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## Focus: A Young Person's Perspective

### When I First Entered the Room...

When I first entered the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, I was scared and excited all at the same time. I was there on my own will and was ready to make a change in my life, but was scared to lose what I thought I had. The idea of not drinking or using ever again had not fully registered in my head. Everyone else was doing it. They could control it. They could handle it. Why couldn't I? Why was I so different? Why, when I drank, did I blackout? And go home with guys? And make a fool of myself? And get completely out of control? It just wasn't fair, I thought. I had to change -- it was my only option.

My first meeting was at the Unity Church in

Palo Alto. It was a Beginner's Meeting -- perfect for a beginner like me. I didn't identify as an alcoholic until my third visit. I was scared and embarrassed. But, everyone else did. After attending that meeting, I started going to a meeting every day. They said I should start working the steps and get myself a sponsor. I listened.

I am only 41 days sober, but these have been the best 41 days of my life. I love Alcoholics Anonymous. I love the people. I love the love and I encourage everyone to keep coming back!

—Kristin Z.

## Topics to Cover

Here's LOOKIN' AT YOU!!! See inside story about the Military Experience with alcoholism.

This month we are all about the Young People's Perspective, with letters from Young People, with their take on AA, and we thank you all for your incredible letters. We are grateful for every word you write.

Next month we want to hear from you about MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS IN AA. Submit your stories by September 22nd to: [ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com](mailto:ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com)

Check out the New Editorial Comments and our monthly Archives Corner.



*Can you identify this building?*

*"I once got so frustrated...that I broke a water main, digging up a weed. At 3AM. Pregnant."*

## A Young Person's Perspective

# Why Would I Want to Quit Drinking?

A whole month without work, school, kids, or my husband seemed like a perfectly appropriate reward for graduating college. This one-month vacation, however, had a hefty price tag, and a sneer-inducing title of "rehab."

I packed my bags, said goodbye to my family and (after a short week's detour to a crack-house I once frequented) found myself vomiting through my intake evaluation. Ralph the intake counselor met with me in a small room, smeared with regurgitated AA sayings on every blank surface of wall and furniture.

I never wanted to stay sober; I just wanted a break from the stress of my life, to get my act together. I felt my life pull me in every direction possible. Nothing was ever the way it should be. I once got so frustrated with the state of my overgrown backyard, that I broke a water main digging up a weed. At 3am. Pregnant. I could hardly balance work, school, family, and World of Warcraft. I needed to drink.

Alcohol wasn't the problem in my life; it was the answer to my life, in all its states. Drinking was my answer to emotional pain, celebration, mistakes, grief, resentment, boredom, studying, grinding my Night Elf in Darnassus, and days that end in "y". Drinking was my one-size-fits-all party dress that made life tolerable. In fact, my drinking life was the only thing I felt was *in* control. The rituals, the schedule, the meticulous cocktails of every color and texture of alcohol, were my joy in life. I scrubbed the toilet every Friday so I

could yawn in Technicolor, cradled with disinfected comfort.

So. Why would I want to *quit* drinking? Sobriety had no appeal to me. I had no tools. No better way of living. No coping mechanisms. I wish I didn't have to drink, but that's the only thing I knew. I told the intake counselor that my life would have to be pretty damn good to get rid of my need to drink.

Ralph smiled. "Yeah," he said. "We can do that."

Shock, confusion, and something new: hope. For just a fraction of a second, I saw how good life would have to be for me to give up my most trusted and reliable friend. And, for just a second, I believed he might be able to do that for *me*.

A few years later I still have not found it necessary to take a drink. The good times aren't the same as they were -- they're fulfilling. I have friends today that grow and change. They understand where I was, and have the same set of values and principles for self-improvement. The tools I use on the more difficult circumstances in my life re-affirm those values and principles.

If I had a picture of what I have today, I honestly wouldn't have quit drinking for it. But if I could have felt what I *can* have today when I practice the principles, I would have kissed Ralph, bad breath and all.

—Tegan H.

# I Am A 23-Year-Old Alcoholic



**What we do  
for each other**

When I first came to AA I was not even remotely interested in being sober; in fact, I was dragged to my first meeting by my mother, who is also sober. I walked into the meeting and as I looked over the sea of grey hair all I could think was, "why am I here?" I heard absolutely nothing in that meeting and left with even less of an interest in the program than when I had entered the meeting. Needless to say I did not grasp the amazing solution that this wonderful program had to offer. For the next 3 to 3-1/2 years I came in and out of AA, each time learning a little bit more about what the program has to offer, and each time coming back having had a worse experience, proving that I could not drink or do drugs without disaster.

Within the first year of coming to AA I knew I was an alcoholic but I remained unwilling to open up and be honest or ask for help, or even admit that I couldn't do life on my own. I always had this idea that adults were supposed to handle things on their own and just know how to do so. So, as I continued to come in and out, it led to homelessness, getting kicked out of the army and SLE's, being completely cut off from the few "friends" I had, losing every job I managed to get, going in and out of psych wards for a place to sleep, a night in the drunk tank, moving to and from Washington, loneliness, isolation, delusion, self pity and incomprehensible demoralization to the extreme and more.

When I came back this time I was absolutely done! I went back to a meeting that had become my home group: Young @ Heart, 8 pm at the Calvary Church in Los Gatos, which attracts anywhere from 60 to 100 young and older people every Tuesday, and I

got a sponsor. I picked my sponsor solely because I could agree with his conception of a power greater than himself, and later found many other things that made him a great sponsor. He absolutely swears by service, and because of that I have had at least one service commitment since I had 30 days (I have 4 at the moment,) and not just at young people meetings. He took me through the steps as they are outlined in the book and I did them. He introduced me to people and took me places, and because of this and reaching out on my own, I have a group of people I can count on and trust -- which was not easy for me when I came into the program. He lives by the fact that extensive work with another alcoholic is the best way to deal with his own problems. I have adopted this idea and today I work with sponsees and any alcoholic that I can be useful to.

