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When I think of freedom from alcohol, I remember sometimes, in my drinking days, looking at a glass of booze. I never really wanted to be dependent on booze, so I'd say to myself, "I can take it or leave it," but I always took it. Since I came to AA this time, twenty-seven years ago, I haven't done that. When I went to my first meeting, I only had one beer because I thought that the other people at the meeting would be jealous (!) of me if they smelled beer on my breath, knowing that I could "handle it." I left the rest of the six-pack in the refrigerator, fully intending to get back to it when I got home from my first meeting. But I didn't! I was very surprised to see that beer, untouched, in my refrigerator the following week, after I had been going to meetings daily. I poured it



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down the drain, as a symbolic and dramatic gesture, and I haven't wanted to buy a six-pack since. . The Budweiser & Miller ads on TV are fun, and they remind me of the taste of beer, when I could

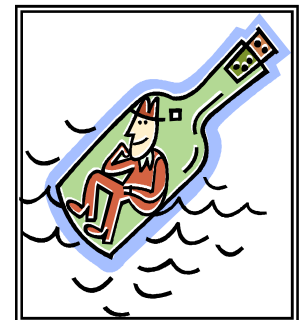
handle a drink; but I thank God that I haven't had to pick up a drink since that day. I don't need to use the liquor aisles in the supermarket, and I don't hang out in bars. Somebody said that if I hang around

in bars, I'll eventually want a drink; if I hang around the barber-shop, I'll end up with a haircut.

I've been free to marry, to divorce, to get another job, to retire, to take trips, and to make mistakes, thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous. I've lost the power of choice, so far as booze is concerned, and I'm very glad of it.

There have been many funny things I've experienced since I came to AA. The first thing that comes to mind is when I went on a retreat with a bunch of AAs, when I was sober only a few months. The meeting topics were supposed to be secret. When the topic of the first meeting was **Honesty**, Jim R., one of the older guys, told me that he had a hunch that the topic of the next meeting might be **Open-mindedness**, and it was! After that meeting, I rushed to ask him what he thought the next topic might be. He thought a minute and said "I believe the topic might be **Willingness**." You can imagine how dazzled I was when that was the topic! Sober members really do rely on inspiration, don't they?

Anonymous



Keystone - Arch To Freedom



"This is the how and why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom."

(Alcoholics Anonymous, page 62)

Keystone. Arch. To freedom. This concept, "He is the Principal; we are His agents" is the keystone. What is a keystone? "Central, wedge-shaped stone of an arch, so called because the arch cannot stand up until it is in position." (www.geocities.com/Axiom43/architecture.html).

So apparently this concept is important; so important that our program cannot "stand up" until this keystone is in position.

**What could be
a better summary
of the freedom
we find in
Alcoholics
Anonymous?**

This passage appears in the Big Book immediately before Step 3. The Big Book goes on to say, "When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn." (Alcoholics Anonymous, page 63)

What freedom we find in Alcoholics Anonymous!

-Peter L., San Jose

Freedom From Anger



*"If we were to live,
we had to be free of
anger."*

Sobriety for me is really all about freedom. Much more than just freedom from alcohol, although that is a seriously large freedom. But freedom from all kinds of things that have been holding me back. Such as anger. I want to say that anger has not disappeared from my life. In fact sometimes it seems that I get angrier with certain people now than I did before. Hopefully what is different is my actions toward them.

Or what about anger toward entire classes or groups of people? People I don't even know and never will? How can I be angry with them? I am not one of the folks who believe that nothing happens in God's world by mistake. I think lots of things happen in God's world by mistake, and we get to deal with them.

But one thing I do believe (at least on a good day): Everybody is doing the best they can with what they have at the moment. With what God has given them at the moment. That includes me. When I'm angry with people, I'm still doing the best I can at that moment, which may not be very good. Thank God those moments pass. And thank God I know about the freedom that we can strive for by using the tools we have in Alcoholics Anonymous. We can pray for our enemies. We can ask that God give them what we want for ourselves. We can thank God that they are a part of our lives. I know this works because I've experienced the freedom that comes from this seemingly silly action.

Anonymous

Freedom From Alcohol



I had a sail boat, a sexy girl friend, a room with a view, money in the bank and plenty of people to party with. With all this why did I feel completely alone?

I did not find AA; AA found me. I got sober in San Francisco and I had everything a single man in his mid-thirties could possibly want. I had a sail boat, a sexy girl friend, a room with a view, money in the bank and plenty of people to party with. With all this why did I feel completely alone? Why was I irritable and discontent? Why could I not stop drinking and why was I so unhappy? If this was what life was about, I was not sure I really wanted it. I had a roommate in AA who Twelfth stepped me one morning while I was in a hung-over stupor. He had me sit down and write out what had become unmanageable in my life. Thus putting pen to paper I started my First Step. I was not sure what it was to be an alcoholic, let alone sober; but I was sure that I did not want to go back to the hellish way that I thought, felt and lived.

I came to my second AA meeting feeling awkward and alone and someone came up to me and asked me if I needed a sponsor. I said "yes" and continued saying "yes" in regard to service work. I started to listen to others and found my self in their stories. My sponsor told me that there were three things that he asked of his sponsees; get a service commitment, always have my hand out to the newcomer, and never lie to him.

