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YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Facts, Aims, and Purposes

Young People's Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous began appearing around 1945 in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Philadelphia, and now they can be found all across North America. In 1958, a meeting of young AA's from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), and it has met on an annual basis ever since. At the 1960 AA Convention, Bill W. noted that the age of new members was much lower than when he and Dr. Bob founded AA 25 years earlier. In a letter to ICYPAA dated June 15, 1969, Bill wrote "... in recent years I have found nothing for greater inspiration than the knowledge that A.A. of tomorrow will be safe, and certainly magnificent, in the keeping of you who are the younger generation of A.A. today."

ICYPAA was founded for the purpose of providing a setting for an annual celebration of sobriety among young people in AA. Since its inception, a growing group of people, who at first would not consider themselves as "young people," has become regular attendees. The number of young people suffering from alcoholism who turn to AA for help is growing, and ICYPAA helps to carry AA's message of recovery to alcoholics of all ages. This meeting provides an opportunity for young AA's from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA members who attend an ICYPAA return home better prepared to receive young people who come to AA looking for a better way of life.

ICYPAA provides visible evidence that large numbers of young people are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. The three legacies of AA -- Recovery, Unity, and Service -- are the backbone of ICYPAA, just as they are throughout AA. ICYPAA has a long history as an established AA conference. It regularly contributes to the AA General Service Office, as well as to the Area Service Structure in the local areas where it is held. ICYPAA and its attendees are also committed to reaching out to the newcomer, and to involvement in every other facet of AA service. ICYPAA participants can often be found serving at the national,

state, area, and group levels. Newcomers are shown, by people their own age, that using AA principles in their daily lives and getting involved in AA service can have a significant impact on a lasting and comfortable sobriety.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering for this two-year service commitment please contact Bruce at Central Office by the end of September.

Most important asset: willingness to serve AA. Other important assets: being a responsible member of AA, able to solicit for articles, have a good working knowledge of AA and the traditions, having a home computer, or able to utilize the Central Office computer, using Publisher 3. Having the interest in and commitment to inform and unite the Santa Clara County AA fellowship via the written word.

In case you might think you don't have the background or experience, remember the saying has been going around for some time, it is "*God does not choose the qualified, He qualifies the chosen.*"

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

Young in AA

I was fresh out of college when I first entered AA, with a good degree and a serious drinking problem, although I didn't know my drinking was the problem at the time. I had been able to function well as a student, but upon graduation my alcoholism really took off, and over the next year the disease progressed dramatically. I entered the rooms of AA bewildered and scared, not at all sure this was the right place for me. Everyone was so old. But then again, 30 years old was "over the hill" to me at the time, and everyone in the rooms seemed so nice and happy. People I was associating with outside AA were not particularly nice to me at this point, and I couldn't remember the last time I had been happy. And could I really be alcoholic? Me?

The short story is that I eventually stayed. I found a sponsor who was even younger than me—imagine that! She'd never had a legal drink, yet she was an alcoholic working the AA program, so perhaps I could, too. I did what I was told, not happily at first, but I did get a daily reprieve from drinking. The days passed into months, and into a year. I had survived an entire year without drinking! This was miraculous to me—something I knew I absolutely could never, ever accomplish on my own power. There had to be a Power greater than myself at work here, just like all the "old-timers" promised me. Now I was finally beginning to see and experience it in my own life.

This summer I am celebrating 15 years of sobriety—absolutely amazing, and I've had very little to do with it. I just keep showing up, and I do those basic things I was taught in the beginning: go to lots and lots of meetings, work with newcomers, stay in service, sponsor, and continue to be sponsored by someone who has and works with a sponsor. I have been given this amazing gift of sobriety, and that's how I think of it now, truly the greatest gift I've ever been given. When I first got here, I did not view this program as a gift—it was a sentence to a lifetime of not drinking. Now I realize AA has truly given me my wonderful, *sobber* life.

Theresa S, Santa Clara

Much too Young

I came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous at the age of 25 to get rid of a legal problem, not a drinking problem. I had no plans to get sober because I did not believe I was an alcoholic. After all, I thought, I was much too young! I heard many AA members say that they drank for close to the length of my entire lifetime. I only drank for nine years. How could I possibly be an alcoholic?

