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Online Newsletter: http://www.msca09aa.org/districts/d\_05.php District 5 Newsletter Editor: Vicki R. / Orange ..... 

### **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."

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.)

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AREA MAP OF "DISTRICT 5"

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

### **Being of Service...**

Your group's line to A.A. as a whole

#### YOUR 2018/2019 "DISTRICT 5" TRUSTED SERVANTS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

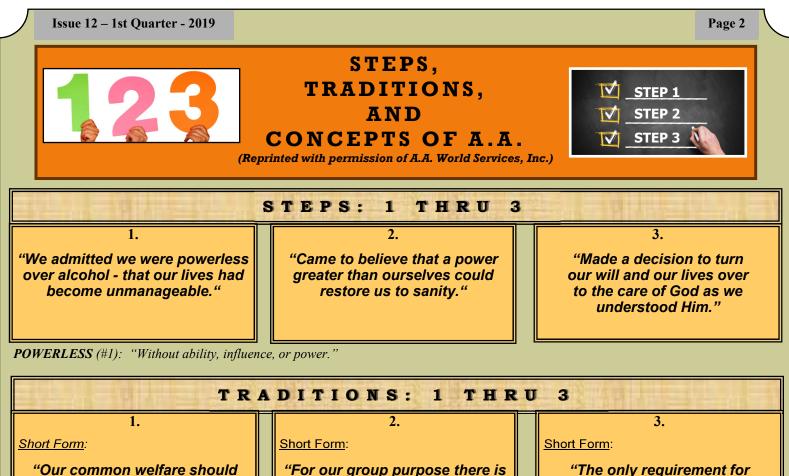
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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMDERS					
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GLENDA R: PAM T: RYAN H. JOSH O: VICKI R:	LITERATURE ACCESSIBILITIES COFFEE CAKE SERVICES NEWSLETTER EDITOR	If you're interested in <b>being of service</b> , and would like to be involved in " <b>District 5</b> " by volunteering for an open <b>commitment</b> , see <b>Page 3</b> for a list of those that are still open. We'd love to share this <b>amazing experience</b> with you!!			



"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity."

**UNITY** (#1): "The state or quality of being one or united into a whole."

## CONCEPTS: 1 THRU 3

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but one ultimate authority— a

loving God as He may express

Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Short Form:

"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

### Short Form:

"The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."

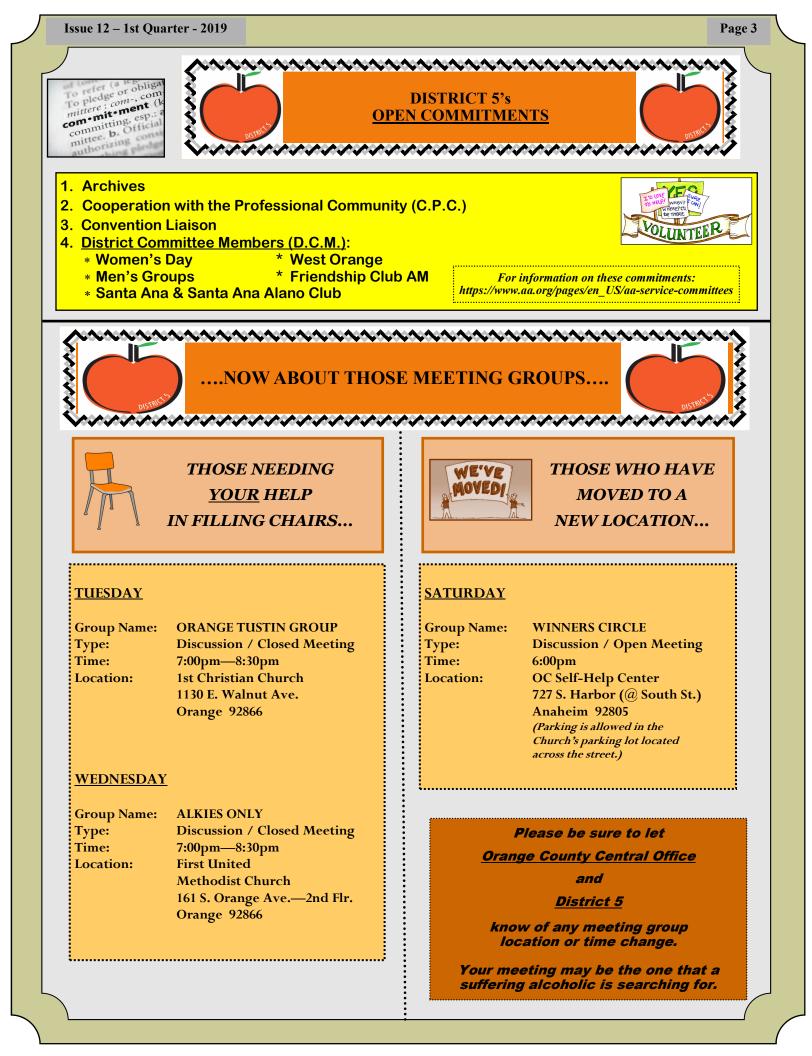
### Short Form:

