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Online Newsletter: http://www.msca09aa.org/districts/d_05.php

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A VOICE?

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR)

"The general service representatives (G.S.R.s) of the U.S. and Canada are the very foundation of our general service structure. Through your G.S.R., you can make your group's voice heard at district meetings, at area assemblies, and eventually at the General Service Conference."

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For more information about GSRs, see A.A.® leaflet:  
**P-19 -**

**G.S.R. Your group's link to A.A. as a whole**

"For a new general service representative, this leaflet outlines responsibilities and useful sources of information; for a group, what to keep in mind when electing a G.S.R."

~ Alcoholic Anonymous © (A.A.)



## AREA MAP OF "DISTRICT 5"



### CITIES WITHIN "DISTRICT 5"

Cowan Heights, Lemon Heights, Orange, Orange Park Acres, (parts of) Santa Ana, Tustin, and Villa Park

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### Being of Service...

**YOUR 2018/2019**

**"DISTRICT 5" TRUSTED SERVANTS  
...OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS...**

| NAME         | OFFICERS                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| KRIS C:      | DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR (D.C.M.C.) -- <a href="mailto:dcmc_D5@yahoo.com">dcmc_D5@yahoo.com</a>                    |
| RYAN H:      | ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR (ALT. D.C.M.C.) -- <a href="mailto:hvacman25@gmail.com">hvacman25@gmail.com</a> |
| TONIA S:     | SECRETARY -- <a href="mailto:toniastephens@csu.fullerton.edu">toniastephens@csu.fullerton.edu</a>                         |
| VICKI R:     | TREASURER -- <a href="mailto:wrkaaitwrks@aol.com">wrkaaitwrks@aol.com</a>                                                 |
| PAM T:       | REGISTRAR -- <a href="mailto:pamela_ann@rocketmail.com">pamela_ann@rocketmail.com</a>                                     |
|              | COMMITTEE MEMBERS                                                                                                         |
| LISA H:      | DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - WOMEN'S EVENING                                                                         |
| CHRIS W:     | DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - EAST ORANGE / INTERGROUP LIAISON                                                        |
| STEVE C:     | DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - NORTH & SOUTH TUSTIN                                                                    |
| CHARLIE R:   | DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - SANTA ANA & SANTA ANA ALANO CLUB                                                        |
| CHEREE G:    | DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - FRIENDSHIP CLUB PM                                                                      |
| AL C:        | GSR SCHOOL                                                                                                                |
| CHRISTINE L: | GRAPEVINE                                                                                                                 |
| MICHELLE R:  | H&I LIAISON                                                                                                               |
| GLENDA R:    | LITERATURE                                                                                                                |
| PAM T:       | ACCESSIBILITIES                                                                                                           |
| CHARLEY R:   | COFFEE                                                                                                                    |
| JOSH O:      | CAKE SERVICES                                                                                                             |
| VICKI R:     | NEWSLETTER EDITOR                                                                                                         |

If you're interested in **being of service**, and would like to be involved in "District 5" by volunteering for an open **commitment**, see **Page 3** for a list of those that are still open. We'd love to share this **amazing experience** with you!!



# STEPS, TRADITIONS, AND CONCEPTS OF A.A.

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## STEPS: 10 THRU 12

10.

***“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”***

11.

***“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”***

12.

***“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”***

**PROMPTLY** (#10): *“With little or no delay; immediately.”*

## TRADITIONS: 10 THRU 12

10.

Short Form:

***“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”***

11.

Short Form:

***“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”***

12.

Short Form:

***“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”***

**CONTROVERSY** (#10): *“A prolonged public dispute, debate, or contention; disputation concerning a matter of opinion. Contention, strife, or argument.”*

## CONCEPTS: 10 THRU 12

10.

Short Form:

***“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.”***

11.

Short Form:

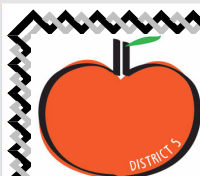
***“The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”***

12.