On page 33, the Big Book says about alcoholism: "To be gravely affected, one does not necessarily have to drink a long time nor take the quantities some of us have ... We, who are familiar with the symptoms, see large numbers of potential alcoholics among young people everywhere. But try and get them to see it!"

At first, I could not see it. But it did not take long for me to realize that my recent legal trouble was not really the first of my problems with alcohol. Eventually, I had to admit that, although I had always thought of myself as a social drinker, no different from any other 25-year old, there had always been another aspect of my drinking that did not seem to be manifest among my peers. The more I drank, the more I began to enjoy the feeling of being drunk better than the feeling of being sober.

Eventually, I was able to admit that I was powerless over alcohol. But I had a hard time believing that I would need to stay in AA for as long as I wanted to stay sober—that is, for the rest of my life. After all, I was only 25. My life was just beginning. However, once I truly accepted that as an alcoholic person, I have an incurable, progressive disease that will affect me for the rest of my life, I realized how lucky I actually was to be introduced to AA early in life. After all, as stated in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, as young persons in AA, we will be "spared that last ten or fifteen years of literal hell" others have suffered. May we be ever grateful.

Emily A., Santa Clara

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Contributions from AA members are welcome and will be printed as space allows. Submissions can be sent via email or should be typed or neatly handwritten. The editors reserve the right to edit content for length, clarity, and relation to AA Traditions. All material, including announcements, should be submitted by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

Archives

Problem Drinker

When I attended my first AA meeting, I was 24 years old. I was not a daily drinker; however, my drinking was causing me serious problems and once I put alcohol into my body I could not get enough. If you asked me if I was an alcoholic, I would have emphatically said "NO", I am a PROBLEM drinker.

My definition of an alcoholic was someone who drank everyday, probably had a DUI or two and was very old (at least in their forties). This was not me! I was young and never went to jail (yet). *How It Works* reminds me if I want this program to work, I have to let go of my old ideas. The first idea I had to let go of was my definition of an alcoholic. I needed to focus on the similarities I heard shared at meetings and not the differences.

The other obstacle that I had to overcome was "we don't drink anything no matter what." At my first meeting, I was shocked when I heard that the program is based on abstinence. I did not come to AA to quit drinking; I came to AA to learn to control my drinking. At 24, not drinking for the rest of my life seemed like a tall order that I was never going to be able to accomplish. What saved me early on was the catchphrase "one day at a time". I did not have to worry about tomorrow; I only needed to focus on not drinking for today. With the help of a sponsor, Higher Power and this program, I have learned to live one day at a time and to be grateful for the gifts the program has given me.

Cheryl F, Campbell

1. On September 30, 1939, Liberty Magazine published an article on alcoholism entitled "Alcoholics And God" by Morris Markey. The subtitle read, "Is there hope for habitual drunkards? A cure that borders on miraculous—and it works.' The article centered on the idea of making a decision to turn our will over to the care of God, that this thing is beyond the alcoholic's control. Below is a drawing which appeared with the article.

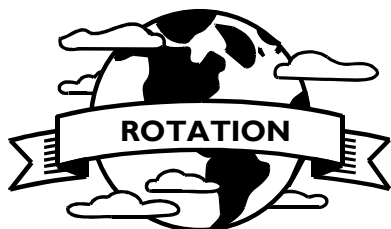
2. Orville Vern F. of Palo Alto heard of AA. From the Liberty Magazine article. He ordered a Big Book and received it in December of 1939. In August of 1941 Ruth Hock, Bill Wilson's secretary, sent him a letter suggesting that he be an active 12th stepper. He replied confirming his attendance at San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose meetings. In one of his letters to Ruth he stated that he found the "spiritual end of the program very difficult to grasp and have concentrated mainly on Steps #1-4-9 and twelve."

3. In September, 1958 Bob S. organized the Saratoga Family Group. He felt the need for an open meeting every Friday night. The Group still meets at the Federated Church today.