"To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. — the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives with a traditional "Right of Decision."

AA membership is a desire

to stop drinking."

**COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE** (#1): "The set of shared beliefs, ideas, and moral attitudes which operate as a unifying force within society."



# **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.
Alkies Only	Orange	Vicki R.	Steve C.
Alkies Winners Circle Group	Tustin	Christine L.	
Back from the Dead	Santa Ana	Alex G.	
Chapman & Lewis AA Group	A Group Orange Glenda R.		Karen B.
Early Birds Group	Santa Ana	Paula P.	
Forever Non-Professional (Friendship Club)	Orange	Cheree G.	
Friday Night No Puffers Speaker Meeting	eaker Meeting Orange Josh		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	Casey D.	
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.	
Sunday Morning B/B Study Group	Orange	Greg A.	Mario P.
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	Peter C.	
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.	
Wed Nite Womens Solutions Grp	Tustin	Kathy S.	
Winners Circle Group	Orange	Terry S.	
Womens Experience, Strength & Hope	Orange	Kirin S.	

• 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?



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Please visit **www.oc-aa.org** for additional information on upcoming events.



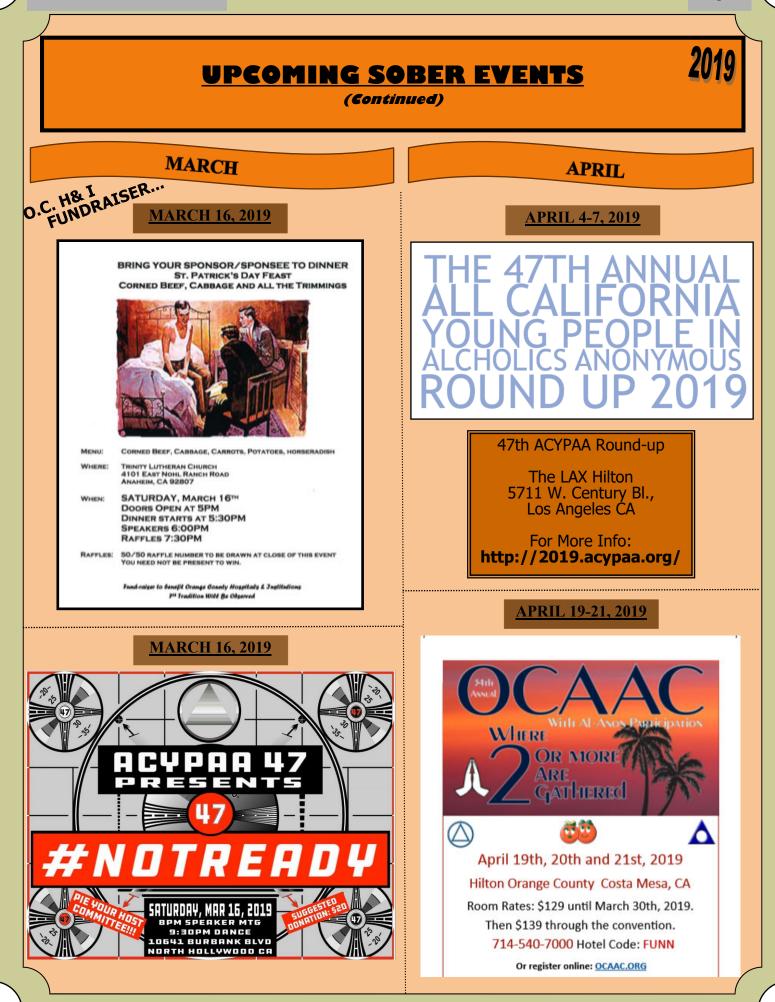
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Assembly (ASA) ~ Membership includes the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, other Area Officers, all currently serving G.S.R.'s, D.C.M.C.'s, Alternate D.C.M.'s, Alternate D.C.M.'s, other District Officers, and Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs and Co chairs. The Assembly is the mainstream of the Conference structure and is the representative voice of the movement expressing itself. It is the gathering of the G.S.R.'s and the A.S.C., which deliberates upon and enacts resolutions concerning service matters brought before it. Its responsibilities include:

