooperation of my family, who seemed to understand my sudden need to share the good things that had come to us, I began to prepare a hamper of Christmas cheer, nonalcoholic variety. A plump turkey, a bag of potatoes, tins of vegetables, a Christmas pudding, a cake, candies, bread, butter and staple groceries to last a week or so--all these were obtained well within the amount of money I figured I would have spent on liquor and the foolishness induced by intoxication in former years.

What words can I use to describe the look of wonder in the eyes of the little girl who answered the door when I delivered my gift? What reward needed, other than the speechless handshake from the grandfather to whom I wished Merry Christmas before making my hasty departure? These good people will never know who I am, or how I came to know of their need. Neither will they know what a desperate need of mine they filled.

- T.F.C.

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Saturday: 10-2

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