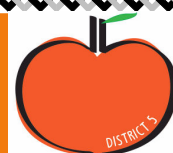
Short Form:

***“The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic In thought and action.”***

**DEMOCRACY** (#12): *“Situation, system, or organization in which everyone has equal rights and opportunities, and can help make decisions.”*



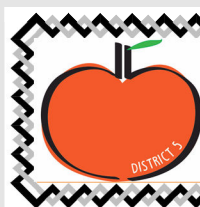
## DISTRICT 5's OPEN COMMITMENTS



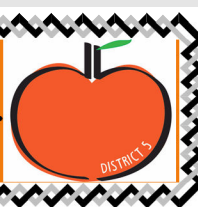
1. Archives
2. Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.)
3. Convention Liaison
4. District Committee Members (D.C.M.):

*For information on these commitments:  
[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/aa-service-committees](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-service-committees)*

- \* Women's Day
- \* Men's Groups
- \* West Orange
- \* Friendship Club AM



**....NOW ABOUT THOSE MEETING GROUPS....**



## ***MEETING GROUPS NEEDING YOUR HELP IN FILLING CHAIRS...***

### MONDAY

Group Name: WOMEN'S STEP STUDY  
Type: 12&12 / Closed Meeting  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: First United Methodist Church  
161 S. Orange (Upstairs)  
Orange 92866

### TUESDAY

Group Name: ORANGE TUSTIN GROUP  
Type: Discussion / Closed Meeting  
Time: 7:00pm–8:30pm  
Location: 1st Christian Church  
1130 E. Walnut Ave.  
Orange 92866

### WEDNESDAY

Group Name: ALKIES ONLY  
Type: Discussion / Closed Meeting  
Time: 7:00pm–8:30pm  
Location: First United Methodist Church  
161 S. Orange Ave.—2nd Flr.  
Orange 92866

### SATURDAY

Group Name: WINNERS CIRCLE  
Type: Discussion / Open Meeting  
Time: 6:00pm–730pm  
Location: Mariposa Women's Center  
812 W. Town & Country Rd.  
Orange 92868

***Please be sure to let  
Orange County Central Office  
and  
District 5***

***know of any meeting group  
location or time change.***

***Your meeting may be  
the one that a suffering  
alcoholic is searching for.***







## MEETINGS / GROUPS WITH ACTIVE\* DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATION

\*Active: A meeting/group having had a G.S.R. or Alternate G.S.R. attend one or more of the past six consecutive District 5 meetings.

| NAME OF MEETING / GROUP                     | LOCATION        | G.S.R.       | ALTERNATE G.S.R. |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 6 A.M. Foothill Early Risers Group          | Tustin          | Patrick M.   |                  |
| 777 (Newcomers) Men's Stag Group            | Orange          | Ryan H.      | Shane S.         |
| 9:02 Speaker Meeting (9:02 Group)           | Tustin          | Sonny J.     |                  |
| Alkies Only                                 | Orange          | Vicki R.     |                  |
| Alkies Winners Circle Group                 | Tustin          | Christine L. |                  |
| Back from the Dead                          | Santa Ana       | Megan W.     | Carolyn F.       |
| Chapman & Lewis AA Group                    | Orange          | Glenda R.    | Karen B.         |
| Forever Non-Professional (Friendship Club)  | Orange          | Cheree G.    |                  |
| Friday Night No Puffers Speaker Meeting     | Orange          | Josh O.      | Rob S.           |
| Hart Park Newcomers Group                   | Orange          | Scott B.     |                  |
| How It Works                                | Orange          | Steve C.     | Vicki R.         |
| It's In the Book (Book Study)               | Tustin          | Gloria Z.    |                  |
| (Women's) Keep it Simple Group              | Orange          | Tonia S.     |                  |
| Ladies Night Book Study                     | Orange          | Mika S.      | Ann Marie M.     |
| Men's Big Book Study                        | Orange          | Steven H.    |                  |
| Men's BYOB Bookstudy                        | Tustin          | Chris W.     |                  |
| Monday Night Mens Stag Group                | Tustin          | Michael H.   |                  |
| Not A Glum Lot                              | Orange          | Michelle R.  |                  |
| Orange Tustin Group                         | Orange          | Nancy L.     |                  |
| Rush Hour (Friendship Club)                 | Orange          | Matt L.      |                  |
| Saturday Night Visiting Speakers Mtg.       | Tustin          | Chris W.     |                  |
| Sober & Crazy Speaker Meeting               | Tustin          | Rob P.       |                  |
| Sun. Night Speaker Meeting of Orange        | Orange          | Crystal B.   |                  |
| The Other 12 & 12 (Twin Towers)             | Orange          | Mark H.      |                  |
| Tuesday Night Men's Stag                    | Santa Ana       | Michael D.   |                  |
| Tustin Acceptance Group                     | Tustin          | Steven H.    |                  |
| Tustin Attitude Modification Group          | Tustin          | Richard M.   |                  |
| Tustin Big Book Study                       | Tustin          | Elizabeth B. |                  |
| Tustin Rush Hour                            | Tustin & Orange | Pam T.       | Tim G.           |
| Tustin Thurs. Nite 12X12X1 Hour Study Group | Tustin          | Jami B.      |                  |
| We Got A Coffee Pot                         | Orange          | Will G.      |                  |
| Winners Circle Group                        | Orange          | Terry S.     |                  |
| Womens Experience, Strength & Hope          | Orange          | April H.     |                  |
| Womens Solution Group                       | Tustin          | Sue C.       |                  |