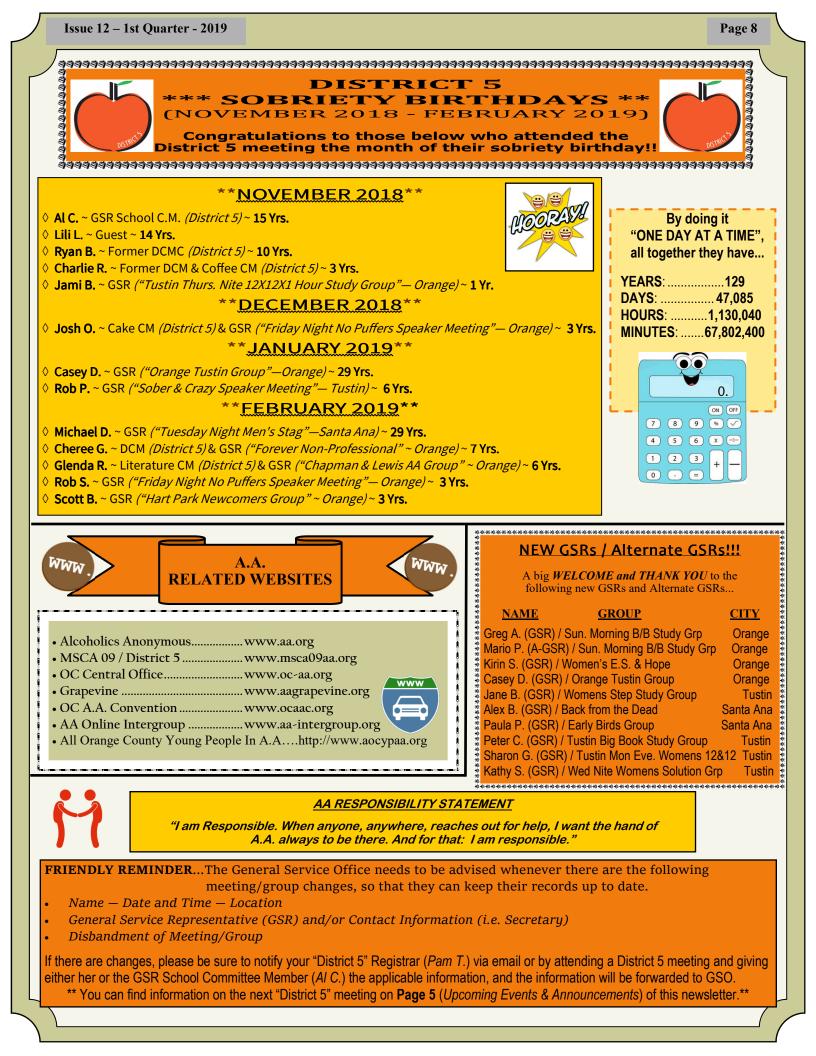
- Electing and supporting the Area Officers, including a Delegate to the General Service Conference.
- Being an interim repository, through its G.S.R.'s, of the collective group conscience of the Area. Seeking substantial unanimity in all important decisions.
- Strengthening A.A. as a whole and carrying the A.A. message the best way possible in the M.S.C.A.

