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Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

One may say that anonymity is the spiritual base, the sure key to all the rest of our Traditions. It has come to stand for prudence and, most importantly, for self-effacement. True consideration for the newcomer if he desires to be nameless; vital protection against misuse of the name Alcoholics Anonymous at the public level; and to each of us a constant reminder that principles come before personal interest – such is the wide scope of this all-embracing principle. In it we see the cornerstone of our security as a movement; at a deeper spiritual level it points us to still greater self-renunciation.

A glance at the Twelve Traditions will instantly assure anyone that "giving up" is the essential idea of them all. In each Tradition, the individual or the group is asked to give up something for our general welfare. Tradition One asks us to place the common good ahead of personal desire. Tradition Two asks us to listen to God as he may speak in the group conscience. Tradition Three required that we exclude no alcoholic from AA membership. Tradition Four implies that we abandon all ideas of centralized human authority or government. But each group is enjoyed to consult widely in matters affecting us all. Tradition Five restricts the AA group to a single purpose, carrying our message to other alcoholics.

Tradition Six points at the corroding influence of money, property and personal authority; it begs that we keep these influences at a minimum by separate incorporation and management of our social services. It also warns against the natural temptation to make alliances or give endorsements. Tradition Seven states that we had best pay our own bill; that large contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public solicitation using the name Alcoholics Anonymous is positively dangerous. Tradition Eight forswears professionalizing our Twelfth Step work but it does guarantee our few paid service workers an unquestioned amateur status. Tradition Nonie asks that we give up all idea of expensive organization; enough is needed to permit effective democracy; our leadership is one of ser

vice and it is rotating; our few titles never clothe their holders with arbitrary personal authority; they hold authorization to serve, never to govern. Tradition Ten is an emphatic restraint of serious controversy; it implores each of us to take care against committing AA to the fires of reform, political or religious dissension. Tradition Eleven asks, in our public relations, that we be alert against sensationalism and it declares there is never need to praise ourselves. Personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film is urgently required, thus avoiding the pitfall of vanity, and the temptation through broken anonymity to link AA to other causes.

Tradition Twelve, in its mood of humble anonymity, plainly enough comprehends the preceding eleven. The Twelve Points of Tradition are little else than a specific application of the spirit of the Twelve Steps of recovery to our group life and to our relations with society in general. The recovery steps would make each individual AA whole and one with God; the Twelve Points of Tradition would make us one with each other and whole with the world about us. Unity is our aim.

Our AA Traditions are, we trust, securely anchored in those wise precepts; charity, gratitude and humility. Nor have we forgotten prudence. May these virtues ever stand clear before us in our meditations; may Alcoholics Anonymous serve God in happy unison for so long as he may need us.

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# Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take new-comers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



Worship in your own way.



Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

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### You don't have to stay sober alone nor do you have to be alone during the holidays.

### There are Marathon Meetings and Alkathons



#### Alano Club of San Jose

1122 Fair Ave., San Jose off McLaughlin MARATHON MEETINGS 12/24 10:00 AM thru 12/25 10:00 PM



#### Mid-Peninsula Alano Club

1155 Reed Ave., Sunnyvale off Lawrence Expy MARATHON MEEINGS EVERY 2 HOURS 12/23 7:00 AM thru 12/25 Midnight 12/30 thru 1/1



## **Saturday Nite Live**

1388 S Bascom at Stokes MARATHON MEETINGS 12/24 Midnight thru 12/25 Midnight

### **New Years Eve Speaker Meeting** and Talent Show

St. Lucy's Catholic Church 2350 Winchester Blvd, Campbell

#### **Downtown Alano Club**

99 N. Almaden Rd, San Jose **MARATHON MEETINGS** 12/24 Midnight thru 12/25 Midnight Dinner 12/25 from 1:30 on



#### **Serenity Fellowship**

304 N. 6th St. at Julian MARATHON MEETINGS Christmas and New Years

#### Freedom Fellowship Group Mountain View

327 Moffett Blvd, Suite B December 23, 24, 25 Dec 31 and Jan 1st



#### **Alano Club West**

is temporarily closed for repairs Weekday meetings ar 6:00AM—10:00AM and Noon are being held at Denny's 1390So 1st Street, San Jose

Alma and So. 1st St (Monterey Hwy)

#### **My Tradition Twelve Checklist**

- 1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- 2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- 3. In my opinion of and other remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- 4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- 5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
- 6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition belie it?
- 7. Do I do all I can to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
- 8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
- 9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
- 10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
- 11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
- 12. What is my real importance among more than a million AAs?

