



# Santa Clara County Monthly Intergroup Newsletter

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## March—Third Step, Third Tradition, and Third Concept

### TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

Ask Bill:

Q. What purposes do the Twelve Concepts for World Services serve?

A -"The Concepts ... are primarily an interpretation of AA's world service structure. They spell out the traditional practices and the Conference charter principles that relate the component parts of our world structure into a working whole. Our Third Legacy manual is largely a document of procedure. Up to now the Manual tells us how to operate our service structure. But there is considerable lack of detailed information, which would tell us why the structure has developed as it has and why its working parts are related together in the fashion that our Conference and General Service Board charters provide.

"These Twelve Concepts therefore represent an attempt to put on paper the why of our service structure in such a fashion that the highly valuable experience of the past and the conclusions that we have drawn from it cannot be lost.

"These Concepts are no attempt to freeze our operation against needed change. They only describe the present situation, the forces and principles that have molded it. It is to be remembered that in most respects the Conference charter can be readily amended. This interpretation of the past and present can, however, have a high value for the future. Every oncoming generation of service workers will be eager to change and improve our structure and operations. This is good. No doubt change will be needed

### Concept III

All Twelve Concepts enable us to avoid confusion regarding roles and responsibilities, who is in charge, and provide clear guidance on how the different entities within the AA structure should relate to one another. The concepts have enabled us to work more effectively with minimum friction for many years.

**Concept III** is about the **Right of Decision** - a strong spiritual principle based on mutual trust. Bill Wilson said "Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other." The Right of Decision enables our service leaders the proper discretion and latitude to deal with situations and problems as they come up. Service leaders can be elected from the group level – such as a General Service Representative (GSR), Intergroup Representative, an Area Delegate or officers, trustees on the general service board, to list a few.

For Concept III, the checklist questions are:

1. Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct"?
2. Do we trust our trusted servants: GSR, Intergroup representatives, the General Service Conference itself?



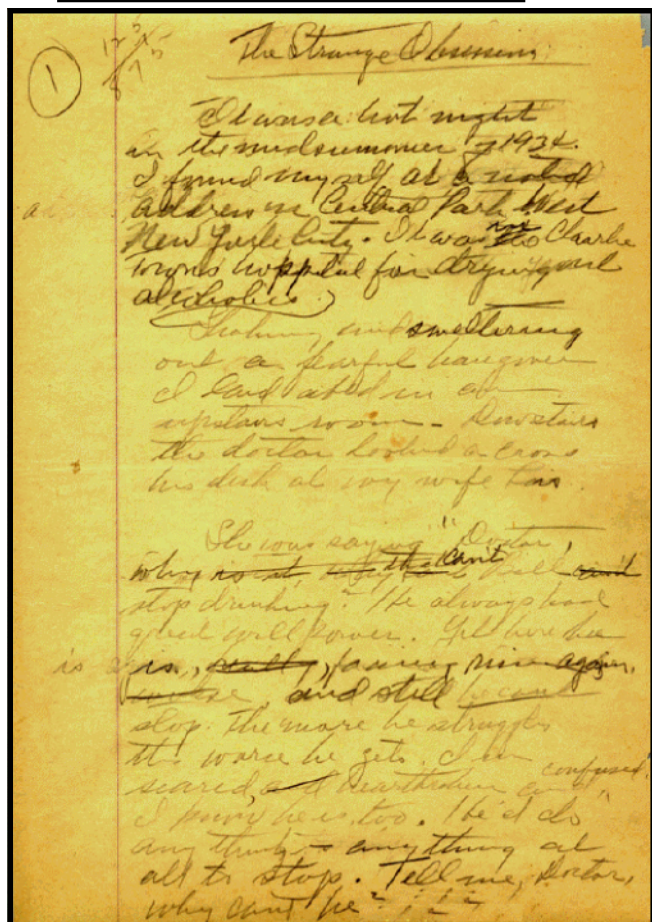
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We've received a few suggestions for the name of the Newsletter but we need more! (of course!)

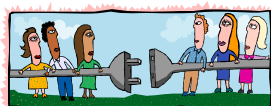
Please let your creativity loose and send a suggestion or two to Central office: **office@aasanjose.org**

The winner will receive a free lifetime subscription to the newsletter.

