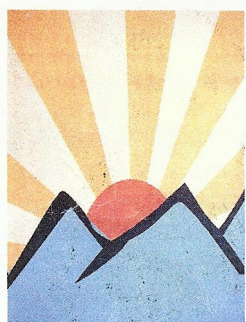
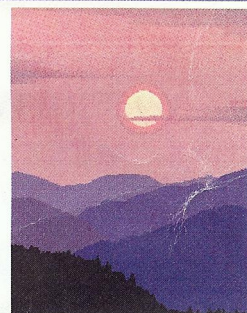


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THURSDAY SPEAKERS IN FEBRUARY

February 4:

Doug B.

February 11:

Tyler H.

February 18:

Frank C.

February 25:

Karen G.

SATURDAY SPEAKERS IN FEBRUARY

Feb 6: **Yvonne S.**

Traditions 7-9

Feb 13: **

Step 1

Feb 20: **Kay S.**

Step 1

Feb 27: **

Step 2

** see Darren W
for information

From the AA Grapevine Archives

Editorial: On the 2nd Tradition

Sooner or later, every A.A. comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, He is also a source of *positive direction*. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he had never known before. As each day passes, our A.A. reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every A.A. group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though A.A. groups are basically the same, each group does its own special thing. Each group has its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every A.A. group has a special atmosphere, its own special state of development. We believe that every A.A. group has a special authority. We believe that every A.A. group has a special conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produce group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into A.A. Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

**"For our group purpose
there is but one ultimate
authority--a loving God as
He may express Himself in
our group conscience."**

We humbly hope and believe that our growing A.A. Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the 1st Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in A.A., no coercive human authority. Because each A.A., of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are find-

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WHERE WE MEET

THE SUNSET GROUP meets every Thursday night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at 11145 Morrison Street, North Hollywood.



THE SUNRISE GROUP BIG BOOK STEP STUDY meets every Saturday morning 8:15-9:30 a.m. on the second floor of PINZ Bowling Center, 12655 Ventura Blvd., just east of Coldwater Canyon.

THE SUNSET GROUP BIG BOOK STUDY meets every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:00 pm. at the Vineland Adult Daycare Center, 5629 Vineland Ave, just north of Burbank. Parking is in the back off Ensign Avenue.

ing we have little need for man-made rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the A.A. group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

Bill W.

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Steering Committee

The Sunrise/Sunset steering committee meets quarterly to deal with the annual workshop, group participation at conventions, annual elections, and financial contributions to area offices. You become a voting member at your second meeting.

In January, the Steering Committee modified the format of the Tuesday Big Book Study to read the entire Big Book. Matt J., the secretary-elect for the Thursday speaker meeting, is now

serving as secretary for the rest of the year.

Each quarter we make donations to our district and area, the SFV Central Office and the New York Central Office in accordance with AA custom. See the nearby table for 2009.

The next meeting is 26 April 2010. To add an item to the agenda or get directions, please see Matt or send e-mail to Matt.Jackson.Law@gmail.com.

2009	SFV Central Office	GSO New York	Area 93	District 17	Total
Sunrise	132.50	79.50	26.50	26.50	\$265.00
Sunset-Tues	50.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	\$100.00
Sunset-Thu	342.50	185.50	78.50	78.50	\$685.00
Total	525.00	295.00	115.00	115.00	\$1050.00

