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THE VALLEY VIEW

The Voice of the Valley

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PLBB (How and Why)	2	Your Valley Service Center is staffed by folks who volunteer 2 hours each month. We need someone willing to help out.
Grapevine Books	3	1st & 2nd Mondays ea. month, 5 - 7:00pm
Coming Events	4/5	Holiday Marathon Meetings Tri-Valley and Crossroads Fellowships will hold
Calendar	6	hourly meetings all day on: New Year's Eve and New Year's Days. Stop by and show your Gratitude.
Group Contributions	7	New 2024-25 SERVICE MANUAL
Crossword Puzzle	8	<u>Digital Version:</u> https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/BM-
Meeting Schedule	9/ 10	31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual.pdf <u>Print Version:</u> Available for \$4 in the Valley Service center soon.
Valley Service Cent	er	Save These Dates in 2025:
Office: 925-829-3160)	January 18 - 55th VISC Anniversary Dinner Livermore, CA (page 4)
24hr Hot Line:		March 7 > 9 - PRAASA
925-829-0666		(Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly) Anchorage, AK (praasa.org)
Toll Free:		March 7 > 9 76th NCCAA Spring Conference
888-859-3230		Modesto CA (page 5) July 3 >6 2025 A.A. International Convention
Email: info@valleyservicecentera www.valleyesrvicecenteraa.	Ŭ	Vancouver, B.C. (page 5)

General Service Conference and Trustee's Committees' Timeline to a Plain Language Big Book

- 1995—Conference Advisory Action stated that "the first 164 pages of Alcoholics Anon ymous, the Preface, the Forwards, The Doctor's Opinion, Dr. Bob's Night mare and the Appendices remain as is."
- 1990—Trustees Literature Committee studied a request to consider adapting a por tion of Chapter 5, How It Works into an easy to to read style for those lacking reading capability.
- 1993—Conference Literature Committee dis cussed a simplified version of the Big Book, and determined that a sufficient need hadn't been expressed.
- 2016—General Service Conference Agenda Item A: "Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book Alco holics Anonymous" Trusteed Literature Committee agreed to forward the item. Additional Committee Consideration: The Trustees' looked at a way to make the life-saving message of AA more ac cessible."
- 2016–2020 Subcommittee Researching Is sues, Possible Tools and Access to the Book (RIPTAB-1) Studied language comprehension and barriers to access recovery material.
- 2021—RIPTAŚ-II Committee formed in re sponse to report from previous commit ee. stated clearly that, "The idea of a new book was not meant to change or replace the Big Book, but rather to overcome barriers so the AA message might reach more suffering alcoholics."

- 2021— TABB (Tools for Accessing the Big Book) created to track the work on the new book, noting that the book be "developed inn a way that is accessi ble and relatable to as wide of an audi ence as possible."
 Potential writers with experience in the field of health, spirituality and education were located in response to an RFI (Request for Information). There were 16 affirmative responses, which were narrowed down to 6 candi dates whose proposed sample work was review by the TABB Committee.
- 2022— A writer was chosen. The Trustees; Lit erature Committee soon shared the first drafts with the Delegates, inviting com ments and feed back..
- 2023—At the General Service Conference, the Trustees' Literature Committee took the unusual step of inviting all the Delegates to review portions of the work as editing continued.
- 2024 –At the 74th General Service Conference Trustees' Literature Committee again invited all the Delegates to review the draft manuscript. Literature Item F: The draft manuscript of the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous" be approved with minor editorial changes.
- 2024 After over 20 years of vigorous debate, the Plain Language Big Book is now available for sale at the Valley Service Center (\$11.00)

Bill W. - Co-Founder and Author of Alcoholics Anonymous—(1975)

"Without much doubt, a million alcoholics have approached AA during the last thirty years," he said. Estimating that "350,000 of us are now recovered from our malady" through the fellowship of AA, he continued,

"So we can very soberly ask ourselves what became of the 600,000 who did not stay."

No doubt some alcoholics "cannot be reached because they are not hurt enough, others because they are hurt too much. Many sufferers have mental and emotional complications that seem to foreclose their chances," Bill acknowledged.

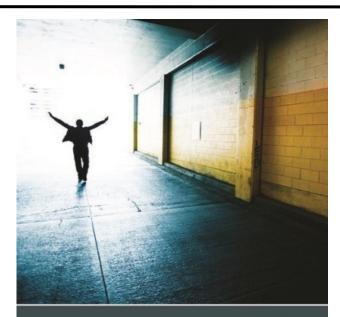
But what about all the others?

