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Gratitude

When I heard people say at my first few experiences with AA meetings; "I'm a Grateful Alcoholic" I felt like vomiting. Inside my guts ached and felt like; why would they be grateful to have such a horrible thing happen to them like alcoholism? And why in the heck would someone stand up at the podium and pronounce themselves to be that proud of such a terrible thing?

I came to the rooms with DUI's, problems, bills, failed jobs, disappointed family members and a butt load of confusion. I certainly felt NO gratitude for my problems. I knew that I caused my stuff and it was my drinking that was a main component. I made it my mission to never say I was a "Grateful Alcoholic". Alcoholic maybe, but heaven forbid I be

grateful for it.

Then a shift started to occur. As I went on to discover, it may sound like semantics' but I could live with "Thankful"... Never "Grateful" though. I began to feel that I was thankful for a



few good people that stuck their hands out to me and offered me some kind words during a very confusing part of my life. I felt thankful that my problems always felt temporary and that there were solutions within the practice of a few newly learned life skills that AA delivered in a roundabout way in the beginnings of my jour-

ney. Then the real change happened. I felt sincerely thankful for the guy who took the time to sit down with me and read the Big Book with me and help me to start applying the steps in my life as a way of living.

From time to time I continue to hear people repeat the "I'm a Grateful Alcoholic" line when they introduce themselves... Then I pay close attention to what they say afterwards. I find it offensive when a person says "I'm Grateful" when they haven't begun to practice the steps as a way of living as our literature suggests we do. They simply cannot know the gratitude that each of us feels as we continue to grow in the image of our creator

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and manifest the "Spiritual Experience of the Educational Variety" as Appendix II in the Big Book explains. No, they haven't begun to experience the beauty and joy that Alcoholics Anonymous delivers through the 12 Steps but insist on saying "I'm Grateful"... Then if something should go awry on them and they drink again I've more often than not heard them blame AA for their spree. And this is where my

sadness lies...

Today I am truly grateful for the benefits that my life has delivered by Trusting God, Cleaning House and working with others. I'm thankful for the men and women of Alcoholics Anonymous who never shunned me or turned me away. And I'm equally Grateful for the honor of watching men get and stay sober through the simple process of

the application of the principles of living. No other events in our lives compare to watching someone come "back to life" as they get what we have through the AA program of living. A grateful day indeed when we can say to ourselves I'm sober by the Grace of God and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Anonymous

How It Feels to Make One's First Beginnings in A. A. The First Time. . .at 60

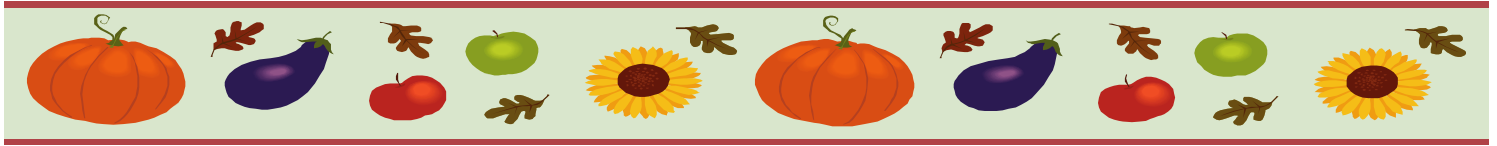
I was in my 60th year when I first contacted A.A. I had always been a steady and heavy drinker. Having what drinks I wanted was as much a natural part of my life as smoking. So far as I was able to tell at that time it had never interfered with my life, either business or social. Then business became slack, drinking heavier and more steady and, at some time unknown to me, alcohol took over and became the boss. I was only conscious of the intense physical and nervous discomfort and attributed the almost melancholic depression to these factors. I got to the end of my rope and life was not worth living. The end of the run was, morbidly, hoped for and would, I think, have been welcomed.

At this time I contacted A.A. I haven't the least recollection of what was said at the first meeting. One thing stood out, and that was the fact that these people had gone through the same slough of despond that I was in and now were normal and happy. So it *could* be done and they were the proof for they *had done it!* That fact was the piercing ray of light that was given me.

Then came the usual over-exaggerated depressions. But the group was always there to give balance and knowing advice. "Day by day" became month by month and gradually the old habits changed. And, believe me, Brother, habits don't change as easily at 60 as they do at 30! And then came the seemingly insurmountable matter of the "spiritual angle." In time, entirely unknown to me, that came to be a simple natural fact, brought about in great part by the feeling of gratitude being so great that I had to go beyond myself to express it or account for it. To you who are starting this happy journey I can only say, "Don't press; don't worry about it. Just keep the gates of your mind and heart open and it will come simply and naturally." Just let nature and A.A.'s lessons take their course. That will be the beginning of all blessings, the consciousness of dawning faith. Faith in yourself, faith in others, faith in the feeling that the world is governed and going ahead to better things.

And where did all this come from? Just from drying up with the help of the finest lot of men and women alive. Silly, isn't it? Doesn't seem to make sense. Well, my good friend, you just try it. Drive with an easy rein; don't worry; seek and be with the Group as much as you possibly can. Coast along with us, work with us, and you will gradually find *fear* being replaced by confidence, *doubts* taking wing; depression being replaced by happiness and *faith* in yourself and others and in the future emerging into the full light of everyday living. Just try it; keep dry, *think*. . . a little plea for help from some greater Power. Have patience and you will get the answer to real living and happiness. Then try to return just a little of all that has been given you by trying to pass it on to others who are sick and need help. It's the road to the top of the mountain--into the sun--and it's yours for the effort.

