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The Importance of Service

I found one of the ways to be of service is to serve on the Outreach Committee. which is part of Intergroup. But first some background on an early AA experience. When I was a newcomer I attended lots of meetings. I had no wife or family at home and my last girlfriend had told me, "Go find someone else's life to ruin." So I had no place to go or anyone to be with. After attending a meeting I had no desire to drink that day so it was vital to go to meetings. In those days the most important book or literature to me was the Meeting Guide. I always had at least two of them, one I kept in my car and the other on my nightstand.

On a Sunday night I wanted to try a different meeting and found one in the Meeting Guide at 7:00pm in Milpitas. This was in early autumn and there was still daylight at that hour. I arrived at the church a few minutes early and saw only a few cars in the parking lot. None had stickers with AA slogans on their bumpers. In 1982 it was very common that at any meeting, sometimes half of the cars in the parking lot had stickers on the bumpers that said, EASY DOES IT, ONE DAY AT A

TIME and etc. I don't see this today.

I knocked on a few doors to ask which room the AA meeting was in and was told by someone in a Bible Study group, "There hasn't been an AA meeting here for months."
When I showed him in the meeting guide where the AA meeting was listed he said, "I'm sorry.



You better check with your people." I wasn't even invited to their Bible Study Meeting.

The next day, Monday, I called Central Office and explained to the manager what happened. Why didn't someone from that meeting call Central Office to take it out of the Meeting Guide? I have had this experience a couple more times, and wondered what could be done to fix this missing link between Central Office and some meetings?

For the past two years I have had the pleasure of being a member of the Outreach Committee which was formed shortly after Bruce became Central Office manager. The mission is to visit the meetings that Central Office has no contact with to see if they still exist. If so, we explain the benefits of becoming part of Intergroup by electing an Intergroup Rep to attend the monthly meetings. We pass on this information only. At all times we respect the group's wishes as well as the Fourth Tradition.

"Each group should be Autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole."

If you would be interested in becoming part of this committee, or want more information contact Central Office. You are also welcome to attend the monthly Outreach Committee Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45pm in Central Office.

John P San Jose



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A Letter to Those Serving in H & I

You have accepted the remarkable opportunity to be of service, to bring a message of hope to the hopeless, peace to the troubled, love to the unloved.

Please let your teammates know when you will be unable to make the meeting. We still have many two person teams assigned for many of the nights we carry the message into this facility, so it is especially important that we communicate

our needs to one another to

assure that a meeting takes

place as scheduled. If only

one person shows up there

will be a blackout at many

facilities. These people de-

pend on our showing up,

since they cannot attend

outside meetings.

I appreciate the sacrifices you make to keep this commitment. I often feel a heaviness in my heart as I pre-

pare for an H & I meeting, but I have never come away but that my spirit has been lifted, my purpose fulfilled, knowing that I have only the responsibility to carry the message: the outcome is out of my power. I suddenly realized that the heaviness was the burden to carry the message, and the lightening came when I had given my experience strength and hope to another suffering alcoholic.

I was delayed for a meeting that I secretary at another facility the other night. The two gentlemen who showed up to support their friend, my chair, had the meeting going when I arrived, following the format from our literature case. Our intended chair never ar-

rived, but the meeting was awesome nevertheless. There were tears and laughter and genuine gratitude, not the least our own, at being a part of something bigger than ourselves.

If you are now serving or are interested to know what H & I is all about, remember that you have an open invitation to the H & I Meeting on the Fourth Tuesday, December 28 at Hamilton & Leigh. There is a Pink Pamphlet orientation at 6:30 P.M., with the regular meeting immediately following, from 7 to 8 P.M. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,
One day at a time,
Another recovering alco-

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General Service Article

(encompassing AA as a whole)

Between Concepts I and XII

Recently at the Sunday 3 pm Step Study in Sunnyvale, Co-Secretary Kevin had put the familiar circumscribed triangle logo on the chalkboard with "Service" on the bottom leg. Being myself a GSR for a meeting in Santa Clara. I very quickly thought myself into the dilemma of whether to point out his mistake.

Part of me wanted to inform Kevin that "Recovery" goes on the foundation leg, but not enough people had shown up yet, at quarter to three, to overhear what might be their most informative lecture in a while. By the time a sufficient audience had drifted in, I'd mentally assembled some of my recollection of what Bill W. had said about the logo at the 20th Anniversary AA Convention in Saint Louis. But then a couple of other cerebral tangents had taken place concurrently.

