

# Gone Rogue

## GRATITUDE

*“Gratitude is a necessity for those who seek to live a better life.” - Jan. 22, Twenty-Four Hours A Day meditation book*

This weekend I attended my first MA Holiday party. After being nominated last month as GSR for my group I decided to attend the event. My wife also joined me. I’ve been in program for 20 months now.

I was a little worried that we would just sit in the back and wouldn’t know anyone. It wasn’t more than 5 minutes and a gentleman introduced himself. It turns out he lives near me. Then I met the owner of the home and his wife. They were warm and welcoming. We had the best time! There was good food, a great speaker, and a very entertaining gift exchange. We left the party so grateful for MA and all it has done to help me “live free”!

Years ago I could never have imagined how good life could be without pot. God bless MA and everyone in the program. - Marty S. △

## STEPS 10 and 11

*“A man who has committed a mistake and doesn’t correct it is committing another mistake.” - Confucious*

Step 10 is a condensed version of steps 4 thru 9. It is also a PERSONAL inventory, more than a Moral inventory. It is more about MY character defects / assets, and MY actions / inactions rather than others. Hopefully, by this time in sobriety, I am not so much breaking mans nor Gods laws, but still struggle at times to live up to my personal standard of how a good man should conduct himself in times of stress, anger, fear, lust, success, victory, defeat, etc... Only I can live in my own skin, and only I know my thoughts on a day to day basis. I need to trust the process of recovery and confront my thoughts and actions. I still need the HP’s help, so I lay my findings at His feet and get into Step 11, which is actually an extension of Steps 2 and 3. At the end of my prayer / meditation, I feel closer to the Spirit and find enough Grace / Mercy to close the books on the day. It’s just enough of a spiritual awakening to get me thru another day, to resolve to do better going forward, to try and carry this message, this gift, so that I may be of help to someone other than me. God willing, I will never have to re-visit Step 1. - Az A. △

## January Chip Recipients

Tony R.....	1/1/2004.....	15 years
Hillary .....	1/1/2009.....	10 years
Robert “Bravo” .....	1/2/2017.....	2 years
John H. ....	1/10/2013.....	6 years
Melody C. ....	1/19/1989.....	30 years
Rob M. ....	1/18/2018.....	1 year!
Layne.....	1/18/2010.....	8 years
Ashton S.....	1/21/2018.....	1 year!
Andrew.....	1/22/2018.....	1 year!
Anthony G. ....	1/29/2015.....	4 years



## Upcoming Sobriety Birthdays (God willing...)



Sebastian .....	2/1/2016.....	3 years
Jeremy .....	2/9/2014.....	5 years
Max S.....	2/12/2015.....	3 years
Mary G.....	2/15/1999.....	20 years
Nico.....	2/16/2014.....	5 years
Cory B.....	2/19/1999.....	20 years
Randy .....	2/21/2014.....	5 years
Lisa L.....	2/22/2004.....	15 years
Hal N.....	2/26/1991.....	28 years
Russell.....	2/28/2014.....	5 years

### Step One

We admitted we were powerless over marijuana, that our lives were unmanageable.

### Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon M.A. unity.

### The First Concept of Service

The Marijuana Anonymous service structure was created to give the groups the freedom to carry out our society’s primary purpose of carrying the message to marijuana addicts.

### January Meditation

Step One is about honest, about giving up our delusions and coming to grips with reality. We had to look honestly at our relationship with marijuana and its effect on our lives. For some of us Step One meant honesty for the very first time in our lives.

**District 5 Treasury**

<b>Beginning Balance (12-1-2018)</b> .....	<b>\$3,427.26</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
7th Tradition .....	\$221.33
Conference Cans Fundraising .....	\$30.10
<b>Total Income</b> .....	<b>\$251.43</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Meeting Room Rent (DSC) .....	\$15.00
Stericycle Vmailbox.....	\$79.93
Yellow Pages.....	\$5.00
UPS Mailbox - Annual .....	\$252.00
Events: Campout Reimburse .....	\$108.00
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<b>(\$459.93)</b>
<b>Ending Balance (12-31-2018)</b> .....	<b>\$3,218.76</b>
<b>Division of Sub-Accounts</b>	
Prudent Reserve .....	\$200.00
Event Fund (Reserve).....	\$92.00
Conference Fund .....	\$441.31
Public Information Fund .....	\$122.84
Total of Sub-Accounts .....	(\$856.15)
<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b> .....	<b>\$2,362.61</b>

**District 5  
7th Tradition 2019 Donations**

	<u>January 13</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Mon. Los Alamitos .....	\$20.00	\$20.00
Mon. Fullerton.....	\$21.00	\$21.00
Tues. Hunt. Beach .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Tues. Laguna Beach.....	\$70.00	\$70.00
Wed. Costa Mesa .....	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thur. Mission Viejo .....	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fri. Orange.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sat. Costa Mesa .....	\$20.00	\$20.00
Sun. Riverside .....	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sun. DSC.....	\$26.01	\$26.01
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$287.01</b>	<b>\$287.01</b>

**EVENTS**

MA Campout - Black Mountain  
June 21-23, 2019

Visit [www.madistrict5.org/events](http://www.madistrict5.org/events) for more information.

**This is a WE program.**

Please submit your comments, ideas, suggestions and stories, etc. to: [info@madistrict5.org](mailto:info@madistrict5.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next District Service Committee (DSC) meeting  
**Sunday, February 10 - 12:00 pm**  
College Hospital, Conference Room B

Current District Service positions available:  
> Vice-Chair/Bureau Chief (page 24)  
> Hospitals & Institutions (Page 26)  
> Public Information (Page 26)

Visit [www.marijuana-anonymous.org/literature/maws-service-manual](http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/literature/maws-service-manual), click the Service Manual PDF link and go to the pages noted above for a general idea of each position.

Visit the monthly District meeting for more information.

**Your District Service Committee**

**Chair** - Ryan H.  
**Vice-Chair/Bureau Chief** - **OPEN**  
**Secretary** - Dave D.  
**Treasurer** - Kathy D.  
**Events** - Londyn  
**Chips** - Az A.  
**Literature** - Tony R.  
**Hospitals & Institutions** - **OPEN**  
**Public Information** - **OPEN**  
**MAWS Delegate** - Aime C.

*Information regarding the District's Role and Service Positions at the District level can be found in Part Three of the M.A. Service Manual, ver. 6.1, beginning on Page 22.*

**Group Service Representatives (GSR)**

Monday Los Alamitos: Laura B.  
Monday Fullerton: Marty  
Tuesday Mens: Norm  
Tuesday Laguna Hills: Sebastian  
Wednesday Costa Mesa: Mary C.  
Thursday Mission Viejo: Layne  
Thursday Long Beach: **OPEN**  
Friday Orange: Anthony L.  
Saturday Costa Mesa: Terry H.  
Sunday Riverside: Cory