"How much and how often did we fail them?" he asked.

"Our very first concern should be with those sufferers that we are still unable to reach."

He had some sense of the failings of the fellowship he had helped launch and which he still clearly revered. One of his themes was one he had broached before: a growing rigidity in AA.

GRAPEVINE BOOKS NOW IN THE VALLEY SERVICE CENTER



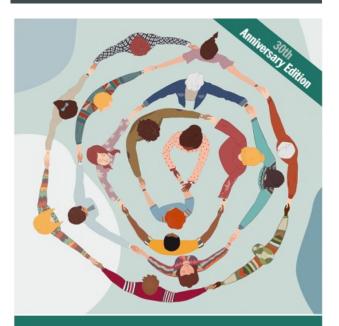
NO MATTER WHAT dealing with adversity in sobriety

Stories from AA Grapevine



PRAYER & MEDITATION

AA members share the many ways they connect spiritually



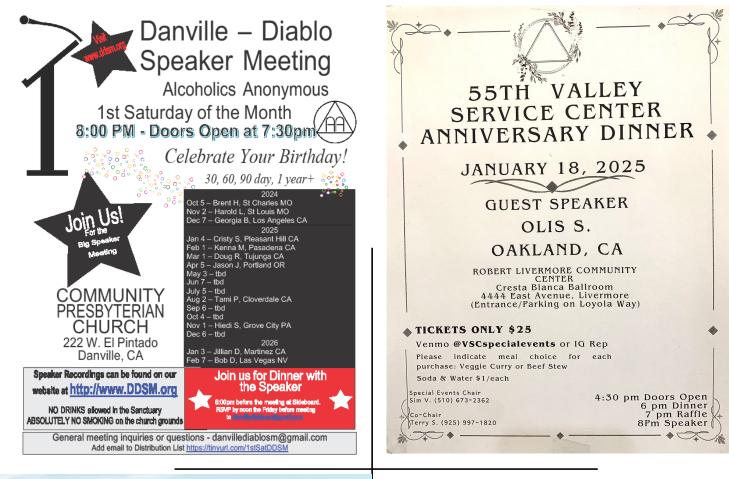
THE HOME GROUP: HEARTBEAT OF AA

From AA Grapevine, updated with extra stories and a new chapter on virtual meetings



OUR TWELVE STEPS

Members share experience, strength and hope as they work the AA program



THIRD-LEGACY Workshop



GENERAL SERVICE MANUAL and CONCEPTS

 Wednesdays
 6-7
 PM (PDT)

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This is a Workgroup on reading and understanding the General Service Manual and the 12 Concepts. We will read through these publications and have a discussion/ questions session for the section we read on any given week.

This is intended for all people interested in General Service and how it works. It is very appropriate for beginners, those with new service commitments and more experienced members.

What's general service all about? The general service structure ensures that the groups in A.A. have a voice in the affairs of their own Fellowship. It is this, and yet, it is much more than this. A.A. was there for you when you needed it. The work you do as a trusted servant in general service helps ensure that A.A. will be there when alcoholics come for help in the future.

For additional information, please contact Blaine Gibb, 510-904-7605 or Gibbblaine@gmail.com

JOIN US AS A MEMBER WILL SHARE ON VARIOUS TOPICS THAT ARE HELPFUL TO THE NEW ALCOHOLIC.

INTRO TO A.A.

COME AS YOU ARE -- WHETHER YOU HAVE 1 DAY OR 365, ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAYS AT 6:15PM-6:30PM

STARTS JANUARY 6, 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME TO STAY FOR THE REGULAR PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP MEETING, WHICH BEGINS AT 7PM

