

Visit our updated website Otherbar.org

The Otherbar would like to welcome you to our newly revamped website so open up your internet browser wherever you are and go to www.otherbar.org.

We have worked to make a useful and helpful website that does everything it can to help you get connected and stay connected to our organization. We have created helpful links to other 12 step organizations, given you the names and e-mail addresses for all our consultants and above all have made getting to a meeting the easiest possible thing to do. You can find the meeting on the web, on the list and on the MAP. (If the star showing the location is not exactly correct blame Mapquest not us!) Directions to our meetings and a contact person should help everyone find a close and comfortable Otherbar meeting to attend. Our Newsletter will also appear on the website at regular intervals. Send our link to a friend and please send us your suggestions.

New additions to the www.otherbar.org website will be in place over the next few weeks including the ability to register for upcoming events on the web and to use our credit cards to pay and/or donate to the Otherbar!

Inside the OC from an Other Bar perspective:

One of the things to which many members of The Other Bar Orange County group most look forward is the annual barbeque. This event is hosted each year by the Orange County consultant, Marty Roof, whose modest Anaheim home sports a very large cul-de-sac lot with pool. On Saturday, August 20, 2005, the group gathered for the fourth year to eat hamburgers, hot dogs and assorted potluck side dishes, swim, sun, sing, but mostly fellowship. Everybody pitches in, and those who have them bring spouses and children. Curiously, two members (a man and a woman) "forgot" all about the event, and nobody played

enabler by calling to remind them. They swear they weren't together, but

On a more serious vane, the Orange County group has been enhanced by a number of newer attendees who have already been in recovery for various numbers of years. This has added depth to the group and enriched the spirituality of the meetings.

Further, we spend a lot of time sitting on the edges of our seats awaiting the bar results. For the last umpteen bar exams we have had several members taking the exam (both bar members who have moved here from other states, and new applicants for admittance). Our bar passage rate has been pretty good - about 70% first time and 66% second time.

I must say that between the women's regional brunches, the spring networking, the retreats, the barbeque, dinners before and coffee after the meetings, Other Bar participation keeps one busy.

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1. Behave yourself
2. Answer the phone
3. Return your phone calls
4. Pay your bills
5. Keep your hands off your clients' money.
6. Tell the truth
7. Admit ignorance
8. Be honorable
9. Defend the honor of your fellow attorneys
10. Be gracious and thoughtful
11. Value the time of your fellow attorneys.
12. Give straight answers.
13. Avoid the need to go to court.
14. Think first
15. Define your goals: **Remember you are first a professional, then a businessman** - If you seek riches, become a business man and hire an attorney.
16. Remember - there is no such thing as billing 3000 hours a year.
17. Tell your clients how to behave - if they can't, they don't deserve you as their attorney
18. Solve problems - don't become one.
19. Have ideals you believe in.
20. **Don't do anything you wouldn't be proud to tell your mother about.**

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