Elliot B, Grapevine, Nov. 1944, Vol.1, Number 6



General Service Article

(encompassing AA as a whole)

On October 10th General Service, Districts 04 (North County) and 40 (South County) co-hosted our third annual Conference Report Workshop. There were 49 attendees, mostly General Service Representatives and District Officers and we had visitors from as far as San Francisco and Salinas.

There were a number of fantastic speakers, who covered topics such as, how to use the 2009 Final Conference report as a reference guide, what is the conference process, and why is General Service important. Our Delegate, David N., gave us a heads up about what the hot topics would be for the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly.

One of the topics sure to stir up some heated discussion in AA groups this year is the use of full faces in A.A.'s Public Service Announcements. In the past, even though actors were used in P.S.A.s, their faces were not shown (exemplifying anonymity) but the most recent P.S.A.s show the actor's full face. If you have an opinion about this topic, but your group does not have a G.S.R., maybe it's time to find one!

If you would like to find out more about General Service or would like to get involved in General Service, now is a great time! For meetings in Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Mountain View, or Campbell (District 04 – North County) there will be a General Service party and potluck at 7:30pm on December 9th at 581 Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale. For meetings in San Jose, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, or Milpitas (District 40 – South County) there will also be a party and potluck at 7:00pm on December 15th at 81 N 2nd Street, San Jose. All are welcome!

- Nichole L, District 04

Gratitude Quotes

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." -Albert Schweitzer

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings." -Eric Hoffer

"Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road." -John Henry Jowett

"You simply will not be the same person two months from now after consciously giving thanks each day for the abundance that exists in your life. And you will have set in motion an ancient spiritual law: the more you have and are grateful for, the more will be given you." — Sarah Ban Breathnach



Gratitude

You know the old expression; "words can never express my gratitude"...

Well, I'm here to tell you I have a lot of words to express my gratitude for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and the spiritual philosophy of the program that helped me find my way to my higher power...God...as I understand Him...and for that I am eternally grateful...plus a lot of other thoughts, ideas, feelings, and emotions that I understand today...right beside those just like me, who taught me, and those who I am privileged to be helping through the process of this wonderful concept for living.

At first, I thought getting here was all my idea...but when I had my first spiritual experience (holy co-incidence my first sponsor called it), realized something very powerful had started happening in my life. I was to find a "something"...a life...I never guessed would ever be mine. I am so grateful for the "gratitude list" my first sponsor told me to write...and when I felt like whining and complaining...add 2 more things to it...it is second nature to me now, helping me keep it all in proper perspective.

The slogans we see at most meetings meant so much to me when I was new, and are such a great tool in working with others; Think, Think, Think...I actually got to where I could again. Easy Does It (but do it),

But for the Grace of God (the unmerited favor of God), Live and Let Live, Let Go and Let God. As the fog lifted, I was able to grasp the full meaning of these words. Love and Tolerance is Our Code, the HOW of the program...Honesty, Open Mindedness, & Willingness...the WHO of the program...God as I came to understand Him...The GRANTS...Serenity, Courage & Wisdom preceded by Acceptance.

The Big Book...a plan for living. The 12 Steps...changed my life through a sponsor, by teaching me how to Trust God, Clean House, Make Amends and Work with other women in the selflessness of the altruism of the program. The Traditions which gave me clarity on the whys and wherefores of our program. Practicing the Principles in all my affairs...there are 12...a Principle for each Step. A Psychic Change...a transformation of thinking enabling me to embrace change, believing in the impossible, always celebrating the me of today, the me God wanted me to be my entire life. A passion for life, compassion for others...attained by self-forgiveness, actually putting my name number one on my 8th Step list after my sponsor told me that if I didn't forgive myself...then I would be placing myself above God because he already had.

Honesty...the truth shall set us free...love, joy, peace of mind...hope...all this stuff and

much, much more is ours...anyone can have it...just keep the plug in the jug, one day at a time...this is just the tip of the iceberg of what awaits you...being rocketed into the 4th dimension of existence is a natural feeling of well-being and spirituality that is just incomparable. Just being able to be here for anyone, anytime, inside AA or out...for whatever reason...I am responsible.

There is the "material" too...roof over my head, food to eat, clothes to wear, money to spend, and the freedom to do it, etc. which I might not have if I hadn't gotten grateful, realizing I am just one drink away from a drunk...so...

Let gratitude take your mind...just one day at a time...then it becomes timeless and it is part of you forever...yet just one more day at a time.

FOR ALL THIS AND so much more, I AM GRATEFUL!

-Danette G, San Jose



Gratitude

My journey with gratitude began with hearing people announce themselves as a “grateful” alcoholic. As a newcomer I snorted in disgust at these people who were grateful to be what I least wanted to be.

The next leg of my gratitude journey came with the response of old timers to my many problems - write a list of 10 things to be grateful for. I found myself fighting with myself to come up with the first five items, but the last five items came quite easily. I learned that I was working real hard to keep myself miserable. Gratitude became a wonderful fix for my attitude, but something was still missing.

The missing pieces of my understanding of gratitude came in the fact that I was not living daily with an attitude of gratitude. I love to read. Two different books gave me the next steps I needed to be filled with gratitude.

The first book was about abundance. The author plainly stated that writing in a gratitude journal was not an option, but a necessary tool. Five things every day. No more. No less. Five different things every day. My first day was great, I could barely contain myself to five entries. The second day I was in tears trying to think of the second thing to write. And there was my problem, no consistency or perseverance with respect to gratitude. It

seemed to be in my nature to be miserable with no way to change. Now I began looking at the world in a new way. The things I would normally label as “bad” could no longer be completely categorized that way. Many of the simple pleasures that were all around me began to be noticed. Instead of that constant black hole of “never enough” the emptiness was begin-



ning to be filled with the abundance that gratitude naturally brings. It was like the sun shining after weeks of rain. I began to smile more, hug people, spontaneously do acts of service for people. I began to connect to an inner joy that I wished to share. Gaining this understanding about gratitude could not have come at a better time, because I long set of life changing events were about to begin.