I viewed myself as useless before doing the steps. I believe that it is because of all of these things and remaining open minded that I have been able to stay sober since May 28, 2010. What has also been helpful is having a large number of alcoholics my age to be around, that are doing the deal. However, I do believe that without the guidance and wisdom of the old timers and those that came before us we would definitely be lost. Turns out that "sea of grey hair" is exactly what I need at times. There are definitely times when I wish I had not been so stubborn that first time around, but there is nothing I can do about that now. I mention this in the hopes that someone reading this may be struggling with being open minded. Everything I have today is because of help from others and this program. There goes the idea that adults have to do things on their own. I found that open mindedness and willingness were the keys to starting my journey of recovery, thus allowing me to live free of alcohol/drugs and be happy at the same time. IMAGINE THAT! Thank you, Alcoholics Anonymous, for saving my life.

— Alex P.

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## When I Came to the Rooms

When I came to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, I was 21 years old. I was not sure what to expect -- all I knew was that alcohol was not working for me. Beyond that, I had no ideas of what might be going on inside of me. When I began this journey, all I wanted was to feel okay. Free of prejudice, as a gift of my despair, I began my journey.

My first month was nothing but fog. I do not recall detox, I do not recall the pain, and I do not recall emotions surfacing. It was as if I came to, and I had the same life as before... only I wasn't taking anything. The lifestyle was still there: Late nights, packs of cigarettes, the bar scene, shows, boys. I was 21 years old and it seemed only natural. If I recall correctly, I managed ninety meetings in ninety days, give or take. Three on some days, none on others. I had fallen into a sponsor, and found myself writing a personal inventory. I'm not exactly sure what I did about the first three steps... but I hear I did them.

One hot summer afternoon in August, I walked into a bar for a glass of water. I had been losing everything slowly. My friends didn't call me as much, the boy I thought I was seeing had a girlfriend, and for the first time in my life, I could not hold a job. I walked into a bar for a glass of water, and I left drunk.

Convinced. I was absolutely convinced that something more needed to change. I am ever grateful for that experience. I am ever grateful for the ninety meetings, for that sponsor, for the steps that I hardly remember taking. I am grateful that I remembered reading about the "phenomenon of craving" from The Big Book of Alcoholics

Anonymous, for I recognized that feeling as I relapsed. I am grateful that someone in a meeting had told me that I suffered from a physical allergy, a mental obsession. I believed that now. Next came the spiritual malady. Young and stubborn, I didn't want to hear it. I wanted to live my life the way I wanted to live it... I wanted to have fun! I did not want to become a boring religious old woman in a young lady's body. Then again, I did not exactly deserve to call myself a young lady with the way I had been living my life. It was time to find a Higher Power... which, as it turned out... has nothing to do with religion! Much to my despair, I knew it was time to learn how to live as a young person in Alcoholics Anonymous.

As most everyone I have met in the program, I was broken in every sense of the word. I did not recognize anything about myself, I had seen Hell, Hell was inside of me. There were a few instances, and they continue to surface, when old-timers would say things like, "I spilled more than you drank!" and "You are SO smart for getting here so young! You're lucky you missed all of the suffering I had to go through!" For a long time, these statements angered me. Don't you know what I've been through? I'm not smart, I'm just as sick as you were when you got here. I need this, I don't want it. After time, I have learned to take these statements lightly, and to be understanding. They have a different experience than I, and if I want them to understand... I'd better be willing to accept that they may not understand, or be willing to give an explanation!

I have met the best people I have ever

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## When I Came to the Rooms...cont.

come across, in Alcoholics Anonymous. People who know me, understand me, love me, forgive me, and stick around to watch me grow. I have surrounded myself with the newcomers and the old-timers. With the young, as well as the old. I have gotten a life I never knew I wanted... that I did not know existed. I have late nights with friends. We laugh, we cry, we dance, we sing. I have older people in my life who are more experienced than I, and can teach me things through their own past experiences. The relationships I have today are priceless. I know what the word love means, because I have felt it. I know what it feels like to be happy. I know that happy is a state of being that I can obtain, given the right tools. Those tools were given to me by my Higher Power, and my Higher Power was given to me by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Today, I am 22 years old. It is a hot August night... I am sitting in my room. I have eaten today. I have served my community today. I surround myself with recovering alcoholics. I am doing what I love. I did not know I loved it, because I could not get out of myself long enough to experience life and all that it was meant to offer. Today I nurtured a rescued dog, today I worked with a newcomer, today I cleaned my room, today I laughed, today I felt, today I cried, today I smiled. Today... I did not drink. I hope to have countless amounts of todays like this one.

— **Lindsay L.**

## A.A. and the Military

In the 1950s everyone entered the military for a two year commitment. The draft was on and you registered at 18 and were eligible to be called until you were twenty-five, unless you got deferred. One could enter the ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps.) ROTC was mandatory for two years, and the best way to insure that you could graduate in four years was to join the ROTC and be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

I received basic training and served from 1957 to 1959 at Fort Lewis, Washington, was put into the artillery and trained at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. I volunteered for parachute training and was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, "The Screaming Eagles." The first thing I noticed upon being commissioned was "Happy Hour." Drinks were fifty cents apiece on Friday and two-for-one during Happy Hour. Everyone drank to excess.