I thought to myself, "no problem". Little did I know that this program would change my outlook on life, and that I would find a greater purpose in day-to-day living.

Service is now the cornerstone of my recovery. My earliest commitment was to go to meetings everyday. I thought I was too busy, once a week would do fine, but I went out of obligation, and fear of drinking. I had to learn to listen because I was always focused on what I would say if I was called on. My service commitment was literature person which put all the books at my fingertips. This was a great introduction to the "program" and to Central Office. Next I became a greeter and bell ringer at a speaker meeting. This got me out of myself and my comfort zone. Next was my involvement with Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) which has become a profound part of my recovery. Now I sponsor several men and secretary a meeting now and then. Whenever I am asked to chair a meeting I accept without hesitation. I now know that in being of service I get the biggest gift – my recovery. My recovery from the bondage of self, that alcohol was but a symptom.

Bill W., San Jose



"Though it is traditional that our Fellowship may not coerce anyone, let us not suppose even for an instant that we are not under constraint. Indeed we are under enormous coercion—the kind that comes in bottles. Our former tyrant, King Alcohol, always stands ready again to clutch us to him.

"Therefore, freedom from alcohol is the great "must" that has to be achieved, else we go mad or die."

Letter from Bill, 1966



"Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must, or it kills us! God makes that possible. . . We had to have God's help. . . First of all, we had to quit playing God..."

Alcoholics Anonymous,

P62, pp3&4

Freedom from Selfishness

One entering AA's fellowship is almost always entreated to 'stick with the winners'. This calls for a form of judgment peculiar for the alcoholic. He is to determine who's serious, avoid who isn't, and refrain from condemnation of anyone. I could do the first easily enough and the second wasn't too difficult, but condemning others was just too engrained within my make-up. I carried this trait through my early sobriety often masking it with the self righteousness seen in zealots.

No one was immune from my criticism. I might portray myself as open and friendly; inwardly I was comparing and determining the worth of practically everybody. And, everyone was coming up short – including me. Therein lay the problem.

I might only have the authority of judging you and your life, but I felt the authority to not only judge but to levy punishment within my own life. More than once, this led to spiritual blackouts. After all, I didn't deserve God in my life. No one as 'dirty' as I, deserved God in his life. Rage became my master when faced with disappointment of any sort – rage at you, your success, your attitude, my failure, my less than perfect life, rage at anything or anyone. This led to a decision – live or die.

Having found that I faced death from any of the myriad avenues available to the alcoholic, I chose life. This meant judgment of others was no longer an option. When I became accepting of you, I was free to stop judging myself. Life without the worry of playing God becomes the essence of freedom.

Mike S., San Jose

Freedom From Bondage

"Freedom From Bondage" has long been a popular AA story. It is in that freedom from the bondage of the malady that I have found in our program of recovery. It is in that freedom I have learned true freedom in my life. It is in that freedom that AA has shown me the way to carry the message of recovery to any and all who will listen, anywhere, any time.

The Third Step and the Third Tradition of AA opens up that freedom of recovery to the whole world. In the Third Step we say find a Higher Power of your understanding. In the Third Tradition we say you are a member if you say so! How much more freedom could you want?

Several years ago I sponsored a young man who refused to even think about a higher power.

We went to many meetings and talked to lots of people about the God of their understanding. Nothing seemed to attract his attention. At an Alateen conference he saw the banner "Good Orderly Direction". "I can follow that", he said and we were on our way! That is our program freedom in action!

One night at an open meeting in San Jose, a young man came in with a gun; threatening the whole group. He was removed from the meeting and asked not to return, but he was free to attend any other meeting! He was a member if he said so!

Our program is a program of freedom...freedom from ourselves.

Gordon R., Santa Clara



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Freedom as a Concept

The concept of freedom can be easily misinterpreted, especially when considered by a person as sick as I was when I finally approached AA. I considered freedom to mean that I had license to do anything I felt like doing, without the need to consider the potential consequences of my actions on myself, and on other people. Even when I realized that something was not really good for me, I believed that it hurt only me. So constantly getting drunk, if it was a problem, seemed to be my problem alone.



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The disease convinced me that I got drunk because I wanted to get drunk. The idea of being powerless over alcohol never occurred to me. I also didn't realize that my alcoholism affected my family, my job, or my acquaintances.

So when I was told that I had to accept the fact that I was an alcoholic, had to stop drinking, and had to work the steps of the Program to find a sober way of life, my initial reaction was that I would totally lose my freedom if I did. But I was so desperate that I decided to try to work the steps of the program, especially since those who claimed they worked the steps seemed happy, while I was totally miserable. I struggled a lot, but by attending many AA meetings, getting a sponsor, and eventually getting the courage to ask for help, my life began to improve. I made

a lot of mistakes (and still do) but I discovered that I did not have to be perfect.

I no longer had to fight everybody and everything. I often experienced peace of mind, which I discovered to be the source of a happy life. It seemed strange, but by surrendering and accepting myself, and life for what it is, I discovered that God really wanted me to be happy, joyous and free.

After more than thirty years of sobriety, I am eternally grateful for AA and for the loving higher power that I now depend on for sanity. I discovered Him in AA.