- Did you know that the local group is the basic unit of A.A. World Service?
- Is your meeting/group missing from the above list??
- Did the newsletter editor make a mistake?? (If the answer is "yes", come to the next District 5 meeting and she'll get it corrected in time for the next quarterly newsletter.)
- Or...Is it because you don't have a G.S.R., or Alternate G.S.R., who is actively attending the District 5 meetings?

I ♥  
**MEETINGS**



2018

2019

# UPCOMING SOBER EVENTS

## DISTRICT 5

Dec. 10, 2018 (Mon) @ 5:45pm:

— Steering Committee Mtg. —  
Denny's @ 17th & Tustin, Santa Ana

Dec. 13, 2018 (Thurs) @ 7pm-8:30pm:

— GSR Meeting —  
("New GSR" orientation - 6:30pm )  
Church of the Foothills  
19211 Dodge Ave., N. Tustin 92705  
(Corner of Dodge & Newport Ave.)

Jan. 7, 2019 (Mon) @ 5:45pm:

— Steering Committee Mtg. —  
Denny's @ 17th & Tustin, Santa Ana

Jan. 10, 2019 (Thurs) @ 7pm-8:30pm:

— GSR Meeting —  
("New GSR" orientation - 6:30pm )  
Church of the Foothills  
19211 Dodge Ave., Tustin 92705  
(Corner of Dodge & Newport Ave.)

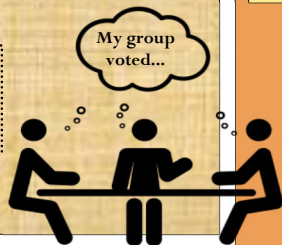
Jan. 19, 2019 (Sat) @ 12pm-4pm

— **ALCOHOLICS FAMILY FEUD** —  
(Hosted by District 5)

Church of the Foothills  
19211 Dodge Ave., N. Tustin 92705  
(Corner of Dodge & Newport Ave.)

"See Page 7 of newsletter for more info!"

Meetings are held  
on the 2nd Thursday  
of the month.



## AREA 09

Nov. 10 (Sat) @ 1pm-4:30pm

— District 07 Workshop —  
Sponsorship: A Work in Progress

Garden Grove Alano Club  
9845 Belfast Drive,  
Garden Grove CA 92844

"See Page 6 of newsletter for more info!"

Nov. 11, 2018 (Sun) @ 8:30am-2:30pm

— 44th Servathon —  
(Hosted by District 9)  
"Service from Group to  
Regional Levels"

Thousand Palms Community Center  
31189 Robert Rd.  
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

"See Page 6 of newsletter for more info!"

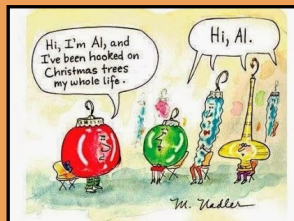
Nov. 17, 2018 (Sun) @ 10am-2pm

— District 19 Service Event —  
"A.A. Traditions' Month Celebration"

Victor Valley Alano Club  
11085 Central Road,  
Apple Valley, CA 92308

"See Page 6 of newsletter for more info!"

Please visit [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org) for  
additional information on upcoming events.



## AREA 09

is excited for the wonderful opportunity to "be of service" by hosting the

**"PRAASA 2019"**  
(Pacific Region AA Service Assembly)

Date & Location:  
March 1–3, 2019  
Hilton Inn — Irvine, CA



For more information visit: <https://praasa.org>

## OC CENTRAL OFFICE

Nov. 10, 2018 (Sat) @ 1pm-4pm

— OPEN HOUSE —  
Special Archives Presentation  
and Speaker

OC Central Office  
1526 Brookhollow Dr., Suite 75  
Santa Ana 92705

"See Page 6 of newsletter for more info!"