Upon graduation from Jump School, all officers participated in a "prop blasts" ceremony. A "sponsor" picked you up and took you to the club where you were told to

drink. A mock-up airplane was rolled onto the floor and we drunken soldiers jumped out of the aircraft and made fools of ourselves. Our driver was overcome and we were stuck without a way home. My newlywed bride had to come and cart me home.

The "prop blast" ceremony has been abandoned since one man died of alcohol poisoning and another drowned in his own vomit. I don't think that the military has changed its attitude that it is Macho to "drink like a man."

I once had an eighteen-year-old sponsee and warned him to be careful of this attitude and the peer pressure that goes with it, which is still prevalent. He did return safely from Iraq but blew his two year sobriety.

I think the military is a noble calling, but I am leery of the attitude towards drinking.

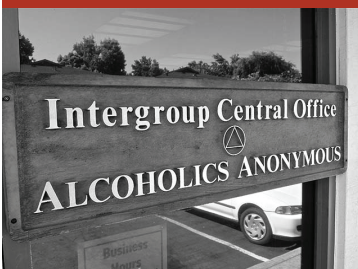
— **Marty S.**

*Serving in the military for this soldier may have been a noble calling, but as he describes, "The first thing I noticed upon being commissioned was 'Happy Hour.'"*





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Campbell, CA Central Office

## Letter from the Editor

### **Hello, Readers:**

Glad you're with us, waiting and looking for the right thing to hit your eye – we hope to have it for you! We're going to ask you for input from your own experience, and that means more than just standing up and talking...it means putting pen to paper. Doesn't have to be long, doesn't have to be spelled right or grammatically correct (we'll help with that part) but it has to be interesting because it's YOUR story.

We all have something to share, whether we are "high bottom" or "low bottom" drunks. We all arrived because we didn't know how to stop drinking on our own. Now let's show others how we did it. How DID you make it through the holidays that first year you were sober? How have your family relationships improved since you got sober? Can you still go on vacation without drinking or have you stopped traveling? Tell us how you've been able to do it in the past so we can all learn from it.

We are suggesting some topics for the next three months, and we'll take all offers

as soon as you can get them in to the office. In case you haven't noticed, days and weeks and months are simply flying by, and before you know it, Christmas will be upon us again.

October will be:

**"Meaningful AA Relationships"**

November:

**"Coping with the Holidays"**

December::

**"How I Got My Sponsor"**

And we'll listen for suggestions! Send us your ideas for topics, your comments and stories to [ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com](mailto:ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com). And, just in case you didn't know...

The **ODAAT** stands for One Day At A Time, and the **COIN** stands for Central Office Intergroup Newsletter.

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Fran D.

*Plus the Editorial Staff:*  
Catherine & Valerie

## ARTWORK WANTED

We are interested in seeing your artwork in our COIN newsletter — drawing, painting, photography or some other medium. Remember that this is anonymous, so any references to people must be indistinguishable or unidentifiable.

Submit photos of your artwork (in **jpeg** format) to [ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com](mailto:ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com) and we will select what we can for our newsletter.

In advance, thank you for your help, and we hope to see you all in print.

*The Editorial Staff*

## ARCHIVES CORNER

1. On Tuesday September 16, 1941 the Palo Alto Group held its first meeting. In a letter to the Foundation, Orville Vern F. (founder of the meeting) said that they had a membership "of 10 sincere members and are working on about a dozen more." These were men from both the Palo Alto and San Jose areas. P.O. Box 12 was obtained for the Group address. By the end of the year no one was attending Palo Alto meetings. On December 24<sup>th</sup> Orville Vern F. rented a room at the Community Center on Middlefield Road, and placed an ad in the personals section of the Palo Alto Times, but no one came to the meeting. He then asked his wife if he could hold the meeting at their house in order to save money on rent. She said no, but she would pay the rent until the group could. So a non-alcoholic paid the rent on what is now the oldest existing meeting in Santa Clara County. On January 8<sup>th</sup> Dave D. answered the ad.

2. Frank Buchman had started a hospice for young men, which spread to other cities and then he started a settlement house

project. He had a violent argument with his trustee committee because they cut the budget and the food allotment. He resigned and went to Europe, ending up at a large religious convention in Keswick, England. He heard a woman speaker and felt a will to surrender. He went home and wrote a letter to his six trustees in Philadelphia asking their forgiveness. Feeling an urge to share this experience, he went to nearby Oxford University and formed an evangelical group there which became known as the Oxford Group. They met in Churches and homes and spread to various countries including the United States. It was in this group that AA had it's start.

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### **We Thank You for a Super-Successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Picnic - Ferris & Spencer and Spiritual Progress Groups – August 20th**

- \* 76 lbs of Tri Tip \* 50 lbs of Chicken \* 80 Hamburgers \* 64 Hot Dogs - \$750.00*
- \* Bouncing House for the Kids - \$125.00*
- \* Raffle – Great Gift Baskets - Donated*
- \* 160+ AA members, family & friends in attendance*
- 5 hours of Fellowship – PRICELESS*

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions – we are self-supporting and though our collective efforts, we are proud to contribute **\$1200.00 to AA's Santa Clara County Intergroup Central Office.**

**See you next year!**

Congratulations on Another Wonderful Event!

# We Had Fun and Fellowship at Our Annual Founders' Day Picnic on June 11th!

To all the nearly 400 people in attendance, after all expenses were covered this event made a donation of **\$1200 to Central Office**. Everyone should be very proud of the support to our fellowship. SANTA CLARA COUNTY ROCKS!!

Our fellowship came together to celebrate the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA. Lots of smiles, wild hairdo's, great music and a strong message of experience, strength, hope and service. Bill W. and Dr. Bob would have been proud.