Beginning in Jan 01, the kids father died, 2 months later my second husband went out and we

split, a couple of months later I had a work related injury and got let go from my job. The inevitable bankruptcy, loss of my home, my daughter getting pregnant, etc would have been too much to bear without the foundation of gratitude.

The other book I read was given to me by my grand sponsor who had a recovery bookstore. In this book about imperfection gratitude was explained to be a position to work from. It gave examples of what you could and couldn't do with your body if you were laying down, sitting in a chair or standing up. Gratitude gave the most flexibility to be able to do what was possible. I finally learned that I was grateful to be sober. Any time I was asked to speak at a meeting during that time I would begin with the fact that I had not taken a drink that day. It was amazing to me that all of these things were happening and I not only was not drinking, but I had a purpose in life.

Today I am a very grateful alcoholic.

- Cathyann



Letter From the Editor

Hello everyone,

Here is a list of upcoming COIN topics for the next few months:

- Dec - Staying Sober Through The Holidays**
- Jan - My Favorite Slogan**
- Feb - Sober Horse Thief: Being Dry isn't Being Sober**
- March - Faith**

We have been having great reviews. Thanks for all of your support. The COIN is only as strong as your submissions. If you would like to share a story, article, resource, or poem please email your submissions to me by the 15th of the preceding month to:

cathyann5116@yahoo.com

ARCHIVES CORNER

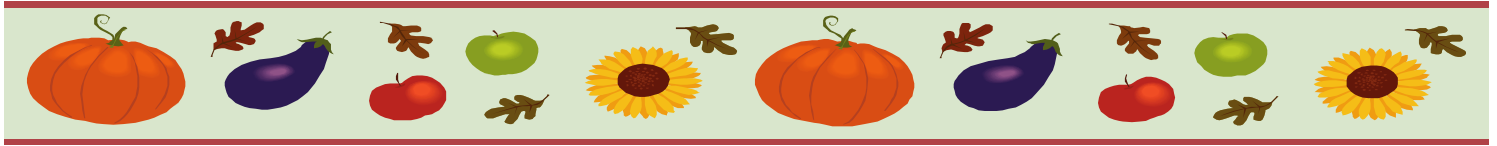
1. "The Trinity Group held its first meeting on Saturday night, November 9, 1946, at Trinity Episcopal Church on the corner of 2nd and St. John streets. Originally called the Saturday Night Group, it was an open meeting at which family and friends of the alcoholic were allowed to attend and participate.

"It soon became a popular meeting, and shortly after its formation included regular potluck dinners and other social functions following the regular AA meetings." (Early Groups of AA in Santa Clara County, page 14-15)

2. "Serenely remarking to his attendant, 'I think this is it,' Dr. Bob passed out of sight and hearing November sixteenth, 1950 at noonday. So ended the consuming malady in the course of which he had shown us how high faith can rise over grievous distress. As he had lived, so he died, supremely aware that in his Father's house are many mansions." (page 9 Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age) Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia worked with 5000 alcoholics through the years but he and Sister Ignatia would never accept praise for their efforts. Dr. Bob thought of himself as just a link in the chain.

Why is November called "Gratitude Month"?

Each Fall in the 1940s the General Service Board hosted small "Gratitude Dinners." By the 1960s they had become larger, more elaborate "Gratitude Luncheons." The motivation behind these get-togethers was personal gratitude for sobriety and to express appreciation to our professional friends for their articles, books, radio and T.V. interviews relating to A.A. over the past year. Held without fail in November at NYC's Roosevelt Hotel, Bill W. always addressed the gatherings. The luncheons were discontinued in 1968, but the concept of "Gratitude" persisted within the membership until today the month of November is accepted by A.A. members Worldwide as "Gratitude month."



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>PI Comm.</i> 6:00PM <i>Outreach Comm.</i> Mtg. 6:15PM Intergroup Meeting 7:30PM	5	6	7 <i>Secretary's Workshop</i> 10:00AM Central Office
8	9	10	11 <i>North County</i> General Service 7:30PM	12	13	14 <i>PI/CPC Work-</i> shop, 10:00AM Central Office
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Diverter Workshop,</i> 1980 Hamilton Ave., 10:00 am
22	23	24 <i>South County</i> General Service 7:00PM	25	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Day Alkathon & Potluck , Serenity First Fellowship, 304 N. 6th St., @ Julian. Contact Central Office for other Alk- athons.	27	28
29	30					



December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>PI Comm.</i> 6:00PM <i>Outreach Comm.</i> Mtg. 6:15PM Intergroup Meeting 7:30PM	3	4	5 <i>Secretary's Workshop</i> 10:00AM Central Office
6	7	8	9 <i>North County Gen-</i> <i>eral Service</i> 7:30PM	10	11	12 <i>PI/CPC Work-</i> <i>shop</i> , 10:00AM Central Office
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Diverter Workshop,</i> <i>1980 Hamilton Ave.,</i> <i>10:00 am</i>
20	21	22 <i>South County</i> <i>General Service</i> 7:00PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

LOCAL EVENTS

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day Alkathon & Potluck, Serenity First Fellowship, 304 N. 6th St., @ Julian, 9AM—10PM

Contact Central Office for other Alkathons that might be available.

SIGN UP NOW, to participate in the planning and fun of our first annual FOUNDER'S DAY picnic. Planning meetings are held monthly. We need group and individual participation, so contact Peter C. at mvpeter@sbcglobal.net, or by phone at 650-669-1578.

