



"District 5" Newsletter



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DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A VOICE?

General Service Representative (G.S.R.)

"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."

For more information about G.S.R.s, see A.A. leaflet: **P-19 - G.S.R. May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.**

"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 IN "DISTRICT 5"

Cowan Heights, Lemon Heights, Orange, Orange Park Acres, Santa Ana, Tustin, and Villa Park

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Being of Service...

YOUR 2016/2017 "DISTRICT 5" TRUSTED SERVANTS...

NAME	POSITION
EVAN J:	DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR (D.C.M.C.)
KRISTEN C:	ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR (ALT. D.C.M.C.)
MITCHELL B:	SECRETARY
AL C:	TREASURER
VICKI R:	REGISTRAR and NEWSLETTER
CHARLIE R:	DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - EAST ORANGE and LITERATURE
CHRIS W:	DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - WEST ORANGE and INTERGROUP LIAISON
JOHN S:	DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - FRIENDSHIP CLUB PM and COFFEE MAKER
JOEY P:	G.S.R. SCHOOL
LISA R:	H&I LIAISON
JOHN E:	COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (C.P.C.)
LYNNE D:	CONVENTION LIAISON
CHRISTINE L:	GRAPEVINE
TONIA S:	PUBLIC INFORMATION (P.I.)
PAM T:	SPECIAL NEEDS
RYAN B:	CAKE SERVICES

If you're interested in being of service, and would like to be involved in "District 5" by volunteering for a commitment, see Page 2 for a list of those that are still open. We'd love to share this experience with you!!

STEPS, TRADITIONS, AND CONCEPTS OF A.A.



STEPS: 4 THRU 6

<p>4.</p> <p><i>“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”</i></p>	<p>5.</p> <p><i>“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”</i></p>	<p>6.</p> <p><i>“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”</i></p>
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TRADITIONS: 4 THRU 6

<p>4.</p> <p>Short Form:</p> <p><i>“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”</i></p>	<p>5.</p> <p>Short Form:</p> <p><i>“Each group has but one primary purpose— to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”</i></p>	<p>6.</p> <p>Short Form:</p> <p><i>“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”</i></p>
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CONCEPTS: 4 thru 6

<p>4.</p> <p>Short Form:</p> <p><i>“At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.</i></p>	<p>5.</p> <p>Short Form:</p> <p><i>“Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.”</i></p>	<p>6.</p> <p>Short Form:</p> <p><i>“The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.”</i></p>
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“DISTRICT 5” OPEN COMMITMENTS



- District Committee Member (DCM) - Women’s Evening
- District Committee Member (DCM) - Women’s Day
- District Committee Member (DCM) - Men’s Groups
- District Committee Member (DCM) - Friendship Club AM
- District Committee Member (DCM) - Santa Ana

- District Committee Member (DCM) - Santa Ana Alano Club
- District Committee Member (DCM) - North Tustin
- District Committee Member (DCM) - South Tustin
- Archivist
- Archives

Reminder

District 5 is always grateful to have new G.S.R.s from those groups who don’t already have one!***

MEETINGS IN “DISTRICT 5” WITH ACTIVE G.S.R.s

Please Note: “Active” is based on having a meeting/group representative in attendance at one of the past six consecutive District 5 meetings.