The entire crew who helped put on this awesome event deserves some recognition for a job well done. It takes a lot of time and talent to bring an event we can be

- John K. and Mike D. who set up the PRO PA System for the bands and speaker. Mike D. is also in the cast of the upcoming play "In Our Own Words". John K. did this service in 2010 and is signed up for 2012, that's so generous!
- Kenny Mac for the on-time delivery of the stage!
- Blues Obsession; Steve K, John G, Todd B, Dave B and Robin Mc. who belted out a couple of tunes. Steve thanks for adding Tom Petty to your set list!
- Adjusted Attitude; Steve G, Steven, Tom and Jarious did an awesome set, you guys are amazing.
- All of those guys were at the park at 6am and stayed to the end. I can never thank you enough.
- Keith W for making lunch happen even after a 3 hour delay due to a flat tire. On the lunch Crew; bbq, Mitch M, (Salinas prep) Steve C. meat saw, Ron M. Oak Wood, Alex M. bbq renovations, Hugo R; (South bay) Allison, Susan Z, Raechell E, Julie S, Bob E, Mark V, Jeane W Chicken Delivery, Mary Pat and Debbie for wrist-band check in.
- Thanks to the dessert crew who donated all the delicious home baked goodies, Jennifer CG, Raechelle E, Kerry, Betsey, Jean, Carolyn and Mike F. The display was gorgeous!
- Katy B and her crew Susan Z, Gina W, Kiera, Steve T for handling the kid's activities and games.
- Donation Station: Carole, Dave B, Josh, Tommy M, drink sales and set up Bill and Diana D, Cindy P for getting all the drinks and ice delivered. Mike Mc for the tables and canopies.
- Raffle ticket sales: Heidi, Lori, Elizabeth, Jenny and Chris
- Prize Donations: Carolyn, Heidi, Paula D, Kent, Karen B, Mike F.
- First Aid, Jean and Celeste; porta-potties and communication, Mark V
- To everyone who brought a side dish, helped set up and clean up THANK YOU!!
- A special thank you to Dave B. our speaker.
- Finally, to my team, Mark V, Carole R, Jennifer, for their support and volunteer time to make all our events a success, THANK YOU!

**Don't miss the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Your Sponsor to Brunch October 15<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm at Lincoln Glen Church. Tickets go on sale September 7th!**

*Gloria V. SCC Intergroup Activity Chair 2010/2011*



# SEPTEMBER 2011

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				1	2	3 <i>Secretary's Workshop</i> 10am, Central Office <i>Archives Work Day</i> 11:15am, Central Office
4	5	6 <i>SCCYPAA</i> <i>Business Meeting</i> 6:30 PM	7 <i>PI/CPC Workshop 5:30</i> <i>PI/CPC Mtg.—6pm</i> <i>Outreach Mtg.—5:15pm</i> <i>Intergroup Mtg.—7:30pm</i>	8	9	10 <i>PI/CPC Workshop</i> 10am, Central Office
11	12	13	14 <i>North County</i> <i>General Service Meeting</i> 7:30pm	15	16 <i>70th Anniversary</i> <i>Palo Alto Group</i> 7:30pm	17 <i>Diverter/12th</i> <i>Steppers Workshop</i> 10am, Central Office  <i>SNL 2nd Annual</i> <i>Day on the Gravel</i> Noon - 6PM
18	19 <i>Bridging The</i> <i>Gap Meeting</i> 7:00pm <i>1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ</i>	20 <i>South County</i> <i>General Service Meeting</i> 7:00pm	21	22	23	24 <i>"Breakfast at Tiffany's"</i> 10am - 2pm  <i>25th Annual</i> <i>Oldtimers Mtg. of A.A.</i> 7pm
25	26	27 <i>II &amp; I Committee</i> 7:00pm	28	29	30	

## LOCAL EVENTS

- Sept. 16: **70th Anniversary Palo Alto Group**, 7:30PM, Lucy Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
- Sept. 17: **SNL 2nd Annual Day on the Gravel**, Noon-6PM, SNL, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose
- Sept. 24: **"Breakfast at Tiffany's"**, Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction for 2012 Sober & Free Conference, 10AM-2PM, Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, 80 S. Market St., San Jose. Visit: [www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org) for info.
- Sept. 24: **25th Annual Oldtimers Mtg. of AA**, 7PM, St. Martin of Tours, 300 O'Connor Dr., SJ. Call 408-439-7964 to volunteer.
- Oct. 15: **5th Annual Take Your Sponsor to Brunch**, 11AM-2PM, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose
- Oct. 22: **Diverter/12th Step Workshop**, Special presentation, Freedom Fellowship, 327 B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View
- Oct. 22: **Sober & Free 2012 Halloween Dance Fundraiser**, 7PM-11PM, 938 The Alameda, SJ. Visit [www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org) for info.
- Oct. 29: **Stayin' Alive 4! Costume Party and Dance**, Meeting: 6-7PM, Dance 7-11PM, Masonic Hall, 131 E. Main St., Los Gatos

## EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

- Sept. 23-25: **25th Annual Gold Country Roundup**, Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth, CA. Visit [www.goldcountryroundup.com](http://www.goldcountryroundup.com) for info.
- Sept. 23-25: **Woman to Woman San Diego**, Visit [www.womantowomansandiego.com](http://www.womantowomansandiego.com) for info.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2: **ACYPAA Summit**, Radisson Hotel, 2233 Ventura St., Fresno, CA. Visit [www.fcypaa.com/events.html](http://www.fcypaa.com/events.html) for info.
- Oct. 28-30: **NCCAA 64th Annual Fall Conference**, Veteran's Memorial Bldg., 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa. [www.ncc-aa.org](http://www.ncc-aa.org)

## EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

- Nov. 11-13: **Lake Havasu City 24th Annual Roundup**, Nautical Beachfront Resort, Lake Havasu City, AZ. Visit [www.havasuaa.com](http://www.havasuaa.com) for info.
- Nov. 24-27: **45th Annual Las Vegas Roundup**, Riviera Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Visit [www.lasvegasroundup.org](http://www.lasvegasroundup.org) for info.