**Our newsletter has a new name!**

From John S, creator of the new name: I started in on the acrostic theme using I.N. as Intergroup News (or newsletter). I saw that we were naming the "Intergroup Newsletter" but sent from Central Office so as I worked my way through the options, **Central Office Intergroup Newsletter** spelled COIN and that gave me that warm fuzzy feeling - probably mostly from our COINs that we get to celebrate our AA anniversaries, but also thinking about Bill and Bob, how Bill got change for his dollar, 20 coins to be exact, and called one by one the numbers on the church directory, to save his own sobriety. Even in AA history the coin has a great significance.

ROTATION IN AA



IT'S ROTATION TIME AT GSO

As it does every two years like clockwork, there is a changing of the guard at the General Service Office as the 11 AA staff members relinquish assignments that most of them have grown to love. They're not saying goodbye, just au revoir, because in a few more two-year time frames, chances are they'll rotate around again to the same posts, seeing firsthand that everything old is a challenge again.

Is rotation easy? No, say those who have done it. Is it essential to the AA way of life? Yes, says the collective voice of AA experience. Rotation is frequently referred to as "anonymity in action" because it is one vital way we have of avoiding power, prestige and personal recognition from distorting our best intentions. Also, since the process of rotation in almost all service positions – from the group level to the board of trustees – limits the length of individual service, it does away with popularity contests, "ever reminding us to place principles above personalities," in the spirit of Tradition Twelve.

Bill himself describes the events leading to rotation at GSO in article No. 3 of Concept XI (*The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*, page 58; 59): "We once had the conventional system of one highly paid staff member with assistants at much lower pay. Hers had been the principal voice in hiring them. Quite unconsciously, I'm certain, she engaged people who she felt would not be competitive with her. Meanwhile, she kept a tight rein on all the important business of the place. A prodigy of wonderful work was done.

But suddenly she collapsed, and shortly afterwards one of her assistants did the same. We were left with only one partly trained assistant who knew anything whatever about the total operation ... Thereafter we installed the principle of rotation in a considerably larger staff.

At GSO every staff assignment has necessarily expanded in scope with the rapid growth of the Fellowship. Since 1968 membership in the US and Canada has tripled, with the greatest numerical increase occurring since 1980. Yet comparatively few staff and clerical positions have

been added to handle the extra workload (not counting the inexhaustible, non-rotating computer system). Since 1951 the rotating staff members have come to number eleven. Approximately 80 employees work at the office, which coordinates the overall work for the Fellowship, shares its collective experience in recovery from alcoholism and serves as the main center for the distribution of AA literature worldwide.

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AA Thought for the Day

(courtesy AAOnline.net)

Action



In shame and despair, I went to my first
AA meeting.

By some minor miracle, I was able to
suspend opinion, analysis, judgment,
and criticism,

and instead to listen and hear.

I heard someone say that AA works
for those who work for it,
those who put *action* into the program.

For me, at that time, action consisted of simply showing up
at an AA meeting
and following the suggestions I heard.
I heard that I should forget about yesterday and tomorrow
and instead concentrate on today
and staying away from the first drink today -- now, I tried
it, and it worked.

The first step in the process of "coming to believe" had
been taken.

c.1973 AAWS, *Came to Believe* . . . , p. 42

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A A = Accountable Actions.

International AA

My husband and I were going to Kenya, Africa on a 14 day bird watching trip. Prior to the trip I had been emailing with a young woman who lived in Nairobi who was concerned about her sister's drinking. We talked about my recovery in AA and she asked if I would be willing to speak with people in the villages around Nairobi about alcoholism and recovery. I said I would be happy to-- imagining that I would speak about the disease in general. But when we went to the first village, as we sat in a room with 8-10 village women, she said : "Tell them your story". GULP!, I thought, unprepared for this and then I thought "OK, God, it's like a meeting and I'll share about my experience". As I shared, Gacheri would translate into Swahili and we all had tears in our eyes as I shared my bottom and the spiritual experiences I have had throughout my recovery. I was struck by the sense of the presence of God as I shared. I went next to another village where I repeated the experience, this time to about 30-40 people of all ages. After I spoke, many people had questions and I realized they had never even heard of Alcoholics Anonymous. These villages were 15-20 miles away from Nairobi where there are meetings but travel was difficult from these small villages while the local beer was readily available, and many young people were devastated by alcoholism. One man asked me "But, it's a hospital right? They'll want money to help me?" What a joy to be able to share the message of AA and say "No, people in the meetings will just want to help you and can help you get meetings going in your village". It's not often (if ever) I get to experience some of what it must have been like in the early days of AA--to carry the message of hope and recovery into areas that had never heard those words. Yes, we saw 507 new species of birds on our trip but these two "meetings" in Kenya are what I will always remember.