From AA Grapevine©



#### **DECEMBER ARCHIVES**

1.) On December 24, 1941 the following add was placed in the Palo Alto Times by Orvill Vern F.

To any person having difficulty controlling their drinking—make good on your new year's resolution by joining Alcoholics Anonymous, P.O. Box 12, Palo Alto.

He had rented a room in the Lucy Stern Community Center but no one came in response to the add. Fearing he would not be able to keep the rent until the meeting could support itself, Orvill asked his wife if he could hold the meeting at their home. She said no, but she would pay the rent until the meeting could support itself. She was not an alcoholic but she paid the rent for some time.

- 2) In December of 1938 the twelve steps were written. There were originally only six steps. Bill W. said that he thought he needed to write something the drunks couldn't wiggle out of. Page 292 of the Third Edition shows that the six steps were:
  - 1) Complete deflation
- 2) Dependence and guidance from a Higher Power

3) Moral Inventory

4) Confession

5) Restitution

6) Continued work with other alcoholics.

#### **STEP 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 Big Book a Alcoholics Anonymous dedicates an entire chapter to working with others, which is one of the suggestions in the Twelfth Step. That is, that we be willing after our own character change through the Steps, to share this solution that we found in the Big Book and the Twelve Steps. We are reminded in the Big Book in more than one chapter that we "can help when no one else can". It's an amazing phenomena when a recovered alcoholic can be uniquely useful simply by sharing, his own experience, and explain how he followed some general principles to find sanity. "Having had the experience yourself, you can give him much practical advice".

It is said that we can't give away something that we don't have. But what we all do have is a story of experience, strength, and hope to share with the one who still suffers. If we have been diligent about our Step work, in the Twelfth Step we have accepted the responsibility to carry this message of recovery as we simultaneously practice our new way of life. And when we do, we will find that "Life takes on a new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, . . .this is an experience you must not miss!

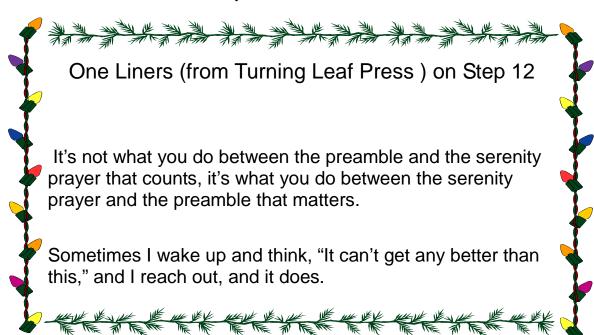
When I was new, my sponsor and AA group members spent many hours sharing the promise of Step 12 with me. They shared by using their experience, strength and hope that if I "continued" to practice the principles, live in the power of the steps, surrender to God and be of service, that I would come to realize the miracle that lies in Step 12: That it would gradually infiltrate my life and that I would become "awake".

I'll never forget Fred A. who used to tell me that the term "awakening" implied that prior to, I had been asleep. I was told over and over again that being in service was my saving grace. Warned that Dr. Bob for years had an insatiable urge to drink, and that it was "intensive work with" other alkies that enabled him to stay sober.

Having just celebrated my 15th birthday, in awe of my Higher Power to keep me sober (sometimes in spite of myself), the gift of the fellowship and the power of the steps to change my perspective, I still am reminded every day how critical it is to stay in service and give back some of what I've been given by carrying this message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Randy S.

Val C.





# A Sober Christmas to all! The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas when all through the hall
Not a member was stirring, nor sought alcohol
Coffee and cookies were set out with care;
More AA members soon would be there
Each grateful member with not trace of vanity
Gave thanks to the Power that restores us to sanity.

The leader of the meeting, like all who missions,
Assigned Chapter Five and the Twelve Traditions,
When outside the hall there arose such a clatter,
We sprang from our chairs to see what was the matter;
In parking a car some bumpers were hit,
The man who did wrong did promptly admit.