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<b>23/30</b> <i>(30th) NCAA 64TH Annual</i> <i>Fall Conference</i> Santa Rosa	<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b> <i>H &amp; I Committee</i> 7:00pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>NCAA 64TH Annual</i> <i>Fall Conference</i> Santa Rosa	<b>29</b> <i>NCAA 64TH Annual</i> <i>Fall Conference</i> Santa Rosa ——— <i>Stayin' Alive 4!</i> <i>Costume Party and Dance</i> 7pm - 11pm

**We want to help you spread the word**

Please send news and information about your group's activities before the end of the month  
 So we can get them in the COIN. We accept them in any form,  
 But emailing a flyer is best: [office@aasanjose.org](mailto:office@aasanjose.org)

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## Santa Clara County A.A.

Are you looking to be in service in A.A.? Or has your sponsor “suggested” service to you? Or have you heard how great it is and want to get in on the good stuff? Or are you just feeling a little guilty? No matter - this section is for you. What follows is a partial listing of service opportunities in A.A., together with some pertinent information. If you’d like us to include something we’ve missed, please let us know.

*Please remember, groups are autonomous and have different needs with different service positions available. Sobriety requirements, length of commitment, and other particulars of service are a matter of group decision. So, the information presented here is to be used as a guideline only; consult with your group about the specifics.*

### HOME GROUP SERVICE

**Meeting Secretary:** Setup and facilitation of the meeting according to the group’s guidelines or tradition.

Sobriety requirement – 6 mos. to 5 years. Term – 6 months

**Treasurer:** Collects, protects, and distributes the money collected at each meeting.

Sobriety requirement – 2 years. Term – 1 to 2 years

**Literature Coordinator:** Buys literature for sale and for distribution from Central Office.

Sobriety requirement – 6 mos. to 1 year. Term – 6 mos. to 1 year

**Coffee, Set-up, Clean-up:** Often these are different service positions.

Sobriety requirement – 3 mos. to 1 year. Term – 6 mos. to 1 year

**Grapevine Rep:** Provides the Grapevine for the group and advises on items available from Grapevine.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term – 1 or 2 years

**PI/CPC Rep:** Represents the group at the PI/CPC meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term - 1 or 2 years

**Hospitals & Institutions (H&I):** Represents the group at the H&I meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term – usually 2 years

**Intergroup Rep. (IGR):** Represents the group at the Intergroup meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term - 2 years

**General Service Rep (GSR):** Represents the group at the District meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 2 to 5 years. Term – 2 years

### INTERGROUP and CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICE

**PI/CPC Committee:** Our information voice to the general public and professionals.

Sobriety requirement – 2 years. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**Outreach Committee:** Intergroup’s liaison with groups and meetings.

Sobriety requirement – 1 year. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**Diverter Volunteers:** Providing after hours phone coverage.

Sobriety requirement – 1 year. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**12<sup>th</sup> Step Volunteers:** Phone and visitation contact with callers in need.

Sobriety requirement – 6 mos. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**Daytime Office Phone Volunteers:** Takes all incoming calls to Central Office.

Sobriety requirement – 2 years. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**Newsletter Committee:** Prepare monthly newsletter

Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**Activities Committee:** Organize many great activities.

Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year

**Communications Committee:** To make sure we all get the word.

Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year



## Telephone Calls Received During August

Daytime at Central Office..... 470  
Daytime 12 Step Calls..... 10

(Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.)

An average of just over **8,000** 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**

### **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

### **NEW**

**Fireside Drunx (Chips, Men's)** Mon., 8:00PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., at Nino Ave., Red Brick Bldg., Los Gatos.

**Monday Nite Special**, Mon., 9:30PM, Freedom Fellowship Group, 327 B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View.

**A.A. in Prison Book Study**, Tues., 9:30PM, Freedom Fellowship Group, 327 B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View.

**164 Big Book Study**, Thurs., 9:30PM, Freedom Fellowship Group, 327 B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View.

### **CHANGED**

**Saturday Early Evening** Sat. 5:00PM, Forged from Adversity Group, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1025 The Dalles, at Wright Rd., Sunnyvale. Meeting is now a chip meeting.

**Alano Club Group** Wed., 7:30PM, Fair Avenue Fellowship, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose. Name has changed to "Fair Avenue Humpday".

**Prime Time Speakers Meeting**, Wed., 7:30PM, Fair Avenue Fellowship, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose. Name has changed to "Prime Time Discussion Meeting", time is now at 7:30PM and no longer gives chips on the 4th Saturday of the month.

**Serenity Discussion**, Wed., 12:00PM, Santa Clara, has moved to S.E.S. Hall, 1375 Lafayette St., @ Lewis St.

**Beginners and Beyond**, Sat., 8:15PM, Faith Lutheran Church, 16548 Ferris at Spencer, Los Gatos. This meeting was said to have closed down. This is untrue. It's alive and well!

**Berryessa Group**, Wed., 7:00PM, Noble House, 14630 Noble Ave., San Jose. Meeting has moved to 3466 Grossmont Dr., Portable #1, San Jose, 95132.

**Open Topic Discussion**, Fri., 6:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose. Name has changed to "Just Plain AA" and is now a closed meeting.

**Monday at a Time**, Mon., 5:00PM, First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Rd., Palo Alto. Time has changed to 5:15PM and is now only 45 minutes.