First I remembered that it was Kevin who'd stepped-up this past Spring to be Chair of the NCCAA Convention in San Jose. With only about a year-and-a-half of sobriety, he'd remarkably shown up all three days in suit and tie and not frowning. It was to me a very impressive demonstration of willingness to be in service. Supposed it would be okay to have "Service" on the bottom for a couple of hours on that Sunday.

Also, the fact that AA World Services had, in 1993, phased-out the "official" use of the logo. Retroactively I was resentful about that. If it's no longer the "official" logo, I figured we could arrange the legs of triangle however wanted.

So I let my opportunity to correct what was on the chalkboard slip by and it was five till already anyway so the timing wouldn't have been right. Would have looked like I'd rehearsed what I said. For the ensuing five minutes, I went on in my head to myself about the AAWS action in 1993. Fed my resentment some more, judging those Trustees harshly, using snippets from Concepts I and XII. Then the meeting started and I got to listening off and on and allowed the resentment get away, too, for a while.

Next day, I went to the 4 pm Traditions Study in Campbell. Stopped at Central Office for a Traditions Checklist and impulsively picked-up a Concepts Checklist, because I wanted to use it to clarify my argument to myself about what the Trustees had done back in May of '93. Going over some of the Concepts Checklist later that evening, the wind got taken out of the sail in my brain, little by little, as I investigated further. Turns out there's quite a bit there, in between Concepts I and XII, that I'd somehow forgotten.

David C.

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It says in The Doctor's Opinion, page xxvii..."we have found nothing that has contributed more to the rehabilitation of these men than the altruistic movement now growing up among them".

Altruism = selfless regard or concern for the well-being of others...that be us!

My very first job was emptying those stinky ashtrays and wiping them out with a wet paper towel! The new men were asked to empty the "butt cans" just outside the doors which were metal 3 lb. coffee cans.

Then was elected to my first secretary position at the 8:15 PM meeting on Thursdays. It was way different back then. The secretary did it all. We carried everything back and forth in the trunk of our car. We "set up", bought & replenished; the literature, supplies, coffee, fresh cookies every week, counted the money, kept receipts, filled out a weekly log sheet, paid the rent monthly, then at the end of our 6 months, sent money to Central Office & AA Services, made sure the next secretary had enough to start out on, & took the coins in the pink can to the bank where they ran them thru the coin counter, bought a money order, sent it to H & I, and felt

happy, grateful and responsible to be doing it!

In the years since, I have been secretary many times and have been a Treasurer twice. In addition, I have given many rides, and talked on the phone for hours with women who were searching for answers in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. In those days as today. I give my phone number (and answer) because I believe in the 5th Tradition implicitly; Carry The Message...I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. and for that, I am responsible.

I worked the Central Office Diverter at 6 AM to 9 AM one Wednesday a month for several years. Today, as I take women through the Big Book, the 12 and 12 and the Steps, am in a constant state of being reminded of how I got here, the "Steps" I took, and what to do to keep "it".

There are other ways of "Being of Service", of course, but this is what God has put on my plate. Currently, in addition to my work with new women, I take AA to a treatment center once a month. I am told that as long as I continue to give "it" away, I get to keep "it." Being of Service to women, some of whom have a vastly different background than I had, but who

are just like me having the same thoughts, ideas, feelings and emotions as mine, has been quite awesome to say the least.

Today, the women who have coffee with me at my kitchen table, as we do our work, are unequivocally the most special of any I could ever hope to meet anywhere. I am blessed. because I listened when told: "keep coming back...no matter what"... that "Being of Service" is one of the most important aspects of my sobriety. It's repetitive...I drank and drank and drank...now I serve and serve and serve ...just as I am...the woman God made me to be today.

There is an old saying that God didn't know what to do with us so he turned us loose on each other!

"Trust God, Clean House, Work with Others"..."if you want what we have...do what we do". I found my niche...by God's Grace". If you have 24 hours, and a brand new newcomer sits down next to you with 24 minutes...if you put your hand out and say "welcome" after they announce themselves...then you are being altruistic....you are "Being of Service".

Danette G. San Jose

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My first thought when I saw the topic for December's COIN was, "service ... hardly anyone does service as I see it!"

On further reflection, I realized just how important doing service really is to sobriety in my opinion.

In fact I might say that service is not only essential, without each and every one of us doing some sort of service, AA would cease to exist; pretty strong statement you say.

Well, consider what a typical meeting looks like with service: someone comes in early and sets up chairs and tables. makes hot water and coffee, makes sure the heat is on in the winter time and sticks around to talk to others before the meeting starts; then after the meeting is over and everyone has left, there always seems to be someone who has staved to clean up the coffee pot, picked up used cups and trash in general, brought in the AA placard, then turned off the heat and lights, finally locking the doors behind as they leave.