**\*Orange County Intergroup Assoc.**

Nov. 14, 2018 (Weds) @ 7pm  
Intergroup Meeting

Costa Mesa Senior Center  
695 W. 19th St., Costa Mesa, 92627  
Info: (714) 556-4555

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Dec 12, 2018 (Weds) @ 7pm  
Intergroup Meeting

Costa Mesa Senior Center  
695 W. 19th St., Costa Mesa, 92627  
Info: (714) 556-4555

Meetings are held every 2nd Weds. of the month.

## Central Office Email Addresses:

\*Manager@oc-aa.org  
\*AssistantManager@oc-aa.org  
\*SatelliteManager@oc-aa.org

Help Carry  
the Message  
of AA

AA GRAPEVINE  
SUBSCRIPTION  
CHALLENGE  
2018

### WHAT IS IT?

A challenge to increase  
new Grapevine and  
La Villa subscriptions\*  
in 2018

### HOW IT WORKS

Any new, paid subscription\*  
between Jan 1–Dec 31, 2018  
qualifies, including subscriptions for:  
- GV or LV in Print - GV Online  
- GV Complete - GV App  
- Gift Certificates including  
Carry the Message  
Gift Certificates

### TWO PRIZES

Receive a special section in a 2019  
issue of GV or LV featuring members'  
stories from the winning state, province or  
territory achieving:  
1. The greatest percentage growth  
in new, paid subscriptions\* or  
subscription gift certificates  
OR  
2. The greatest increase in new  
subscriptions\* or subscription  
gift certificates overall

### WATCH FOR DETAILS

Beginning January 1st  
[www.sagrapevine.org/](http://www.sagrapevine.org/)  
challenge  
or  
[www.aagrapevine.org/](http://www.aagrapevine.org/)  
challenge-lv

\*A new subscription is one that hasn't  
been active in the past 6 months.

AAVY strives to be self-supporting through the sale of subscriptions and other items.

Please visit [www.oc-aa.org](http://www.oc-aa.org) for  
additional information on upcoming events.

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**UPCOMING SOBER EVENTS***(Continued)*

2019

**NOVEMBER****NOVEMBER**

O.C. Central Office

**OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday November 10, 2018

1:00 pm until 4:00 pm

**SPECIAL ARCHIVES PRESENTATION!**

Courtesy of Mitchell and  
MSCArchives

**SPEAKER: Big Tim of N.B!!!***Come by for fun, fellowship & treats!*

1526 Brookhollow Dr. Suite 73  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
714-556-4555

**District 7  
Workshop****SPONSORSHIP****A Work in Progress****Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 1pm-4:30****Speakers:**

Joe C., Past Delegate, Area 09  
Joe B., Past Delegate, Area 09

**Round Tables:**

Personal contributions  
New Ideas - help yourself and others

**Special Recovery Tools:**

Munchies  
Raffles  
Laughter

Snack contributions welcome - no deserts please

Garden Grove Alano Club  
9845 Belfast Drive  
Garden Grove CA 92844

**44<sup>th</sup> Servathon**

Hosted by District 9

***Sunday, November 11***

Thousand Palms Community Center  
31189 Robert Rd. CA 92276  
United States

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**"Service from Group to Regional Levels"****District 19 Service Event****A.A. Traditions' Month Celebration**

Saturday, November 17, 2018  
10 am - 2 pm



Victor Valley Alano Club  
11085 Central Road  
Apple Valley, CA 92308

\*\*\* Lunch Provided \*\*\*



Come experience the Grapevine and La Vita history. Learn how to become a Grapevine service representative and bring this vital publication back to your group or meeting. These magazines are AA's "Meeting in a Pocket!"

**Morning Session**

Speaker  
Area 09 Grapevine Chair  
Coty Q

Speaker  
Area 09 La Vita Chair  
Martin J (Spanish)  
*(English Translation provided)*



**Lunch**  
12 - 1 pm

**Afternoon Session**

Traditions Play



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## UPCOMING SOBER EVENTS

(Continued)

2019

NOVEMBER ~ cont.