If you would like to submit an article or be a roving reporter, email Central Office and put "Newsletter in the subject line!

We're also looking for ideas, columnists & help with designing the newsletter & getting it ready for mailing.

Thanks to all the new subscribers and we appreciate the positive feedback! Editor & Staff



## The Grapevine

The Grapevine has been AA's magazine since June of 1944. It was first created as a "monthly journal" for the New York area and when the demand rose for issues to be sent all across the United States, it became known as the "national monthly journal" of Alcoholics Anonymous in December of 1945.

Many issues were sent to servicemen overseas during World War II.

When the FBI heard that we were using the same name as they were using for their retired employees magazine, they asked us to change it to "something else".

It became the "AA Grapevine" as of April of 1946.

In May of 1974, in order to maintain the subscriber's anonymity, the legal name of "The AA Grapevine" was changed to "Box 1980" to comply with postal regulations that required the corporate name of an organization be placed on official envelopes and on the magazine itself.

That is now the return address you see when your subscription arrives each month.

Did you know that you can subscribe to The Grapevine on line? You can access articles, features and cartoons from the archives.

The magazines never seem to get outdated because they are filled with stories of hope and recovery written by AA members all over the world.

PS If you subscribe to the Grapevine, save your copies to donate them to treatment centers or recovery homes.

**"Alcoholism is an obsession of the mind that condemns one to drink and an allergy of the body that condemns one to die." -- Dr. Wm. D. Silkworth**

## AA Grapevine, April 1946

Nobody invented Alcoholics Anonymous. It grew. Trial and error has produced a rich experience. Little by little we have been adopting the lessons of that experience, first as policy and then as Tradition. That process still goes on and we hope it never stops. Should we ever harden too much, the letter might crush the spirit. We could victimize ourselves by petty rules and prohibitions; we could imagine that we had said the last word. We might even be asking alcoholics to accept our rigid ideas or stay away. We never stifle progress like that!

Bill W.



## Ask Auntie Alkie

Dear Aunt Alkie,

My boyfriend and me met in treatment and have been sober together for two years. He has decided that he is not an alcoholic and has started drinking again. He is just not the same person I know and I am worried about my own sobriety. Do you think I should leave him? Confused in Cupertino

Dear Confused,

*I understand how scary this can be. If your boyfriend is not an alcoholic he won't be obsessed with alcohol. My advice to you is to talk to your sponsor, go to some women's meetings and check out Alanon.*

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I have been sober for 3 years but I have never done the steps past step 3. My life is better but I am scared of step 5. Procrastinating in Los Gatos

Dear Procrastinating,

*Going to meetings and not working the steps is like going to a restaurant and just reading the menu—not much nourishment! The reason the steps are in order is so you don't have to worry about the "next" one! If you don't have a sponsor, this is a good time to get one. You may want to start at the beginning with step one or pick up at step four. Your sponsor can guide you. The steps are designed to make us feel better—not worse!*

Dear Aunt Alkie,

I have 2 months and I usually go to a step meeting by my house. My friend asked me where I was going last night and when I told her the step meeting she said "Oh don't bother. It's a tradition night" I asked her what that was and she said it's about how to run a meeting so I didn't go. Now I am wondering if she was right. Trying to do 90 in 90

Dear Trying,

*Your friend is missing a very important part of AA. The book about the steps is called the 12 AND 12. The other 12 is our Traditions. Traditions are not just about meetings. Actually people can run a meeting any way they wish as long as it doesn't hurt anyone or AA as a whole.*

*The Traditions are what have allowed AA to remain a viable solution for suffering alcoholics. They deal with personalities, self-support, power, prestige, in other words everything that has messed up so many good ideas. If we want AA to be here for our grandkids and their grandkids, we need to learn and practice the Traditions. They work in daily life and in business as well as in the program. When you finish the steps, ask your sponsor to take time to go through the Traditions. If someone doesn't work the steps that's their problem but if the Traditions are violated we are all on the road of "unhappy destiny"*

Dear Aunt Alkie,

I have been sober in AA for 10 years and I have drunk dreams once or twice a year. They are awful and I wish I knew why they happen so they would stop. Do you think there is something wrong with my program or that I am going to get drunk?