**Big Book Step Study (men)** Fri., 8:00PM, Maywood Park, Santa Clara. Location has moved to Quaker San Jose Friends Meeting Place, 1041 Morse St., San Jose.

**One Day at a Time Group**, Mon.-Sun., 6:00AM, First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh Ave, San Jose. Location has moved to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave, San Jose.

**Spiritual Awakening**, Tues., 7:00PM, Center for Spiritual Living, Martin Luther King Room, 1195 Clark St., San Jose. Meets in same location, just not in the Martin Luther King room.

### **NO LONGER MEETING**

**Saturday Nite AA (Chip)**, Sat. 8:15PM, Forged from Adversity Group, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1025 The Dalles, at Wright Rd., Sunnyvale.

## **REMEMBER WE DEAL WITH ALCOHOL GROUP SPEAKERS**

9/17 Paul H., San Francisco  
9/24 Doug F., Men's Seeking Guidance

### **SATURDAY NITE LIVE SPEAKERS**

9/16 Jasmine K., SNL  
9/23 Glen R., SNL  
9/24 Saturday Speaker Mtg: Baou R., SNL  
9/30 Bob M., SNL

## BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS BY	BIRTHDAY
Albert B.	40	Albert B.	03/01/1971
Sheila T-C.	29	Sheila T-C.	09/09/1982
Joel F.	36	Joel F., Billy D.	08/27/1975
T.J. N. (Sorry T.J.! Happy Birthday!)	30	T.J. N.	06/12/1981
Melissa T.	5	Anonymous	08/10/2006
Cynthia D.	12	Anonymous	08/18/1999
Piano Joe	40	Anonymous	08/26/1971
Faline G.	23	Anonymous	07/04/1988
Jerry W.	22	Jerry W.	08/10/1989
Bill R.	30	Bill R.	08/01/1981
Ed S.	27	Anonymous	07/20/1984
Susan G	18	Susan G	07/22/1993



**Milestones in Sobriety are Celebrated Every Month**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

### 312 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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

## INTERGROUP MINUTES: August 3, 2011

- Bill H., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.
- Walter read the short definition of Intergroup.
- Victoria read the Twelve Traditions.
- New Intergroup reps: Libby, Jim, Eric, Sean, Thomas & Mary
- Visitors: Chauncey & Kevin
- Birthdays: Victoria 16 Years, Laura 19 Years, Mike M. 8 Years, Chauncey 12 Years, Peter 3 Years, Ron 18 Years
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition
- Additions or corrections to the agenda: Add to new business "Procedures Guide"
- Additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes: activities in COIN
- Treasurer's Report
- 54 Voting Representatives were in attendance.

### REPORTS

**Intergroup Chair** – Bill H. - There is a lot going on. We'll hit on the topics as the night goes on. Please encourage groups to have IG reps if they don't already have one.

**Central Service Board** – Dave B. - Group contributions were down, but the combination of Meeting Guide and Activities Committee income was higher than 2010 for a net reduction in total income of \$1188.90. Reviewed First Republic Bank Account Summary. They verified year to date financials for 2011.

**Central Office** – Bruce - "In Our Own Words" Play: The office has been very busy. Corey helped out A LOT! Thank you to all who helped. They are still working on the numbers, but they think they may net around \$9 or \$10 thousand from it. Bruce acknowledged the cast members, lighting & set up members, producer & director. Thank you all so much!

**PI/CPC** – Susan S. - Invited to speak at the 13<sup>th</sup> congress this weekend. 8 am - 12 pm at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Alcatraz Thursday through Sunday (mostly Spanish speaking). They will get their own room. Saturday workshop 5:30 – 6 pm the first Wednesday of the month @ IG location.

**Twelfth Step Committee** - Rose W. - Personal thanks to everyone who helped with ticket sales for the play. Diverter & 12 Step Committee may unite. Attendance at the workshop is low. There is an additional workshop scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Freedom Fellowship at 1:30 pm.

**Daytime Office** – Michael M. - Last month there were 793 calls and 12 twelve step calls. All shifts are full.

**Nights and Weekends** – Steve S. - There are 135 volunteers and 6 open shifts. They are moving their meeting from Hamilton & Leigh to the Central Office. They are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Hopefully beginning 9/17 at 10 am. 1 Year sobriety requirement, have phone to dedicate to answer for 3-4 hours and someone who is familiar with the traditions.

**Outreach Committee** – Mary Pat P. - Meets at 5:45 pm the first Wednesday of the month at Central Office. They finished revising the forms. Desperately need volunteers and there is a 1 year sobriety requirement. Please contact her for any information or if you are interested.

**Activities Committee** – Gloria V. - Take your sponsor to brunch tickets will go on sale in September. They are looking for a set up and clean up crew. If you want to donate prizes, please let her know. The event will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> (please see the flyer in the COIN).

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**Communications Committee** - Meeting with Carol to talk about the web page. They are trying to facilitate a meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nominating Committee: They're making progress on the 2 board member candidates that we'll be voting on in October. September the prospective members will come to Intergroup and introduce themselves to us. The committee needs suggestions for people who are available to be Secretary and Alternate Secretary for Intergroup. Please announce it at your meetings to see if anyone is interested.
2. Traditions Workshop: They haven't had a meeting yet, but they will have it in a week and a half. June will report back to us next month.
3. COIN Editor: There are 3 people interested. Hopefully this coming Monday they'll have a meeting at the Central Office. Looking for one of them to be the editor and have the other 2 help out. They'll form a committee instead of having 1 person do it all.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Procedures Guide:** They want to modify the last 3 sections. Please take the handout and review it this month. Bring it back in September we will discuss it, make motions and vote on it then too.