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Nov. 20-22: Lake Havasu City 22nd Annual Roundup, "Miracle On The River", Arizona

Nov. 26-29: Las Vegas Roundup, Las Vegas, NV

Dec. 31—Jan. 3: WACYPA 13, Children of Chaos, Eugene, OR



Telephone Calls Received During October-

Alcoholics
Anonymous . . .
How may we help you?



Daytime at Central Office 472
Daytime 12 Step Calls 8
Evening and Weekend calls 416
Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

**An average of just over 7,500 hits are
made on our website each month!!**

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.

To all the members and groups who support us,
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

Lifelong Friends, Thurs., 6:00 PM, 1077 N. 5th St., San Jose

Happy Hour, Fri., 5:30 pm, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos

Changed

Bottoms Up, Sat. 8:00 PM, Emergency Housing Consortium, now meets at
6:30 PM

New

Friday Noon Big Book Study, Fri., Noon, St. Mark's Church, 1957 Pruneridge

The Cave Group, Wed., 7:15 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship, Alano Club West

Eleventh Step Meditation, 8:00 PM, San Jose Christian Reformed Church,
5150 Camden Ave.

We Are Not Saints, Tues., 7:30 PM, Women, Cornerstone Fellowship, Alano
Club West, 1344 Dell Ave., Campbell

10:00AM Meeting, Friday, 10:00 AM, Alano Club West, 1344 Dell Ave., Camp-
bell

Came to Believe, Thurs., 12:00 PM, 7787 Monterey St., Gilroy

Meeting 23, Tues., 6:00 PM, 210 San Jose Ave., #12

Walk Through the Big Book, Tues., 6:00 PM, 2000 Monterey Rd., Community
Room

No Hurry Big Book Study, Friday, 6:00 PM, 7787 Monterey St., Gilroy



BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS BY	BIRTHDAY
John P.	27	John P.	08/24/82
Rose W.	33	Anonymous & Pat C.	10/31/76
David S.	26	The Colonel & Pat C.	09/13/83
Duggan	27	In Memoriam	09/19/82
Lenore M.	7	Pat C.	09/26/02
Rob R.	14	Diane R.	10/18/95
Neale S.	34	Nancy S. & Mary Pat P.	10/16/75
Patti T.	24	Susan S.	10/27/85
Andy L.	25	Maureen L.	10/12/84
Mel R.	24	Mary Pat P.	10/26/85
Wendy B.	10	Mary Pat P.	10/31/99
Fran H.	27	Mary Pat P.	10/15/82
Johnny O.	41	Mary Pat P.	08/21/68
Laila M.	33	Mary Pat P.	09/03/76
Aby R.	20	Mary Pat P.	09/07/89

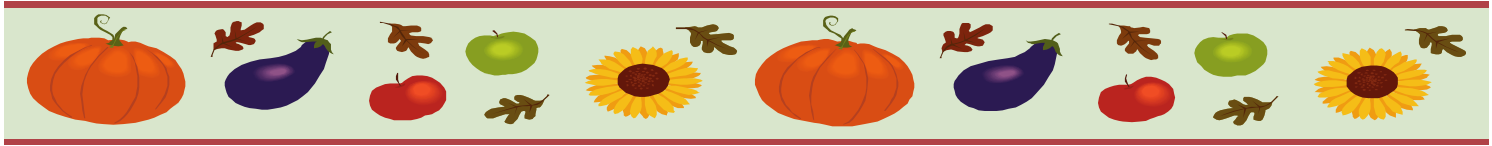


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

372 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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

Alison S. and Andy K. contributed to Central Office in honor
of the marriage of two sober A.A.s, Rob N. and Maggie D.
"Thanks for being of service!"



INTERGROUP MINUTES

October 7, 2009

- Mary Pat P., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Ed read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 48 voting members in attendance; of which, 6 new members.
- Mike D. read the Twelve Traditions.
- No Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
- No Additions or Corrections to the previous month's minutes

Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Mike M.

Beginning Balance:	09/02/09	\$107.38	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions:	09/02/09	\$75.00	
Refreshments:	09/02/09	\$ 6.00	
Rent	09/02/09	\$90.00	
Balance:	09/02/09	\$00.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00

- Birthdays: Carol 5yrs; Mike 3 yrs; Peter 17 yrs; Charles 3 yrs.

Announcements:

Todd – SCCYPAA Dance & Costume Contest, October 30th at Masonic Hall, 7pm Speaker.

Dino – Sober and Free Halloween Dance, October 31st at Billy DeFrank Center

Joe – Alano Club West 2nd Annual Comedy Show; December 5th at Heritage Theatre in Campbell.

Marilyn – Take Your Sponsor to Brunch, October 10th at St. Marks.

Pat – Get Well Group at El Camino Hospital will be in the YMCA building/Park Pavilion November 15th only. Starting November 22nd meeting will be held in Conference G.

Sunrisers – October 18th BBQ at Saratoga Springs, 10am-5pm

Wilson – SNL Halloween Dance, October 24th, Meeting at 8pm, dance at approximately 9:30pm.

Reports

Intergroup Chair – Mary Pat P.

Thank you to Kathy for subbing for Paula

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Pat: Turned the meeting over to Peter L and the nominating committee: Joe B, Neale S, Dom S, and Elica.

Peter L.: Introduced nominating committee. Presented nominees for Recording Secretary and Service Board.

David N. – Ran elections for Recording Secretary and Service Board

Results: Recording Secretary – Alicia S.

Alt. Recording Secretary - Amy F.

Service Board Member - Gary M. and Jeanmarie F.

OPEN FORUM:

Kathy H: I would like to thank Intergroup for the opportunity to be of service for the past two years as your Recording Secretary.

Mary Pat P: Thank you to Kathy for all her work.

