

47th Annual Golden Empire Roundup

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& JOYOUS
FREE^{IN} 2023

Memorial Day Weekend
May 26th, 27th, and 28th

DoubleTree Convention Center
3100 Camino del Rio Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93308

2023 Roundup Committee

General Chair	Grant G.
Co-Chair	Julie E.
Announcer	Tom C.
Banquet	Mandie S.
Central Office	Rick K.
Decorations & Baskets	Naomi H.
Fun Run, Bike, & 5Y/5K	David A.
Fundraiser	Denise W.
Fundraiser Co-Chair	Alana T.
Game Night	Yolanda A.
Golf	Johnny O.
Greeters	Susan M.
H&I	Naomi H.
Hospitality	Kim C.
Hospitality Co-Chair	Louise D.
Ice Cream/Dance/Karaoke	Casey M.
Marathon Meetings	Jonas H.
Old-timers Meeting	Cissy T.
Publicity & Program	Bekka A.
Recordings	Joe G.
Registration	Bob J.
Registration Co-Chair	Genevieve H.
Secretary	Amy B.
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Treasurer	Kent S.
Treasurer Co-Chair	Julie Y.
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VIP Raffle	Chuck S.
Webmaster	Bekka A.
Workshops	Shelli S.
Young People	Michael N.

A Letter from the 2023 Golden Empire Roundup Chair

I am deeply honored to have been chosen as the chairman for the Roundup this year. This role has challenged me to grow and develop new skills, and I am grateful for the opportunity to take on this responsibility. I owe a great deal of gratitude to the past chairs and the Executive Board for their invaluable advice and guidance. While it may be a common sentiment, I truly believe that I have the privilege of working with an exceptional committee, who have selflessly dedicated themselves to putting together an unforgettable Roundup. Their hard work and dedication have been an inspiration to me, and I am confident that we will see the fruits of their labor. It's hard to believe that we have been planning for this event for four years now, with the unfortunate circumstances beyond our control causing a three-year postponement. But we are finally here, and I am excited to see what we can achieve together. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading this year's Roundup.

Grant G.

2023 Roundup Committee Chair

Roundup Executive Board

Cissy T. – Chair	Brian B. – Director
Scott S. – Vice Chair	Grant G. – Director
Sue W. – Secretary	David A. – Director
Candie D. – Treasurer	

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Al-Anon Chair	Sarah H.
Al-Anon Co-Chair	Hayley S.
Spiritual Advisor/Past Chair	Sean N.G.
Secretary	Raquel B.
Treasurer	Hayley S.
Alateen Chair	Portia C.
Alateen Co-Chair	Ashton A.
Archives Chair	Cindy S.
Drawings and Baskets Chair	Christy A.
Greeter Chair	Roxanne B.
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Spanish Meetings Chair	Marinena C.
Ways and Means Chair	Sadaf F.
Website/Public Outreach	Felicia M.
Decorations Chair	Laurie K.

Past Chairpersons 1974 – 2023

2023 Grant G.	2004 Maureen A.	1988 Ed R.
2019 Mandie S.	2003 Tom P.	1987 Terry M.
2018 Randy T.	2002 Cissy T.	1986 Brian P.
2017 Carol C.	2001 Scott S.	1985 Tim K.
2016 John J.	2000 Connie P.	1984 Leon C.
2015 Ambra M.	1999 Mike M.	1983 Ken B.
2014 Sue W.	1998 Chuck M.	1982 Alice M.
2013 David M.	1997 Dan S.	1981 Jerry M.
2012 Yolanda A.	1996 David A.	1980 Al A.
2011 Stephen B.	1995 Bernice L.	1979 Richard R.
2010 Nancy B.	1994 Glen J.	1978 Joe P.
2009 Syndi P.	1993 Dick O.	1977 Bob M.
2008 Dan S.	1992 Mike R.	1976 Connie P.
2007 Brian B.	1991 Linda A.	1975 Jim B.
2006 Jenny G.	1990 Tony O.	1974 Marty W.
2005 David H.	1989 Rubin S.	

Schedule of Events

Friday May 26th

8:00 AM	Golf Tournament	North Kern Golf Course*
5:00 PM	Registration Opens	Triangle by Stairs
5:00 PM	Hospitality Opens	Lake Ming
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting – “Happy”	Nevada
7:00 PM	AA Speaker Meeting	San Joaquin/Kern River
7:30 PM	Al-Anon Spanish Meeting	Nevada
8:00 PM	Marathon Meetings Begin	Sierra
8:30 PM	Ice Cream/Dance/Karaoke	Buena Vista

Saturday May 27th

7:00 AM	Registration Opens	Triangle by Stairs
7:00 AM	Hospitality Opens	Lake Ming
8:00 AM	Fun Run/Walk	Beach Park+
8:30 AM	Al-Anon Meeting – “Joyous”	Nevada
9:00 AM	Family Speaker Meeting	Buena Vista
9:00 AM	Workshop #1 – Emotional Sobriety	Lake Isabella
10:00 AM	Al-Anon Spanish	Nevada
10:00 AM	Basket Raffle Ready to View	Entry Hall
11:00 AM	Workshop #2 – Unity, Service, & Recovery	Lake Isabella
11:30 AM	Al-Anon Luncheon	San Joaquin/Kern River
1:00 PM	Workshop #3 – 12 th Step	Lake Isabella
1:30 PM	Young People’s Meeting	Buena Vista
1:30 PM	Al-Anon Meeting – “Free”	Nevada
3:00 PM	H & I – “Freedom Inside”	Buena Vista
3:00 PM	Alateen Meeting	Nevada
3:00 PM	Business Meeting	Lake Isabella
4:30 PM	Basket Raffle Drawings	Entry Hall
6:00 PM	Banquet Dinner/Main Speaker	San Joaquin/Kern River/Buena Vista
9:00 PM	Game Night	Lake Ming/Lake Isabella