JANUARY 2019

31ST ANNUAL  
INLAND EMPIRE CONVENTION  
NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11, 2018

Double Tree • San Bernardino, CA  
(By Hilton)



**IEAAC 2018**  
www.ieaac.org

*I Am Responsible ...  
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.  
And for that, I am responsible.*

DECEMBER

Season's  
Greetings

### 3<sup>rd</sup> CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE WORKSHOP Of Hispanic Women "Different Languages, One Heart"

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**2018**

**9am - 4pm**

**Union Hall**  
4 Berry Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
(Next to the AT&T Park)

**Contacts:**  
Event Coordinator  
Luisa (925) 329-5004  
lobaluisa3@gmail.com  
Emma (415) 846-1849



Live Stream via  
skype  
on Event day

Bring on  
the  
NEW YEAR!

"DISTRICT 5" PRESENTS...

**-Alcoholics-  
FAMILY  
FEUD**

**~FUN~** **~FOOD~** **~PRIZES~**

Fellowship Fellowship



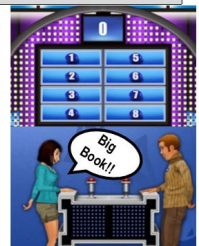
OUT OF 100 FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS SURVEYED,  
THE NUMBER ONE ANSWER WAS:  
"YES!! I'LL BE THERE!!"

**ALL FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!**

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR  
AND LET  
OTHERS  
KNOW  
ABOUT THE  
EVENT TOO!!

#### Professional Game Host!!

Date: Saturday - January 19, 2019  
Time: 12pm - 4pm  
Location: Church of the Foothills  
(Corner of Newport & Dodge)  
19211 Dodge Ave.  
North Tustin, CA 92705



For more information check with your GSR or contact:  
Lisa H. (714) 401-2435 / Ryan H. (714) 902-4877

Do you know of any AA related events which are happening in 2019 and you'd like them included in the District 5 Newsletter so that they can be shared with others?? Then be sure to let your District 5 Newsletter editor know at least two weeks before the next issue. The next quarterly newsletter is scheduled to be issued in February 2019. So any event happening after February 14, 2019 will definitely be included!



## DISTRICT 5 \*\*\* SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS \*\*\* (September 2018 - October 2018)



**Congratulations to those below who attended the District 5 meeting the month of their sobriety birthday!!**

### SEPTEMBER

- ♦ **Christine L.** ~ Grapevine C.M. (District 5) ~ GSR (Alkies Winner Circle – Tustin) ~ 30 Yrs.
- ♦ **Sue C.** ~ GSR (Womens Solution Group – Tustin) ~ 24 Yrs.
- ♦ **Will G.** ~ GSR (We Got A Coffee Pot – Orange) ~ 11 Yrs.
- ♦ **Mitchell B.** ~ Secretary (Area 09) ~ 9 Yrs.



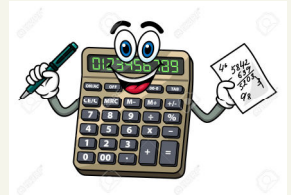
### OCTOBER

- ♦ **Steve C.** ~ D.C.M./No. & So. Tustin (District 5) ~ GSR (How It Works – Orange) ~ 11 Yrs.
- ♦ **Tonia S.** ~ Secretary and P.I. (District 5) ~ GSR (Keep It Simple – Orange) ~ 8 Yrs.



By doing it “ONE DAY AT A TIME”, all together they have...

|                                           |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Total <b>YEARS</b> Sobriety: <b>93</b>    | Total <b>HOURS</b> Sobriety: <b>814,680</b>      |
| Total <b>DAYS</b> Sobriety: <b>33,945</b> | Total <b>MINUTES</b> Sobriety: <b>48,880,800</b> |



- Alcoholics Anonymous.....[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)
- MSCA 09 / District 5.....[www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)
- OC Central Office.....[www.oc-aa.org](http://www.oc-aa.org)
- Grapevine.....[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)
- OC A.A. Convention .....[www.oacaac.org](http://www.oacaac.org)
- AA Online Intergroup.....[www.aa-intergroup.org](http://www.aa-intergroup.org)
- All Orange County Young People In A.A....<http://www.aocypaa.org>



### NEW GSRs / Alternate GSRs!!!

A big **WELCOME** and **THANK YOU** to the following new GSRs and new Alternate GSRs (AG)...

| NAME             | GROUP                        | CITY   |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Patrick M. (GSR) | 6 A.M. Foothill Early Risers | Tustin |
| Richard M. (GSR) | Tustin (6am) Attitude Mod.   | Tustin |
| Rob P. (GSR)     | Sober & Crazy Speaker Mtg.   | Tustin |

### AA RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

*“I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”*



**FRIENDLY REMINDER...**The **General Service Office** needs to be advised whenever there are the following **meeting/group changes**, so that they can keep their records up to date.