Peter: Had a great turn out for committee for Founders Day. It is scheduled for June 5th, 2010 at Baylands Park.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

October 2009

	Oct 09	Oct 08	Jan - Oct 09
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	7,977.42	14,376.03	108,904.61
8010 · Literature Sales	2,989.56	3,582.53	50,556.74
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	826.00	1,375.50	10,020.92
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	30.00	130.00
Total Income	11,797.98	19,364.06	169,612.27
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	1,944.55	2,888.44	35,110.07
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	275.70	597.78	4,705.19
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	2,220.25	3,486.22	39,815.26
Total COGS	2,220.25	3,486.22	39,815.26
Gross Profit	9,577.73	15,877.84	129,797.01
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	207.00	177.00	788.97
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	420.59	2,336.69
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	76.55	118.37	881.98
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	186.35
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	755.33	45.60	1,252.24
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	750.00
6160 · Copier Expense	91.90	0.00	1,024.13
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	2,836.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	1,100.38
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	132.00	132.00	1,230.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	817.36	669.79	8,173.60
6245 · Internet Access Charges	29.95	19.95	288.38
6330 · Office Expense	151.72	398.68	1,688.96
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	0.00	96.35
6360 · Archives	0.00	119.98	420.93
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	1,447.63
6380 · Payroll Taxes	589.22	588.26	6,466.60
6410 · Postage	10.98	83.10	1,363.45
6480 · Rent	2,343.95	2,280.60	23,616.15
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,702.32	7,534.27	75,417.08
6560 · Payroll Expenses	76.40	0.00	750.22
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	250.00	1,900.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	376.32	272.86	3,534.74
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	121.05
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.03	-0.68	-0.39
Total Expense	13,561.03	13,110.37	137,737.99
Net Ordinary Income	-3,983.30	2,767.47	-7,940.98
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	0.00	143.52	1,208.82
8050 · Activities Committee	981.92	1,723.56	542.21
Total Other Income	981.92	1,867.08	1,751.03
Net Other Income	981.92	1,867.08	1,751.03
Net Income	-3,001.38	4,634.55	-6,189.95

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2009

	<u>Oct 31, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	8,690.70
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.74%, 08/12/2010)	17,000.00 **
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 0486 (3 Mos. CD @ 1.14%, 11/12/2009)	17,000.00 **
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.03%, 02/04/2010)	15,682.01 **
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (3 mos. CD @ 1.14%, 11/12/2009)	17,000.00 **
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund, variable interest)	10,742.53 **
Total Checking/Savings	<u>86,340.24</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,530.41
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-1,530.41</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	16,008.04
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,510.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>17,518.04</u>
Total Current Assets	102,327.87
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	28,857.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-21,010.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-166.50
Total Fixed Assets	<u>15,078.19</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>119,399.91</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	350.26
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>350.26</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>350.26</u>
Total Liabilities	350.26
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	15,078.19
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	110,161.41
Net Income	-6,189.95
Total Equity	<u>119,049.65</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>119,399.91</u></u>

**** Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$77,424.54**

This represents 5.75 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months of operating expenses.

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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
October 2009

	Oct 09	Jan - Oct 09		Oct 09	Jan - Oct 09
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,155.18	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	50.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	2,033.00	Free to Be Me (Women) 736 (Thur.)	0.00	42.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	256.19	2,793.72	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	85.62	1,158.92
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	630.00	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	2,100.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	452.66	1,427.56	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	350.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	360.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	2,485.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	140.00	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	770.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	443.49	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	6,138.36
4 Directions (Fri.) 855	0.00	90.00	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	75.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	70.00	350.00	G Sober & Free Conference 70928	0.00	252.50
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	350.00	G South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	2,555.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	98.00	686.00	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	550.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	148.40	G Sunrises Group/Carrows 70932	546.76	4,877.04
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	164.85	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	458.40	1,989.11
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	84.30	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	700.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 198 (Wed.)	0.00	206.35	G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	456.50
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	395.50	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	215.05
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	124.51	257.51	Gay & Lesbian Step & Tradition G 221(Fr	0.00	50.68
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	385.00	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	119.30
Basic Big Book Study 803 (Tues.)	0.00	42.24	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	84.00	259.00	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	165.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	161.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	331.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	70.00	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	45.76
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00	General Service 90000	0.00	20.00
Big Book Meeting 160 (Wed.)	0.00	280.00	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.	0.00	809.61
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	245.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	467.20
Big Book Study MIpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	665.00
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	82.00	457.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	727.65
Birthday Contribution 00951	233.00	1,689.00	Gratitude Group SJ 339 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	1,332.54	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	166.05	166.05
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	626.50	Happy Hour LG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	693.00
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,836.00	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	549.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	159.41	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	422.00
Candlelight Meeting SC 380 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	750.00
Caveman Group (Men's Big Book) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	343.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	178.58
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	600.13	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	154.00	264.16
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	258.12	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	140.00	532.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	194.95	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	50.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	180.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	382.63
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	89.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	150.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	105.00	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	442.15
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	803.90	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	142.80	498.30
Early Bird 414 (Sat.)	0.00	21.75	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	70.00	280.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	456.75	1,406.46	Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	150.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,067.34	Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	137.25
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	160.00	Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	542.20
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	61.60	128.56	Living with Serenity (Chip) 599 (Wed.)	0.00	343.00
Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	414.40
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	119.37	361.46	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	147.00	527.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	69.30	955.05	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	630.00