CITY	DAY (TIME)	MEETING NAME	ADDRESS	G.S.R. / ALTERNATE G.S.R.		
ORANGE	Mon thru Fri (5:30pm)	Rush Hour (Friendship Club)	2191 Orange Olive Rd.	Matt	L.	GSR
	Mon thru Sun (5:30pm)	Tustin Rush Hour	1800 E. La Veta Ave. (RIO)	Pam	T	GSR
	Mon (7pm)	Womens Experience, Strength & Hope	2910 N. Santiago Blvd.	April	H.	GSR
	Tues (7pm)	Keep it Simple Group	1310 E. Walnut (7th Day Adv.)	Tonia	S.	GSR
	Tues (7pm)	Orange Tustin Group	1130 E. Walnut (1st Christ. Church)	Missy	D.	GSR
				Will	G.	Alt-GSR
	Tues (8pm)	Hart Park Newcomers Group	701 S. Glassell (Clubhouse)	Scott	B.	GSR
	Weds (7:30pm)	Alkies Only	1800 E. La Veta Ave. (RIO)	Benjamin	B.	GSR
	Thurs (6:30pm)	Ladies Night Book Study	300 N. Rampart St., #1	Mika	S.	GSR
				Yvette	B.	Alt-GSR
	Thurs (7:30pm)	777 (Newcomers) Men's Stag Group	395 S. Tustin (Comm. Of Christ)	Ryan	H.	GSR
				Shane	S.	Alt-GSR
	Thurs (7pm)	How It Works	1800 E. La Veta Ave. (RIO)	Steve	C.	GSR
				Vicki	R.	Alt-GSR
	Thurs (7:30pm)	Men's Big Book Study	3400 Canal St. (Trinity Episcopal)	Steven	H.	GSR
	Fri (8pm)	No Puffers Speaker Meeting	395 S. Tustin (Comm. Of Christ)	Mitchell	B.	GSR
	Sat (6pm)	Winner's Circle Group	Mariposa Women's Center	Lisa	R.	GSR
	Sun (11am)	Big Book Study (Friendship Club)	2191 Orange Olive Rd.	Evan	J.	GSR
Sun (5:30pm)	The Other 12 & 12 (Twin Towers)	705 W. La Veta Ave. #208	Mark	H.	GSR	
Sun (7:30pm)	Discussion (Friendship Club)	2191 Orange Olive Rd.	John	S.	GSR	
Sun. (7pm)	Sun. Night Speaker Meeting of Orange	1800 E. La Veta Ave. (RIO)	Crystal	L.	GSR	
SANTA ANA	Tues (8pm)	Tuesday Night Men's Stag	614 N. Bush St. (Church)	Michael	D.	GSR
TUSTIN	Mon thru Sun (6am)	6 A.M. Foothill Early Risers Group	19211 Dodge Ave (C.O.T.F.)	Suzanne	E.	GSR
	Mon thru Sun (6am)	Tustin Attitude Modification Group	1221 Wass St. (St. Paul's Ch.)	Andrew	P.	GSR
	Mon thru Fri (12pm)	Alkies Winner Circle	555 S. Main St. (1st Advent Ch)	Christine	L.	GSR
	Mon (6:30pm)	Women's 12x12	19211 Dodge Ave. (C.O.T.F.)	Gloria	Z.	GSR
	Mon (7pm)	Men's BYOB Bookstudy	1201 Irvine Blvd.	Chase	C.	GSR
	Mon (7pm)	Monday Night Mens Stag Group	555 Main Street (Org. Cnty. Church)	Michael	H.	GSR
	Tues (7pm)	Tustin Big Book Study	225 W. Main St.	Elizabeth	B.	GSR
	Weds (7pm)	Womens Solution Group	19211 Dodge Ave. (C.O.T.F.)	Sue	C.	GSR
	Fri (6:30pm)	It's In the Book (Book Study)	"B" & Main St. (Presbyterian Church)	Vicky	A.	GSR
				Sue	C.	Alt-GSR
	Fri (7:30pm)	Turning the Corner	1221 Wass St.	Scott	H.	GSR
				Joey	P.	GSR
	Sat (8pm)	Saturday Night Visiting Speakers Mtg.	18341 Lassen Dr. (Prentice School)	Chris	W.	Alt-GSR
				Sonny	J.	GSR
	Sun (9:02am)	9:02 Speaker Meeting (9:02 Group)	18341 Lassen Dr. (Prentice School)	Lynne	G.	GSR
Sun (7pm)	Sober & Crazy Speaker Meeting	18341 Lassen Dr. (Prentice School)	Mark	H.	Alt-GSR	

- 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 we can get it corrected!)
- Or...Is it because you don't have a G.S.R., or your G.S.R. is not actively attending the District 5 meetings?





UPCOMING.....

EVENTS

DISTRICT 5

July 10 @ 6pm:
Steering Committee Mtg.
Denny's @ 17th & Tustin, Santa Ana

July 13 @ 7pm-8:30pm:
G.S.R. Meeting
("New GSR Orientation" meet at 6:30pm)
Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Ave., Santa Ana/Tustin

Aug 7 @ 6pm:
Steering Committee Mtg.
Denny's @ 17th & Tustin, Santa Ana

Aug 10 @ 7pm-8:30pm:
G.S.R. Meeting
("New GSR Orientation" meet at 6:30pm)
Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Ave., Santa Ana/Tustin

AREA 09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 11 @ 9am-3:30pm:
Area Service Committee
El Dorado Park West Comm. Center
2800 N. Studebaker Rd.,
Long Beach CA 90815
(Enter on E. Barrios St.)