Wishing I was sleepless in Seattle.

Dear Wishing,

*Not to worry! This is a pretty common phenomenon.*

*No one seems to have a credible explanation why it happens. People with more than 25 years have said they experience them now and then. My advice is to add them to your gratitude list and celebrate that they are not real!*

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I went to an AA meeting last week and the person who chaired was not an alcoholic. Is it true that all addictions are the same and AA fixes them all?

Bewildered in Gilroy

Dear Bewildered,

*This is an ongoing discussion in many AA communities.*

*Many treatment centers send addicts to AA meetings. If it is an open meeting, anyone may attend. However, AA's 3rd tradition addresses recovery from alcoholism. Ask your sponsor about "singleness of purpose" Bill W responded through an article in Guideposts Magazine, September 1947 to this very question:*

### IS A.A. FOR ALCOHOLICS ONLY?

By Bill W.

Our most enthusiastic friends think Alcoholics Anonymous is a modern miracle. So they ask, "Why can't A.A. principles be applied to any personal problem?" **The world today is a problem world because it is full of problem people.** We are now on the greatest emotional bender of all time; practically no one of us is free from the tightening coils of **insecurity, fear, resentment and avarice.** If A.A. can revive an alcoholic by removing these paralyzing liabilities from him, it must be strong medicine. **Perhaps the rest of us could use the same prescription.**

Not being reformers, nor representing any particular sectarian or medical point of view, we A.A.'s can only tell the story of what has happened to us and suggest the simple (but not easy) principles upon which, as ex-drinkers, our very lives now depend.

For us of A.A. these are not theories; they are the prime facts of our very existence. The average A.A. member feels that he

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## Roving Reporter

### What's your most memorable experience with a 12 step call?

About 27 years ago, I went on a 12th Step call with another AA member. I was sober about 2 years and he was 25-30 years sober and in poor health. I picked him up and we drove to this "pay by the week" rundown motel. In my ignorance I suspected he called me because of my great wisdom and inspiring message. I asked him why he asked me to go with him, hoping he would verify my thinking.

He smiled and said, "last month I went on a 12th step call, and when I got inside, the guy started getting violent. So, when we get there, I want you to knock on the door and go in first." (I'm a pretty large guy.) I don't know if our man ever got sober, but I learned about ego vs. humility! *Butch M, San Jose*



### Going To Any Lengths

A drunken lady called for help. When we got to her house, it was clear she needed detox. She said she would go with us, but not until she had her pantyhose on. She was a lady, after all, and wouldn't go out without her pantyhose. She was so drunk, her legs were like wet noodles. She and I spent one solid hour getting those pantyhose on those noodles, both of us in fits of giggles the whole time.

When she was properly dressed, she announced she would not go without her bottle. So I sat in the back seat with her and her bottle of bourbon, and my 12th step partner drove. By the time we got there, she had passed out. We checked her in, and I think she checked herself out the next day. But we stayed sober.

*Peggy Z, Los Gatos*

### There But For The Grace Of God

My most memorable 12th Step call was when a friend called to tell me her cousin in a nearby town was ready to quit drinking. I called a sober friend to see if he was available to come along. He jumped at the opportunity. It took about 40 minutes to get there (tract home in a bad neighborhood, cars parked on the front lawn, etc.) We knocked on the door ... no one answered. We tried the door; it was unlocked. (My friend told us to walk on in.)

The place looked shockingly familiar; beer bottles and cigarette butts everywhere. The real shocker came when we walked into this guy's bedroom and found him passed out on his bed. I wasn't surprised to find him passed out—the surprising thing was to see the quart of vodka that he had been drinking from, sitting on the floor next to his bed.

I realized that looking at this man, I was looking at myself. He came to long enough to take a big pull off the bottle. Yup ... that was exactly how I drank. We got him up out of bed. He said he wanted to quit drinking as he took another long drink from the bottle. He finished the bottle, and we decided he needed medical attention and a place to detox.

We took him to VMC in San Jose, and had to buy him another bottle for the long ride down. He changed his mind about 3 or 4 times about getting sober, but we managed to get him into the hands of the hospital staff. I don't know what happened to him, but we stayed sober that day.