Now consider what that

meeting would look like without that service: locked doors ... no meeting! Period.

Now I realize how important the business end of AA is, and I believe each of us will need to partake in some sort of activity involving the business aspects of AA before we leave this planet, yet I don't want to cut short any aspect of the subculture of Alcoholics Anonymous; as it is said, there is a nut for every bolt and a wrench for every nut.

In other words, for me service starts with the most elementary task, and continues through to doing General Service work or meeting with and making sure those of us coming from jails and hospitals know where a meeting is available or talking with a portion of the general non-AA population about alcoholism as a disease.

With current cell telephone technology what it is, how many calls in a day do you make to another AA member? Email another drunk? Share a meal with a "friend of Bill W?"

So for me, Service is also a matter of maintaining my sanity and serenity. I get to talk with another drunk daily, go to a meeting of Alcoholics Anony-

mous which is where I find other people who understand how I feel, sometimes helping me defuse that ticking time bomb within me ... helping me remember how a drink of alcohol wouldn't help anything be better – that is just one drunk talking to another drunk. – that's what *service* on the grass roots level is to me and that's the importance of *service* to me... intimate communication with another person

Brian M. Santa Clara

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It was In December a couple of years ago when I agreed to be the editor of the COIN. Like most service positions I have held, I had no idea what I was getting into when I agreed. That is the wonderful thing about service, we never seemed to be well equipped for it when we are asked to serve and that is what scared me the most each time.

In my experience, service has been the natural outcome of gratitude. The more gratitude I have, for everything that I have been given and can never repay directly, I must be available to do the same for others. At the beginning of my recovery service was a way to be connected, to be pulled from the outskirts of the meeting edge and brought into the middle with everyone else. Most of my service positions have come from the insistence of others...the AA railroad....this is the time when people are looking around the room and their eyes land on you and you know there is no way you are going to be able to get out of it. Here are some examples:

Secretary of a Saturday morning breakfast meeting. There were 80 to 100 people there every week. I got nominated when I had something like 18 months. Oh yah, I had real problems talking in front of other people when I started that position...and I didn't know how to make coffee.

Speaker Seeker for that same meeting. Weakness? I didn't know many people. My sponsor used to record the meeting and she had a list of people I could call. Call people I didn't know? Yikes!

Editor of the COIN. Someone thought it would be a good idea and Intergroup voted me in. Selecting the topics has allowed me to learn more about AA. I have found interesting archive articles about beginnings of certain traditions, and I have delved into AA literature for reminders of some of the basics.

The thing that has come out of every opportunity for service has been growth in areas of weakness and a deep joy at having been invited to be a part of. It is time for me to rotate out of this service opportunity. As usual, I have been grateful to be able to serve. I thank you for giving me the opportunity.

- Cathyann

Memories of Paul

One of our favorite members passed away November 7, 2010. Paul Van A got sober here in the valley August 11, 1966. Although he and his wife Pat had moved to Grants Pass Oregon in 1991, he still had many AA friends and family here that kept in touch with him and visited him and Pat. His dear friends Larry and Janie T went to 6 AA International Conventions with him.

In my early years of sobriety, Paul and I went to many of the same meetings, so I contacted folks from the old days. Without exception everyone had memories of Paul as being kind, patient, caring, wise, and a good listener. Some called him the shepherd. I think he got that name because he shepherded so many of us to General Service. For years he gave rides to anyone who needed one to the monthly General Service meetings in Oakland and I remember those rides to assemblies at Konacti. Paul was one of those people who did so much in and out of AA but quietly – true humility!

Folks shared stories about Paul. One sponsee recounted that when the job he so badly wanted turned out to be NOT what he wanted, Paul told him to see what he could put into the job rather than what he could get out of it. He said it turned out to be the best job he ever had.

His hospitality, friendliness and generosity were shown throughout the years and especially when a large group from here would go rafting up in Paul's area and on the last night Paul would barbeque for them all.

I asked his wife Pat what would she like people to know about Paul (Pat was the woman who called me back 37 years ago when I called Central Office for help). She related this story. Paul had had several cancer surgeries, had gone through rounds of chemo and radiation. Just after his third surgery, while anticipating his next round of chemo, he went to a meeting. Midway through the meeting, Paul got up, picked up a coffee pot in each hand and poured coffee for the folks attending. That was the kind of man he was! His unwavering dedication to AA and it members was endless. How blessed we were to have known him.

WANT TO GET INTO SERVICE?

PI/CPC NEEDS YOU!