Today I am free.

Caesar G., San Jose



In July of 1950 the first International Convention was held at Cleveland. The Twelve Traditions were adopted at that time. It was at this time also, that the General Service Conference was approved by the Fellowship on a five year test basis. Prior to this, the Trustees had authority over our Services and A.A. itself had no authority. Bill traveled among our members and came back with "the conviction that our members would like to have full access to their own affairs through our elected conference".

ARCHIVES



Bill worked for many years to convince the Board of Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation to establish the General Service structure and to relinquish their power to the General Service Conference. At one point in the late forties Bill wrote a scathing memo to the Trustees in which he stated "When I was in law school, the largest book I studied was the one on trusts. I must say, gentlemen, that it was mostly a long and melancholy account of the malfeasances and misfeasances of boards of Trustees." Bill said that some of the Trustees thought he had gone crazy when they read the memo. Bernard Smith, non-alcoholic Trustee, seems to have been a calming and persuasive influence, which led to the decision of the Trustees to give the General Service Conference a try for five years. In July of 1955, at the International Conference in St. Louis, the General Service Conference was approved as a permanent part of A.A.

We have some interesting letters in the Archives at Central Office. There is a letter written to the Alcoholic Foundation dated July 1, 1941, from John C. He said that the Oakland Group was having their own meetings and therefore the San Francisco Group had dropped in attendance from forty to nineteen. These are the meetings that our earliest San Jose members attended before starting meetings in San Jose. Our Archives contains an answer to John C. from Ruth Hock (Bill W.'s secretary) in which she discusses "a small beginning through Allen C. in San Jose." She also discusses coincidences. It seems that John C. was Allen C.'s sergeant in World War I. Ruth Hock said that "she was convinced that the pattern of A.A. is laid end out by some force beyond our understanding."

WHAT'S GOING ON IN GENERAL SERVICE

PRAASA

I'm privileged every few months, to write an article for the NCCAA Newsletter since some time last year. I only share this with you now as the Editor of that particular paper asked that I write on a trip I took earlier this year to Alaska for an Assembly we call PRAASA in General Service. I thought maybe readers of the "COIN", might enjoy the story as well...so here goes it:

PRAASA stands for the "Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly". This is when all nine (9) States of the Western (Pacific) Region gather together to encourage the exchange of idea's and experience; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. Primarily I've found that members who are actively involved in General Service, or perhaps once were; are the folks who attend this Assembly, **but** many other AA's not only attend, but also assist in the preparation and coordination of the this event. Our Area (CNCA-06) is hosting PRAASA 2009 in Oakland next year; we will need a HUGE amount of assistance from all members of A.A. in our community. I hope as you read further about PRAASA, that you might keep it in the back of your mind to be of Service for 2009 in Oakland.

Okay...here's how PRAASA works: It is a three day event that rotates between States and the sixteen General Service Area's within the nine States, and focuses on Topics based out of our A.A. General Service Conference, which is held in New York the last week of April into the first week of May. As I've explained before, the Conference *always* has a theme, and this year the theme was: Communication and Participation – The Key to Unity and Self Support! This year PRAASA was held in Anchorage Alaska! It was a rare occasion to have this Assembly held in this great State, and some of us were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to attend...and I was one of them! The following are some excerpts from my report that I prepared for my District upon my return from Alaska and PRAASA 2008:

Thursday, March 06, 2008:

PRAASA, 1st Day (departure & arrival to Alaska)

"...That flight seemed like an hour only; conversation was easy with Mary Ellen, and she had so much wisdom and humor to share with me. When the Captain came on the speaker and said we were getting ready for our decent, I just couldn't believe it! I looked out my window at these beautiful white clouds, and thought..."yep...it's going to be cold". Then I looked a little more closely and found...those clouds weren't clouds at all; they were Mountain ranges of snow! I was looking down into the most majestic snowy Mountains I have ever seen..."

Friday, March 07, 2008:

"...I woke up this morning ready with the memories of all the people I shared time with yesterday, and got very excited for my first day at PRAASA in Anchorage! I slid open my curtains which faced some of the Southern Mountain Ranges and saw more snow on them than the day before it seemed...and wet streets with clouds looking a little more thick than when I flew in. In sharing my arrival yesterday, one thing I forgot to share with all of you, was that Anchorage was having unseasonably good weather..."

"...Anyway...the Delegates Highlights...there are 16 Area's represented in the Pacific Regional Service Assembly, from Alaska (02), Arizona, So. Calif, etc (read schedule), and ending with British Columbia/Yukon Territory (our guest region). Only one Delegate was unable to travel and we heard each of their two minutes

I was elated to hear that most of our Pacific Region Area's have linguistic Districts and Area 72, W. Washington even has 2 Deaf Districts! You know it was funny...you could really hear a bit of nerves from the panel 58 Delegates compared to the one year wiser, Panel 57 Delegates. Our very own Sharon sounded as if she'd been speaking about our Area for years, and 600 people didn't phase her one bit! ..."

"...Panel 2: Communication Within the Fellowship:

In this panel the focus seemed to be the importance of communicating the Service Structure to our regular, non Service members of Alcoholics Anonymous, and how to engage Groups to not only be more involved, but to encourage Service. Doing this through various ways was key, and the five presentation topics covered a variety of methods, information and new ideas..."