*Jim C, San Jose*

## The Gunslinger

Soon after I got sober, my sponsor asked me to go on a 12step call with her. I was excited and nervous at the same time. I didn't know what to say. I had great admiration for her. She was so wise and had a very solid sobriety and I wanted to be just like her. It turned out that we became a team. We went on a lot of 12 step calls. We called ourselves Frick and Frack. There were several that I will never forget.

The most memorable was when she received a call one morning from Central Office. A woman in a camper truck at the gas station was drunk and she wanted help. She had been staying in her camper for several days. She'd taken some drugs and possibly had a broken ankle. There were old booze bottles and she had gotten sick in there. You can imagine how the truck smelled!

I wasn't any help. I just kept gagging. Bless my sponsor; she couldn't smell a thing! We decided that she would drive the lady in her truck to the hospital. I followed in my car. I saw the lady's arm waving around, but I didn't know until we were at the hospital that the lady had a gun and she was trying to show it and prove that she was safe because it was loaded and she knew how to use it!

We got her admitted and sat with her until they started to pump her stomach at which time I gagged and left. We had the responsibility to get rid of the gun. We decided that the security people should handle it. We found their office. Two men were sitting in the back and asked what we wanted. We were standing in a hallway and tried to be somewhat discrete, so we softly said "We are from AA and ...." The guard yells, "I can't hear you!" We took a breath. We surely did not want to make a spectacle of ourselves. So we called out a little louder, "We're from AA and..." They didn't look up, just ignored us. So "sponce" says "We have a **GUN**". They flew over to us. They took charge of the gun, so we were able to go to the woman's room and see that she was ok.

We left felling exhausted, but also knowing that the woman was safe. She had our phone numbers and a meeting guide. She reinforced our desire to stay sober. Those were some of the yets for us; to run away from home with no place to go and wind up drunk in a gas station and not know where we were. Two weeks later, we at a meeting and this lovely woman walked up to us and said "Do you remember me?" She thanks us for saving her life. I thanked her for another day of sobriety. Each 12 step call that I go on deepens my desire to continue my journey in AA. *Neale S.*

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### Third Month Focus—Step Three"

**Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him"**

**Step 3 has four key components:**

- **STEP 3a.** ...Make a decision...
- **STEP 3b.** ...to turn your will and your life ...
- **STEP 3c.** ...over to the care of ...
- **STEP 3d.** ...God (as you understand Him).

**Make a decision...** You may have heard this riddle in a meeting: "Five frogs were sitting on a log in their favorite pond. Two frogs decided to hop onto a warm rock. How many frogs were left on the log?" If you know anyone who answered, "three", suggest they read the riddle again. We alcoholics are experts at making decisions. Like, "I have decided to stop drinking!" You bet! If you have spent more than a week taking this step, you probably should just look upon it as a decision, but a decision that you remind yourself of at least once each day.

**Turn your will and your life over...**

What do we have that is more valuable than our will and our lives? We haven't done such a good job up till now. Why not try letting God run the show?

**Will:** the faculty of conscious and particularly of deliberate action: the freedom of the will, power of choosing one's own actions: to have a strong will.

And, just what does *turning over* mean? Although you may have heard that it is like turning over a board to inspect the salamanders on the bottom side, the word refers to the *transfer* of possession and control....

**To the care of God...** The first image that comes to mind is that the entity to which we offer something for care is a caretaker. A caretaker is needed only when the owner is either absent or incompetent (or both, as in the instance of the real alcoholic). A truly desirable caretaker is: 1) competent, 2) trustworthy, 3) available, and 4) consenting to care for your life and will. ...

*we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children....this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom. [Big Book, page 62, line 27]*

**God as you understand Him.** This phrase does not mean that you believe in "God", and it does not mean that you understand what you believe in. The phrase does mean this and only this, that you decide to turn your life and will over to the care of a spiritual power of your naming and conception rather than that of someone else. (Why not read page 47 again, and ask yourself just what is the cornerstone referred to there?)

### Tradition Three

**The only requirement for AA membership is the desire to stop drinking.**

These questions were published in the AA Grapevine with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous that began in November 1969, running through September 1971. They were primarily intended for the individual's use. Many AA groups use them as a basis for their discussion topic as they study the Traditions.