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October 2009

	<u>Oct 09</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 09</u>		<u>Oct 09</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 09</u>
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00	Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	0.00	160.30
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	163.10	Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	216.32
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00	Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	40.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	799.72	Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	440.00	696.82
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	491.40	Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768 (Wed.)	0.00	227.50
Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,946.00	T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	100.00	800.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	977.00	The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	280.00	1,630.00
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,700.00	There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	300.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	345.00	Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	0.00	2,520.00
Midweek Spiritual Progress 213 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00	Thy Will be Done (Meditation) Cambl 974	0.00	55.52
Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	210.00	Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	160.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	227.50	885.50	Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.)	0.00	800.00
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	245.00	525.00	University Beginners 176 (Wed) SC	0.00	174.76
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	70.00	Unknown	109.77	244.77
New Life Start 444 (Sun.)	820.22	820.22	Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	300.00
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	445.00	Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	694.45	Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Wed)	0.00	120.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	801.56	Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon)	60.68	1,175.41
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	240.80	We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	0.00	84.00
NEWSLETTER	5.00	5.00	What's Happening Today 552 (Thur.)	0.00	1,118.53
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	385.00	Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	415.00
Noble House	0.00	326.90	Winners Group 440 (Sat.)	50.00	120.00
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	0.00	75.00	Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	283.50	1,258.65
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	687.74	970.54	Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	513.04
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	0.00	397.23	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	466.90
Pathfinders 543 (Fri.)	0.00	24.88	Young at Heart 182 (Wed.)	0.00	14.00
Personal 00911	85.00	5,248.77		<u>7,977.42</u>	<u>108,719.61</u>
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	226.80			
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	178.00			
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	175.00			
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	210.00	910.00			
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,680.00			
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	814.80			
SCCYPA	0.00	638.25			
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	2,114.00			
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	0.00	175.31			
Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	395.00			
Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00			
Single Problem Topic 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,328.70			
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	280.00			
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	60.00			
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	240.80			
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	225.00			
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	8.06			
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	262.32			
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	823.66			
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	435.00			
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	1,393.65			
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00			

PLEASE NOTE:

If your group isn't on this list,
your group hasn't contributed!

*Please Join the Serenity First Fellowship for an
Independence Day*

Alkathon & Potluck

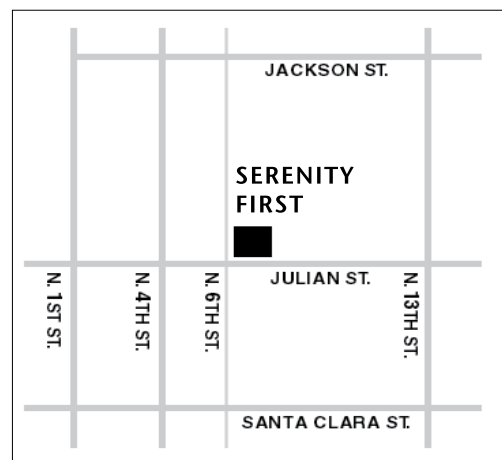
**FRIDAY, JULY FOURTH
FROM 6:00 A.M. – MIDNIGHT**

SERENITY FIRST FELLOWSHIP

304 N. 6TH ST. AT JULIAN ST., 2ND FLOOR, SAN JOSE

6:00 P.M.	– 7:00 A.M.	MEETING
7:00 P.M.	– 7:30 A.M.	BREAK
7:30 A.M.	– 8:30 A.M.	MEETING
8:30 A.M.	– 9:00 A.M.	BREAK
9:00 A.M.	– 10:00 A.M.	MEETING
10:00 A.M.	– 10:30 A.M.	BREAK
10:30 A.M.	– 11:30 P.M.	MEETING
11:30 P.M.	– 12:00 P.M.	BREAK
12:00 P.M.	– 1:00 P.M.	MEETING
1:00 P.M.	– 3:00 P.M.	POTLUCK
3:00 P.M.	– 4:00 P.M.	MEETING
4:00 P.M.	– 4:30 P.M.	BREAK
4:30 P.M.	– 5:30 P.M.	MEETING
5:30 P.M.	– 6:00 P.M.	BREAK
6:00 P.M.	– 7:00 P.M.	MEETING
7:00 P.M.	– 8:00 P.M.	BREAK

8:00 P.M.	– 9:00 P.M.	MEETING
9:00 P.M.	– 9:30 P.M.	BREAK
9:30 P.M.	– 10:30 P.M.	MEETING
10:30 P.M.	– 11:00 P.M.	BREAK
11:00 P.M.	– MIDNIGHT	MEETING





A Vision For You

75 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous

JULY 1 – 4, 2010 • SAN ANTONIO, TX USA

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SAN ANTONIO – IT'S BEYOND CONVENTIONAL!

San Antonio is a city rich with history and wonder. A land of epic battles and flowing rivers, it is a melting pot of diverse cultures. Walk the lines drawn for independence when you visit the Alamo—one of five Spanish colonial missions. Stroll the cobblestone sidewalks of the River Walk to uncover an outdoor theatre with flamenco dancers and mariachis, nationally acclaimed museums, and sidewalk cafes that offer everything from authentic Tex-Mex to international cuisines.

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

Beginning Thursday at midnight through early Sunday, Marathon A.A. meetings will be held in English, Spanish and French. A.A. topic meetings, workshops, panels, special interest meetings, and regional meetings will be held Friday and Saturday at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. Sharing with members from around the world will energize you to carry the A.A. message back home!

A FIESTA OF A.A. BIG EVENTS

Thursday night enjoy the "Party in the Park" right outside Halls C & D of the Convention Center in Hemisfair Park. Start in the park; hop on into the Convention Center and swing over to the Grand Hyatt San Antonio for dancing fun. Friday night we all come together in the Alamodome Stadium for the Flag Ceremony and Opening A.A. Meeting; Saturday night an Old-timers A.A. Meeting; and Sunday morning the Closing A.A. Meeting. There will be more dancing and fellowship opportunities at the Convention Center after the Friday and Saturday night A.A. meetings.