Saturday, March 08, 2008

"...Panel 4: Unity

Again, the theme for this PRAASA was really focusing on Home Groups, Service and the future of Alcoholics Anonymous...isn't that what we're to be all about...it was exactly what we needed to hear.

The first topic was in regards to having Unity in our Home Groups and taking Group Inventories. It was the perfect lead in to the Second topic, which was about The AA member – Medications and Other Drugs. My favorite quote in this presentation was "Unity is a solution to which we need to open our minds up to the Drug user in AA..."

I could actually fill 12 pages of your Newsletter with this report, but your Editor would not be too happy with me! Ha Ha! General Service is important to all of us... PRAASA every year is a gift to experience; I hope all of you come share some of that joy with me next year in Oakland!

Does your Home Group have a GSR?? Are you being heard at GSO??

Have I sparked your interest?? Want to know a little bit more about General Service in Santa Clara County and Northern California (CNCA)?? We have two Santa Clara County Districts and our meetings are listed in the Central Office meetings guide.

We welcome all visitors and new GSR's ~ Come say Hello to April or Raymudo!!

Please remember..."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."

Humbly submitted by April A, DCMC District 04, General Service

Freedom From Bondage



So there I was, sitting
in Detox. First time.
Not feeling so hot...
“How did this
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Freedom From Bondage

So there I was, sitting in Detox. First time. Not feeling so hot... “How did this happen?” And this well intentioned person hands me a blue-bound book, calls it the “Big Book” no less and suggests I might want to read some of it. Not having really anything better to do at the moment, I actually started to thumb through it. Pretty hokey stuff. Then my eyes fell upon the phrase “Relieve me of the bondage of self” and I sat struck dumb. I knew in that moment that this applied to me. And then I had the dim realization that the writer had known it applied to him. My first hint of an AA connection; a sense that I was not alone.

Some seven years later, following several more visits to “Seizures Palace” and finally having strung together five years of continuous sobriety, I was told that I really needed to work on Steps Six and Seven if I were to have any chance of keeping it. I did realize that in my case, bondage of self was intertwined with my blindness to others. Oh, I would sit and quietly listen to you but I was always at least three steps ahead of you and restraining myself

from finishing your sentences or correcting your usage. Just a little arrogant.

So gradually the notion dawned that to really listen to another and to try to see the world through their eyes could be the beginning of this elusive freedom; that to “seek rather to understand than to be understood”; that “it is by self-forgetting that one finds” is the very cornerstone of freedom from bondage. And so I too could make a beginning on this life-long job of being freed from my own defects and shortcomings. Like just about all of us, it is true for me that my troubles are of my own making; they seem to arise from within.

A few more years pass and it begins to dawn on me that my bondage of self is really a bondage of fear. My own self-created fear: that I would lose something I possessed or not get something that I demanded. Yes, my spiritual progress is gradual. Very gradual. And I am not “there” yet. I am on a journey with no destination in sight and it is the process, the daily journey that matters. My selfish goals are really of

no consequence. It is now very OK with me that I don’t know and that it doesn’t matter and that I don’t have to be right about whatever the issue of the moment is.

As I sat down this morning to finally start putting this all in writing, I again thumbed through our Big Book and lo; somebody had snuck another new line in there that simply could not have been there the last time I read past the segment where it reads “... we may face indecision... we may not be able to determine which course to take... we relax and take it easy. We don’t struggle.” And so it is that by loosening up even just a little bit of my need to run it all, my very own bondage of self fueled by formless persistent fears is gradually, very gradually, giving way to and making room for a measure of day to day peace of mind. I had no idea that that was what I really wanted all along. Thank you AA.

Mike B, San Jose

Birthdays Contributions

Peggy P	37		Unknown
Jackie C	25	Rita M	03/10/1983
Raquel M	4	Debra M	03/18/2004
Cathy H	6	Rita M	03/21/2002
Evelyn M	7	Rita M	04/01/2001
Aileen B	5	Rita M	04/06/2003
Sonia F	25	Debra M	04/07/1983
Paula deM	23	Rita M	04/22/1985
Arlina A	14	Rita M	04/24/1994
Bruce K	25	Rita M	04/27/1983
Marion F	23	Rita M	05/18/1985
Bill T	16		05/19/1992
Gina A	18	Rita M	05/20/1990
Kris A	11	Rita M	05/24/1997
Mary Anne F	21		05/26/1987
Peggy Z	34	Rita M	05/29/1974
Joanne C	31	Rita M	06/07/1977
Bo C	4	Rita M	06/07/2004
Kevin C	18	The Colonel & Pat C	06/09/1980
Roger K	16		06/10/1992
Mariette K	16		06/10/1992
Robbie R	46		06/11/1962
Rita M	28	Addnl Cont, Brian & Domini C	06/12/1980
Mary H	4	The Colonel & Pat C	06/13/2004
Dianna S	30	The Colonel & Pat C	04/14/2008
Gloria V	1	Aileen B	06/19/2007
Karen W	20	Addnl Cont, Pat C	06/21/1988
Pam L	7	Addnl Cont, Pat C	06/23/2001



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for a total of **515 YEARS OF SOBRIETY**

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use the birthday forms at your Meeting or Central Office.