## OTHER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Unity Day** – Amy F. - Next planning meeting will be held on 8/6/11 at 12 noon at the Alano Club of San Jose. Event is Sunday August 28 from 8:30 am to 8 pm.

**Hospitals & Institutions** – Bret - Donations are down 20%. Please do not mix the pink can money with 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. They are trimming down on some literature and going back to basics. Last month they were down \$3159.73. If you are involved in H & I, please stick to the procedures. They'll have a table at Unity Day.

**Bridging the Gap** – Julius - H & I will take BTG information when reps go into facilities. Their workshop is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Hamilton & Leigh, room #13 at 7 pm.

**North County** – Cameron - There were 3 new reps. They are preparing for the Summer Assembly, which will take place August 13<sup>th</sup> in Vacaville. The mileage reimbursement rate has changed. They did not get the 2012 assembly bid that they put in, so they are looking to put in a bid for 2013. There are very excited about this because it's the 50<sup>th</sup>.

**South County** – Larry - The Summer Assembly is coming up August 13<sup>th</sup> in Vacaville. They are having their Regional Forum the week before Unity Day. They had 3 new reps.

**SCCYPAA** – Brandon - Fearless Factor is 8/6 at Bowers Park in Santa Clara. Panel meeting at 11 am followed by a BBQ and then the activities.

## OPEN FORUM

- **Chuck** – Central Office Archivist pointed out a correction in the COIN.
- **John** – The theater loved working with them. There were 7 performances of the play and they all sold out. They also had 1 dress rehearsal. The play was about carrying the message of AA to newcomers and it was a huge success!

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.*

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## ***REMEMBER . . .***

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ARE CHEERFULLY RECEIVED AT:

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE**  
274 E. HAMILTON AVE., SUITE D  
CAMPBELL, CA 95008

*(\*your contributions are tax deductible)*



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

## Profit &amp; Loss

August 2011

	Aug 11	Aug 10
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
3030 - Contributions-General	7,917.51	10,669.92
8010 - Literature Sales	4,516.96	3,921.24
8020 - Meeting Guide Sales	597.50	1,005.00
8050 - Activities Committee	595.00	0.00
8060 - Newsletter Subscriptions	25.00	0.00
Total Income	13,651.97	15,596.16
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold		
5100 - Cost of Inventory Sold	3,062.78	2,737.23
5150 - Cost of Meeting Directories	849.46	420.00
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	3,912.24	3,157.23
Total COGS	3,912.24	3,157.23
Gross Profit	9,739.73	12,438.93
Expense		
6010 - Alarm Service	0.00	0.00
6015 - Activities Committee Expense	2,808.39	0.00
6030 - Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	800.00
6060 - Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00
6070 - Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	42.18	95.71
6120 - Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00
6140 - Conferences - Office Manager	78.83	0.00
6150 - Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00
6160 - Copier Expense	202.35	105.00
6190 - Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00
6220 - Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00
6230 - Insurance - General Liability	103.08	162.83
6240 - Employee HRA Plan	677.30	845.46
6245 - Internet Access Charges	30.35	29.95
6330 - Office Expense	182.69	160.07
6370 - Office Paper Supply	588.85	1,005.37
6380 - Payroll Taxes	610.62	618.15
6410 - Postage	193.64	19.23
6430 - PI/CPC	0.00	0.00
6480 - Rent	2,470.65	2,527.30
6540 - Salaries - Office	7,908.75	7,898.19
6560 - Payroll Expenses	158.80	77.20
6600 - Signing Services	250.00	250.00
7010 - Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00
7050 - Telephone	384.69	392.47
7060 - Travel	0.00	37.80
9080 - Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	168.43	0.00
Total Expense	16,859.60	15,024.73
Net Ordinary Income	-7,119.87	-2,585.80
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
8030 - Interest Income	69.46	257.95
Total Other Income	69.46	257.95
Net Other Income	69.46	257.95
Net Income	-7,050.41	-2,327.85

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

August 2011

	<b>Jan - Aug 11</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
3030 · Contributions-General	81,946.74
8010 · Literature Sales	38,849.60
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	7,734.41
8050 · Activities Committee	24,635.25
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	85.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>153,251.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	27,006.25
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	4,485.88
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	9.60
<b>Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>31,501.73</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>31,501.73</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>121,749.27</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
6010 · Alarm Service	1,117.11
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	11,745.24
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	1,700.00
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	3.25
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	1,060.99
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	180.41
6150 · Unity Day Expense	775.00
6160 · Copier Expense	947.12
6190 · Depreciation Expense	788.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	590.16
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	1,074.73
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	6,716.67
6245 · Internet Access Charges	240.50
6330 · Office Expense	1,839.55
6370 · Office Paper Supply	1,438.87
6380 · Payroll Taxes	5,369.45
6410 · Postage	1,121.35
6430 · PI/CPC	158.00
6480 · Rent	20,031.85
6540 · Salaries - Office	61,684.26
6560 · Payroll Expenses	793.31
6600 · Signing Services	1,700.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	80.00
7050 · Telephone	2,830.27
7060 · Travel	148.01
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	168.02
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>124,302.12</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,552.85</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
8030 · Interest Income	353.83
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>353.83</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>353.83</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,199.02</b>

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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2011

	Aug 31, 11
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	161.23
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	8,753.08
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.73%, 08/12/2011)	17,435.57 **
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.47%, 02/05/2012)	16,288.27 **
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.04%, 05/19/2011)	10,113.69 **
1025 · First Republic Bank CD 7266 (12 Mos. CD @ .35%, 01/06/2012)	20,034.74 **
Total Checking/Savings	72,786.58
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,904.71
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,904.71
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	17,658.23
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,777.29
1499 · Undeposited Funds	95.52
Total Other Current Assets	19,531.04
Total Current Assets	90,412.91
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,826.10
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-30,195.42
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-189.25
Total Fixed Assets	6,839.10
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>99,245.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	787.94
2600 · Unity Day	1,093.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,881.03
Total Current Liabilities	1,881.03
Total Liabilities	1,881.03
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	88,721.77
Net Income	-2,199.02
Total Equity	97,364.83
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>99,245.86</b>

**Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total:     \$63,872.27     This
represents just over 4 mos., or 71% of the Board established goal of 6
months of operating expenses.