AL-ANON AND ALATEEN ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon and Alateen have scheduled a variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops at the Marriott Rivercenter. In addition to the English program, there will be meetings in French, Spanish, and other languages. And, of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join the festivities at the Thursday night "Party in the Park," the Big Meetings and more.

2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age

The International Convention will introduce the soft-cover edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. This book, first printed in 1957, tells the history of A.A.'s beginnings, shares about the early growth of A.A. around the world, and recounts the historic 1955 International Convention in Cleveland, when the old-timers turned responsibility for A.A.'s future over to the entire membership. If you have never read this book, we hope that you will treat yourself to this fascinating chronicle.

This special International Convention souvenir edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* will be a cherished reminder of this incredible experience.

If you order the souvenir edition when you register, a copy will be waiting for you when you check in at the Registration Hall.

SPECIAL A.A. GRAPEVINE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION ISSUE

Published for the 2010 International Convention, this special issue of the Grapevine celebrates the birth and world-wide growth of Alcoholics Anonymous from 1935 to the present. Drawn from 65 years of Grapevine stories, this richly illustrated magazine contains art and articles chronicling the growth of A.A. as it happened; pictures, talks, and reports from past Conventions; histories of the Preamble, Steps, and Traditions; articles by the co-founders and pioneers of the program and its distinguished supporters; stories of A.A.'s growth around the world; and cartoons, jokes, and anecdotes about the early days of A.A.

Copies of this special, 13th issue of the Grapevine are limited. Order when you register for the Convention to reserve a copy for you and your group. Magazines will be waiting for you when you check in at the Registration Hall.



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PHYSICALLY-CHALLENGED GUESTS

Every effort has been made to assure your participation, as well as to be in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Special transportation will be available to you in San Antonio, if required. Please indicate on the registration form if you need special transportation and on the housing form if you require accessible accommodations. Wheelchairs and companion assistance are not provided – you will need to make your own arrangements.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Persons visiting from countries outside of the United States must have a valid passport and may require other documentation such as visas. Check with the nearest U.S. Consulate well in advance of travel. For more information, please visit the U.S. State Department website: http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html.

WEATHER!

With 300 days of sunshine a year, San Antonio is a warm destination year round. On average, July is the warmest month, with average highs around 96° degrees Fahrenheit and evening lows around 74° Fahrenheit. A.A. will be making its best effort to provide plenty of shade and water for attendees. As hot as it is outdoors, be prepared for cool temperatures indoors—the air conditioning will be on!

OTHER LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ASL

A.A. is truly international, and meetings in languages including American Sign Language (ASL), French, Japanese, Spanish, and more, will be available Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Big Meetings in the Alamodome will be simultaneously interpreted into several languages based on need and cost. ASL interpretation will be provided at the Big Meetings; look for the seating sections set aside for this purpose.

TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

AIR TRAVEL*

You may wish to take advantage of available flight discounts. American Airlines and Continental Airlines are offering special Convention fares. To obtain discount details or make reservation please contact:

Continental Airlines (800) 468-7022
Z-code: ZFXC Event Code: AW07FY
(both codes are needed for the discount)

American Airlines (800) 433-7300
Event Code: A1860AA

CAR RENTAL*

As with airlines and hotels, car rentals are available at standard discount rates.

National: Contact either www.nationalcar.com or (800) CAR-RENT (227-7368) reference ID # 3816027
Budget: Contact either www.budget.com or (800) 561-5212 reference rate code VAA

TRAINS*

Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to San Antonio, TX for Convention attendees. To book your reservation call Amtrak at (800) 872-7245. Refer to Convention Fare Code X92W-961 when making your reservation. For more information the Amtrak Convention Letter is available to download at www.aa.org. Offer is not valid through the internet.

** As with Convention rates at hotels, the Fellowship can take advantage of volume discounts offered as standard business procedure by other vendors. These are participating companies and the business relationship does not imply endorsement.*

GROUND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL

The San Antonio International Airport (SAT) is approximately 10 miles from downtown.

Shuttle: There is a shared ride shuttle service at the airport. Charges: \$18.00 ticket per person to downtown hotels or \$32.00 for a round trip ticket. Service to other areas charged by zone. Major credit cards are accepted. To make reservations call: (210)281-9900. For more information visit www.saaairportshuttle.com. Make reservations online, and save an additional \$2.

Taxi: Taxi cabs are available curbside outside of baggage claim at Terminals 1 & 2. If you need assistance, please contact an Airport Ground Transportation Agent wearing an airport badge. Fares to San Antonio downtown areas are approximately \$25.00 (U.S.) per taxicab. (2 – 6 people may share a cab at no extra cost!)

GETTING AROUND IN SAN ANTONIO

Many hotels in this Downtown Core are within a walking distance of the Convention Center. In order to keep the registration fee affordable, no door-to-door shuttle bus service will be available in the Downtown Core. There will be identified stops for a downtown loop shuttle for those needing transportation. A limited-schedule bus shuttle will run between the Convention Center/Stadium area and hotels and motels outside the Downtown Core of hotels, e.g., airport hotels.



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REGISTRATION FORM www.aa.org Fax: (514) 228-3154

REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

PRE-REGISTRATION
DEADLINE IS:

MAY 14, 2010

A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

- No badge required for children 12 years and younger.
- Both sides of this form may be duplicated.
- See reverse side for cancellation policy.