And so to our grateful eyes did appear
Our famous guest speaker, loved far and near.
More rapid than eagles the members then came;
He hugged them and kissed them and called them by name;
Hi, Rose, yo, Johnny, God love you, HarryJill and Claire and Birthday boy Larry!

Again we all settled, ready to share;
The leader of the meeting led the Serenity Prayer
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky.
So up to sobriety the embers they flew,
With Twelve Steps to follow, Twelve Traditions, too.

The Seventy Tradition inevitably came,
The leader then called on our speaker by name
He wore his red suit, a fur cap and not tie,
But soon let us know with a wink of his eye,
That Christmas for us, we much lead to think
Means staying away from the very first drink.

A bundle of joys he told us we'd find,
"Read the Big Book for true peace of mind."
At the end of the meeting he led the Prayer
And gave us the word; "Continue to share."
But I heard him exclaim as he picked up his pack,
"Don't ever forget to Keep Coming Back."



Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace! The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to inner peace and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions.

Some signs to look for:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love offered by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Be fore warned! If you have all or even most of the above symptoms, please be advised that your condition may be too far advanced to turn back. If you are exposed to anyone exhibiting several of these symptoms, remain exposed at your own risk. This condition of inner peace is likely well into its infectious stage.



# DECEMBER 2006

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31	Jan 1, 2007 Central Office Closed					

#### **EVENTS**

**SCCYPAA** monthly events can be found on their website at www.sccypaa.com

#### **CALIFORNIA**

**January 26-28, 20**07 - 14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Shasta Winterfest For info write: Shasta Winterfest, P.O. Box 494927, Redding, CA 96049-4927

**January 12-14, 2007** - The Joy of Living (Women) \$225 per person, mail to: 1534 Ridgewood Dr., Martinez, CA 94553

#### **OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA**

WACYPAA, 10th Annual Western Area Conference of Young People, Dec 29 - Jan 1

Seattle, WA, Contact Josh: 425-879-9958, Sarah: 206-778-7679, or Kevin: 206-355-6992.

Online at www.wacypaa10.org

#### January 12-14, 2007

Fellowship of Miracles 17<sup>th</sup> Annual River Roundup Laughlin, NV - <u>www.rcco-aa.org</u>

#### May 8-11, 2007

Seniors in Sobriety, Sedona, AZ.

Contact: WCGould@aol.com or 11203.jfs@earthlink.net

#### **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

43rd International Women's Conference

February 15—18, 2007, Detroit, MI www.iaawc.org

#### Telephone Calls Received During June

Daytime at Central Office 583

Daytime 12 Step Calls 10

Evening and Weekend calls 268

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

# WHEN ANY ALCOHOLIC, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. 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 Co.

#### **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

#### **MEETING CHANGES**

#### Deleted -

<u>Turning It Over</u>, Sat., 4:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose

Sandia Big Book Study, 1251 Sandia Ave., Sunnyvale, Wednesday 7:00PM

<u>Topic Discussion Mtg</u>, Saturday Nite Live, Thursday, 4:00PM <u>Happy Hour Big Book & Step Study</u>, Saturday Nite Live, Tuesday, 4:00 PM

#### Moved -

Young & Sober, Saturday Nite Live, Thursday 10:00 PM, moved to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga Sunlight of the Spirit, Saturday Nite Live, Tuesday, 10:00 PM, moved to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

449 Acceptance Group, Mid-Peninsula Alano Club, 1155 Reed Ave., Sunnyvale, Tuesday, Noon.

### Changed -

Women's Topic Discussion, Saturday Nite Live, Sunday

Time changed to 10:00 AM

Men's Single Problem Discussion, Thurs., Campbell. Time changed to 8:00 PM

<u>Carry the Message</u>, Serenity First Fellowship. Time changed to 1:30 PM.