Sharon L., San Jose



Central Office Corner

It doesn't seem right that we should get to have so much fun around here, but the kinds of phone calls, visits, and occurrences we experience every day are just too much. Of course, Mom calls in demanding that we fix her little boy, or even better, that we tell her how to fix him. Then there are those that received a "nudge from the judge", asking us about the location and cost of those "A 'n A classes". And we get many opportunities to be the "AA Police": demands that we straighten out an erring member or a group that isn't doing it just right. (My personal favorite is the two fellows who stormed in to complain about the group that allowed a member to attend meetings although he was often drunk and always smelled bad. "A guy like that could give AA a bad name.")

We often share the pain and fear of the newcomer, or the suffering longtimer. And we hear of their successes. Then we have those moments of pure joy when a member, sometimes with enthusiasm, sometimes with tears, sometimes with surprise, but always with gratitude flies through the door to announce "I've got 1 year today!" Does it get any better than that?

And throughout all this we get the opportunity to tell people about AA, to educate and inform, to explain - if an explanation is possible - just how this unorganized Fellowship functions in such a productive manner.

We are a privileged lot here at Central Office.

Thank you.



STEPPING OUT IN SOBRIETY

New Paths in Sobriety

At eight or nine years of sobriety, I decided I wanted to find an activity I could do with my then, thirteen year old son. My dad took me to a car race when I was a kid and I got my picture taken in the race car with the driver's helmet on. I remember it all, right this minute! It was great and exciting. I've always liked excitement and shiny things and I know that race cars and go-karts are shiny and exciting so karts were a good place for my son and me to look for our fun together! When my son and I started going to the track and I watched him race I said to myself, "I could be doing this, too!" And I have been for a number of years now!

Karting is a lot of work. I have to get up early in the morning, load the kart on the truck and then drive for a couple of hours to wherever the race will be held that day. Once I'm there, I prepare the kart and myself. Karting requires me to focus. When the race starts I just drive! There is no job, no sponsor's voice, no fellowship. It's just me and the tires, the sound of engines and the feel of the kart as it goes around the turns. It is hard not to make stupid mistakes. I've changed that old racing adage, "Don't brake till you see God" to "I don't brake till I see God as I understand..."



Racing can be dangerous, similar to sky diving. And there is the added danger of becoming a total adrenaline junkie. However, both on and off the race course karting teaches me about myself and life.

Off the course, before and after the race, friendships develop among the drivers. We lend each other a helping hand for karts sometimes require collaboration. We loan parts and help each other repair broken vehicles. Sobriety has taught me how to share, how to be a friend and enjoy the company of others. I've also learned that I can change rather than needing others to change for me. When people crash into me, whether they meant to or not, I don't have to get a resentment; I can act differently. I can go to a different race track where those careless drivers might not be. Karting forces me

to check out my expectations; where did I get the idea I had the right to win? Yes, I've done all the right things and I didn't win ... so?! Today, I'm more willing to leave the results of the race to my Higher Power. I'm learning some emotional sobriety. It used to be that winning was everything. Today, I am more able to be a good sport when I lose. And sometimes when I lose and I've followed all the rules, but the winner didn't follow the rules, then I get to be the real winner. Karting is a wonderful sport and being able to do it is a gift of sobriety.

FROM THE ACTIVITES COMMITTEE



INTERGROUP ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

Our first Intergroup Activity, "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch," on July 21, was a success, period! Thank you to all who helped and all who came.

Our attendance estimate was double what we expected, but your faithful servants kept the pancakes coming and overall, it was a very lively and FUN event. We will always have room for improvement, and the committee welcomes comments, which can be communicated through your Intergroup Rep or to the Committee Chair, Marilyn, via Central Office. So look forward to bigger and better next July!