- **Name – Date and Time – Location**
- **General Service Representative (GSR) and/or Contact Information (i.e. Secretary)**
- **Disbandment of Meeting/Group**



If there are changes, please be sure to notify your “District 5” Registrar (**Pam T.**) via email, or by attending a District 5 meeting and giving either her, or the GSR School Committee Member (**Al C.**), the information.

For info on the next “District 5” meeting see **Page 5**  
(Upcoming Events & Announcements) of this newsletter.





# ...MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 (MSCA09) NEWS...

## CELEBRATING "60" YEARS!!

AREA 09

### The Chronicles of MSCA Area 09 History – Part 2: Early Districts Lines

In 1957 Southern California Area 5 (Los Angeles) was divided into 33 districts and renumbered (*most of the order of the renumbering is unknown, but assume was numbered 1 through 33*) Districts 20 through 29 formed what is now Area 9. Prior to the renumbering of the districts, District 5 was made up of Districts 60 and 63 in the old Area 5. After the renumbering it was part of Districts 26 & 27.

Our area (Area 09) was officially designated "California Southern Coastal Area" but was known as Southern Coastal California Area" and nicknamed "Panel 2" because of its even year term. We did not change our name until 1970 when it was changed to Mid-Southern California or technically "California Mid-Southern."

Election of the new delegate and area officers took place on October 12, 1958 and the first meeting of new Area 9 was held on November 16, 1958, but officially we were not recognized and terms did not start until January 1959. They got an early start because the duty of hosting the 1960 International Convention was now the responsibility of the new Area 9. The newly formed districts in 1959 were re-numbered once again to numbers 1 through 10. The first roster of the Area 9 was dated 1-1-59 and had the area size as 105 Groups, 10 Districts and 105 GSR's. On this roster the present day District 5 were part of Districts 6 & 7.

#### Groups in District 6

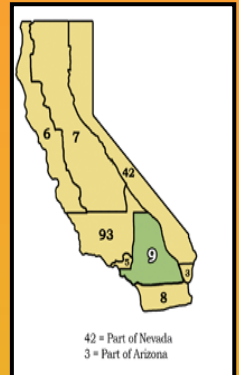
Karo Group - Garden Grove  
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#### Groups in District 6—continued

Corona del Mar Women's Group - Corona del Mar  
Corona del Mar Friday Group - Laguna Beach  
Laguna Beach Group - Corona del Mar  
Laguna Beach Sunday Night Group - Costa Mesa  
San Clemente Group - Costa Mesa  
Newport-Balboa Group - Santa Ana  
Huntington Beach Participation Group - Santa Ana/Huntington Beach

#### Groups in District 7

OR 3-1279  
JE 7-2622  
Alansa 20-40 Group - Anaheim  
Alansa Tuesday Group  
Alsana Friday Group  
Orange County Discussion  
Alano Monday group  
Alano Friday Group  
Alano Sunday A.A. Group  
Alano Sunday evening Group  
Anaheim Thursday group (ERELL) - Anaheim  
Garden Grove Group - Garden Grove  
Westminster Group  
Anaheim Friday Night Group - Anaheim



### 1960 Convention

Long Beach, California, was approved by the Conference as the site for an International A.A. Convention to be held the weekend of July 1-3, 1960. This decision is subject to final review of facilities available in Long Beach and, as is traditional, must be confirmed by the General Service Board.

The city of San Francisco had been a pre-Conference candidate for the 1960 convention. Delegates from the various California Areas agreed by lot to offer the single candidacy of Long Beach. A.A. members in Akron, Ohio, also were interested in being hosts to a world get-together in 1960.

It was agreed that supervision of programming and public relations for the convention would be retained by the General Service Board and that all costs would be underwritten by the host Area or Areas. Any excess of income over expenses would be turned over to G.S.B.

The Conference voted to constitute an Advisory Convention Committee on the following basis: Three members each from panels 7, 8, 9 and 10, plus the California Delegates, with the understanding that one Committee member will be a Canadian and that members chosen from panels 9 and 10 (1959 and 1960) will come from Areas not already represented.