#### Tradition 3 personal inventory

In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?  
Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?  
Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?  
Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?  
Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?  
When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

**We Need You!**

#### Enhance Your Own Program!

We need volunteers for Diverter Shifts. Today we call it "call waiting" but in the "old days" we had a big machine called a "Diverter". Initially there was discussion about using an answering service but members wanted people calling for help to always reach an AA member so we acquired the diverter. This is a great way to carry the message! Call Central Office for details on available shifts.



**Dr. Bob Was AA's Leading Advocate of Telephone Therapy**  
**His Phone Number In 1941 Was "U N 2 4 3 6"**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Mar 10-12**—59th Annual NCCAA Spring Conference, San Ramon, CA Info: [www.ncc-aa.org](http://www.ncc-aa.org)
- **Mar 31-Apr 2**—35th Annual H&I Conference, Visalia, CA Info: [handiconference06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:handiconference06@sbcglobal.net)
- **Apr 21-23**—All Ireland Conference, Cork, Ireland Info: [silver-springsinfo@moranshotel.com](mailto:silver-springsinfo@moranshotel.com)
- **Apr 28-30**—Sober & Free Conference, San Jose, CA Info: [www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org)
- **May 13**—Saturday Nite Live 25th Anniversary
- **May 18-21**—1st Annual Sober Over Sixty Conference, Kailua-Kona, HI Info: [marianb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:marianb@hawaii.rr.com)
- **June 24**—Tom I from South Carolina—Alamo, CA Info: [kentedavis@aol.com](mailto:kentedavis@aol.com)
- **Jul 21-23**—Palo Alto Fellowship Annual Retreat Info: [bobwray@aol.com](mailto:bobwray@aol.com)
- **August**—Unity Day
- **September**—Old Timer's Meeting

### Founder's DAY June 9—11

E-mail: [foundersday@akronaa.org](mailto:foundersday@akronaa.org)

Voicemail 330-972-7755

Registration begins March 1 ; please register early and use the new registration form that will be available on the website ([akronaa.org](http://akronaa.org))  
Reservations are first come first served for JAR tickets to the Big Meeting.

Package plans are available for the weekend at \$160 per person.  
Package includes: entrance for all meetings, 4 meals, (Sat & Sun.), room, registration , and bus tour)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 BTG Meeting	5 Intergroup Meeting 8:00 PM	6	7	8 1 Secretary Workshop
9	10	11	12 No. County Gen Svc	13	14	15 Newsletter meeting
16	17	18 So. County Gen Svc	19	20	21	22
23/ 30	24	25 H&I Meeting	26	27	28	29

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**Roving Reporter** - (Continued from page 4)**No Guarantees**

My most memorable experience was in the mid '80's at ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in A.A)  
An AA gal pal, a sober male friend (whom we had 12 stepped 6 months earlier) & I encouraged his childhood friend to attend the conference on his very first sober day. We had no idea what to expect at the conference; it was a first for all of us. When they did a sobriety countdown in the crowded auditorium, our new friend had the least amount of time. We were in the first balcony on the left rear. He jumped down to the floor and walked on the chair tops, one step at a time, until he reached the stage. He received a signed Big Book as a memento of the Conference . That moment will be forever in my memory.

Three days later we learned that he was found dead.

This story doesn't have a happy ending for him. But on that day, we were all sober and happy and today I am still sober.

Anonymous

**Concept III** - (Continued from page 1)

A few months ago during a service meeting, an item was being discussed and one person's comments had a tone of distrust regarding a decision the Central Service Board had made. This person's comments really brought this concept to mind.

When we elect a person to a service position, this mutual trust must be there. We trust this person will consult with the right people before making an important decision, to make reports on actions taken and not to exceed their defined authority. And we in turn trust they will make decisions or cast a vote based on the best dictates of their own judgment and conscience at that time. The Right of Decision with mutual respect and trust are a wonderful legacy to live by. Karen M., Sub District 40



Bill & Lois Traveling  
On their Harley!