Telephone Calls Received During April

Daytime at Central Office -	359
Daytime 12 Step Calls -	5
Evening and Weekend calls -	477

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE. AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.

Groups contributing to your Central Office make it possible to provide telephone service and coverage so that someone is always available to the caller in need. We also have a listing in the white and yellow pages of the phone books for all the cities in Santa Clara County. **WE THANK YOU!**

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Weekender Speaker Meeting

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1735 Hecker Pass Road, Gilroy

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

San Tomas & Homestead, Santa Clara

Second Tradition Group of AA

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose

Saturday Night Speakers—8 p.m.

Alano Club of San Jose

1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose

Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

St. Mark's Church

1957 Pruneridge Ave., Santa Clara

Saturday Nite Live Group

Fridays at 8 p.m.

1388 S. Bascom at Stokes, San Jose

Speaker Meeting—VA Hospital

Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto

Saturday Morning Fellowship

Saturday at 10 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church

Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

MEETING CHANGES

Deleted

3rd Tradition Meeting, Mon., 8:00PM, Kaiser Santa Clara

Noon Meeting, Tues., Thurs., Fri., Denny's at First & Alma

Blackeagle Talking Circle, 1st Sat. of mo., 6:00PM, Sat. Nite Live Group,

Spiritual Awakening, Sat., 9:30AM, Los Gatos

449 Acceptance, Tues. noon, Sunnyvale

Road to Recovery, Fri. 8:00AM, Alano Club of San Jose

Saturday Nite Live, Fri. 6:00AM, Bascom at Stokes

Rigorous Honesty, Wed. 7:00PM, 850 Agnew Rd, Santa Clara

Changed

Big Book Highlighter, Mon., changed to 6:00PM,

Forged From Adversity Group, Sunnyvale

Early Monday Night, Mon. 7:00PM, address change

to 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto

California Ave. Supper Club, Thurs. 6:00PM, address change to 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto

Design for Living, Tues., 6:00PM, San Jose, time changed to 8:00PM

University Beginners, Wed., 5:00PM, 500 El Camino Real, now meets in the Arts & Sciences Bldg., Rm 129

Keep It Simple, Wed. 8:00PM, Alano West, changed name to
Thy Will Be Done.

New

Daily Reflections, Wed., 9:00AM, Advent Lutheran Church, 16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill

Noon Nooners, Mon., noon, Mission Oaks Hospital, Los Gatos

Natural High, Mon. 2:00PM, Downtown Alano Club, 99 W. Almaden

Saturday's Reflections, Sat., 9:00AM, Morgan Hill United Methodist Church, 17175 Monterey St., Morgan Hill

University Beginners, Wed. 5:00PM, University of Santa Clara, 500 El Camino Real, Benson 11

Big Book Study, Fri. 7:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose

Cup of Coffee Group, Tues—Fri. 9:00AM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave.

In Memoriam

Fr. Gerry P, Los Gatos

Mary B, Mt View, 33 Years

Michael T, San Jose

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Secretary's Work- shop 10:00AM Central Office
3	4	5	6 PI Comm. 6:00PM Outreach Comm. Mtg. 6:15PM Intergroup Meet- ing 8:00PM	7	8	9 PI/CPC Workshop, 10:00AM Central Office
10	11	12	13 North County General Service 7:30PM	14	15	16 Archives Work Day 10:00AM Central Office
17	18	19 South County General Service 7:00PM	20	21	22	23
24 Unity Day see info insert	25	26 H & I Meeting 7:00PM	27	28	29	30
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LOCAL EVENTS

August 24: UNITY DAY, Milpitas Community Center, Milpitas, CA

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

July 18 - 20: NCCAA Summer Conference, San Ramon, CA

Aug. 10: 24th Annual Women's Symposium, Pleasant Hill, CA

Aug. 15 - 17: Summer Serenity in the Sierras, Oakhurst, CA

During the June Intergroup meeting we took our inventory. One of the questions was “Do we emphasize the importance of service sponsorship?” Many members had never heard the term “service sponsorship” before. Following is an excerpt from the pamphlet Questions and Answers on Sponsorship:

Service Sponsorship

...A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer — ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.’s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. —The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, page S1.

Sponsorship in A.A. is basically the same, whether helping another individual’s recovery or service to a group. It can be defined as one alcoholic who has made some progress in recovery and/or performance in service, sharing this experience with another alcoholic who is just starting the journey. Both types of service spring from the spiritual aspects of the program.

Individuals may feel that they have more to offer in one area than in another. It is the service sponsor’s responsibility to present the various aspects of service: setting up a meeting; working on committees; participating in conferences, etc. In this matter it is important for the service sponsor to help individuals understand the distinction between serving the needs of the Fellowship and meeting the personal needs of another group member.

A service sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history and has a strong background in the service structure. The A.A. member is introduced to a new language: G.S.R., D.C.M., area assembly, minority opinion. They will become familiar with the Traditions, Concepts and Warranties, as well as the A.A. *Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* and other A.A. literature.