The PI/CPC Committee Will be Holding Elections in January 2011 for the Following Positions:

CPC CHAIR (2 Years Sobriety Suggested)
PI VICE-CHAIR (1 Year Sobriety Suggested)
CPC VICE-CHAIR (1 Year Sobriety Suggested)

RECORDING SECRETARY (1 Year Sobriety Suggested)

To Find Out More Information, Please Send an Email to: santaclarapicpc@gmail.com
Or Call Central Office at: 408.374.8511

Letter From the Editor

Hello everyone,

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

Jan - Our Past Is Our Greatest Asset

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

cathyann5116@yahoo.com

ARCHIVES CORNER

- 1. Bill W. had his last drink in December of 1934. In spite of his efforts to carry the message to other alcoholics, he had no success. He complained about this lack of success to Dr. Silkworth who had treated Bill a number of times during his drinking. Dr. Silkworth advised Bill to explain the exact nature of the alcohol problem instead of preaching to the drunks about his mysterious spiritual experience. It was shortly after receiving this advice that Bill met Dr. Bob and the two-fold nature of the disease made sense to Dr. Bob enabling him to get sober.
- 2. In 1948, at his last major talk to AA's Dr. Bob said the following. "In the early days...our stories didn't amount to anything to speak of. When we started in on Bill D. {Bill Dodson was A.A. Number three}, we had no Twelve Steps either; we had no Traditions. But we were convinced that the answer to our problems was in the Good Book....It wasn't until 1938 that the teachings and efforts and studies that had been going on were crystallized in the form of the Twelve Steps. I didn't write the Twelve Steps. I had nothing to do with the writing of them....We already had the basic ideas, though not in terse and tangible form. We got them, as I said, as a result of our study of the Good Book." {The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous Biographical sketches Their last memorable talks,{ pp. 13-14}. Dr. Bob said that the A.A. slogans "First Things First" and "Easy Does It" were taken respectively from Matthew 6:33 and 6:34.
- 3. In Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers there is a list of six involved steps that the Akron Group followed. (pp. 131) These are more religious in nature than are the twelve steps and fortunately are not what we use today but they are very interesting.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 PI Comm. 6:00PM Outreach Comm. Mtg. 5:45PM Intergroup Meeting 7:30PM	2	3	4 Secretary's Workshop 10:00AM Central Office
5	6	7	8 North County General Service 7:30PM	9	10	11 PI/CPC Work- shop, 10:00AM Central Office
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Diverter Workshop, 1980 Hamilton Ave., 10:00 am
19	20 Bridging the Gap, 1980 Hamilton Ave., 7:00PM	21 South County General Service 7:00PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 H & I Comm., 1980 Hamilton Ave., 7:00PM	29	30	31	

LOCAL EVENTS

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Alcothon, Gilroy Groups, 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy 9:00 a.m.—8:30 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Alcothon, Saturday Nite Live, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose 1:30 a.m.—Midnight Mtg.

Dec. 31: SNL's 2010 New Year's Eve AA Mtg & Talent/No Talent Show

St. Lucy's Church, 2350 Winchester Ave., Campbell, 6:00 p.m.—2:00 a.m.

Jan 1: New Year's Day Alcothon, Saturday Nite Live, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose 1:30 a.m.—Midnight Mtg.

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EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

Dec. 10-12: WACYPAA XIV, "Friendly Hands Stretched Out In Welcome", Yosemite Valley, CA

Dec. 24 –26: X-mas Alcathon, Mission Fellowship, 2900 24th Street, San Francisco 6:00 a.m.—10 p.m.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: New Year's Alcathon, Mission Fellowship, 2900 24th Street, San Francisco 6:00 a.m.—10 p.m.

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Feb. 10-13: 47th International Women's Conference, Anchorage, Alaska

January 2011

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PLEASE NOTE:

The PI/CPC meeting location has changed to: Queen of the Apostles School, Geary Hall, 4950 Mitty Way, San Jose

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

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Telephone Calls Received During November

Daytime at Central Office 390
Daytime 12 Step Calls 10

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

Silver Serenity, Thurs., 2:00PM, St. Lucy's Church, 2346 S. Winchester, Campbell

But a Symptom, Sun. 7:00 PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., LG

Women to Women, Sat. 7:30 AM, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave., at Newport, SJ

<u>Sufficient Substitute</u>, Mon.—Fri., Noon, United Methodist Church (Kohlsted Hall), 1420 Newport Ave., @ Minnesota, SJ

<u>Traditions Study</u>, Mon. 4:00PM, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church (St. Lawrence Hall), 41 W. Rincon, @ Winchester, SJ

Sisters Seeking Serenity, Wed. 4:00PM, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church (St. Lawrence Hall), 41 W. Rincon, @ Winchester, SJ

<u>Truly Happy Hour</u>, Fri. 4:00PM, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church (St. Lawrence Hall), 41 W. Rincon, @ Winchester, SJ

CHANGED

<u>Gay/Lesbian AA Big Book Discussion</u>, Tues. 7:30 PM, moved from 1205 Pine to First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton, at Leigh, San Jose.