We made a tidy prudent reserve that will make future events run smoothly. Speaking of which ... we are looking at dates in January: "Come in from the Cold – Celebrating the Home Group." How about a chili cook-off contest among some of our groups, with other groups taking charge of setup, entertainment, meeting, cleanup, raffle, etc?

Alcoholics
Anonymous ...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During Aug.

Daytime at Central Office - 598
Daytime 12 Step Calls - 11
Evening and Weekend calls - 354

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

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

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

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Weekender Speaker Meeting

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1735 Hecker Pass Road, Gilroy

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
San Tomas & Homestead, Santa Clara

Second Tradition Group of AA

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose

Saturday Night Speakers—8 p.m.

Alano Club of San Jose

1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose

Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

St. Mark's Church

1957 Pruneridge Ave., Santa Clara

Saturday Nite Live Group

Fridays at 8 p.m.

1388 S. Bascom at Stokes, San Jose

Speaker Meeting—VA Hospital

Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto

Saturday Morning Fellowship

Saturday at 10 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church

Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

MEETING CHANGES

ALANO CLUB WEST

Has now re-opened. Its new location is 1344 Dell Ave., Campbell. Please see their website for further information at www.alanowest.org

Deleted

Practice These Principles (Moms and babies)

The Naked Truth, Los Gatos

Changed

Gay/Lesbian Big Book Discussion, Tues., 7:30PM, moved to St. Francis Episcopal Church, Whickam Rm., 1205 Pine, San Jose.

Sunday Early Evening, Sun., 7:00PM, moved to Bowers Park, 2582 Cabrillo, Santa Clara.

Living Sober, Sun., 10:30AM, moved to Kaiser Conference Center, 710 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara.

Gay Reflections on the Solution, Sun, 8:30AM, moved to Kaiser Conference Center, 710 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara.

Freethinkers of the Valley, Tues., 8:00PM, moved to Kaiser Conference Center, 710 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara.

Gay Men & Women Together, Fri., 8:00PM, has changed their name to Gay & Lesbian Steps & Traditions Study Group and moved to Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1948 The Alameda, San Jose.

New

Titanic Group, Sat., 10:00AM, (men's group), Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose.

Skyland Group, Mon. 8PM, Skyland Church, 25100 Skyland Rd., Los Gatos

SCCYPAA Young at Heart, Tues., 8:00PM, Calvary Korean Baptist Church, Rm. D-112, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos

Vietnamese Speaking Meeting, Sat., 6:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose.

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

Dawn Patrol, Mon., 6:30AM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose.

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Otilia M.	20	Pam L.	07/04/1987
Linda D.	29	Rita R.	07/17/1978
Sarah P.	14	Rita R.	07/23/1993
Jackie J.	15	Rita R.	07/24/1992
Lynn S.	20	Rita R.	07/28/1987
Suzette D.	1	Mary Pat P., Rita R.	07/29/2006
Lynn S.	20	Anna C.	07/31/1987
Bill R.	26		08/01/1981
Brian C.	23	Bonnie O.	08/01/1984
Vernon M.	19	Pat & The Colonel	08/02/1988
Robin L.	20	Neal S., Mary Pat P., Anna C.	08/03/1987
Rosemary T.	25	Addnl Cont.. Mary Pat P., Anna C.	08/05/1982
Frank "The Grump"	25		08/08/1981
Bonnie O.	22		08/09/1985
Lillia P.	11	Rita R.	08/10/1996
Johnny O.	39	Pat C.	08/12/1968
Karen G.	8	Pat C.	08/13/1999
Sue R.	27	Rita R.	08/15/1980
Phyllis K.	26	Rita R., Pat C.	08/15/1981
Jim S.	26	Pat & The Colonel	08/20/1981
John P.	25	Mary Pat P.,	08/24/1982
Jim McK	30	Frank "The Grump"	08/24/1977
John P.	25	Addnl Cont., Rita R.	08/24/1982
Piano Joe	36		08/26/1971

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

533 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

and for a total contribution **\$757.00**

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



September 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Secretary's Workshop, 10:00 AM, Central Office
2	3	4	5 Intergroup Meeting 8:00 PM	6	7	8 PI/CPC Workshop 10:00AM, Central Office
9	10	11	12 North County General Service	13	14	15 Archives Workshop 10:00AM, Central Office
16	17	18 South County General Service	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 H & I Meeting	26	27	28	29
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LOCAL EVENTS

Nov. 10 San Jose: Annual Oldtimers meeting. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

Sept. 22-24 Woman to Woman San Diego:
www.womantowomansandiego.com.