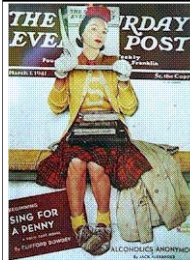
**Ask Auntie Alkie**

(Continued from page 3) *Is AA For Everyone?*

deserves little personal credit for his new way of life. He knows he might never have achieved enough humility to find God unless he had been beaten to his knees by alcohol. He was once that egocentric, but in the end it had to be God.

Yet we of A.A. cannot but feel that great things certainly await those who earnestly try our 12 Steps substituting their own distressing problem for that of alcohol. Nor do we think everyone needs to be so completely beaten as we were. To us, grace is an infinite abundance which surely can be shared by all who will renounce their former selves enough to truly seek it out. We often feel like shouting this ancient charter of men's liberty from the rooftops of thousands of our homes - A.A. homes that would never have been, but for the grace of God.

*Our Third Tradition tells us that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Many alcoholics are members of more than one 12 step program (NA, Alanon, OA, ACOA, etc). We can't be all things to all people but certainly these principles work as powerful problem solvers.*

**ARCHIVES**

In March 1941 the Saturday Evening Post published the famous article by Jack Alexander that made AA a national institution overnight. Bill rounded up every AA woman and AA wife who could type and put them to work answering the increasing tide of mail. They were tempted to use form letters but experience indicated that they should answer each letter individually.

In March of 1950 the first Alano Club was originated in Santa Clara County. It was located above the Padre Theatre at 141 South First Street . The Trinity Group met at that Alano Club for a while. When the club moved to Almaden Street due to the need for more space, the group moved back to Trinity Episcopal Church on 2nd & St. John Streets. The church told them they could move back, but if they left again, that was it.

St. Mark Group was started by Ben E in March 1958. It meets on Thursday at St. Mark's church on Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara and will be celebrating 48 years this month.

(Thanks, Chuck)

**Alconyms:** BEST—Been Enjoying Sobriety Today?

ABC—Acceptance, Belief, Change!

KISS—Keep It Simple, Surrender!

AA—Achieve Anything!

SIT—Stay In Today

# Secretaries Please Read To Your Group!

Can you spare a few hours each month to take calls from people who really need our help? You would be a great fit for one of the **diverter** shifts. Call Central Office to volunteer.

From Intergroup Central Office

*Secretaries, please be sure you have given your address to Central Office so you will receive updates, notices, and the newsletter. Please make a note in your meeting book so the next secretary will follow up.*

**This is the only  
way we can  
communicate  
with AA members  
in Santa Clara  
County!**

See other side for meeting  
changes and caller statistics

The **Secretary's Workshop** is held the first Saturday of each month at Central Office—10:00 a.m. New or experienced, young or old, this is an excellent way to hone your skills and stay in touch with Central Office. Call for more information—374-8511.

**Bridging the Gap**—an AA service committee. Its mission is to provide a contact for people from institutions with their first outside meeting. Meets first Tuesday at First Congregational Church — 7 p.m.

Central Office is in need of **12 Step volunteers**. 6 months sobriety required.

**Public Information & Cooperation With the Professional Community**—monthly training meeting 2nd Saturday at Central Office—10 a.m.



**Telephone Calls Received During February**

Daytime at Central Office 491

Daytime 12 Step Calls— 11

Diverter Calls – 483

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!**



**Newsletter Committee**—If you would like to participate in the newsletter please come to the planning meeting on the third Saturday of the month at Central Office. 10:00 AM—Everyone is welcome to participate.

If you can't make the meeting share your input through email [office@aaasanjose.org](mailto:office@aaasanjose.org) subject :newsletter. Thanks!



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**MEETING CHANGES**

**Deleted—**

Road To Recovery 1122 Fair Ave

Mon, Tues ,Wed ,Thurs ,Fri, 8:00 AM

Solutions For Today, Robin's Nest Wed. 6PM

Vietnamese, Asian American Center Fri 5PM

New Life, Korean Help Assoc. Sat 7 AM

Lakewood Group, Sunnyvale Fri. 8:15 PM

This Group has merged with "You Have A Choice Group" also meeting in Sunnyvale,

Friday 8:15 PM , Fremont & Hollenbeck

**Moved—**

Palo Alto Men's Meeting Tuesday 8:00 PM

New Address:

Grace Lutheran Church 3149 Waverly ,  
nearest cross street is Loma Linda

As We See The Solution, Thurs. 12:00 noon

New Address: Masonic Hall

131 Main St. -Los Gatos

**Changed:**

Sandia Big Book Study, Wed. Sunnyvale

Time changed to 7:00 PM

**New:**

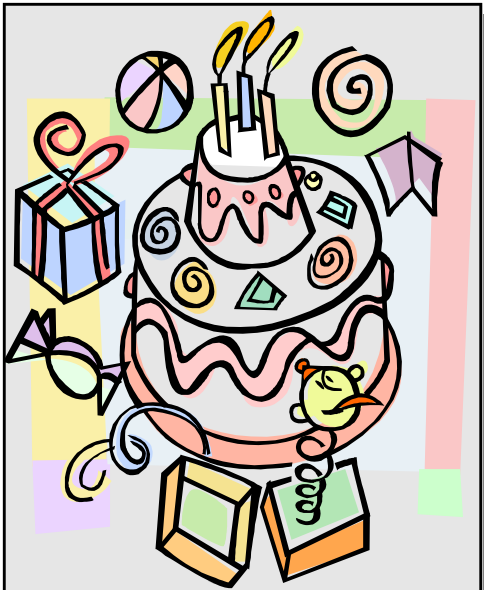
Spanish Speaking AA, Mid Peninsula Alano Club

Wednesday , 7:00 PM

# February Birthdays

## Birthday Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Date
Tom K	36	anonymous	unknown
Jim O	26	anonymous	12/20/79
Cathy B	32	anonymous	01/11/74
Margaret W	13	anonymous	01/17/93
Allegra R	22	Pat G	02/03/84
Claire A	4	Bubba Mc Q	02/08/02
Scott G	4	anonymous	02/13/02
Nancy S	30	Rita R	02/17/76
Jim B	30	Rita R	02/21/76
Charles L	28	anonymous	02/11/78
Corvus M	11	Diane E, Evelyn M & Pat G	02/12/95



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for a total of

**236**

**YEARS of Sobriety**

and for total contributions of

**\$ 249.00**

If You would like to participate, or honor a friend please use the birthday forms at Your meetings or stop by Central Office.

**In Memoriam –Roger Meade passed away after a long illness on 2/20/06. He celebrated 25 years on 9/9/05. Roger will be greatly missed. A Memorial service will be in Mariposa on 3/4/06**

# **SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING**

**March 1, 2006**

- Xavier, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:05 pm, followed by a moment of silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Karen read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 36 voting representatives and 7 guests attending.
- Gloria read the Twelve Traditions.
- There were no corrections/additions to the agenda.
- There were no corrections to the previous month's minutes.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.
  - Beginning Balance: 02/01/06 60.65 Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
  - Contributions: 02/01/06 49.00
  - Refreshments: 02/01/06 10.00
  - Rent is paid to 04/01/06
  - Balance: 02/29/06 99.65 Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
- Announcements: none
- Birthdays: Mary Pat had 23 years in January. The following all had birthdays in February – Gloria, 60 days; Mike, 1 year; Kevin, 11 years; Michelle, 12 years; Larry, 15 years; Frank, 21 years; and Dennis, 22 years.

### **Reports:**

1. Intergroup Chair – Xavier S. No report this month.
2. Central Service Board – Mary Pat P.
  - a. The Board is looking for ways to improve its prudent reserve.
  - b. Still working on identifying goals for 2006.
  - c. Very positive feedback on the newsletter
3. Central Office – Bruce K
  - a. The newsletter has been getting rave reviews, thanks to Rose, Pat G., and Bernadette.
  - b. The copier is causing problems, and is about to cost a lot of money. CO makes at least 18,000-20,000 copies each month. Bruce is investigating replacement options for the ten-year-old copier. A new one costs about \$12,000-\$15,000.
  - c. The most critical job of CO is staffing the 24-hour hotline.
  - d. The financial page is self-explanatory. Nothing is out of the ordinary.
  - e. Bruce is looking into health insurance for the CO staff.
4. Public Information – Francisco
  - a. They gave three presentations at the high school in Morgan Hill, and two at De Anza College.