The service sponsor begins by encouraging the member to become active in their home group — coffee, literature, cleanup, attending business or intergroup meetings, etc. The service sponsor should keep in mind that all members will not have the desire or qualifications to move beyond certain levels and, thus, the service sponsor might help find tasks appropriate to individuals’ skills and interests. Whatever level of service one performs, all are toward the same end — sharing the overall responsibilities of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Eventually, the service sponsor encourages the individual member interested in this form of service to attend district meetings and to read about the history and structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. At this point, the individual beginning this work should begin to understand the responsibilities of service work, as well as feel the satisfaction of yet another form of Twelfth Step work. Such individuals should be encouraged to take an active part in district activities and consider being elected to alternate positions in the district so as to learn about the responsibilities of various jobs in the service structure.

During this process it is important for the individual to continue to learn about the Three Legacies — Recovery, Unity and Service, and to understand that the principle of rotation not only allows them to move on in service, but also gives newer members the privilege of serving. Rotation also allows them to understand that no one should hold on to a position of trust long enough to feel a proprietary interest and thereby discourage newcomers from service.

Co-founder Dr. Bob said, “I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons:

1. Sense of duty.
2. It is a pleasure
3. Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.
4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.”

The basis of all sponsorship is to lead by example. Service sponsors can impart to their sponsees the pleasure of involvement in the work of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is best done by stressing the spiritual nature of service work and by pointing out the usefulness of simple footwork and faith.

Now, through knowledge and experience, the newer member is aware that service is our most important product after sobriety. With this knowledge, the individual is able to share their vision with others and ensure the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

July 2, 2008

- Bill, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Renate read the Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 47 voting representatives and 20 visitors in attendance.
- Dominic read the Twelve Traditions.
- No corrections to the agenda.
- No previous month's minutes due to Inventory.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	06/04/08	\$90.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions:	06/04/08	\$84.00	
Refreshments:	06/04/08	\$20.00	
Rent to October 1, 2008		\$90.00	
Contribution to Central Office		\$50.00	
Balance:	07/01/08	\$14.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
- Birthdays: Justin 1 yr, Jean Rea 4 yrs, Liz 9 yrs, John 9 yrs, Barbara 24 yrs, Robert 46 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Justin - SCCYPAA: Fear Factor – BBQ, August 9th at Lake Cunningham Park.
 - SFYPA: On the Water Dance, July 26th at Fort Mason Building C
 - EBYPA: Yuba XVII, July 11-13 at American River Resort.
 - Mike – 2nd Tradition Group, Chili Cook-off, July 20th at The Janet Pomeroy Center, SF.
 - Lori – Alano Club, July 19th, organized run.
 - Mike - Serenity First, 4th of July meetings scheduled 6am to 12 midnight, 6th & Julian, SJ.
 - Mark – Forge From Adversity, July 4th, potluck and BBQ, Las Palmas Park, Sunnyvale.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D.
 - 3 new Intergroup reps attended the meeting.
2. Central Service Board – Dave J.
 - Meeting canceled, no quorum. Meeting rescheduled for July 22nd.
 - Revenues are down: \$2,000 in the red for 1st six months of the year.
 - Reminds us that money that goes into baskets supports both meetings, local Central Office, and New York.
 - Review of employees occurring this month.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - Let Central Office know about any meeting activities to enter on the monthly calendar in the COIN.
 - New CDs and DVDs are in to replace VHS and tapes.
 - Unity Day- August 24th, Central Office contributed \$750; North and South County will donate the same each, H&I and District 17 will contribute as well.
 - Central Office is running in the red. Donations are down.
4. PI/CPC – Jennifer G.
 - June: presentations at National Association of Alcohol & Chemical Dependence; Parole Action Team.
 - August: presentations at Fatherhood Conference, Unity Day, DUI repeat offenders programs.
 - Challenges of the committee: to get information out to groups in need, wish to be more proactive than reactive to community.
 - In need of people to participate and need any information of contact numbers of groups in the community that may want information from PI/CPC.

5. Twelfth Step Committee –
 - Daytime – Bruce K. Shift available: Wednesday 11:30 to 2 pm at Central Office.
 - Nights and Weekends – No report
6. Outreach Committee – Lee C.
 - Will have presentation at Unity Day
 - 663 meetings needed to visit; 325 visited; 69 meetings no longer existing.
7. Newsletter – No report
 - Upcoming topics:
 - August:* We are not a glum lot: joy, happiness, fun (share fun AA stories, jokes) (submit by July 10)
 - September:* Surrender, serenity, spirituality (submit by August 10)
 - Send Bernadette to comproulx@aol.com or to Central Office.
8. Activities Committee – Marilyn H.
 - 1st Saturday of October: Take Your Sponsor to Brunch at St. Marks.
9. Other Service Committee Reports
 - Unity Day – Peter
 - Committee meeting: July 14th at 6pm at Harry's Hofbrau. All are welcome.
 - August 24th, 2008 is Unity Day
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – No Report
 - Hospitals & Institutions – Paul C.
 - Flyer handed out with facilities in need of meeting secretaries.
 - Contact H&I chair Robert or attend monthly H&I meeting if interested in doing service. 2-year commitment.
 - Be sure to pass pink cans at meetings separately from meeting 7th tradition.
 - Bridging the Gap –Bill M.
 - Will have table at Unity Day.
 - North County – Jeanne H.
 - Summer Assembly: August 9th in Daly City, West Pacell Event Center.
 - South County – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Intergroup Inventory meeting notes distributed at July meeting. Intergroup Reps will review notes and discuss at August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – none