We Are Not Saints, moved to Southside Community Center, 5585 Cottle Rd, Rm 6

#### New -

<u>Practice These Principles</u>, (Moms & babies), Mon. 4:00PM, St. Mark's Church, 600 Colorado Ave., 2nd driveway, Palo Alto

AA Literature Discussion Group, Tues. Noon, United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos

<u>The Rigorous Honesty Group</u>, Wed., 7:00PM, John Burns Garden Apartments, 850 Agnew Rd (Community Room)

12 Keys to Freedom, Wed. 7:30 PM, Emmanual Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

<u>Liquor Was But a Symptom</u>, Thurs. 4:00PM, 41 W. Rincon Ave., Campbell

<u>Sisters In Recovery</u>, Thurs., 6:00PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1775 Hecker Pass Rd., Gilroy

Naked Truth Group, Friday, 8:00PM, 20600 Aldercroft Heights, Los Gatos

Willow Glen AA, Friday, 8:15PM, St. Frances Church, 1205 Pine, at Newport, San Jose

Sub "21" Young People, Friday, 8:15PM, St. Frances Church, 1205 Pine, at Newport, San Jose

<u>Saturday Night Young People's</u>, Sat. 7:30PM, All Saints Episcopal Church (library), 555 Waverly, Palo Alto

# **Birthdays Contributions**

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

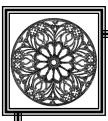
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#### YEARS OF SOBRIETY

and for a total contribution

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





# IN MEMORIUM

Gordon H
Jim S
Fr. Tom F., Palo Alto
Al W., Cupertino

#### SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

#### MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

December 6, 2006

- Bill D., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8pm, followed by A Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Mike read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 60 people attending, including 38 voting representatives.
- Ariana read the Twelve Traditions.
- There was one correction to the agenda: Sally, the new chair of that committee, will make the report for the Outreach Committee.
- There was one correction to the previous month's minutes: was misspelled and corrected.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	11/01/06	\$73.74	Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
Contributions:	11/01/06	71.00	
Refreshments:	11/01/06	10.20	
Contribution to Central	l Office:	44.54	
Balance:	12/06/06	\$90.00	Prudent Reserve: \$90.00

- Announcements: Xavier announced that Bud A. from Modesto would be the speaker at the New Year's Potluck and Party in Morgan Hill. Chris announced that the Signs of Sobriety Meeting in San Jose needs support. Liz announced that SCCYPAA is hosting a speaker meeting and dance on December 15.
- Birthdays: Konica, 20yrs; Michael 5yrs; Christy, 2yrs; Jeannie, 10yrs; Xavier, 16yrs; and Cicero, 4yrs.

#### **Reports:**

- 1. Intergroup Chair Bill D. introduced Chris as the new set-up person, and thanked Kevin K. for the past two years of service.
- Central Service Board Robbie R. reported that the CSB met last Thursday to indoctrinate the new board members. He also expressed some concern that contributions to Intergroup were down last month.
- 3. Central Office Bruce K.
  - Central Office is hosting an Open House on January 20, 2007.
  - He has produced a flyer of all the marathon meetings being held during the holidays.
  - The replacement copier is doing fine.
  - Alano West will remain closed until at least the end of December.
  - The pamphlet "Too Young" has been redesigned to reflect the young people of today. We can expect updated designs of all the pamphlets in the future.
- 4. PI/CPC Francisco:
  - This committee has a new recording secretary.
  - There have been two presentations at DUI classes, and more are scheduled.
  - A presentation is scheduled for the Healthy Living Fair, sponsored by the Most Holy Trinity Church, in April of next year.
  - Because of the holidays, there are no more requests for this year.
  - A lot of progress has been made in the distribution of Big Books. Only five books are left.
  - The group will focus on 2007 objectives at next month's meeting. Also, General Service is asking for input on experiences with the professional community, so the group will be focusing on that as well.
  - Elections for the group are scheduled for January. Open positions are for Chair and Vice Chair for PI; Chair and Vice Chair for CPC; and recording secretary for the entire group. Each term is for 2 years, and a minimum of 2 years sobriety is required for all positions.