Hosted by District 2 –
Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Compton,
Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood (north of Carson),
Long Beach (north of Carson), Norwalk, Paramount
Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/rbW1QuaaDyn>

July 6 @ 7pm-8:30pm:
2017 Conference Shareback
Presented by Area 09 Delegate "Joe C."
Hosted by Dist. 15
District 15 - GSR Meeting
Christ Lutheran Church
820 W. Imperial Hwy, Brea, CA 92821
Rm. 303

INTERGROUP

June 24 @ 11:00-6:00pm:
2nd Annual Golf Event
Cost: \$70
San Juan Hills Golf Club
San Juan Capistrano, CA

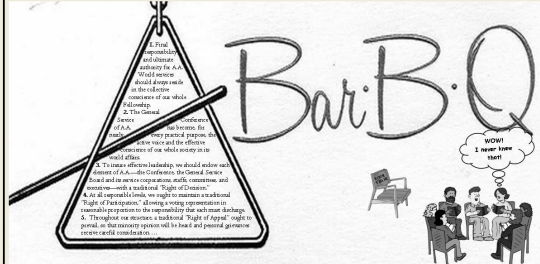
August 12 @ 12:00-6:00 pm:
Annual OC Intergroup Picnic/Luau
Doheney State Park
Dana Point, CA

For more info on the above events:

Orange County Central Office
Phone: 714-556-4555
email: Manager@oc-aa.org

**"DISTRICT 5"
Is Hosting A...
"12 CONCEPTS"
Workshop and...**

SPEAKERS:	Concepts 1 & 2: Joe C.	Concepts 3 & 4: Pam T.	Concepts 5 & 6: Andre W.
	Concepts 7 & 8: David M.	Concepts 9 & 10: Jeryl T.	Concepts 11 & 12: Mitchell B.



DATE: Saturday - July 22, 2017
TIME: 12:00pm to 4:00pm
LOCATION: Church of the Foothills
19211 Dodge Avenue
Tustin, CA 92705
(Corner of Newport & Dodge)

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn more about the concepts written by Bill W.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!!

**FUNDRAISER FOR
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE**

**"7th ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY
PICNIC & CHILI COOK OFF"**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH
11:30am — 3:30pm**

**Yorba Regional Park - Shelter #3
7600 E. La Palma, Anaheim, CA 92807**
(\$5.00 per car parking fee at park - Free parking on street)

Serving Hot Dogs 12:00pm - 1:30pm
(picnic donation only)

**50/50 Drawing, Games for Kids, Prizes for Best Chili,
Honorary Mentions and More**
(\$5.00 for chili taste off / judging)

For More Info:
NOCCO — 1661 E. Chapman, #1H, Fullerton, CA 92381
Phone: (714) 773-4357 / Email: officemanager@aanoc.com

**OC FAIR 2017
July 14 - August 13
Volunteers Needed**

Each volunteer will receive a one day ticket to the fair and a parking pass.
Registration:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444afab22a3ff2-ocfair>

Music & Poetry Creative Meeting
Musicians and Wordsmiths Welcome!
Open Meeting
Saturday Night 10pm - 12am
Anaheim Alano Club
202 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805

Please visit www.msca09aa.org
for additional information on upcoming events.

**DISTRICT 5
*** SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS ****

The following were in attendance at the "District 5" meeting the month of their birthday.

Jan 2017:

Chase C. ~ GSR (Monday Night Men's BYOB / Tustin) ~ 2 Yrs.
Scott H. ~ GSR (Turning the Corner / Tustin) ~ 15 Yrs.



Feb 2017:

John S. ~ GSR (Shut Up I Can't Hear / Orange), District 5 DCM (Friendship Club PM) & Coffee Maker ~ 3 Yrs.
Elizabeth B. ~ GSR (Tustin Big Book Study) ~ 7 Yrs.

Mar 2017:

Ben B. ~ GSR (Alkies Only / Orange) ~ 2 Yrs.