> **ST. PHILIP CHURCH** 8850 DAVONA DRIVE, DUBLIN

2025 International Convention of A.A.



Vancouver, B.C.- July 3-6, 2025

Registration open now



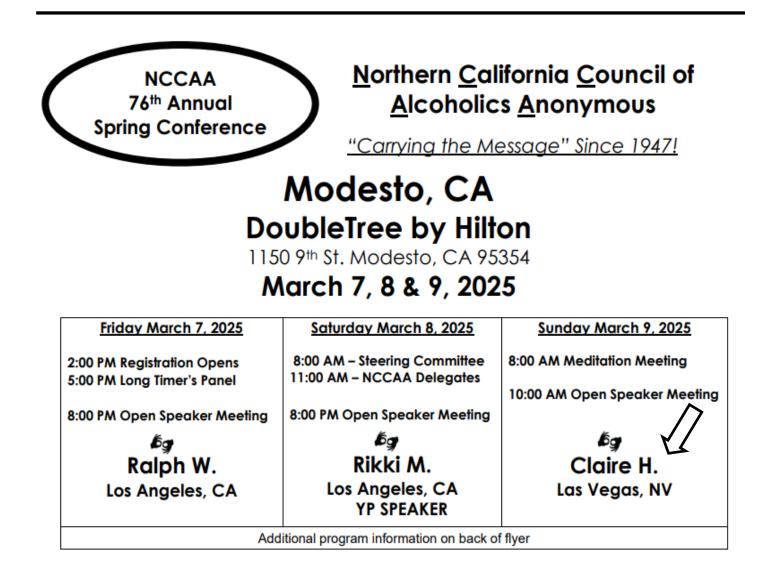
https://www.aa.org/international-convention

Registration \$160 per person / plus Hotel

This truly is an experience you must not miss.

Note: If you have a record (a DUI for instance), you can obtain a waiver to enter Canada at:

https://pardonsandwaivers.com/u-s-entry-waiver/



JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR

- Dec 31 thru Jan 1 ... <u>Hourly Marathon Meetings</u> Crossroads and Tri-Valley Fellowships
- January 4 <u>Danville Diablo Speaker</u>- 7:30pm (Cristy S, Pleasant Hill) 22 W. El Pintado, Danville, CA also: 885-8083-9460, password: 146975
- January 10 ... <u>PI/CPC Business Meeting</u> 06:15 PM Zoom ID (no password): 841-7877-3337
- January 11 ... <u>Crossroads Fellowship Business Meeting</u> 09:00 AM 386 Preston Court, Livermore, CA
- January 14 ... <u>Tri-Valley Fellowship Business Meeting</u> 06:30 PM 6500 Dublin Blvd., Dublin Also: 516 196 4435, password: 807945
- January 18 ... <u>CNCA06 Area Committee Meeting</u> Petaluma Community Center 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. Also meeting ID: 632 553 607.
- January 18 <u>55th VISC Anniversary Dinner</u> (see page 4)

January 27 <u>District 70</u> - 6:00pm Faith Lutheran Church 20080 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley Also: 774 061 7133 / CNCA

(To include announcements or flyers for events coming up in February, 2025 email > info@valleyservicecenteraa.org)

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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS - (12/23 > 11/24)

JANUARY 2025

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<u>Across</u>

- 1 Unhappy drinkers who read this page will ____
- 10 To care for and help to grow
- 11 "God Rest ____ Merry Gentlemen....."
- 12 Written abbreviation for 'Weight'
- 13 American League (init.)
- 14 American Eagle (init.)
- 16 "_____ main object is to enable you to find a Power greater than yourself."
- 18 "With all the _____estness at our commsnd..."
- 20 Tick borne disease
- 21 _____-walker, a "chap having queer ideas of fun."
- 23 "I'm Bob, and I ___ an alcoholic"
- 24 A bovine beast of burden
- 25 "Many pursue it to the gates of _____,"
- 28 No way!
- 29 "willing ____ go ____ any lengths ____ to get it."
- 30 Body Odor (abbr)
- 32 "This is the _____ fact for us..."
- 35 A long narrative poem of deeds and adventures.
- 37 "The ______ that we are like other people. Or presently may be, has to be)17-down)"

- <u>Down</u>
 - 1 "Most of us have been _____ to (19-down)"
 - 2 Full of tree seeds, or just crazy
 - 3 Practitioner of the Hippocratic Qath
 - 4 Flight arrival detail
 - 5 "try to prove themselves exceptions of the _____."
 - 6 Initials of the town just north of Dublin
 - 7 Sadness brought a _____ to my eye.
 - 8 New York
 - 9 "But we don't _____ if it can be avoided."
 - 15 Great obsession, to "control and _____ his drinking "
 - 17 Destroyed
 - 19 Accept, own up, or to allow entry
 - 22 Hatchet's heavier cousin
 - 23 "What ____ order!"
 - 26 _____ whal, Unicorn of the Ocean
 - 27 From their heads, down to their _____.
 - 30 '____-sphere', or '_____-pic'
 - 31 Oncology Certified Nurse (init.)
 - 33 After Effect (init.)
 - 34 Thallium—on the Periodic Table... or 'Timeline'
 - 36 Ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter

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	The Valley Intergroup tributions, made mont	The Valley Intergroup Service Center is supported by Group con- tributions, made monthly or at intervals during the year.	Winter 2024
	To support A.A.'s essential a ence suggests that groups foll plan or the group conscience.	To support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Confer- ence suggests that groups follow the "60-30-5-5" or "50-30-10-10" plan or the group conscience.	Tri Valley Meeting Directory Dublin, Uvermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Sunol
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-		805 General Service Office (G.S.O.) P. O. Box Hoff, James A Fallog Station Prov. Nov. 1970 Antice James	Office Hours: Mon. 5:00 pm-7:30 pm (1st Mon 7 pm) Wed. 6 pm - 8 pm
	57 or 107 District W - Alameda South (Check payable to District 70 Treasurer) P.O. 1000 4814 Harword, CA. 94644	Treasure)	Sat. 10:30 am - 2:30 pm <u>Web Sites:</u> valleyservicecenteraa.org <u>Email:</u> info@valleyservicecenteraa.org
		SI or 107 Treasurer C.N. C.A. 1890 N.McDowni Elok Sude (89	24-Hour A.A. Hothines (925) 829-0666 (Tri-Valley Svc. Center)
	HAT Committee P.O. Box 198490 San Francisco, CA 94119-3490	14490 February CA 34564	(888) 859-3230 (Valley Svc. Center Toll Free) (925) 939-4155 (Contra Costa)
		Service Meetings	(510) 539-5900 (East Bay/ Oaldand)
	Intergroup Meeting	7-30 PM <u>1st Monday of each month</u> Zoom ID: 228-839-7009 Password: 94366	<u>A.4. Preamble</u> Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their com-
	General Service District 70	6:43 Sharing Session - 7:30 PM Meeting Last Monday of each month Zoom ID: 774-061-7133 Pessword: CNCA	mon problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for member- ship is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self
_	H&I Meeting	6:30 PM Orientation Meeting 7:30PM Business Meeting 1st Wednesday of the month Zoom ID: 317-239-5765 Password: ACTION	supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to en- gage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to
r	VISC Board Meeting (Only Board Members)	6:30 PM - Business Meeting Last Monday of each month Zoom ID: 833-6641-9739 Password: 9231969	stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Only In-Person groups and meetings are listed in this
	PHONE NUMBERS FOR NEWCOMERS:	R NEWCOMERS:	directory at their request. Listing does not constitute or imply any approval or endorsement of any group or meeting's approach to, or practice of the A.A. pro- gram. For virtual groups see the Meeting Guide app.
1		+CD211-0/90	Please email the VSC to have your in-person meeting listed in this publication. (Online only meetings are not listed here) All meetings in the directory are NON-SMOKING and Accessible

(925) 449-9796 (510) 839-8900 No Phone # (510) 479-4404 (925)339-1907 (\$10) 371-1174 (\$10) 522-9500 The Valley Bervice Center publishes a monthly newsletter found Lunes, Martes, Miercoles, Jueves y Viernes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Sabado (Sahurday) & Domingo (Sunday) 10am-12pm 825-338-1907 (510) 522-9517 No Phone # (510) 791-9981 (510) 436-8651 (510) 444 4673 Lunes (Monday), Mierodes (Wechesday), Viernes (Friday) 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Tri-Valley Fellowship - 6500 Dublin Blvd Suite B does not endorse any outside enterprise. In the spirit of cooperation, rather than affiliation, the following num-NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (925) 685-4357 TRADITION SIX states that Alcoholics Anonymous No Phone # No Phone # No Phone # Telephone Directory or on the web at www.Ad.org Alcoholics Anonymous may also be found in the bers are offered as solutions to problems other than at www.vallerservicecenteraa.org Crossroads, 386 Presion Court, Livermore B Cerrito Fallowship, 12560 San Pablo Ave B Sobrante Fellowship, 4980 Appain Way Fremont Fellowship, 3833 Peredita Blvd. Grupo Livermore, 2610 Old First Street, Livermore A A Fellowships bland Fellowship, 1828 Lincoln Ave, Alameda Newark Fellowship, 7115 Rich Avenue Park Street Center, 1510 Ook Street, Alameda h-Between, 4710 International Blvd. Oakland ri-Valley, 6500 Dublin Blvd Ste B, Dublin Centerville, 4500 Thornton Ave., Fremont Friangle, 22654 Mission Blvd, Hayward 5 Cities, 37320 Mission Blvd, Fremont Concord Fellowship, 1591 Broadway (510) 276-2270 (925) 277-7661 AL-ANON deoholism. DUBLIN