- 5. Twelfth Step Committee
  - Daytime No Report
  - Nights and Weekends Maxine: The diverter has been very quiet lately. There are three shifts open at this time.
- 6. Outreach Sally: Out of 176 meetings in the county, the committee has visited 102. Sixteen meetings have been identified as no longer existing. This committee needs new members, especially women.
- 7. Newsletter Bruce reported this committee needs help of all kinds.
- 8. Other Service Committee Reports
  - Unity Day No report
  - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous: Dennis announced two upcoming conferences: Foster City in March, and San Jose in March.
  - Hospitals and Institutions: Paul C. is the new liaison with H&I. He distributed a flyer with
    detailed information about the H&I meetings and security clearances. He noted that
    volunteers for this service need to have serious intent about their commitment, as the county
    pays \$250 for each clearance.
  - Bridging the Gap No Report
  - North County General Service: April announced that elections were held last month. There
    are still open positions, however: Treasurer (at least 5 years sobriety required,) DCM (district
    committee members) and sub-DCM positions are also open. The monthly meetings for
    General Service are listed in the meeting guide.
  - South County General Service: Raymundo announced that, after serving the last four months as alternate, he has been elected the new DCMC. Erica is the new DCMC. South County still has five positions open.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

**NEW BUSINESS - None** 

OPEN FORUM – What can we do to increase group participation in Intergroup?

A discussion followed and the following points were made in the order listed:

- It seems to be difficult to get volunteers these days. How do we motivate people?
- We need to show that IG is fun.
- Develop a web portal from IG to the many service committees
- A lot of people seem to think that IG is about politics, and stay away for that reason.
- Actions speak louder than words; just like the young people's groups, we have to show people that we are a fun group.
- List IG monthly meeting as a regular meeting in the directory on Wednesday.
- Ask all IG reps to bring one or two people who don't already attend to each IG meeting.
- Volunteerism is at an all-time low.
- How we do things is a mystery to people: invite people to come to meetings so they can see for themselves.
- When we chair meetings, make the topic about service. Talk about IG.
- Spell out the requirements and commitment expectations to all potential reps.

Bill suggested that the points of the discussion will be summarized for next month's meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison

12:24 PM 12/06/06 Accrual Basis

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

November 2006

	Nov 06	Nov 05	Jan - Nov 06
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	7,810.01	10,204.00	108,868.24
8010 · Literature Sales	4,564.40	5,261.65	64,438.73
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	840.00	0.00	1,475.00
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	15.00	15.00	730.00
Total Income	13,229.41	15,480.65	175,511.97
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 ⋅ Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold (Excl. Mtg. Dir. after 6/1/06)	3,003.43	3,552.84	39,639.69
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories (After 6/1/06)	473.36	0.00	2,431.54
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,476.79	3,552.84	42,071.23
Total COGS	3,476.79	3,552.84	42,071.23
Gross Profit	9,752.62	11,927.81	133,440.74
Expense	,	,	•
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	708.00
6030 ⋅ Accounting and Legal Fee	62.63	465.76	6,275.47
6060 ⋅ Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	62.21	0.00	228.26
6120 · Computer Expenses	141.23	0.00	1,339.23
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	11.75	0.00	1,801.74
6150 · Unity Day Expense	-60.00	0.00	530.00
6160 · Copier Expense	252.00	0.00	1,298.44
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	2,422.75
6200 · Diverter Expense	23.22	0.00	273.20
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	512.02
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	1,096.84
6240 ⋅ Employee HRA Plan	549.70	0.00	6,446.42
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	219.45
6280 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
6330 ⋅ Office Expense	349.02	416.56	4,644.86
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	0.00	678.69
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	672.12
6380 · Payroll Taxes	509.83	519.78	5,797.15
6410 · Postage	562.61	146.95	2,408.07
6430 · Public Information	200.00	0.00	200.00
6480 · Rent	2,217.25	2,153.90	24,451.40
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	17.30	88.21
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,507.51	6,366.23	68,604.34
6600 ⋅ Signing Services	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	302.13	397.93	1,731.24
Total Expense	11,911.04	10,704.36	134,894.40
Net Ordinary Income	-2,158.42	1,223.45	-1,453.66
Other Income/Expense	,	,	,
Other Income			
8030 ⋅ Interest Income	186.58	172.56	2,109.35
Total Other Income	186.58	172.56	2,109.35
Net Other Income	186.58	172.56	2,109.35
	-1,971.84	1,396.01	655.69

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# INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC. Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2006