- b. Ten presentations, including one for parents, are scheduled for Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos as part of their anti-drug and alcohol weeklong program. Michelle is helping PI/CPC recruit young people to participate in the presentations, which last about 45 minutes.
  - c. PI/CPC's table at ACYPAA was fruitful.
  - d. The Big Book distribution sub-committee is continuing to distribute books and literature.
  - e. The new location for the PI/CPC monthly meeting is in the library at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on the corner of Grant Rd, and Cuesta Drive in Mountain View, the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm.
5. Twelfth Step Committee
- a. Daytime – Bruce for Kevin (who is unable to attend because of his work schedule.) All positions are filled, but alternates are greatly appreciated.
  - b. Nights and Weekends – Joyce H. All positions are full, but alternates are always needed.
6. Outreach Committee – Paul C.
- a. The purpose of this committee is to foster communication between the 500 or so groups in Santa Clara County and Intergroup. Asking IG reps to distribute IG Outreach Committee Update Forms to secretaries of meetings not represented in IG, and to return the forms ultimately to Bruce, so that the meetings can, at the very least, receive the newsletter. Since many groups rotate secretaries every 6 months, a new category on the form asks to identify the "Elder Statesman" of the group, so that each group might have a consistent contact point.
7. Newsletter Committee – Rose W
- a. It costs only \$5 to subscribe to the newsletter!
  - b. The newsletter committee is looking for contributions for AA members, Roving Reporters, etc. The committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at Central Office from 10 – 11 am. All are welcome!
8. Other Service Committee Reports:
- Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous
  - Hospitals and Institutions
  - North County General Service
  - South County General Service

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN FORUM – NONE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

February 2006

	Feb 06	Feb 05	Jan - Feb 06
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	11,917.97	8,236.01	26,249.90
8010 · Literature Sales	5,201.65	4,957.19	12,116.35
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	280.00	25.00	345.00
Total Income	17,399.62	13,218.20	38,711.25
 Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold (Excl. Mtg. Dir. after 6/1/06)	3,819.37	3,588.57	8,244.01
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,819.37	3,588.57	8,244.01
 Total COGS	3,819.37	3,588.57	8,244.01
 Gross Profit	13,580.25	9,629.63	30,467.24
 Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	177.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	808.96	1,168.39	3,226.20
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	29.95	150.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	218.25	0.00	283.25
6160 · Copier Expense	0.00	258.00	0.00
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	967.00	100.00
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	39.90
6330 · Office Expense	266.43	223.56	620.14
6380 · Payroll Taxes	642.94	572.21	1,319.37
6410 · Postage	61.34	86.00	339.34
6480 · Rent	2,217.25	2,153.90	4,371.15
6540 · Salaries - Office	5,920.73	5,178.40	12,015.04
6600 · Signing Services	250.00	160.00	450.00
7050 · Telephone	21.25	338.09	425.80
7060 · Travel	0.00	97.62	0.00
Total Expense	10,427.10	11,253.07	23,517.19
 Net Ordinary Income	3,153.15	-1,623.44	6,950.05
 Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	142.51	134.03	309.46
Total Other Income	142.51	134.03	309.46
 Net Other Income	142.51	134.03	309.46
 Net Income	3,295.66	-1,489.41	7,259.51



INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2006

	<u>Feb 28, 06</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	13,861.42
1036 · Bank of America CD 5247 (10 mo CD @ 4.16%, 01/17/07)	12,126.99
1039 · Bank of America CD 5717 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,441.20
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (8 mo. CD @ 4.79%, 9/24/07)	14,455.73
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 3.39%, 2/28/07)	14,241.29
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	20,000.00
Total Checking/Savings	89,351.63
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	161.53
Total Accounts Receivable	161.53
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	18,320.30
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	330.75
Total Other Current Assets	18,651.05
Total Current Assets	108,164.21
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	15,364.00
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-13,615.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-121.00
Total Fixed Assets	4,125.84
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>114,283.90</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	852.75
Total Other Current Liabilities	852.75
Total Current Liabilities	852.75
Total Liabilities	852.75
Equity	
2740 · Unrestricted Funds	95,777.91
3900 · Retained Earnings	10,393.73
Net Income	7,259.51
Total Equity	113,431.15
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>114,283.90</u></b>