OPEN FORUM – none

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Profit & Loss
June 2008

	<u>Jun 08</u>	<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	9,065.14	12,180.07	60,462.52
8010 · Literature Sales	5,207.18	4,894.21	29,404.96
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,072.00	1,366.00	6,260.25
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	10.00	10.00	85.00
Total Income	<u>15,354.32</u>	<u>18,450.28</u>	<u>96,212.73</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,743.14	3,649.86	21,152.25
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	165.17	402.51	1,888.78
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,908.31</u>	<u>4,052.37</u>	<u>23,041.03</u>
Total COGS	<u>3,908.31</u>	<u>4,052.37</u>	<u>23,041.03</u>
Gross Profit	<u>11,446.01</u>	<u>14,397.91</u>	<u>73,171.70</u>
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	354.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	141.16	81.23	2,136.93
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	3.25	3.25	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	55.55	194.70	422.23
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	-30.00	0.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	366.10	472.50
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	650.00	-80.00
6160 · Copier Expense	110.11	129.93	732.89
6190 · Depreciation Expense	1,443.17	1,363.25	2,813.67
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	490.90	550.23	484.92
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	501.00	-100.25	768.75
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	669.79	923.59	4,718.74
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	119.70
6330 · Office Expense	570.79	211.09	4,250.32
6360 · Archives (Archives)	0.00	0.00	41.22
6380 · Payroll Taxes	517.94	381.84	3,512.61
6410 · Postage	184.51	8.85	1,281.48
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	13,683.60
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,179.07	5,691.59	38,050.34
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	250.00	1,000.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	294.52	330.09	1,780.07
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.80
Total Expense	<u>13,662.31</u>	<u>13,306.04</u>	<u>76,609.67</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-2,216.30</u>	<u>1,091.87</u>	<u>-3,437.97</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	182.11	272.67	963.40
8050 · Activities Committee	-221.15	0.00	22.02
Total Other Income	<u>-39.04</u>	<u>272.67</u>	<u>985.42</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-39.04</u>	<u>272.67</u>	<u>985.42</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,255.34</u></u>	<u><u>1,364.54</u></u>	<u><u>-2,452.55</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2008

	<u>Jun 30, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	7,212.62
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 3202 (4 Mo. Liquid CD @ 4.11%, 10/04/2008)	15,204.05
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 3210 (6 Mos. CD @ 3.39%, 02/04/2009)	20,166.00
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 3.44%, 02/04/2009)	15,126.34
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	25,615.78
Total Checking/Savings	<u>83,549.79</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-524.64
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-524.64</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	15,004.81
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,595.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>16,599.81</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>99,624.96</u>
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,796.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	6,547.68
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-16,186.67
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-153.50
Total Fixed Assets	<u>20,303.53</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>121,922.34</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	1,307.82
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,307.82</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,307.82</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,307.82</u>
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	14,496.69
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	108,570.38
Net Income	-2,452.55
Total Equity	<u>120,614.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>121,922.34</u>

* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$76,122.17 This represents over 6 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

June 2008

	Jun 08	Jan - Jun 08		Jun 08	Jan - Jun 08
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	140.00	865.16	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	400.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	828.79	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	527.95	2,702.61
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	114.00	1,268.30	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	2,346.26
1 INV R and B Group 70972	505.44	1,567.52	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	560.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	72.33	881.90	G Winchester Fellowship 70960	169.00	839.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	828.06	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	110.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	294.00	644.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00
12 & 12 Step Study SJ 6.00P 800 (Wed.)	0.00	43.67	Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	0.00	200.90
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	0.00	14.00	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	228.60	228.60
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	105.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	261.49	499.49
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	63.84	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	260.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	70.00	140.00	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.)	171.93	538.06
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	250.00	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	350.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	63.07	583.52	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	387.00	800.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	350.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	719.60
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	380.00	600.78	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	88.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	224.00	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	265.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	0.00	84.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	384.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	90.00	330.00
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	383.09	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	136.36
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	60.00	150.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	314.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	175.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00	Intergroup Council 80909	105.00	205.50
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	65.00	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	520.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	100.00	100.00	Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	0.00	301.70
Birthday Contribution 00951	794.00	3,031.00	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	170.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	176.40	337.93	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,050.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	322.41	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	105.00
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00	Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	225.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	113.40	Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	84.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	102.00	Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	272.50
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	229.17	Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	90.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	147.00	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	105.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	212.49	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	224.00
Early Bird 244 (Thur.)	0.00	141.40	Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	70.00	140.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	406.00	628.60	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	165.05
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	486.00	Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	132.69	182.69	Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	81.88	Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,145.90
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00	Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	598.50
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	517.78	Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,482.00
Fireside Group 297 (Fri.)	191.00	191.00	Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.)	0.00	854.00
G Early Bird 70968	0.00	79.94	Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	300.00	Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	85.00	185.00
G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	175.00	Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	105.00	175.00
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	133.33	Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	245.00
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	100.00	New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	60.00
G South County Fellowship 70954	350.00	1,225.00	New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	490.00