	Nov 30, 06
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 ⋅ Petty Cash	225.00
1035 ⋅ Bank of America (Bank account)	4,600.79
1036 ⋅ Bank of America CD 5247 (10 mo CD @ 4.16%, 01/17/07)	12,503.81 *
1039 · Bank of America CD 5717 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,852.78 *
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,867.72 *
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 3.39%, 2/28/07)	14,609.70 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	3,231.09 *
Total Checking/Savings	64,890.89
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-265.93
Total Accounts Receivable	-265.93
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	15,746.46
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	832.91
Total Other Current Assets	16,579.37
Total Current Assets	81,204.33
Fixed Assets	·
1630 · Office Equipment	38,150.80
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-16,034.50
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-130.75
Total Fixed Assets	24,483.39
Other Assets	1, 122.22
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	107,681.57
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	814.24
Total Other Current Liabilities	814.24
Total Current Liabilities	814.24
Total Liabilities	814.24
Equity	014.24
2740 · Unrestricted Funds	95,777.91
3900 · Retained Earnings	10,393.73
Net Income	695.69
Total Equity	106,867.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	107,681.57
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\* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$60.065.10

This represents 5.44 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 9 months operating expenses.

# INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC. Group Contributions November 2006

	Nov 06	Jan - Nov 06		Nov 06	Jan - Nov 06
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	235.00	978.40	Mon. Grateful Live Group 535	0.00	1,165.50
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,050.00	Mon. HOW Group 71	280.00	923.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	217.49	2,278.08	Mon. Joy of Living Meeting 92	0.00	349.56
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	140.00	1,846.78	Mon. Los Altos Men's Group 59	69.00	331.00
1 INV South Valley Group (Chips) 267	0.00	168.00	Mon. Los Gatos Big Book 664	0.00	87.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	200.00	200.00	Mon. Men's Group 97	0.00	308.00
ACYPAA	0.00	628.75	Mon. Men's Single Problem Study 89	0.00	2,585.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	370.10	4,769.60	Mon. Men's Single Topic Discussion 582	0.00	595.00
Copier Contributions	0.00	900.00	Mon. Midday Meeting 714	0.00	105.00
Fri. 12 Steps at Noon 303	0.00	290.00	Mon. Midday Women's Group 91	158.70	703.10
Fri. Big Book Speakers Group 289	0.00	34.04	Mon. Night Chip 405	0.00	133.20
Fri. Big Book Study 8.00P Cupt 284	0.00	120.00	Mon. Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61	0.00	227.50
Fri. Easier Way Group 290	0.00	829.29	Mon. Signs of Sobriety 402	0.00	25.00
Fri. East Valley Group 322	50.00	625.00	Mon. Source of Strength (Women) 501	0.00	70.00
Fri. Fireside Group 297	0.00	41.00	Mon. South Valley Women's Surrender 88	0.00	60.20
Fri. Gut Level Group 288	0.00	140.00	Mon. Villages Group of AA (The) 406	70.00	1,214.00
Fri. Happy Hour 652	500.00	500.00	Oldtimers Meeting 80935	0.00	71.00
