



District 15 Newsletter

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What's New?

Spring has sprung. Do you know where your next conference, convention, or roundup is happening?

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Birthdays

March	3	Tim O.
	6	Bob R.
	12	Linda D.
	15	Bob J.
	20	David A.
	31	Cyndi R.

PLEASE update your group birthday lists. Send them to me by March 29th, please.

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Subject: BIRTHDAYS

WELCOME TO A.A.

Remember that you never have to be alone if you use the tools Alcoholics Anonymous has to offer. A.A. provides support and guidance to all alcoholics who reach out for help. We need you as much as you need A.A. Join us, and participate and become a part of our fellowship of recovery.

<https://www.aayuma.com/>

You've Got a Date!

March 20	Yuma Intergroup	Yuma 449 Club small room	5:30 pm
March 20	District 15 DCM/GSR	Yuma Gila Mt. United Methodist	7:00 pm
April 5-7	2019 Pre Conference Assembly	Prescott, AZ	http://area03.org/
April 18-21, 2019	There is a Solution Spring Roundup	San Diego	https://www.sandiegospingroundup.com/default.asp
May 19-21	12th Seniors in Sobriety International	Reno, NV	sisreg2019@gmail.com
May 19-25	General Service Conference	New York City, NY	https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-general-service-board-calendars/type/3
June 29	2019 Post Conference Assembly	Casa Grande, AZ	http://area03.org/
August 16-18	August Assembly	Flagstaff, AZ	http://area03.org/

Powerful Events

Initially I was a little intimidated and felt out of place at roundups, conferences, and conventions. Early on I discovered the solution. Get involved (works at meetings too). My first "job" was just to say hello at the door and point to the registration table. Worked my way up to standing in the hallway to point our individual meeting rooms and my favorite job, registration. You get to see everyone! This kind of service gave me a purpose to being at the event to giving me a real sense of belonging. I was an integral part of any event. Setting up chairs at two International conventions gave me an opportunity to meet locals, get invited to go behind the scenes of a hockey arena, and see a Zamboni up close and personal. How else would you meet someone one who ran the Zamboni machine?

What brought all this to mind was my recent weekend at the Imperial Valley Round Up in Brawley, CA. What a great experience. By now, I've lost count of how many times I've attended this particular round up. My husband and I attended their first round up with our sober camping group, and it became an annual event for many years until we went full time RVing and weren't always around at this time of year. It became a tradition that several of us would arrive early and set up chairs and table decorations. You can't help but get to know folks while assisting with set up and door raffles. People changed over the years but always a few familiar faces.

This weekend we didn't arrive until Saturday and there wasn't the large number of Rvs as in the past but the feeling of coming home was as strong as ever. Greetings from many familiar faces and new folks too. There's a level of comfort to a familiar meeting room (even if it is a gymnasium); the Saturday night steak dinner you can cut with your plastic knife; catching up with life events, happy and not quite so happy; seeing the growth and serenity in others reminding me I have some growth and serenity too. It's hard to find the words to describe that feeling of ease and comfort that came with me as we pulled out of the parking lot Sunday afternoon.

If you haven't experienced an AA event such as this, I want to encourage you to do so. I've been to 5 International Conventions. Yes, they are large, around 50,000 people. It's a different feeling, still ease and comfort, when you can't really go anywhere in the city without seeing name badges of fellow AAs. You can strike up a conversation with anyone and often join new friends for a meal who were strangers just minutes ago. For me, it's a safe way to explore a new area and I'm surrounded by so many friends (some who I haven't met yet) that I have no concern over getting lost or being alone.

There are no words to describe the feeling of holding hands and saying a prayer with over 50,000 fellow alcoholics, try it, you might like it!

Marilyn A.

Meeting Notices

**Primary Purpose
Group
Foothills Alano Club**

10 am

Regular Meetings

Wednesday

Friday

Sunday

12 & 12 Study

Tuesday

Big Book Study

Thursday

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