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Issue 12 - 1st Quarter - 2019 Page 7 UPCOMING SOBER EVENTS (Continued) APRIL MAY **PRE-PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP and PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP** FOR THE ~ 69TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE ~ MAY 19-25, 2019 IN NEW YORK. This workshop has the function of our This workshop has the function of collecting discussing and educating ourselves our Area's Group Conscience to be taken back about the 75 Agenda items. to New York by Delegate, Jesus O. later in May. 2019 Pre-Pre Conference Agenda Presentations Hosted by: Districts 06, 12 and 18 STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada) A.A. GROUPS **GROUP GSRs** DISTRICTS **MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA 09 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP** AREA SUNDAY, 5 May 2019 UFCW Union Local 324 8530 Stanton Ave Buena Park, CA 90620 Hosted by District 4 • 8:30 a.m. - Registration d Servants will ns for the 2019 Genera Service Confe 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 Pre-Conference Workshop COFFEE • DONUTS • LUNCH Saturday April 6th, 2019 11am - 2pm THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AND DISCUSS CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS AND LET YOUR DELEGATE KNOW Laguna Country United Methodist Church WHAT YOU THINK WOULD BE BEST FOR A.A. AS A WHOLE 24442 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods, CA 92637 **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** Snacks and drinks will be provided. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE "69TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE" AND IT'S AGENDA ITEMS: msca09aa.org 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, which is scheduled to be issued June 2019.



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

### **CELEBRATING "60" YEARS!!**

AREA 09

### The Chronicles of MSCA Area 09 History – Part 3: A Brief History of Area 9 and District 5

The history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Southern California is grounded in the **first meeting that was held in a private home** of Kaye Miller, the wife of an alcoholic, on **December 19, 1939**. It is covered in a pamphlet entitled How AA Came to Los Angeles <<u>https://hacoaa.org/images/phocagallery/How-AA-Came-to-Los-Angeles.pdf</u>>. That is how it started. Between 1939-1957 Alcoholics Anonymous in the Los Angeles and Southern California area spanned from King County (North) to the border of San Diego County (South), from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona border was all one area. That brings us to the creation of Area 09.

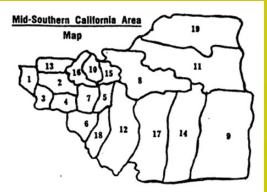
**The General Service meeting that created Area 09 was held in Santa Ana on September 7, 1958**, at Area 5's Service Assembly. A new Delegate Area was carved out of the "California Southern Area." The new Delegates' terms to start in even numbered years. This gave California 5 Areas (5 delegates.). The new Area officially designated "California Southern Coastal", or less precisely but more familiarly "Southern Coastal California." Nicknamed "Panel 2" because of its even-year terms.

Just prior to the split, Southern California Area 5 was divided up into 33 districts with approximately 266 groups. 10 of these districts, Districts 20 - 29 would become the new area. These were renumbered 1- 10; the same area that is Area 09 with 23 districts was originally divided into ten districts that did not encompass the same boundaries we have today. There has been a lot of changes in the boundaries over the years. In September 1958 the first Area Roster stated that there were 90 registered groups in the new area. In less than a year we had grown to 105 registered Groups. Every registered group had a GSR and that trend would continue until the late 1960's.

Art Brook from Long Beach was elected as the first Delegate. It was understood beforehand that the new Delegate would serve first Delegate only one year, finishing out the term of Panel 9, serving September 1958 – December 1959. In October of 1959 officers were elected to serve the first full term of two years, taking office January 1, 1960 to serve on Panel 10 as a full-term Delegate. The first full term delegate was Jack White.