Fri. In the Chapel 13	0.00	41.00	Personal 00911	200.00	1,367.25
Fri. Lakewood Group 332	0.00	97.30	Sat. Attitude Adjustment 443	243.00	413.00
Fri. Lesbians Living the Promises 349	0.00	288.46	Sat. Beginners & Beyond 345	0.00	314.00
Fri. Living Solutions 728	0.00	101.63	Sat. Big Book Study 8.00P 347	0.00	200.00
Fri. Men's 4th Step Group 320	0.00	50.00	Sat. Cambrian Saturday Night 376	301.00	2,155.44
Fri. No Bull Big Book 655	0.00	280.00	Sat. Candlelight Meeting 380	120.00	120.00
Fri. Saratoga Group 328	0.00	566.00	Sat. Early Bird 414	0.00	160.00
Fri. Saratoga Serenity Group 329	0.00	315.00	Sat. Get Up and Go (Women) 187	0.00	316.28
Fri. Starting the Steps 753	0.00	380.00	Sat. Grace Group of AA 352	0.00	467.40
Fri. Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle	0.00	100.00	Sat. High Hope 239	0.00	695.20
Fri. Suit Up and Show Up 126	0.00	30.00	Sat. In the Solution 647	0.00	140.00
Fri. T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298	0.00	1,550.20	Sat. Living in the Solution (Women) 33	0.00	60.00
Fri. Women Preparing for the Weekend 691	0.00	330.50	Sat. Meditation Meeting 39	0.00	91.00
G Agnews Noon Meetings 70921	0.00	2,385.95	Sat. Men's Honesty Group 26	625.80	1,480.50
G Cornerstone Service Group 70908	0.00	2,715.66	Sat. Morning Fellowship 381	0.00	60.00
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	194.30	2,640.44	Sat. Morning Los Gatos 777	0.00	1,330.00
G Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	560.00	Sat. Mountain View Group 350	0.00	
G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	241.50	Sat. Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769	0.00	227.50
G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	490.00	Sat. Night Promises 847	0.00	325.00
G Milpitas We Care Group 70934 G Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,350.05 2,618.00	Sat. Positive Outlook Group 368 Sat. Roots 344	0.00	317.80 560.00
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	200.00	Sat. Saturday 6PM Meeting 413	0.00	136.50
G Sober & Free Conference 70928	0.00	397.20	Sat. Second Tradition Group Spkr 721	0.00	815.00
G South County Fellowship 70954	140.00	1,540.00	Sat. Think Tank (Men) 361	0.00	2,800.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	483.00	Sat. Trinity Group 370	0.00	93.66
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	568.34	5,114.57	Sat. Wake Up Meeting 342	0.00	70.00
G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	1,585.00	Sat. Women's Brunch 640	0.00	771.57
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	865.47	Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	409.20
Gratitude Month	50.00	50.00	Sun. AA Birthday Gilroy Group 4	0.00	70.00
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	94.00	Sun. Almaden Valley Discussion 30	0.00	259.00
Memorial Contributions	100.00	1,033.00	Sun. Attitude Adjustment 446	100.00	100.00
Mon. A.B.C. Women's Group 58	121.00	390.20	Sun. Eastside Step Study 45	0.00	182.00
Mon. As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518	0.00	449.40	Sun. Gay Men & Women Now Living Sob 21	179.97	179.97
Mon. Downtown Steppers (Men) 392	0.00	96.65	Sun. Gay Reflections on the Solution 841	0.00	43.00
Mon. From Within 863	0.00	413.04	Sun. Get Well Group 17	0.00	175.00
Mon. Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896	0.00	118.30	Sun. Humbly Asked 8.00A 87	0.00	210.00
Mon. Gay Men & Women Together 85	0.00	145.19	Sun. In the Basement 545	0.00	60.00

# INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC. Group Contributions

November 2006

	Nov 06	Jan - Nov 06		Nov 06	Jan - Nov 06
Sun. Invaders Group 44	0.00	100.00	Tues. Caring & Sharing 148	0.00	70.00
Sun. Live and Let Live 24	0.00	140.00	Tues. Design for Living 200	0.00	210.00
Sun. Living Sober 21	0.00	311.81	Tues. Down to Earth Group 563	0.00	266.67
Sun. Men's Underground Book Study 401	0.00	115.00	Tues. Early Tuesday Group 119	0.00	194.60
Sun. New People's Group 3	0.00	158.00	Tues. El Camino Group 108	0.00	387.32
Sun. New Steps for Living 20	368.48	843.32	Tues. End of the Line Men's Group 147	0.00	1,544.18
Sun. Pass It On Group Los Altos 418	0.00	257.95	Tues. Fireside Big Book Study 809	70.00	91.00
Sun. Plaza Del Rey Group 52	0.00	70.00	Tues. Freethinkers of the Valley 29	0.00	280.00
Sun. Progress Not Perfection 229	0.00	385.00	Tues. Gay/Lesbian AA Big Book Disc 146	0.00	218.62
Sun. Sizzler Group 27	280.00	560.00	Tues. Happy Destiny (Women) 109	0.00	1,598.95
Sun. Speaker Meeting 18	0.00	326.00	Tues. In the Solution 112	25.00	25.00
Sun. Spiritual Progress Group 8	0.00	101.50	Tues. Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110	0.00	210.00
Sun. Spiritual Step Study Group 233	0.00	850.00	Tues. Men's Basic Step Study Group 891	182.73	728.61
Sun. Step by Step Group 5	0.00	70.00	Tues. Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525	0.00	140.00
Sun. Sunday Early Evening 682	0.00	630.00	Tues. Palo Alto Step Study 752	0.00	615.07
Sun. Sunday Night Recovery 23	0.00	100.00	Tues. St. Luke's Group 113	0.00	1,370.00
Thurs. 3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610	0.00	50.64	Tues. Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152	0.00	509.23
Thurs. Basic Big Book 710	0.00	350.00	Tues. Veterans of Alcohol (open) 874	0.00	511.00
Thurs. California Avenue Supper Group 715	0.00	525.00	Tues. We Are Not Saints 520	0.00	45.00
Thurs. Campus Group 234	0.00	625.00	Tues. We Care Step Study 128	0.00	662.90
Thurs. Daily Reflections	25.00	25.00	Tues. Winchester Mystery Meeting 102	0.00	280.00
Thurs. Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276	0.00	90.30	Tues. Women's Topic Disc. Group	0.00	219.96
Thurs. Evergreen Group 884	0.00	140.00	Unknown	0.00	906.66
Thurs. Evergreen Women 36	0.00	110.00	Wed B.F.E. Book Study (in residence)	0.00	1,150.00
Thurs. Fireside Men's Book Study	0.00	402.67	Wed. Attitude Adjustment 198	123.00	123.00
Thurs. Free to Be Me (Women) 736	0.00	105.00	Wed. Berryessa Group 527	200.00	626.40
Thurs. Gay Men's Freedom 262	0.00	469.70	Wed. Better Way of Living 197	0.00	155.00
Thurs. Just For Today 238	60.00	340.00	Wed. Chip Winners Group 168	128.10	703.67
Thurs. Los Altos Group 225	0.00	210.00	Wed. Courage to Change 145	0.00	276.00
Thurs. Men's Single Problem Study 220	0.00	1,314.00	Wed. Eleventh Step Group 167	0.00	70.00
Thurs. Midweek Spiritual Progress 273	100.00	100.00	Wed. Gay Alcoholics Living / Sobriety 742	0.00	140.00
Thurs. Mountain Miracles 882	0.00	714.00	Wed. Inspiration Big Book 195	0.00	150.00
Thurs. Noon Discussion 272	0.00	331.55	Wed. Jaywalkers	0.00	43.40
Thurs. Pathfinder 543	0.00	65.00	Wed. Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749	0.00	140.00
Thurs. Rincon Men's Fellowship 567	0.00	490.00	Wed. Living with Serenity (Chip) 599	0.00	105.00
Thurs. Sisters in Sobriety (Milpitas 548	0.00	155.74	Wed. Lodestar Group / Sober Thoughts 499	0.00	100.00
Thurs. Sober Times 227	0.00	151.20	Wed. Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606	414.00	764.00
Thurs. South Valley Men's 845	0.00	290.00	Wed. Midweek Spiritual Progress 213	0.00	700.00
Thurs. Spiritual Progress 269	0.00	770.00	Wed. Noon Discussion 177	0.00	245.00
Thurs. St. Mark's Group 270	210.00	590.61	Wed. Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209	0.00	1,124.20
Thurs. Starlight Solutions (Home) 750	0.00	72.68	Wed. Serenity Discussion 210	0.00	1,094.00
Thurs. Sunshine Group 243	0.00	210.76	Wed. Sober Thoughts 499	0.00	80.00
Thurs. There Is a Solution (Men) 732	0.00	482.20	Wed. Step Study (Women) LG 820	0.00	156.80
Thurs. What's Happening Today 552	0.00	569.10	Wed. Steps & Traditions 893	0.00	210.00
Thurs. Women Sharing the Solution 519	0.00	601.30	Wed. Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768	0.00	145.91
Tues. 12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25	0.00	308.00	Wed. Women on the Move 570	0.00	353.91
Tues. 449 Acceptance Group 157	0.00	100.00	Wed 4th Dimension Grp (in residence)	0.00	40.00
Tues. A Vision for You Women's 802	70.00	218.37			
Tues. AA Love & Tolerance Big Book 416	0.00	100.00	TOTALS	7,610.01	108,668.24
Tues. Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151	0.00	285.50			
Tues. Basic AA Text Study 803	0.00	71.73			
Tues. Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106	120.00	120.00			
Tues Die Deak Discussion Crown 407	0.00	274.70			

Tues. Big Book Discussion Group 107

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274.70