Members chosen by lot to serve on the Committee are: Wes P., South Florida; Tom A., South Jersey; Bill H., Northeast Texas; Bill W., Kentucky; Carl S., Wisconsin and Ian MacL., Atlantic Provinces. California members are: Paul G., Northern Coastal Countries; Ben E., San Diego; and Duane R., Northern Interior Counties, with Glenn C., Los Angeles, and Stan W., San Francisco, co-chairmen.

The first full-term delegate elected was Jack White, Panel 10 (1960-62). That year the 3rd AA International Convention was held in Long Beach. Local AA's got to see and hear Bill Wilson, Ebby, Dr. Harry Tiebout, and others. Local bars displayed signs: "Coffee Served Here" in honor of the occasion. At the Cleveland and St. Louis conventions, G.S.O. did almost all the work of putting it on. This was the first one where local AAs did most of the work planning the event. Members stood in line 1 ½ - hours or so before getting served at the Banquet at the Lafayette Hotel, but almost everything else went smoothly. Great drama in the closing meeting at the Veterans' Stadium when all the lights were turned out during the Lord's Prayer and all 14,000 AA's lit a match to symbolize the 12th Step.



Contributed By:

**Mitchell B.**  
MSCA09 Secretary  
and Archivist





## A BIT OF THIS...A BIT OF THAT...



### CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHERS...

My name is Mark and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is July 13th, 1988. My home group is the Winners Circle and I have attended for more than 30 years.

It really was started by the admin folks at Kaiser Hospital to introduce newcomers at the chemical dependency unit to A.A. meetings. I must say the counselors all were in the A.A. Program also. We were on the eighth floor of the Kaiser Hospital and we were a small meeting and very fun group. I noticed everyone took sobriety serious and had a fun atmosphere. We are not a glum lot!

We moved the meeting many times to the basement and back to the eighth floor and then the auditorium and across the street to a room by the liquor store where we could always hear the ring of the door as customers came and went! Finally we settled in the basement of the pharmacy building which became our home for many years.

I recall on the way to the room I would notice a sign that said chemotherapy not knowing what it meant until years later, that is later in the story.

Every Saturday night at 6 p.m. we would meet, shaking hands and hugs aplenty! We were known for our pleasant greetings and open welcomes.

As with all meetings over the years change happened many times, fights over format and controlling people wanting to turn the meeting into church or their idea of how AA should operate saying the Big Book had become out dated. However, by the grace of God, the group conscious prevailed! Along with bruised egos and feelings.

Over the years groups would meet for the meeting after the meeting. Sometimes groups of 20 or more! Dinner and a movie or beach walks and picnics. We had many years of different groups going to convention local and out of state.

My blessing has been the friendships I have made over the years, some being friends over 25 years, watching them go through changes themselves. Helping out where I could and other times just observing from afar.

Members have passed away and died sober with fond memories of each and what they added to our meeting.

There are times I want to leave and find another meeting for a change. However, I'm here for the newcomer and my sobriety.

And in closing I would like to add I met my wife Eileen in AA and we lived the married life in sobriety together and living the principles of AA.

She was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in November of 2008. And I learned then what the sign to the meeting meant chemotherapy! She died sober and peaceful at home with family and AA family around her.

With the help of fellow members I was able to grieve the loss of my beautiful wife Eileen one day at a time.

Eventually the hospital had all meetings move, and a member let us use his place of business until our present home at Mariposa Women's Center.

I must recommend you have a home group. It has given me hope and fellowship like no other!!

Contributed By:

~ Mark S. ~  
Winners Circle







## A BIT OF THIS...A BIT OF THAT...

### DID YOU KNOW???

## ~ Our Jewish Faith Fellowship Members ~



*As we know, “AA is a spiritual program based on no particular religion.” We also know that “alcoholism is no*

*respector of persons” and that all kinds of people can be alcoholic. At one time some people thought that Jews were less susceptible to alcoholism, but current statistics show this is not true.*

*“Alcohol is patient, cunning, and powerful.”*

*Jewish Federation & Family Services and JAANetwork.org have been working hard to educate the Jewish community about recovery. There is a list of books on the JAAN website about the 12 Steps and how they are compatible with Judaism. Many within the Jewish community had thought you had to be Christian to work the AA program since so many meetings are in churches. Perhaps you didn’t know that some Jews are intimidated by churches. We alcoholics know that no matter where the room might be, anyone who wants to stop drinking is welcome and safe from persecution.*

*As a result of the educational effort by Jewish Federation & Family Services and JAAN, Jewish synagogues are opening their doors as potential meeting places. If your meeting needs to find a new meeting place, consider a local synagogue or Temple. You may be surprised at your welcome.*

Contributed By:

-- Jane B --

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October 1946



#### Alcoholic

**To the Editor:**—I know a young woman who is an alcoholic. She tries to abstain but it soon gets the better of her. She has no money because she can’t keep a job. I know there are places where these unfortunate people may be cured. I would like the address of such a place that is reliable and yet not expensive.  
Massachusetts.