The **new Area** started meeting right away and held their **first meeting in October 1958**, **however it officially did not exist until January 1959**. The reason for meeting was to elect Art as delegate and to start forming plans for the International Convention to be held in Long Beach in 1960. Imagine that. Create a new Delegate Area, elect a Delegate and Executive Board with Chair, Alternate Delegate/Treasurer, and Secretary – just three positions in the first Panel 02 Executive Board. First order of business for this new area was to create a host committee for the International convention. A lot was riding on this convention. GSO planned the first two conventions and for the first time let local A.A.'s do most of the planning for the 1960 convention. The future of the International Convention rested on its success. It turned out to be an overwhelming success. Jack White was in charge of the host committee and had help from members all over Southern California.

That host committee was made up of only eleven core members. Imagine just eleven members planning an International Convention today. Many of you may have heard of Flossie Lewis. She was an early Alanon member



from Long Beach, and she provided free baby-sitting services during this event.

Back to the history of districts. Now, almost immediately, we found the need to create smaller districts. District 11 was the first and was created in 1961. Imagine one district being the size of current Districts 8, 11, 14, 17 and part of 19 combined. Well that was the size of the original District 8. So, District 11 was created and covered the San Bernardino area and extended up to include Victorville and Apple Valley.

Districts 12 and 13 were created sometime between 1961 and 1963. Yes, at one time we did have a District 13. What was then Districts 2, 4 & 5 was redistricted and 12 & 13 was created from parts of the three districts.

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

### **CELEBRATING "60" YEARS!!**

**AREA 09** 

The Chronicles of MSCA Area 09 History – Part 3: A Brief History of Area 9 and District 5...continued

Santa Ana was originally in District 8 (1959) and the **redistricting in 1963 created a district to encompass Orange, Santa Ana and Tustin as the new District 5.** In 1963, **Silverado Canyon** was part of District 12 and **was added to D5 in 1973**. In the mid 1960's District 13 (a portion of Bellflower, Compton, Paramount, Norwalk) began holding District meetings with District 2 and sometime around 1972 District 2 and 13 merged into one district and 13 was dissolved.

Sometime in the early 1970's it was brought out that in the Service Manual the State of Connecticut had a good plan to divide their area in such a way that most districts would have no more than 15 groups. Rather that create additional Districts, it was decided to create sub-districts within districts. Many of our Districts still use this method of sub-districts even today. **District 5 underwent a restricting review in 2001.** 

I would like to point out in 1991 there was talk of creating a separate district just for the hearing impaired. At that time there were a few hearing-impaired meetings not only in our area but also in other surrounding. areas. Nothing came of that but there was discussion almost monthly on the subject.

There is so much more I could tell you about our history. For instance, when the Area was first formed the Delegate acted, as the Area Chair and the Alt. Delegate was the Treasurer. The only other elected position was an Area Secretary. Then in 1969 the position Chair was given to the Alt Delegate and the office of Treasurer was created. The duty of Alt. Delegate and Chair would be separated in 1973 and that is the way it is today.

Chairmen of standing committees did not receive the privilege to vote until 1986 and at that time the only standing Committees of the Area are: CPC, Archives, Grapevine, and Area Newsletter.

Our Area meetings in the beginning only lasted from one to two hours. They ran from 9a.m. to 11a.m. Some of the church crowd complained and the starting times were moved to 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We didn't start providing lunch until recent times. I don't want to forget to tell you how our name changed. Being called Southern Coastal California Area gave a false image of our Area being mostly coastal, when in reality most of the Area is desert and mountain.

When this fact was brought up at the area level in 1971, somebody moved that we change our name to Panel 2, because that is what we were called in the beginning. It was voted on and accepted. So, for several months our official name was Panel 2. At the next Assembly the subject was brought up again and we became the Mid Southern California Area (officially, California Mid Southern Area). It was hoped that the "Southern California" Area" would change to a more honest name, and we tried to appeal to their ego by proposing "Upper Southern California Area." And perhaps get Area 8 to change to "Lower California Area." Neither wanted any part of changing their names, but we kept Mid-Southern just the same.

