

# A VISION FOR YOU



## GOLDEN EMPIRE ROUNDUP 2024

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 24TH, 25TH, AND 26TH, 2024

**BAKERSFIELD DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**

3100 CAMINO DEL RIO CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308

## Program & Schedule of Events

# 2024 Roundup Committee

|                                |            |                                |              |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>General Chair</b>           | Julie E.   | <b>Marathon Meetings</b>       | Diz B.       |
| <b>Co-Chair</b>                | Kent S.    | <b>Old-timers Meeting</b>      | Scott S.     |
| <b>Announcer</b>               | Tom C.     | <b>Publicity &amp; Program</b> | Bekka A.     |
| <b>Banquet</b>                 | Paul F.    | <b>Registration</b>            | Genevieve H. |
| <b>Banquet Co-Chair</b>        | Annie D.   | <b>Registration Co-Chair</b>   | Michael W.   |
| <b>Central Office</b>          | Rick K.    | <b>Secretary</b>               | Amy B.       |
| <b>Decorations</b>             | Vic P.     | <b>Sites &amp; Policies</b>    | John B.      |
| <b>Decorations Co-Chair</b>    | Allison W. | <b>Social Media</b>            | Deborah D.   |
| <b>Fun Run 5Y/5K</b>           | David A.   | <b>Speaker Chair</b>           | Mandie A.    |
| <b>Fundraiser - Pickleball</b> | Alana T.   | <b>Speaker Co-Chair</b>        | Brandon A.   |
| <b>Fundraiser - Poker</b>      | Amy B.     | <b>Treasurer</b>               | Julie Y.     |
| <b>Fundraiser - Bunco</b>      | Amber F.   | <b>Treasurer Co-Chair</b>      | Bob J.       |
| <b>Game Night</b>              | Yolanda A. | <b>Ushers &amp; Security</b>   | David P.     |
| <b>Golf</b>                    | Johnny O.  | <b>VIP Raffle</b>              | Kristin S.   |
| <b>Greeters</b>                | Vanessa S. | <b>VIP Raffle Co-Chair</b>     | Chuck S.     |
| <b>H &amp; I</b>               | Henry R.   | <b>Webmaster</b>               | Grant G.     |
| <b>Hospitality</b>             | Kim C.     | <b>Workshops</b>               | Shelli S.    |
| <b>Hospitality Co-Chair</b>    | Deborah D. | <b>Young People</b>            | Angel S.     |
| <b>Ice Cream/Dance</b>         | Casey M.   |                                |              |

## Workshops

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|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Step 1</b> - Cori T. | <b>Relapse Prevention</b> - Michael P. | <b>Step 5</b> - Deborah D. |
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## 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 |                     |

## **A Letter from the 2024 Golden Empire Roundup Chair**

Welcome to the 48<sup>th</sup> Golden Empire Roundup. It's truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your chairperson this year. Eight years ago, I couldn't have imagined being here today, serving in this capacity.

My first experience with the Golden Empire Roundup was in May of 2016, when I had a little over three months of sobriety. I was sitting on a bench next to Karen and Leon after the Oildale Sunday morning meeting, when a now dear friend asked if I'd read at a meeting he was leading at the upcoming Roundup. Before I could refuse, Karen said, "She'll do it." I was petrified - Leon and Karen laughed. That Roundup ended up being one of the most cherished memories of my early sobriety, and I've been blessed to be a part of every Roundup since then. The Roundup will always hold a special place in my heart, and it has helped me to stay sober. If you're new here this year, I hope you find the same magic in the program that I found back in 2016, and I hope you stay.

I'd like to thank the entire 2024 Roundup committee, and the AI-Anon committee, who worked tirelessly to put this event together. I'd also like to thank the committees that were here before us, that laid the groundwork. Without all of you, people like me may not have ever received the message, and I might not be standing here today. I'm eternally grateful for all of you - not only for the hard work you've put in, but for your friendship and support. Thank you.

Thank you to all the attendees. Your participation is why we're all able to be here. And finally, thank you to those of you that donate so that others can attend. May we all have a blessed weekend full of hope, laughter and fellowship. Expect a miracle!

**Julie E.**

**GER Chairperson 2024**

"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."