MAIN ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NICKNAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
CITY		ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY	
E-MAIL		PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE: _____			
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)	1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN	4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH	2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE	4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES	2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 YR. OR LESS	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10	4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20	5. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 20
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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON-SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING AND NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT <input type="checkbox"/> I USE A WHEELCHAIR/WALKER/CRUTCHES AND WILL NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT				
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, SEND ME INFORMATION ON LOCAL TOURS IN SAN ANTONIO					

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NICKNAME ON BADGE	
CITY		ST/PROV	COUNTRY		
E-MAIL		PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE: _____			
BADGE TYPE: (CHECK ONE)	1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN	4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
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AGE GROUP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39	4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55	5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65 6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON-SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> I HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING AND NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT <input type="checkbox"/> I USE A WHEELCHAIR/WALKER/CRUTCHES AND WILL NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORT				

B. PAYMENT (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Preregistration Fee is:

- ☐ \$95 USD PER PERSON X _____ TOTALING \$ _____
☐ \$120 CAD PER PERSON X _____ TOTALING \$ _____

Souvenir Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*

- ☐ \$7 USD PER BOOK X _____ ENGLISH _____ FRENCH _____ SPANISH TOTALING \$ _____
☐ \$9 CAD PER BOOK X _____ ENGLISH _____ FRENCH _____ SPANISH TOTALING \$ _____

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- ☐ \$4 USD PER ISSUE X _____ ENGLISH _____ FRENCH _____ SPANISH TOTALING \$ _____
☐ \$5 CAD PER ISSUE X _____ ENGLISH _____ FRENCH _____ SPANISH TOTALING \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____ USD/CAD

CREDIT CARD

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD \$ _____ USD

All credit card charges will be displayed and charged in US Dollars. Daily Exchange rates will apply for all non-US credit cards.

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER NAME

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE*

CARDHOLDER ADDRESS

DAYTIME PHONE (please include country code)

Your signature authorizes your credit card to be charged for the total payment due. AA World Services Inc. reserves the right to charge the correct amount if different from the total listed above.

CHECK/MONEY ORDER (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

I/We enclose the following total registration fees \$ _____ USD/CAD.

Checks/Money Orders made payable to "General Service Board Convention."

International Checks/Money Orders (Except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank.

WE SUGGEST DUPLICATING BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.

IMPORTANT:

Non-US Citizens who register for the 2010 International Convention are responsible for having the appropriate documentation to enter the US. See Passport Information for additional details.

**I will be responsible for fees that may be charged by financial institutions due to a charged-back credit card payment, or to a stop-payment or insufficient-funds check.*



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REGISTRATION BY WEB, MAIL OR FAX

Registration opens September 1, 2009.

Preregistration Fees: \$95 USD or \$120 CAD (Canadian residents only).

Payable by: Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

International checks and money orders (except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. NOTE: We cannot accept travel agency checks for multiple registrations.

You may register online through **www.aa.org**. Look for the logo with International Convention information, including the link to registration.

Or fill out and mail or fax the registration form with full payment to:

Fax: (514) 228-3154 (credit card only)
Mail: 2010 International Convention
(check, money order or credit card)
c/o Laser Registration
1200 G St NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005-6705

Once registered, your confirmation will be emailed to you, along with a link to the Housing Reservation Web site. If your preferred method of communication is mail, please allow one to two weeks to receive your registration confirmation and housing packet in the mail.

On-site fees will apply to registrations postmarked or received after May 14; forms received after that date may not be processed, so plan to register on-site at the Convention Center (Preregister to avoid waiting in long lines). The on-site registration fee is \$110 USD.

If you register by the May 14, 2010 deadline, your badge(s) will be mailed to you. Bring your badge with you to San Antonio; it is your proof of registration! When you arrive in San Antonio, come to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center to pick up your badge holder and Convention Program. The Registration Hall opens Wednesday morning.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing. Refunds will be made only upon receipt of your written request enclosing your badge(s), and if received by **May 14, 2010**. No exceptions. There is a \$5 USD or \$7 CAD administrative processing fee for cancellations which will be deducted from the refund. Allow 6 weeks for processing. Written requests and badges should be mailed to:

2010 International Convention Refunds
c/o Laser Registration
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HOUSING INFORMATION

Housing reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be included with your registration confirmation. Because of the number of hotel rooms available in San Antonio, housing for the 2010 International Convention will be on a first-come, first-served basis. However you must be registered for the Convention before you may make your reservations. Once we have received your registration form and payment, you will receive housing information by the same method you sent in your registration. If online, a link to the Housing Reservation Website will be sent to your e-mail address along with your registration confirmation. You will then be able to complete your hotel reservation online.

If you register by mail or fax, housing information will be sent to you by postal mail. Complete your housing and deposit information and send it to the address indicated on the Housing Reservation Form. Your hotel reservation will be processed and a confirmation mailed to you.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

1. Registration payment must accompany all mailed or faxed registration forms.
2. Mailed pre-registration forms must be postmarked, and faxed forms must be received, by May 14, 2010. After that date, the on-site rate of \$110 USD will be charged.
3. Any changes to registration information already processed must be made in writing before May 14, 2010, or onsite. All changes must be made by the current registrant on file. No charges will be assessed for corrections to badge information excluding Substitutions (see below).
4. Substitutions made on or before May 14, 2010 will be subject to a \$5 USD / \$7 CAD processing fee.
5. Substitutions after May 14, 2010 must be made on site and will be subject to a \$15 USD processing fee. Note: You must have the original attendee's badge to make on site substitutions.
6. Replacement of lost or forgotten badges will be subject to a \$15 USD reprint fee. Your badge will be mailed to you. Remember to bring it with you to San Antonio.
7. Registration questions? Call (514) 847-2214 (English), (514) 228-3160 (French), (514) 847-2976 (Spanish), or e-mail: 2010IC@laser-registration.com
8. Convention related questions? Call G.S.O. at (212) 870-2110.

Convention Dates: July 1 – 4, 2010

Pre-Registration Deadline: May 14, 2010

Registration & Housing Bureaus Opens: September 1, 2009