Apr 2017:

Michael H. ~ GSR (Monday Night Men's Stag Group / Tustin) ~ 29 Yrs.
Suzanne E. ~ GSR (6 A.M. Foothill Early Risers Group / Tustin) ~ 28 Yrs.
Mark H. ~ GSR (The Other 12 & 12 / Orange) and Alt. GSR (Sober & Crazy Speaker Mtg. / Tustin) ~ 12 Yrs.
Steve H. ~ GSR (Mens Big Book Study / Orange) ~ 11 Yrs.

May 2017:

Evan H. ~ GSR (Big Book Study / Orange) and District 5 DCMC ~ 6 Yrs.



Here are some A.A. related websites:

- Alcoholics Anonymouswww.aa.org
- Area 09 / District 5www.msca09aa.org
- Orange County Central Officewww.oc.aa.org
- A.A. Grapevine.....www.aagrapevine.org
- Orange County A.A. Conventionwww.oacaac.org

NEW G.S.R.s

A big **THANK YOU** and **WELCOME** to the following new G.S.R.s and Alternate G.S.R.s!!!

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CITY</u>
Suzanne E.	6 A.M. Foothill Early Risers	Tustin
Shane S.	777 Men's Stag	Orange
Crystal L.	Sunday Night Speaker Mtg.	Orange
Steve H.	Men's Big Book Study	Orange
Scott B.	Hart Park Newcomers	Orange

"The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the General Service Representative the Group elects."

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*



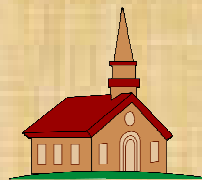
If there are changes, please notify your District 5 Registrar (Vicki R.) via email: wrkaaitwrks@aol.com Or, better yet, have someone from your meeting/group attend a District 5 GSR meeting and give her or the District 5 GSR School commitment holder (Joey P.) the information there. For info on the next District 5 meeting see Page 4 (Upcoming Events) of this newsletter.


CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS...

~ *Christian Miracles* ~

It would be easy for Lisa F. to blame the lack of a Christian upbringing for her behavior. She could even point to an absentee father and a dysfunctional family and say they caused it. But she knows that it was the love of alcohol and immoral behavior during her teen years that quickly propelled her life into a dark abyss from which she thought she would never climb out.

When Lisa was eight years old, a playmate told her about the fun things she did at church. Since Lisa felt there was no fun in her own life, she invited herself to attend church with her friend. It was there that Lisa heard about God for the first time.



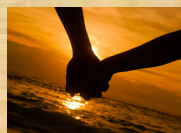
At nearly the same time, Lisa became curious about the wine her mother drank. She reasoned that it must taste pretty good because her mother drank it so often. Lisa began taking sips of wine when her mother wasn't looking and she fell in love with it.

By age fifteen, Lisa and a girlfriend routinely left their homes on Saturday nights and crossed the nearby border into Mexico. There, feeling very mature in their miniskirts and black fishnet stockings, they drank until they were drunk. Lisa loved everything about alcohol – the way it tasted, the way it made her feel, and the power she thought it gave her.

They would stumble back to the girlfriend's house late each Saturday night. Every Sunday morning, her girlfriend's father would wake them and insist they go to church with him. Says Lisa, "Although they were aware that we had been out all night drinking, the members of the little church turned a blind eye to our appearance and the alcohol on our breath. Instead, they chose to love us anyway and encouraged us to continue coming."

The pastor would often say to Lisa, "Lisa, do you want to talk? How can we help you? Are you ready to stop drinking?"

Lisa wasn't ready to stop, but she felt guilty because of how kind the pastor was despite her condition.



"Even when I was reeling from a hangover," says Lisa. "God spoke to me through the sermons. No matter where I was, no matter my condition, Jesus continued knowing on the door of my heart – wanting me to come to Him." Just as Lisa would not let go of the alcohol she had become addicted to at age eight, the God she had also encountered that year would not let go of her.

"A tubal pregnancy at fifteen ended with the loss of my unborn child," says Lisa, "and nearly took my life as well. In the years to come, this pregnancy would affect all efforts to become pregnant."

During her few sober times, Lisa would try to take a good look at her miserable existence. "God, my life isn't supposed to look like this," she would cry out. "Why is this happening? What do you want from me?" But even as she wondered if she would ever be free from the powerful, dark forces controlling her life, she continued drinking and also began abusing drugs.