## 2024 AI-Anon Committee

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>AI-Anon Chair</b>                | Hayley S.             |
| <b>AI-Anon Co-Chair</b>             | Sadaf F.              |
| <b>Spiritual Advisor/Past Chair</b> | Sarah H.              |
| <b>Secretary</b>                    | Kayla B.              |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                    | Felicia M.            |
| <b>Alateen Chair</b>                | Portia C.             |
| <b>Archives Chair</b>               | Sean N.G.             |
| <b>Drawings and Baskets Chair</b>   | Loretta M. & Peggy R. |
| <b>Greeter Chair</b>                | Jessica P.            |
| <b>Marathon Meeting Chair</b>       | Grant G.              |
| <b>Ways and Means Chair</b>         | Leslie L.             |
| <b>Decorations Chair</b>            | Barb F.               |

## Past Chairpersons 1974 - 2024

|                        |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>2024 Julie E.</b>   | <b>2005 David H.</b>   | <b>1989 Rubin S.</b>   |
| <b>2023 Grant G.</b>   | <b>2004 Maureen A.</b> | <b>1988 Ed R.</b>      |
| <b>2019 Mandie S.</b>  | <b>2003 Tom P.</b>     | <b>1987 Terry M.</b>   |
| <b>2018 Randy T.</b>   | <b>2002 Cissy T.</b>   | <b>1986 Brian P.</b>   |
| <b>2017 Carol C.</b>   | <b>2001 Scott S.</b>   | <b>1985 Tim K.</b>     |
| <b>2016 John J.</b>    | <b>2000 Connie P.</b>  | <b>1984 Leon C.</b>    |
| <b>2015 Ambra M.</b>   | <b>1999 Mike M.</b>    | <b>1983 Ken B.</b>     |
| <b>2014 Sue W.</b>     | <b>1998 Chuck M.</b>   | <b>1982 Alice M.</b>   |
| <b>2013 David M.</b>   | <b>1997 Dan S.</b>     | <b>1981 Jerry M.</b>   |
| <b>2012 Yolanda A.</b> | <b>1996 David A.</b>   | <b>1980 Al A.</b>      |
| <b>2011 Stephen B.</b> | <b>1995 Bernice L.</b> | <b>1979 Richard R.</b> |
| <b>2010 Nancy B.</b>   | <b>1994 Glen J.</b>    | <b>1978 Joe P.</b>     |
| <b>2009 Syndi P.</b>   | <b>1993 Dick O.</b>    | <b>1977 Bob M.</b>     |
| <b>2008 Dan S.</b>     | <b>1992 Mike R.</b>    | <b>1976 Connie P.</b>  |
| <b>2007 Brian B.</b>   | <b>1991 Linda A.</b>   | <b>1975 Jim B.</b>     |
| <b>2006 Jenny G.</b>   | <b>1990 Tony O.</b>    | <b>1974 Marty W.</b>   |

# Schedule of Events

## Friday May 24th

|         |                               |                        |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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               | Nevada                 |
| 7:00 PM | AA Speaker Meeting            | San Joaquín/Kern River |
| 8:00 PM | Marathon Meetings Begin       | Sierra                 |
| 8:30 PM | Ice Cream Social & Game Night | California Room        |

## Saturday May 25th

|          |                                  |                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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                  | Nevada                             |
| 9:00 AM  | Workshop #1 - Step 1             | Lake Isabella                      |
| 9:30 AM  | Family Speaker Meeting           | Buena Vista                        |
| 10:00 AM | Basket Raffle Ready to View      | Entry Hall                         |
| 11:00 AM | Workshop #2 - Relapse Prevention | Lake Isabella                      |
| 11:30 AM | Al-Anon Luncheon                 | San Joaquín/Kern River             |
| 1:00 PM  | Workshop #3 - Step 5             | Lake Isabella                      |
| 1:30 PM  | Young People's Meeting           | Buena Vista                        |
| 1:30 PM  | Al-Anon Meeting                  | Nevada                             |
| 2:00 PM  | Business Meeting                 | TBD                                |
| 2:30 PM  | H & I Speaker Meeting            | Buena Vista                        |
| 3:00 PM  | Alateen Meeting                  | Nevada                             |
| 4:00 PM  | Basket Raffle Drawings           | Entry Hall                         |
| 6:00 PM  | Banquet Dinner/Main Speaker      | San Joaquín/Kern River/Buena Vista |
| 9:00 PM  | Dance and Social                 | California Room                    |