NO LONGER MEETING

Noon Discussion, Thurs., Noon, Prince of Peace, 12770 Saratoga Ave.

Speaker list

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Dec. 10: Michelle G., San Jose
Dec. 17: Thom H., San Jose
Dec. 24: Stacey S., San Mateo
Dec. 31: Gary H., Redwood City

Speaker list

Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Dec. 11: Tall Paul, SNL San Jose

Dec. 18: Patty, SNL San Jose

Dec. 25: Kelly, Shared Gift Group, San Jose

Jan. 1: Jeremy, SNL San Jose

Jan. 8: Harry K., Paso Robles

Jan. 15: Shilow, SNL San Jose

Jan. 22: Chuck, SNL San Jose

Jan. 29: Rick S., City Team Group, San Jose

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS BY	BIRTHDAY
Vickie W.	35	Vickie W.	10/03/1975
Jeanann C.	3	Susan S.	11/09/2007
Richard M.	23	Len & Nancy P.	11/28/1987
Charlie Brown	9	Peppermint Patty	11/30/2001
June F.	1	Joe B.	11/24/2009



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

71 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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

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INTERGROUP MINUTES

November 3, 2010

Alternate Secretary was late - Missed the opening of the meeting!

- Bill V., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. Followed by A Moment of Silence; Serenity Prayer
- Bill V. introduced himself and welcomed everyone.
- Definition of Intergroup was read
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions was read
- Introduction of New Group Representatives, Visitors, September birthday announcements:
- Introduction of New Reps:
- Visitors: September Birthdays: Mike 4 yrs. John 4 yrs. Neale 35 yrs. Timmy 3 yrs. and more...
- 7th Tradition
- Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:
 - 1. Jim announced secretary workshop during new business.
 - 2. Added Dave Barry as Central Service Board report (408) 605-1709
- Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Minutes:
 - 1. Mike S. Thank Mary Pat formally for her service as chair.
- Treasurer's Report Michael \$94.30 taken in.

Voting Member Count:

48 voting representatives were in attendance, according to the sign in sheet.

REPORTS

Dave B. (Central Service Report)

- Board met on 10/28/10 at Emil's Barbecue for the pass-it-on meeting.
- Positions for new board:

Larie St. John (Chair)

JoAnn Cole-Johnson (Alternate Chair)

Jeanmarie Finigan (Secretary)

Bernadette Proulx (Alternate Secretary)

Dave Barry (Treasurer)

- September and October were contributions were up from last year.
- First Republic Bank notified Bruce that our account had been hit 3 times for tickets on Azerbaijan Airlines. The total amount was \$1188.59. The bank could not reimburse the debt because it is a business account.
- The new board thanked the old board for their dedicated service.
- Creation of sick-leave policy was tabled until next month when Jeanmarie will be present.

Bruce (Central Office)

- Fraudulent use of First Republic Bank credit card.
- Attended the annual manager's conference in St. Louis.

Tommy (PICPC)

- Looking for new members meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15. Training 2nd Saturday of every month at 10 AM at central office.
- Presenting to three new middle schools.

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MINUTES, cont.

12 Step Committee position is open.

Bruce (12 Step Committee)

- Always looking for people to take shifts. 3 open night & weekend positions.

Outreach Committee position is open.

Bruce (Newsletter)

- Time for Cathyann to rotate out. Need a new editor.

Gloria (Activity Coordinator)

- Pancake breakfast raised \$3000 with over 400 people attending.
- Grapevine Day event being held on Nov. 20th at Central Office.
- Next IG meeting is going to be preceded by a potluck dinner. Starts at 6. Email Gloria for food list.

Jim (Secretary Workshop)

- Workshop held 1st Sat. of every month. Need new teachers.

Johnny O. (Founder's Day)

- Will be performing play "In Our Own Words." Need 7 profession actors and many volunteers. Auditions will begin in January.

Steve G. (Communications Committee)

- Founding vision: To extend the hand of AA digitally. Make sure the web site can adapt and that the 12 traditions are honored during the process.
- Three silos of responsibility: Guidelines, Content & Compliance and Production & Deployment.
- Next meeting is Nov 20th. at 11 AM in Saratoga. Call 408-515-9647 for more information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tommy presented PICPC's "A Bridge to the Future," event. Outreach event to be held for probation officers, treatment professionals and clergy on March 4th from 3-4:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown San Jose. Received approval of funding not to exceed \$800 dollars from Intergroup - 40 in favor, 4 opposed.