WHY
ME?

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS...

Christian Miracles...continued from page 6

In 1992, at the age of twenty-four, Lisa hit bottom. "In addition to everything else, I was now homeless. Although embarrassed and ashamed of my condition, with no place else to go, I moved in with my father, who had become a part of my life. I somehow managed to stop drinking for one year, but with my poor choice of friends, sobriety did not last long."

But God was still pursuing her. Gary, a frequent customer where Lisa worked, somehow seemed to recognize her struggle and made a point to encourage her each time he saw her. He would tell Lisa, "Take it one day at a time. Look to God for your strength. You can do it. God can help you."

Lisa didn't realize until later that those words were what Gary heard at his Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Having been where she was, he knew what she was going through.

One day, Gary gently confronted her. "Lisa, you look horrible. You just can't go on like this. Let me pick you up this evening after work and take you someplace where you can get help." Amazingly, with no idea what he meant or where they would go, Lisa agreed.

Gary took Lisa to the Alona Club, a meeting place for recovering alcoholics. That night, she became determined to finally get sober and stay sober. Step one was to attend those meetings on a regular basis.

"Shortly after that first meeting," say Lisa. "I was transferred to the late-night shift at work. That meant I was at work while the bars were open. I truly believe it was God who rearranged my schedule to put that temptation even farther from me."

After a year of encouragement from Alona Club meetings, Lisa finally began seeking God with all her heart. "From my first introduction to God, I never doubted His existence and never stopped talking to Him. I had asked Jesus to be my Savior in the past. Now I was asking from my heart. I had no idea what the future would hold, but was certain He was real and that His hand was on my life."

Today, Lisa is a living example of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (NIV).

"From all I've experienced," she says. "I should be dead by now. But instead I've been given a new life — a life of sobriety for more than eleven years. During this time, I have experienced God's miraculous work in my life over and over."

Contributed By:

Lisa F.
GSR (Winner's Circle Group / Orange)
H&I Liaison (District 5)

MIRACLE:

A surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS...

"I Am the Town Drunk"

When I was in Ecuador one summer I witnessed something I'll never forget.



I had a cousin who was the town drunk. He was in his 20's. I was around 12 years old at the time and in my disease. During the day my cousin was relatively normal, but extremely quiet. He popped a smile every now and then. At night he would start to drink and the insanity started with it. He would yell and threaten before heading to the streets. That's when I saw it. All the local neighborhood women, only women, would come out of their homes. They would round him up and corral him back to his house. His mother would hold him in her arms until he slept. He would cry and call out to God. This was a regular thing. Now I'm certain he had a lot more problems than alcoholism. He had mental illness as well. That was his daily reprieve. They didn't have hospitals, police officers, or money for that matter. I gave my aunt a dollar and she offered me all the food in her house.

I am the town drunk without the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. That is what the power of fellowship and womanhood means to me. I am so blessed to have all the outside help I do. It is God given to western society for certain. But it isn't available to all, so God bless the fellowship.



Strength and Honor,

Ashley Y.

Ya Know...

Sometimes I feel like going somewhere far away, someplace where nobody knows me. Maybe even somewhere where there is nobody else there... just me and my Higher Power.

But I can go there anytime, and I go there often. Fortunately, He reminds me that I need people to relate with so I can take myself out of my selfish thoughts and behavior. Helping

others and giving back to this program is the key for me. Having the willingness to let go and let God has brought me to a spiritually good place in my life.

I can feel my blood pressure going down already... Maybe I'm rocketing on that much desired journey into the fourth dimension!

I just hope it's somewhere not TOO far away!

Emmett C.



**FEELING
BROKEN**

I know you're feeling broken right now.
But, as much as I'd love to, I can't fix you.

However, if you'll let me, I'd love to help you
find the tools you need to fix yourself.

All you need to do is ask.

Vicki R.
District 5 Registrar


CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS...

~ What are the Origins of the A.A. Preamble? ~

Question: Who wrote A.A.'s Preamble [that appears in the monthly Grapevine]? And when was the word "honest" dropped from it (i.e. "honest desire to stop drinking"), and why?

The Alcoholics Anonymous Preamble (from the Grapevine)

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. 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. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."