Sept. 28-30 Plymouth, CA: Gold Country Roundup,
www.goldcountryroundup.com

Oct. 5-7 Lake Tahoe: Lake Tahoe Fall Festival,
www.LakeTahoeFallFestival.com

Oct. 5-7 Modesto, CA: NCCAA 60th Annual Fall Conference, www.ncc-aa.org

Oct. 12-14 Santa Barbara: Santa Barbara AA Convention, www.sbaaconvention.org

Oct. 19-21 Santa Clarita, CA: 4th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Convention of A.A., www.scvaaconvention.org

Nov. 16-18 Curry Village, Yosemite National Park: "Serenity in Yosemite", www.serenityyosemite.com

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

*Please check the GSO website at
www.aa.org for a full listing of gatherings
in the United States and around the
world.*

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2007

- Bill, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00pm, followed by A Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Rita read the Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 43 voting representatives and 8 visitors in attendance.
- Peter read the Twelve Traditions.
- There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.
- There were two corrections or additions to the previous month's Minutes: 1. Rose's term as newsletter editor expires at the end of December and a new editor will be needed in January, and 2. Chuck corrected his report to say that rent is paid through September.
- Intergroup Council's Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	08/01/07	\$ 62.00	Prudent Reserve	\$300.00
Contributions:	08/01/07	\$ 63.00		
Refreshments:	08/01/07	\$ 18.00		
Rent Paid through Sept. 1, 2007				
Balance:	09/01/07	\$ 107.00	Prudent Reserve	\$300.00
- Announcements: Faye announced that SCCYPAA will co-host along with ACYPAA host a car show event at Kelly Park in San Jose on 9/29. Faye is also stepping down as SCYPAA rep to IG, and will introduce the new rep next month.
- Birthdays: Steve, 6yrs; Robin, 20 yrs; Don, 18 yrs; Eric, 3yrs.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair: Bill D. announced 8 new IG reps in attendance. Unity Day Committee did an outstanding job. Intergroup elections will be held next month.
2. Central Service Board: Robbie R. stated that the lease expires at the beginning of next year. Because of the excellent location, the board will negotiate a new lease. Literature prices have been reduced because financials are in good shape. He would like to see new board members elected that represent both north and south county.
3. Central Office: Bruce reported that IG spent about \$3,300 more than they took in last month, but the previous month they spent \$6,600 less than they took in. Unity Day was a great success. Chuck was there with the Archives table all day. Bruce attended the annual meeting of IG Office Managers in Dublin in August. He expressed strong appreciation that the members of Santa Clara County Intergroup pay attention to the Traditions.
4. PI/CPC: Darcy reported that Big Books are needed for high schools. Five new committee members signed up at Unity Day. Presentations were made at the Fatherhood Conference in San Jose, the Alum Rock Counseling Center for at risk adolescent boys, and are ongoing at DUI classes in San Jose.
5. Twelfth Step Committee
 - a. Daytime Office Volunteer Coordinator: Bruce reported that a couple of shifts are open.
 - b. Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator: Maxine reported that open shifts are detailed on a flyer that she distributed. The Diverter had a table at Unity Day with 10 attendees. She discussed a need for a Spanish language referral number to be included on the front of the directory. Further discussion was tabled for the November meeting. She is planning an appreciation luncheon for Diverter workers sometime in October.
6. Outreach Committee: Sally reported that of the 614 groups to visit, 262 have been visited, and 29 no longer exist.
7. Newsletter Committee: Rose announced the newsletter's new name: The COIN (Central Office Intergroup Newsletter). She also encouraged IG reps to make sure secretaries tell their groups about the newsletter. There are about 125 subscribers @ \$5 per subscriptions. The newsletter is also available on-line.