## Sunday May 26th

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

*"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."*

## Schedule of Speaker Meetings

### Friday, May 24th

7:00 P.M. - A.A. Speaker Meeting

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Announcer         | Tom C.     |
| Leader            | Thomas B.  |
| Candle Ceremony   | Michael N. |
| Chapter 3         | Richard R. |
| Chapter 5         | Vicki S.   |
| 12 Traditions     | Paul F.    |
| 10 Minute Speaker | Tom C.     |
| Main Speaker      | Steven E.  |
| A Vision for You  | Vic P.     |

### Saturday, May 25th

9:30 A.M. - Family Speaker Meeting

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Announcer        | Tom C.    |
| Leader           | Grant G.  |
| Chapter 3        | Bekka A.  |
| Chapter 5        | Casey M.  |
| 12 Traditions    | Tony O.   |
| AA Speaker       | Sharon H. |
| AI-Anon Speaker  | Ron H.    |
| A Vision for You | Zenna B.  |

### 11:30 A.M. - Al-Anon Luncheon

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Serenity Prayer          | Felicia M.   |
| Opening Read             | Hayley S.    |
| Leader                   | Hayley S.    |
| 12 Steps                 | Suzanne S.   |
| 12 Traditions            | Loretta M.   |
| Alateen Q & A            | Rachel P.    |
| Alateen Speaker          | Elizabeth A. |
| Main Speaker             | Alan R.      |
| Countdown                | Jessica P.   |
| Closing Reading & Prayer | Sadaf F.     |

### 1:30 P.M. - Young People's Meeting

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Announcer         | Tom C.     |
| Leader            | Angel S.   |
| Chapter 3         | Robert O.  |
| Chapter 5         | Kevin R.   |
| 12 Traditions     | Joey C.    |
| 10-Minute Speaker | Michael N. |
| Main Speaker      | Jakub A.   |
| A Vision for You  | Angel M.   |

### 2:30 P.M. - Hospitals & Institutions Speaker Meeting

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Announcer         | Tom C.     |
| Leader            | Henry R.   |
| Chapter 3         | Jocelyn H. |
| Chapter 5         | Naomi H.   |
| 12 Traditions     | Ripley N.  |
| 10-Minute Speaker | Anthony H. |
| Main Speaker      | Joe L.     |
| A Vision for You  | Katie M.   |

## 6:00 P.M. Main Speaker and Banquet Dinner

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Announcer         | Tom C.    |
| Leader            | Julie E.  |
| Chapter 3         | Nancy B.  |
| Chapter 5         | Amy B.    |
| 12 Traditions     | George D. |
| 10-Minute Speaker | Larry F.  |
| Main Speaker      | Rosie T.  |
| The Promises      | Dave H.   |

## Sunday, May 27th

### 8:00 A.M. - Old-Timers Panel

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Announcer        | Tom C.                |
| Leader           | Scott S.              |
| Chapter 3        | Yolanda A.            |
| Chapter 5        | David H.              |
| 12 Traditions    | Julie Y.              |
| Panel Speaker    | Charlie R. (43 years) |
| Panel Speaker    | Brian B. (35 years)   |
| Panel Speaker    | Julie Y. (33 years)   |
| Panel Speaker    | David H. (31 years)   |
| Panel Speaker    | Yolanda A. (30 years) |
| A Vision for You | Nancy B.              |

### 10:00 A.M. - Closing Meeting and Countdown

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Announcer         | Tom C.     |
| Leader            | Bob J.     |
| Candle Ceremony   | Michael N. |
| Chapter 3         | Cissy T.   |
| Chapter 5         | Stacy L.   |
| 12 Traditions     | Deborah D. |
| 10-Minute Speaker | Steve C.   |
| Main Speaker      | Larry T.   |
| Countdown         | Scott S.   |
| The Promises      | Chuck S.   |



## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the 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 a forum for non-alcoholics to learn about alcoholism and codependency. 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 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 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.