Answer: The Preamble first appeared in the Grapevine in June 1947, and was written by Tom Y., the Grapevine editor at that time. The aim was to offer a concise definition of A.A. Shortly thereafter, the Preamble began appearing in each monthly issue of the Grapevine, and later on in much of our A.A. Conference-approved literature.

It came to be called the preamble because it is so often read at the opening of A.A. meetings. The original version of the Preamble contained the wording, "an honest desire to stop drinking." However, since the adoption of the short form of the Traditions in 1950, the Third Tradition has always read, "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking" and this form was used by Bill in writing the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

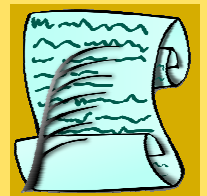
In 1958 the expression "honest desire" was discussed at great length at the General Service Conference. It was felt that it was impossible to determine what constitutes an "honest" desire to stop drinking, thus the word was dropped. The version of the Preamble without the word "honest" first appeared in the September 1958 issue of the Grapevine.

There have been other versions of the Preamble, written by A.A. members for their local groups' use, which were then circulated around A.A.; for example: the "Texas Preamble," the "Wilmington Preamble," etc. Many A.A. members find these interesting, though they have never been adopted by the Fellowship as a whole.

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Mitchell B.
District 5 Secretary





A big **THANK YOU** to the following meeting groups for their generous 7th Tradition donations to “District 5” (per the 2017-1st quarter District 5 Treasurer reports)!!

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GSO GROUP#</u>	<u>GROUP NAME</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
January	716047	Thursday Noon Discussion Group	Orange	\$ 5.00
	632837	6 AM Foothill Early Risers	Tustin	\$ 36.50
	126119	Early Birds Group	Orange	\$102.04
	718618	Ladies Night Book Study	Orange	\$ 9.93
	686410	Pamphlet Study Group	Irvine	\$ 16.00
	680752	Keep It Simple Women’s	Orange	\$ 6.00
	130429	6 AM Attitude Modification	Tustin	\$ 48.27
	616357	Sober & Crazy	Tustin	\$ 4.45
	713270	Living In The Solution Group	Orange	\$ 42.50
	126062	Friday Night No Puffers	Orange	\$ 12.09
	126635	Orange Tustin Group	Orange	\$ 8.10
February	149952	24 Hour Book Group	Villa Park	\$134.00
	652296	Alkies Winner Circle	Tustin	\$ 9.08
	130429	6 AM Attitude Modification	Tustin	\$ 44.98
	673482	Podium Anticipation Group	Orange	\$ 50.00
	632837	6 AM Foothill Early Risers	Tustin	\$ 57.10
	136826	As Bill Sees It	Orange	\$ 13.00
	168129	Tustin Rush Hour	Orange	\$100.00
	126062	Friday Night No Puffers	Orange	\$ 16.94
	126635	Orange Tustin Group	Orange	\$ 12.89
	100561	Sat. Night Visitors Speakers	Tustin	\$ 16.03
	117208	Crawl Before No One	Orange	\$ 5.00
	616357	Sober & Crazy	Tustin	\$ 15.54
	680752	Keep It Simple Women’s	Orange	\$ 4.45
	102350	Thursday 12 & 12	Tustin	\$ 5.00
	126062	Friday Night No Puffers	Orange	\$ 13.00
696177	Tustin Acceptance	Tustin	\$ 18.35	
655929	The Other 12 & 12	Orange	\$ 12.00	
March	126635	Orange Tustin Group	Orange	\$ 11.53
	130429	6 AM Attitude Modification	Tustin	\$ 61.05
	680752	Keep It Simple Women’s	Orange	\$ 4.20
	100561	Sat. Night Visiting Speakers	Tustin	\$ 15.00
	168835	Double Scoop	Orange	\$ 19.00
	697139	The Spiritual Experience	Tustin	\$ 25.00
	662400	Womens 12 & 12	Tustin	\$ 5.00
655929	The Other 12 & 12	Orange	\$ 5.00	

Just a reminder...

It’s important that your meeting group notates it’s **GROUP NAME** and **GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO) NUMBER** when sending in donations so that your group gets credit for those donations. If your group number isn’t known, please have your group’s G.S.R. speak to the “District 5” Registrar (Vicki R.) at the next District meeting. Thanks!!

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