8. Activities Committee – Marilyn reported that the next event being planned by the Activities Committee is a Home Group Chili Cook-Off titled “Come in from the Cold,” scheduled for later in the fall. The next planning meeting is scheduled for 9/24.
9. Nominating Committee: Mary Pat introduced the five nominees for IG Board. They were Lexie G., sobriety date: 7/11/92; Don W., 8/7/89; Shirley B., 9/16/86; Robin L., 8/3/87; and John P., 28 years sober. All but John P. were present and made brief presentations about their qualifications. John P. will attend next month.

Other Service Committee Reports:

- Unity Day: In Tom K’s absence, Bill reported from a data sheet that there were 562 attendees. The data sheet was distributed among IG reps and detailed attendees by category.
- Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous: Dennis reported that the conference was very successful. The next conference will be the 2nd week of October in Modesto.
- Hospitals & Institutions: No report.
- Bridging the Gap: Bill M. reported that BTG now has co-chairs, and a website: sclcbtg.org
- North County General Service: Jeannie read the report she made to Unity Day describing how General Service works.
- South County General Service: Erica reported that South County is looking to hold the 2009 Summer Assembly. They are holding their Annual Report Workshop at Alano West on 10/29. Sharon Buckley will give her delegate report.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Open Forum – Bill M. talked about a PTSD meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison S.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

August 2007

	Aug 07	Aug 06	Jan - Aug 07
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	6,382.48	9,463.19	91,732.44
8010 · Literature Sales	3,584.09	5,845.02	40,043.61
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	834.00	0.00	8,713.20
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	55.00	155.00
Total Income	10,805.57	15,363.21	140,644.25
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,352.95	2,898.30	26,886.61
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	525.95	403.34	3,268.21
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	2,878.90	3,301.64	30,154.82
Total COGS	2,878.90	3,301.64	30,154.82
Gross Profit	7,926.67	12,061.57	110,489.43
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	531.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	40.76	0.00	3,240.44
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	28.98	54.78	732.30
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	200.00	1,298.66
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	0.00	462.37
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	650.00
6160 · Copier Expense	137.22	141.19	966.41
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	2,726.50
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	-231.33	511.10
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	718.91
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	708.37	749.55	6,097.40
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	159.60
6330 · Office Expense	16.18	311.80	2,309.39
6360 · Archives (Archives)	117.29	0.00	17.29
6370 · Office Paper Supply	269.29	118.66	269.29
6380 · Payroll Taxes	498.41	507.70	4,274.39
6410 · Postage	520.00	203.00	2,011.13
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,217.25	18,181.45
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,471.19	6,393.83	50,172.89
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	450.00	1,450.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	50.00	0.00	130.00
7050 · Telephone	269.99	266.42	2,450.25
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	0.50
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	0.03
Total Expense	11,628.23	11,402.80	99,367.80
Net Ordinary Income	-3,701.56	658.77	11,121.63
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	293.60	201.79	2,079.28
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	1,109.49
Total Other Income	293.60	201.79	3,188.77
Net Other Income	293.60	201.79	3,188.77
Net Income	-3,407.96	860.56	14,310.40

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2007

	Aug 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	6,671.04
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (8 mo. CD @ 4.79%, 9/24/07)	30,828.58 *
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (11 mo. CD @ 4.26%, 1/28/08)	15,052.46 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	28,890.51 *
Total Checking/Savings	<u>81,667.59</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-318.87
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-318.87</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	17,291.11
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,291.25
Total Other Current Assets	<u>18,582.36</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>99,931.08</u>
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	38,150.80
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-19,580.50
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-140.50
Total Fixed Assets	<u>20,927.64</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>122,852.57</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	718.63
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>718.63</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>718.63</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>718.63</u>
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	23,660.64
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	84,162.90
Net Income	14,310.40
Total Equity	<u>122,133.94</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>122,852.57</u></u>

<p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$74,771.55 This represents 6 months of operating expenses, which is the Board established goal. Thank you.</p>
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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
August 2007