Grupo Livermore (Spanish, O,D)...7 PM- 9 PM SPANISH SPEAKING MEETINGS (Español)

IVERMORE

Multi-Service Center 2610 Old First Street

Meeting Codes: B-Big Book, C. Closod, c. Childcare, D.-Speaher/Distrusion, L. Litterature, M.-Men, O. Open, S. Step, SPK. Speaker, T. Tradiñon, W. Women, YP- Young People, LGBTQ--Letsbian, Gay, Bi-Sernal, Trans & Queer

SUNDAY

DUBLIN St. Philip Lutheran – 8950 Devona Dr. @ Alcosta Sunday Morning Coffee (O.D. Hybrid) 8:00MM

(Zoom ID: 878 3728 3251 Pessword: aundeys) Tri Valley Fallowship - 6500 Dutkin Bivd Suite B

Newcomers Steps 1,2,3 - Candelight (O,D) 8:00 PM			Hot Grudge Sunday (O, SPK, D)		Daily Refection (D(SPICD)
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Crossroads Fellowship - 386 Preston Court

Big Book Study (O,B) 8:00 PM	12 & 12 (O,D)	Daily Reflections Crosstalk (O,D)	Speaker/ Discussion (O,D) 11:00 AM	24 Hours A Day (O,D)	a sea of the second sec
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MONDAY

DUBLIN Tri Valley Fallowship - 6500 Dublin Bivd Suite B

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LIVERMORE

Big Book Study (O,B)

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PLEASANTON Trinity Lutheran Church - 1225 Hopyard Rd. Ladres Life Line (O.D.W). St. Clare's Church - 3350 Hopyard Rd. ..6:30 PM

> By the Book (C,B, Hybrid) Zoom ID: 869-5878-5869 Password: 251449 ..7:30 PM

sunol. The Little Brown Church - 143 Kilkare Road

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WEDNESDAY

St Ph 킕 Ilip Lutheran - 8860 Devone Dr. @ Alcosta The Unscripted Men's Group (O.M. Hybrid).....8:00 PM Zoom ID: 243-081-128 Peakword: 954822

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s Holy Cross Lutheran Church—1020 Mocho St. Camy the Message (S.D. 1st Wed Birthday Spirs) ...7:00 PM

PLEASANTON 4466 Black Avenue Suite C (Lynne United Youth Room) Hilltop Group (0,0) 7:30 PM

THURSDAY

DUBLIN Tri-Valley Fellowship - 6500 Dublin Blvd Suite B

6:45 AM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM

LIVERMORE

Crosswinds Church - 1660 Federman Rd Happy, Joyous and First		Discussion (O,D)	Daily Reflections (O,D)	(Zoom ID: 928-084-772 Password: BMW1905)	Big Book Study (O,D, B, Hybrid)	Crossroads Relowship - 386 Preston Court		Asbury United Methodist Church- 4743 East Ave #11
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Trinity Lutheran Church - 1225 Hopyard Women Staying in the Book (O,B,W)
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SAN RAMON San Ramon Community Center 12901 Abosts Blvd Room 101 Big Book Study (O,D, B)...... NOC NOON

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PLEASANTON St. Augustine

St. Joan of Arc- 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Friendship Group (O,D, Hybrid)... Zoom ID: 627-988-359 Peaned Passeord: 824205 7:30 PM

SATURDAY

Speaker Meeting (O/S Last Sat Chip Mig.)	Young at Heart Women (W,D,L)	Discussion (O, SPK,D) Rm.1.	eaten Into A State of Reasonableness (M,L,D)10:00AM	Discussion (O,SPK,D)	Tri-Valley Fellowship- 6500 Dublin Bivd Suite B
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Crossroads

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