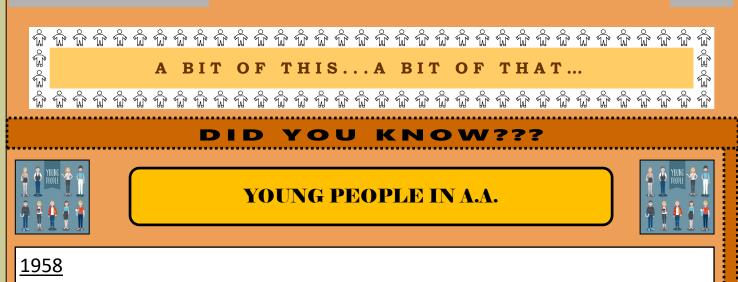
If this little bit of history interests you, please check out the Archives committee. We could always use some volunteers. You don't have to know anything about AA History and I guarantee you will learn something about our history, just from hanging out there. I used material developed by former MSCA 09 Archivist Charles Knapp from a talk he gave at the Servathon November 13, 2004 and added additional material from Area minutes, motions, district meetings, and donated papers held at the MSCA 09 Archives in Riverside. We should be proud of the heritage of our area. Proud of our many accomplishments. From the beginning Area 9 has been a leader in General Service in Southern California. The future looks bright and I look forward to filling the pages of our history book with more wonderful stories.



Contributed By:

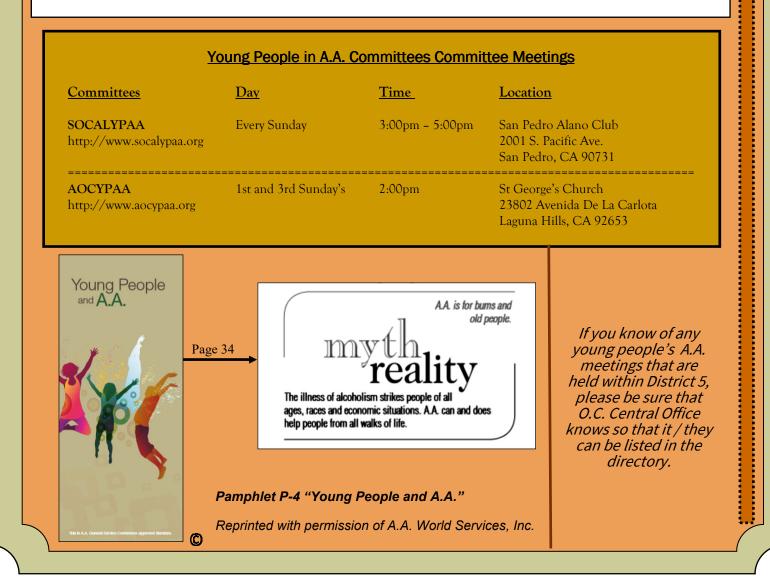
*Mitchell B.* MSCA 09 Archivist and MSCA 09 Panel 68 Secretary





# First International Conference of Young People in A.A.

In late April 1958, the first conference for A.A.'s younger members (**then defined as those under age 40**) is held at Hotel Niagara in Niagara Falls, New York. "The A.A. Exchange Bulletin" (the precursor to the newsletter Box 4-5-9) reports that the purpose of the International Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA) is "to provide delegates with a thorough rundown of the application of our A.A. program to the individual difficulties encountered by young people in dealing not only with alcoholism but also with the other problems peculiar to their generation." ICYPAA is held annually.



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In keeping with our 7th Tradition.....

### **DONATIONS MADE TO "DISTRICT 5"**

### ~2018~

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	632837	Foothill Early Risers	\$	-	\$	-	\$	37.80	
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# **Attention Meeting Group Secretaries and Treasurers!!**

When sending in a 7th Tradition donation/contribution, please be sure to notate the following information in order for your meeting group to receive credit and a receipt for the donation:

(1) Meeting Group Name

(2) Group Number issued by the General Service Office

(3) Name and mailing (or email) address of whom to send the receipt to.

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.

Address for Correspondence and 7th Tradition Donations: District 5, M.S.C.A - P.O. Box 3374, Tustin, CA 92781