	Aug 07	Jan - Aug 07		Aug 07	Jan - Aug 07
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	560.00	East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	75.00	325.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,868.18	Eastside Step Study 45 (Sun.)	0.00	105.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	525.00	525.00	El Camino Group 108 (Tues.)	0.00	172.15
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	1,254.20	Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	82.37	3,108.50	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	115.50
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	700.00	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	210.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00	Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	53.31
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	290.55	Fireside Group 297 (Fri.)	0.00	36.92
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	80.97	Fireside Men's Book Study (Thur.)	0.00	51.67
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	Freethinkers of the Valley 29 (Tues.)	0.00	210.00
AA Literature Discussion Grp 700 (Tues.)	0.00	105.50	G Agnews Noon Meetings 70921	0.00	1,680.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	41.31	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	482.50
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	725.00	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	616.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	443.00	G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	0.00	420.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	888.80	G Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	3,020.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	416.00	G South County Fellowship 70954	0.00	1,243.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 198 (Wed.)	0.00	690.34	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	485.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	602.00	G Sunrises Group/Carrows 70932	447.13	3,640.02
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	0.00	260.00	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	1,652.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	594.74	G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	553.44
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	163.53	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	234.92
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00
Basic Big Book Cupertino (Fri.)	0.00	28.00	Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.)	0.00	91.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	88.00	88.00	Gay Men & Women Together 221 (Fri.)	0.00	171.50
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	266.00	1,054.59
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	210.00	385.00	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	698.65
Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	180.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	351.40
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	40.00	110.00	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	775.00
Big Book Study 8.00P Cupt 284 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	707.00
Big Book Study Group SJ 503 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00	Gratitude Group SJ 339 (Sat.)	0.00	156.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	100.00	200.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	650.73
Birthday Contribution 00951	757.00	3,453.00	Happy Hour Campbl 652 (Fri.)	0.00	200.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	755.00	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	385.90
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,254.00	Higher Power Hr Big Book Topic 871(Thur.)	0.00	1,120.00
Candlelight Meeting SC 380 (Sat.)	180.00	180.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	560.00
Caring & Sharing 148 (Tues.)	0.00	98.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	486.50
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	199.50	442.40	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	165.98
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	175.00	546.09	In the Chapel 13 (Fri.)	0.00	78.38
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	98.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	559.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	322.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	100.00	300.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	175.17	Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	0.00	494.54
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	130.90	Just For Today 238 (Thur.)	0.00	371.62
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	315.00	455.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	268.75
Early Bird 129 (Tues.)	0.00	140.76	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	70.00	140.00
Early Bird 429 (Sun.)	0.00	36.89	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	84.00
Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.)	0.00	614.92	Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	63.00
Early Spiritual Progress 7 (Sun.)	0.00	175.00	Living Sober 21 10-30A (Sun.)	0.00	260.55
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	493.46	Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	174.10
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	764.68	1,394.68	Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	360.00

Group Contributions

August 2007

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A Memorial Celebration for Dan C.

Feb. 29, 1912 – June
Sobriety Date: October 4, 1947

*God is love,
and he that dwelleth in love
dwelleth in God and God in him.*

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 @ 1:30 p.m.
Reception to Follow

All Are Welcome. RSVPs are appreciated to help with planning, *but not necessary.*
(831) 479-4800; jrpittman@comcast.net

Presentation Retreat & Conference Center
Main Building, Assembly Hall
19480 Bear Creek Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95033
Site Info: (408) 354-2346

Directions From San Jose:

Take Hwy 17 South.
Pass the Los Gatos exits.
Take the Bear Creek Road exit near Lexington Reservoir.
Turn left at stop sign.
**Follow the rest of the directions below*

Directions From Santa Cruz:

Take Hwy 17 North to Bear Creek Road Exit
near Lexington Reservoir.
Turn right at stop sign (away from Reservoir). Go up Bear Creek Rd.
**Follow the rest of the directions below*

The Rest of the Directions:

Wind 2.1 miles uphill (about 5 minutes of windy road)
Turn left into Presentation Center.
Follow signs on left for parking in Main Lot.
Follow marked walkway, past the Welcome Center to the Main Building
There is also parking near the Main Building for those who need to park nearby.