**Answer.**—Placing alcoholics in institutions is no longer considered of special value. It is recognized that alcoholism is a form of mental disease. Its successful treatment must depend on the ability of the individual to realize that the craving for alcohol can be overcome.

We believe you would be doing your friend a service if you suggested that she contact a local branch of the organization known as Alcoholics Anonymous. No doubt your local Health Department could give you the correct address. This group has proved extremely successful in curing alcohol addicts.





*In keeping with our 7th Tradition.....*  
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| GROUP #               | GROUP NAME                            | SEP             | OCT             | "2018" GROUP TOTAL TO DATE |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 606997                | 12:00pm Step Study Group              | \$ 10.00        | \$ -            | \$ 10.00                   |
| 149952                | 24 Hour Book Group                    | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 221.02                  |
| 649516                | 777 Newcomers Men Stag                | \$ -            | \$ 60.00        | \$ 180.00                  |
| 131258                | 9:02 Group                            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 14.92                   |
| 167649                | Alkies Only                           | \$ 5.00         | \$ -            | \$ 5.00                    |
| 652296                | Alkies Winner Circle                  | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 76.65                   |
| 136826                | As Bill Sees It                       | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 15.00                   |
| 712762                | Attitude Adjustment (F/Club)          | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 470.00                  |
| 722230                | Chapman & Lewis AA Group              | \$ 70.00        | \$ -            | \$ 220.00                  |
| 117208                | Crawl Before No One                   | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 10.00                   |
| ??                    | Desire to Stop - Sat. Mtg.            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 10.00                   |
| 126119                | Early Birds Group                     | \$ -            | \$ 17.63        | \$ 88.15                   |
| 632837                | Foothill Early Risers                 | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 37.80                   |
| ??                    | Forever Non-Professional              | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 16.48                   |
| 630799                | Friday Morning Smashing Donuts        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 13.00                   |
| 126062                | Friday Night No Puffers               | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 78.51                   |
| 172225                | How It Works                          | \$ -            | \$ 15.00        | \$ 28.00                   |
| 700349                | It's In The Book                      | \$ 13.00        | \$ -            | \$ 13.00                   |
| 680752                | Keep It Simple Group                  | \$ 4.50         | \$ 5.00         | \$ 42.49                   |
| 147958                | Lucky Stiff's                         | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 15.75                   |
| 139671                | Mon Night Womens 12 & 12 Group        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 15.00                   |
| 686410                | Monday Night Mens B.Y.O.B.            | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 20.00                   |
| 670924                | Not A Glum Lot                        | \$ -            | \$ 10.00        | \$ 30.00                   |
| 126635                | Orange Tustin Group                   | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 13.06                   |
| 100561                | Sat. Night Visiting Speakers Mtg.     | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 24.00                   |
| 179945                | Sober & Crazy Speaker Meeting         | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 70.80                   |
| 146970                | Sunday Morning B/B Study Group        | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 14.00                   |
| 722902                | The Name in the Hat                   | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 52.50                   |
| 655929                | (The) Other 12 & 12 (Twin Towers)     | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 20.80                   |
| 128032                | Tuesday Night Men's Stag              | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 30.00                   |
| 696177                | Tustin Acceptance Group               | \$ -            | \$ 15.00        | \$ 91.00                   |
| 130429                | Tustin Attitude Modification Group    | \$ 56.65        | \$ 41.07        | \$ 553.58                  |
| 678232                | Tustin Big Book Study                 | \$ -            | \$ 9.71         | \$ 73.21                   |
| 662400                | Tustin Mon Evening Womens 12&12 Group | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 101.50                  |
| 179945                | Women's Solution Group                | \$ -            | \$ -            | \$ 79.79                   |
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If your meeting group number isn't known, ask your GSR to speak to the "District 5" Registrar (Pam T.) at the next monthly (2nd Thursday) District meeting, or you can send her an email at: [pamela\\_ann@rocketmail.com](mailto:pamela_ann@rocketmail.com).

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