* = 17412 Quality Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308

+ = 3400 21st Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Schedule of Events - Continued

Sunday May 28th

7:30 AM	Registration Opens	Triangle by Stairs
7:30 AM	Hospitality Opens	Lake Ming
8:00 AM	Old-timers Meeting	San Joaquin/Kern River/Buena Vista
10:00 AM	Spiritual Meeting/Closing Ceremony	San Joaquin/Kern River/Buena Vista

Schedule of Speaker Meetings

Friday May 26th

7:00 PM A.A. Opening Speaker Meeting

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Mark H.	Bakersfield
Chapter 3	Terry K.	Bakersfield
Chapter 5	Nate W.	Bakersfield
12 Traditions	Ernie B.	Bakersfield
10 Minute Speaker	Sue M.	Bakersfield
Main Speaker	Quincy W.	Los Angeles
A Vision for You	Sheila W.	Bakersfield

Saturday May 27th

9:30 AM A.A./Al-Anon Family Meeting

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Steve K.	Bakersfield
Chapter 3	Blaine B.	Bakersfield
Chapter 5	George D.	Bakersfield
12 Traditions	Lawrence N.	Bakersfield
A.A. Speaker	Cynthia T.	Winchester
Al-Anon Speaker	Ray T.	Winchester
A Vision for You	Lucile E.	Bakersfield

Schedule of Speaker Meetings – Cont'd

Saturday May 27th

11:30 AM Al-Anon Speaker Meeting & Luncheon

Serenity Prayer	Pat S.	Bakersfield
Opening Read	Sarah H.	Bakersfield
Leader	Sarah H.	Bakersfield
12 Steps	Raquel B.	Bakersfield
12 Traditions	Sadaf F.	Bakersfield
Alateen Speaker	Ashton A.	Bakersfield
Main Speaker	Lynn A.	Ventura
Countdown	Roxanne B.	Bakersfield
Closing Reading & Prayer	Hayley S.	Bakersfield

Saturday May 27th

1:30 PM Young Peoples Meeting

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Michael N.	Bakersfield
Chapter 3	Julie Y.	Bakersfield
Chapter 5	Genevieve H.	Bakersfield
12 Traditions	Sue M.	Bakersfield
10-Minute Speaker	Tyler G.	Bakersfield
Main Speaker	Tim S.	Bakersfield
A Vision for You	Elise S.	Bakersfield

Saturday May 27th

3:00 PM Hospitals and Institutions Meeting

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Naomi H.	Tehachapi
Main Speaker	Jeff L.	Gilroy
A Vision for You	Frank C.	Gilroy
Keys to the Kingdom	Lupe J.	Bakersfield

Saturday May 27th

6:00 PM Main Speaker and Banquet Dinner

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Grant G.	Bakersfield
Chapter 3	Justin G.	Bakersfield
Chapter 5	Greg A.	Bakersfield
12 Traditions	Julie E.	Bakersfield
10-Minute Speaker	Charlie R.	Bakersfield
Main Speaker	Linda M.	Dixon
A Vision for You	Martin G.	Bakersfield

Sunday May 28th

8:00 AM Old-Timers Panel

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Cissy T.	Bakersfield
Chapter 5	Paul F.	Bakersfield
Panel Speaker	Richard R. – 12/15/68	Bakersfield
Panel Speaker	Eddie R. – 10/1/73	Bakersfield
Panel Speaker	Pat R. – 2/25/74	Bakersfield
Panel Speaker	Charlie R. – 2/28/81	Tehachapi
Panel Speaker	Rick K. – 6/1/81	Bakersfield
Panel Speaker	Mary Ann R. – 9/30/82	Bakersfield
A Vision for You	Vic P.	Bakersfield

Sunday May 27th

10:00 AM A.A. Closing Meeting & Countdown

Announcer	Tom C.	Bakersfield
Leader	Julie Y.	Bakersfield
Chapter 3	Judy W.	Bakersfield
Chapter 5	Sue W.	Bakersfield
12 Traditions	Tara W.	Bakersfield
10-Minute Speaker	Raeann C.	Bakersfield
Main Speaker	Patrick S.	Santa Maria
Countdown	Tony O.	Bakersfield
A Vision for You	Sue M.	Bakersfield

Mission Statement

The mission of Golden Empire A.A. Roundup is to help anyone afflicted by the disease of alcoholism by holding an annual event covering two or more days of speakers, workshops, and meetings designed to provide support, inspiration, motivation, and education to alcoholics on how to live with their condition without using alcohol or other mind-altering chemicals. The event will also provide forum for non-alcoholics to learn about alcoholism and codependence. The event will also provide information to both alcoholics and non-alcoholics on where to find help through twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, and Alateen.

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And wisdom to know the difference, amen.

The Twelve Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

The Twelve Traditions

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is 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.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. 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, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A. as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

The Promises

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are halfway through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experiences can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook on life will change. Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us – sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

A Vision for You

Our book is meant to be suggestive only. We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do for the alcoholic who is still sick. The answers will come if your own house is in order. But obviously you cannot transmit something you haven't got. See to it that your relationship with Him is right and great events shall come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us. Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you – until then.