Mary Pat presented the recommendations of the Guidelines Committee in a two part document consisting of: Discussion & Motions Process and Outline for Agenda/Order of Business. Wants representatives to consider for discussion next IG meeting.

Mike H. announced a NCCAA convention to be held in March.

Bret B., new H&I representative, announced an H&I meeting to be held at 7 PM at Hamilton and Leigh on November 23rd. H&I needs more representatives and volunteers with a minimum of two years sobriety.

Meeting closed at 9:15.

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

November 2010

	Nov 10	Nov 09	Jan - Nov 10
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income	0.007.00	0.045.74	100 040 00
3030 · Contributions-General	6,067.08	9,915.74	123,842.88
8010 · Literature Sales	3,305.37	3,788.78	49,528.06
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	674.50	1,085.77	10,654.50
8050 · Activities Committee	2,965.00	0.00	11,309.28
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	0.00	5.00	150.00
Total Income	13,011.95	14,795.29	195,484.72
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,289.52	2,457.50	34,459.86
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	317.09	268.81	4,561.82
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	2,606.61	2,726.31	39,021.68
Total COGS	2,606.61	2,726.31	39,021.68
Gross Profit	10,405.34	12,068.98	156,463.04
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	828.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	7,817.63
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	350.00	2,400.00
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	9.75
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	30.83	57.26	1,041.68
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	99.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	0.00	1,082.96
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	775.00
6160 · Copier Expense	74.16	78.99	2,465.58
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	4,186.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	461.23
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	162.83	0.00	1,927.74
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	845.46	817.36	9,200.49
6245 · Internet Access Charges	29.95	29.95	339.40
6325 · Office - Theft Losses	0.00	0.00	1,188.48
6330 · Office Expense	254.82	192.03	2,301.14
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	522.05	2,930.34
6380 · Payroll Taxes	603.79	637.23	7,029.05
6410 · Postage	3.24	485.00	1,306.87
6430 · Public Information	150.00	0.00	150.00
6480 · Rent	2,407.30	2,343.95	26,656.95
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,802.09	8,329.74	84,918.89
6560 · Payroll Expenses	86.99	77.44	926.05
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	200.00	2,200.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	100.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	204.34	362.27	3,572.08
7060 · Travel	0.00	26.65	285.21
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-1.41
Total Expense	12,855.80	14,609.92	166,158.11
Net Ordinary Income	-2,450.46	-2,540.94	-9,695.07
Other Income/Expense	, ,	,	,
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	118.54	253.12	993.23
Total Other Income	118.54	253.12	993.23
Net Other Income	118.54	253.12	993.23
t Income	-2,331.92	-2,287.82	-8,701.84

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

As of November 30, 2010

	Nov 30, 10
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	400.00
1010 · Petty Cash	160.68
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	28,909.30
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.73%, 08/12/2010)	17,331.56
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.47%, 02/05/2011)	16,139.09
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.04%, 05/19/2011)	10,052.79
Total Checking/Savings	72,593.42
Accounts Receivable	4 200 04
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,369.84
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,369.84
Other Current Assets	40.500.04
1250 · Literature Inventory	18,500.21
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	925.85
1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,449.06
Total Other Current Assets	20,875.12
Total Current Assets	92,098.70
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,093.46
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-28,032.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-182.75
Total Fixed Assets	8,276.38
Other Assets	
1860 Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	102,368.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	50.00
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	876.57
Total Other Current Liabilities	926.57
Total Current Liabilities	926.57
Total Liabilities	926.57
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	99,302.12
Net Income	-8,701.84
Total Equity	101,442.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	102,368.93