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Group Contributions

June 2008

	Jun 08	Jan - Jun 08		Jun 08	Jan - Jun 08
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	569.47	Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Wed)	0.00	138.00
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	298.80	448.80	We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
NEWSLETTER	5.00	5.00	Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	993.73
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	128.00	Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	125.77	232.77
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	100.00	100.00	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	254.80
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	279.30			
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	350.00	350.00	TOTAL	9,065.14	60,452.62
Personal 00911	38.67	218.73			
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	106.40			
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	105.00	245.00			
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00			
Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	350.00			
Saturday 6PM Meeting LG 413 (Sat.)	49.00	49.00			
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00			
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	198.80			
Saturday Night Young People's 142 (Sat.)	0.00	70.00			
SCCYPAA	0.00	122.02			
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	0.00	200.10			
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	880.45			
Seeking Guidance (Men) 854 (Wed.)	0.00	245.00			
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	0.00	195.30			
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08			
Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00			
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	260.00			
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00			
South Valley Group (267)	0.00	154.00			
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	254.10			
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	182.00			
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	250.00	550.00			
Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00			
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	338.10			
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00			
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	560.00			
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	500.00	1,000.00			
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	63.00	283.00			
Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	0.00	101.00			
Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	110.00			
Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	0.00	61.00			
Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	0.00	252.00			
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	96.00			
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	290.00			
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	210.00	210.00			
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	770.00	2,121.00			
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00			
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	0.00	1,400.00			
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	100.00	220.00			
Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	0.00	302.40			
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	225.00			
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	362.58			

Unity Day - 2008

Sunday - August 24, 2008



Milpitas Community Center
457 East Calaveras Blvd
(at Route 237)



This Year's Theme:

"Communication and Participation"

Noon Speaker: Jim A. (2nd Tradition Group)

Evening Speaker: Diane W. (Past Delegate)

Sponsored by:

Santa Clara County A.A. Intergroup, Hospitals & Institutions,
General Service North County, General Service South County,
General Service District 17 (Spanish Speaking Groups)

8:30 am to 8:00 pm

***Workshop Topics: "La Vina", PI/CPC, Outreach, Archives, H & I,
Bridging the Gap, 12th Step & Diverter Workshop, and MORE!!!***

Also: **Delegate's Conference Report**, and Much More

***...Traditional "Nooner" AA Meetings in English and Spanish,
Entertainment, FREE "Continental Breakfast", FREE lunch and FREE dinner....***

Did I mention that this Event is..... FREE!!!!

Everyone is Welcome!!!

TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP - Please contact us:

Peter C. 650-567-9665 or Wayne M. 408-847-9954

"Milpitas Community Center"

457 East Calaveras Blvd
Milpitas, CA



From the North: Take 880 South and take Route 237/Calaveras Blvd East to Milpitas Blvd... Entrance is on Calaveras Blvd
Address: 457 East Calaveras Blvd – "Milpitas Community Center"

From the South: Take 880 North and take Route 237/Calaveras Blvd East to Milpitas Blvd... Entrance is on Calaveras Blvd
Address: 457 East Calaveras Blvd – "Milpitas Community Center"

From the West: Take Route 237 east – *STAY ON IT !!!* - Calaveras Blvd east to Milpitas Blvd... Entrance is on Calaveras Blvd
Address: 457 East Calaveras Blvd – "Milpitas Community Center"

**** The Milpitas Community Center is located between Hwy 17 and Hwy 680 on East Calaveras Blvd**

Unity Day 2008

Lobby: "Registration" - 8:30am to 6:30pm

TIME	Auditorium	Room 5	Room 7	Room 8
9:00-10:00am	Early Riser Morning Speaker Meeting: Kelly C. (S.C.C.Y.P.A.A.)			
10:15-11:15am	SCCYPAA Workshop	Bridging the Gap Workshop	Secretary's Workshop <i>"How to..."</i>	Archives Committee Workshop
11:30-12:25pm	Lunch (Free!) Entertainment during Lunch	Spanish A.A. Noon Meeting <i>(If you eat here please clean up)</i>	Al-Anon Noon Meeting <i>(If you eat here please clean up)</i>	AA Noon Meeting **In the Basement Group** <i>(If you eat here please clean up)</i>
12:30-1:30pm	Mid-Day Speaker: Jim A. <i>(2nd Tradition Group)</i>	"Spanish A.A." PSA's to be displayed on a loop by VHS tape	"Al-Anon" PSA's to be displayed on a loop by VHS tape	"A.A." PSA's to be displayed on a loop by VHS tape
1:30-2:30pm	"Delegate's Report" Sharon B.			
2:45-3:45pm	Service Opportunities Panel	Spanish Literature "La Vina" Workshop	Al-Anon Workshop	PI/CPC Workshop
4:00-5:00pm	Hospitals & Institutions Workshop	Spanish General Service & Spanish PI/CPC Workshop	"Outreach Committee" Workshop	12th Step and Diverter Workshop
5:15-6:15pm	Dinner (Free!)			

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Lobby: "Registration" - 8:30am to 6:30pm

6:30-8:00pm	Evening Speaker Meeting Diane W. <i>(Past Delegate)</i>			
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