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

## Group Contributions

August 2011

	Aug 11	Jan - Aug 11		Aug 11	Jan - Aug 11
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	20.00	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	26.00	197.91
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	70.00	280.00	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	52.50
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	210.00	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	100.11
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,400.00	Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	118.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	1,766.16	Free to Be Me (Women) 736 (Thur.)	0.00	56.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	560.00	G By the Book 70980	0.00	300.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,036.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	94.52	761.64
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	1,680.00	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	700.00	1,320.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	982.16	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	280.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	150.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	609.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	32.00	162.00	G New Beginning	0.00	25.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	200.10	G One Day at a Time 70903	0.00	141.79
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	76.00	596.42	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	560.00
4 Directions 855 (Fri.)	0.00	209.11	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	126.00	861.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	70.00	210.00	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	200.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	1,313.90	1,628.90
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	224.00	G Sunrises Group/Carrows 70932	521.54	3,224.07
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	406.00	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70900	425.72	1,976.52
Attitude Adjustment LG 603 (Sun.)	0.00	161.15	G We Care Group 70934	200.00	400.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	340.00	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	630.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	105.00	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	68.00
Attitude Adjustment/Trad Study 321 (Mon.)	0.00	50.00	Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (Tues.)	0.00	31.00
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	101.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	158.64	483.44
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	100.00	100.00	Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.)	76.22	76.22
Basic Big Book Study 803 (Tues.)	0.00	110.00	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	277.90
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	67.00	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	200.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	560.00	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	180.00
Big Book Meeting SC 713 (Fri.)	0.00	48.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	224.00	719.14
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	276.00	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	40.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	70.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	1,483.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	30.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	446.60
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	537.72	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	210.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	251.00	1,426.50	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	779.16
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	1,016.65	H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	413.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	999.25
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	1,164.40	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	156.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	318.18	High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	0.00	345.36
Caring & Sharing 148 (Tues.)	0.00	26.15	Horizon South	0.00	315.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	1,228.56	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	266.00	686.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	409.62	Humbly Asked 87 (Sun.)	0.00	321.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	98.02	1,798.71	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	607.60
Dialogue Group 228 (Thur.)	0.00	150.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	180.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	32.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	349.87
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	120.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	200.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	175.00	381.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed)	0.00	516.93
Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.)	0.00	207.40	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	73.20
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,000.30	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	328.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	491.00	Living in the Solution MH (W) 33 (Sat.)	0.00	77.90
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	35.00	Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	121.00
Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.)	0.00	60.90	Living with Others (Chips) 319 (Fri.)	0.00	140.00



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Group Contributions

August 2011

	Aug 11	Jan - Aug 11
Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (Wed.)	85.00	85.00
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	164.06
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	512.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	253.00
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	56.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	465.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	525.00
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,500.00
Men's Meeting 843 (Sun.)	0.00	147.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	340.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	868.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	702.00
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	112.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	557.20
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	156.74
New Beginning 511 (Mon.)	0.00	20.00
New Life Start (Chips) 444 (Sun.)	0.00	367.88
New Live and Let Live, The 24 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	185.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	1,009.02
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
NEWSLETTER	0.00	25.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	213.00
Palo Alto Step Study 752 (Tues.)	0.00	350.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	0.00	252.97
Personal 00911	66.05	4,806.27
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	97.00	225.00
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	70.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	363.00	783.00
Roots 344 (Sat.)	0.00	340.00
Saratoga Family Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	300.17
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	30.90
Saturday 6PM Meeting 413 (Sat.)	122.50	122.50
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	1,200.00	3,580.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00
SCCYPAA	0.00	106.40
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	1,267.60
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	672.00
Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.)	0.00	1,834.00
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,641.30
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	483.00
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	140.00	280.00
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	155.00
SOPYPAA'S Sat. Night Candle... 142 (Sat)	0.00	15.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	246.20
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	92.17	490.52
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	202.13
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	350.00

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St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	475.00
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	103.32
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	50.00
Sunday Spirituality 674 (Sun.)	0.00	265.15
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	965.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	247.00	1,097.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur)	0.00	200.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	50.00
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	325.50
Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.)	5.00	5.00
University Beginners 176 (Wed.)	0.00	60.00
Unknown	0.00	118.22
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745 (Tue.)	50.00	300.00
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	0.00	155.00
We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	0.00	40.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	300.00
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	139.90	670.23
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	551.13
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.33	346.83
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	321.30

TOTALS

7,917.51 81,946.74

# **SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP**



**Saturday October 15, 2011**

**Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose**



**NEW LOCATION...**

## **5th Annual**

## **TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH**

“Though three hundred thousand have recovered in the last twenty-five years, maybe half a million more have walked into our midst, and then out again.” Bill W. on Sponsorship from Grapevine, April 1961

### **Pancake Brunch**

**served 11 am to 2pm**

**\$10.00 donation**

### **Recovery meeting at 1pm**

### **!!! Raffle following speaker !!!**

**Volunteer to help at the event or donate your craft item, jewelry, art, etc, for the raffle. Presale tickets available after September 7 thru your intergroup reps or at central office.**

**Contact intergroup activities chair:**

**Gloria V -- (408) 286-2065**