	Nov 10	Jan - Nov 10
4 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70040		404.60
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	51.10	
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00 490.00	1,065.18
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975 1 INV H & I		1,820.00
	0.00 0.00	2.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972		1,256.41
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905 1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00 350.00	560.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	4,553.26 2,310.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	275.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	0.00	130.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	268.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	164.06
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	330.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	169.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	141.00	447.69
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	839.30
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	180.65
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	141.01
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	0.00	120.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	153.30
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	202.00
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	240.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	37.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	72.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	84.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	113.00
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	256.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	617.40
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	344.16
Birthday Contribution 00951	0.00	1,270.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) LG 816 (Wed)	0.00	789.52
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	838.88
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	303.95
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,260.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	201.30
Caveman Group (Men's Big Book) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	567.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	549.98
Chips and Dyps 559 (Tues.)	0.00	2,064.82
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	90.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	77.05
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	161.00	231.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	375.90
Early Bird 414 (Sat.)	0.00	40.91
Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.)	0.00	1,182.52
Early Spiritual Progress 7 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,381.78
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,523.20
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	400.00
Eastside Step Study 45 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	254.85
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	Nov 10	Jan - Nov 10
Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	0.00	280.00
Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.)	0.00	332.22
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	192.50	192.50
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	168.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	64.31	183.31
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	137.09	2,018.21
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	1,050.00
G Gilroy Groups 70906	70.00	350.00
G Higher Power Hour 70952	612.50	1,786.70
G One Day at a Time 70903	0.00	1,722.00
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	630.00
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	2,326.69
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	250.00
G Sufficient Substitute	0.00	960.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	2,397.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	559.51	5,749.80
G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	193.26	2,354.01
G We Care Group 70934	0.00	1,050.00
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	510.00
Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	86.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	269.01
Gay & Lesbian Step & Tradition G 221(Fr	0.00	49.70
Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.)	0.00	173.00
Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	293.68
Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	191.51
Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	365.35
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	372.44
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	135.00
Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.	0.00	970.00
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	432.80
Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	456.00
Grapevine Speakers 327 (Fri.)	0.00	98.57
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	1,740.90
H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	0.00	26.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	1,513.86
Happy Hour LG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	90.00
Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	150.00
High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	305.37
HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	840.00
Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	282.00
In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	92.40	132.40
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	140.00	440.00
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	433.60
Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	400.00
Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	385.00
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	621.15
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	154.00	364.00
Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	96.00
Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	206.39
Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	133.54

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Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	1,210.50
Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	432.75
Living with Serenity (Chip) 599 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	73.33	73.33
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	539.00
Los Gatos Groups	0.00	2,100.00
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	56.00	158.80
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	84.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	884.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	459.00
Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,648.50
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	1,175.00
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	2,135.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	847.05
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	71.39
Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	330.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	617.40
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	500.70
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	64.82
New Life Start 444 (Sun.)	0.00	580.22
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	160.00	510.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	119.35
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	1,481.82
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	101.50
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
Oldtimers Meeting 80935	0.00	70.82
Palo Alto Group 302 (Fri.)	0.00	1,145.20
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	671.89
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	362.19	1,404.13
Personal 00911	113.00	9,124.59
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	230.00
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	105.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	719.00
Roots LG 344 (Sat.)	0.00	749.00
San Martin Candlelighters MH 378 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00
Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	1,000.00
Saratoga Serenity Group 329 (Fri.)	0.00	28.50
Saturday 6PM Meeting LG 413 (Sat.)	0.00	210.00
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,540.00
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	385.70
SCCYPAA	0.00	560.00
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	1,550.50
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	2,563.00
Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61 (Mon.)	475.00	880.00
Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00
Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	95.00	95.00
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	175.00

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Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	175.00
Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	876.00
South County General Service District 40	0.00	25.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	108.00	208.00
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	400.00
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	815.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	166.68	913.29
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	21.00
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	571.92
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	400.00
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	250.00	600.00
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	214.76
Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	763.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	100.00	850.00
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,505.00
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	0.00	1,680.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	40.00	115.00
Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	0.00	140.00
Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.)	0.00	358.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	490.00
University Beginners 176 (Wed) SC	0.00	49.63
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	350.00
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	490.00
Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Tue)	0.00	120.00
Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon	0.00	780.55
We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	0.00	61.00
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	240.00
Wisdom to Know PA 651 (Mon.)	0.00	100.00
Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,029.00
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	215.21	215.21
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	159.00	159.00
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	369.60
Women to Women (Sat.) 704	0.00	80.30
Young at Heart 182 (Wed.)	0.00	70.00
TAL	6,067.08	123,223.11



Saturday Nite Live's 2010 New Years Eve AA Meeting and Talent/No Talent Show

Where: St. Lucy's Church

2350 Winchester Ave.

Campbell, CA 95008

Doors Open - 6:00 PM - Friday Dec. 31st

AA Meeting – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Speaker Meeting with John S. - Santa Clara, CA

Talent / No Talent Show –

9:00 PM - Midnight

Dance - 12:00 AM - 2:00 AM



Coffee Water



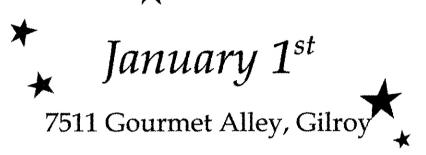
PLEASE NOTE: Per the request of St. Lucy's Church......

No confetti, spike heels or refreshments in the gym area. All young children need to be under the immediate supervision of their own parents or guardians. No chairs can be saved after the AA Meeting begins. Thank You.



You're invited to ...

NEW YEAR'S DAY ALCO-THON with us!



	Start	End	Engagement	Secretary	Chair
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Wake up Meeting	Regular	
	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Intermission		
	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Meeting		
**	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Intermission	,	
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Meeting		
*	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Intermission	<u> </u>	
	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Meeting +		
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Intermission		
	5:30 YAM	6:30 PM	Meetina		
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Ontermission	,	
	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Waterloo	Regular	·

Meeting topics for the open timeslots will be formatted by the secretary and are subject to change, to accommodate the meeting needs.

Christmas Alco-Thon

December 25th

7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy

Start	End	Engagement	Secretary	Chair
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Wake Up Meeting	Regular	
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Intermission		
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Meeting		
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	<i>O</i> Intermission		
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Meeting		
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Intermission		
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Meeting		
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Intermission		mannen ver er dhier
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Meeting		
6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Intermission		
7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Water-Loo	Regular	
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The Freedom Fellowship Group will be having mini Alcathons:

Christmas Eve Fri 12/24: Noon – 11pm Christmas Day Sat 12/25: 7am – 11pm

- AND -

New Year's Eve Fri 12/31: Noon - 11pm New Year's Day Sat 1/1/11: 7am - 11pm

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Sundays will be the normal Sunday Schedule. Because of Lease Restrictions, we must close each evening at 11:00pm.

FAIR AVENUE FELLOWSHIP GROUP 1122 Fair Av. San Jose CA INVITES YOU!!!

ALCATHON 2010 FRIDAY-DEC-31-2010 STARTING 9AM

9:00-10:00 AM 10:05-10:55 AM 11:05-11:55 AM 12:00-1:00 PM 1:05-1:55 PM



2:05-2:55PM 3:05-3:55PM 4:00-5:00PM 5:05-5:55PM 6:00-7:00PM 7:30-8:30PM 9:00-9:50PM 10:00-10:50PM 11:00-11:50PM

12:00-1:00AM 2011





CALLING ALL ACTORS/ACTRESSES

Auditions for the Upcoming Play:

"IN OUR OWN WORDS - THE PIONEERS OF AA"

Bowers Park in Santa Clara 2582 Cabrillo Ave. (Near San Tomas Exp) Saturday January 22, 2011 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

THERE ARE LOTS OF CHARACTERS (Really? In AA?) IN THIS PLAY AND WE NEED LOTS OF FOLKS TO PLAY THEM!

SO COME AND TRY OUT - EXPERIENCED OR NOT! (PLEASE BRING A RECENT PHOTO OF YOURSELF)

THIS PLAY HAS BEEN PERFORMED IN SAN FRANCISCO, SAN ANTONIO (AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF AA) AND OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS AROUND THE WORLD!

AND NOW IT WILL BE PERFORMED HERE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY DURING FOUNDERS DAY EVENTS IN 2011

Sponsored by: The Santa Clara County Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

Original Scripts are Available at Central Office

For More Information Contact: Bruce K. at 408-374-8420 at Central Office M-F 9:00 – 4:30 or at www.aasanjose.org OR: The Director, Joel F. at 408-371-7458

More About

"IN OUR OWN WORDS: PIONEERS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS"

This stage play is about the events and people involved in the development and understanding of our Traditions, especially our Third Tradition, "The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking."

In the performance of this play you will hear the stories of:

FLORENCE R. - author of "A Feminine Victory"

SYBIL C. - first woman in A.A. west of the Mississippi MARTY M. - first woman to achieve lasting sobriety

BARRY L. - early gay member and author of "Living Sober"

JOE McQ. - first African American in the South

JIMMY M. - one of the first African American women

RICARDO M. - San Quentin inmate

JUNE G. - young, smartly dressed lawyer
YOUNG JUNE - 13 year old "tough broad" in 1972
YPAA'S - enthusiastic young people in A.A.

DICK P. - first Spanish Speaking member, translated Big Book into

Spanish

MAYNARD & TALL MAN- first Native American members

This theatrical experience brings to life the sometimes painful and always intriguing evolution of our Fellowship into one of the most diverse and welcoming organizations in the world. "In Our Own Words" was written by Jackie B. of San Francisco and was performed, to enthusiastic reviews, at the International Convention in San Antonio, Texas this year. This International Convention marked the 75th anniversary of A.A., and Grapevine sponsored these performances in celebration of that historic event.

We are looking for experienced actors to play these "real people", as well as folks who have had personal experiences in these sensitive roles. We will happily tutor those chosen to play a role if experience is lacking.

Auditions will be held January 22, 2011, at Bowers Park at Cabrillo & San Tomas, in Santa Clara from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Please join us; let's have some fun.