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Our Past is Our Greatest Asset

I prided myself on keeping secrets: especially my own. Following each close, alcohol-related scrape (i.e. while hitchhiking or running from a drunken stranger after hours of bar drinking) or each heart-breaking revelation (i.e. one charming alcoholic boyfriend was married), I would tell myself to "deal with it and move on". I always hoped for no permanent damage from any of these alcohol related situations.

Most of this privacy stuff changed when I, a walking nervous breakdown, entered the rooms of AA and slowly started sharing my painful alcoholic past with my sponsor and other old timers. That fall, I did not know that eventually the details of my failed life as an alcoholic could be an asset when talking to newcomers. What I did know was that my

"most important" assets, I thought, were gone forever: an inheritance spent on my wedding, a comfortable home, a "good provider" husband!

Initially, my phone calls were mostly about my failed marriage: my recent, unbearable past. My "good time Charley" and I had an open bar wedding with problems on that beautiful October day when we were both drinking before our backyard ceremony began. As I saw it, this quirky relationship was my last hope for a husband.

Sadly my alcoholic marriage was all but lost a few months after the grand Hawaiian honeymoon. We finally had that all important discussion about children and pets; he wanted neither. What a shock. About his drinking

(not mine), we debated almost daily and armed wrestled over a Scotch bottle after signing the marriage license. Coming from an alcoholic family, this alcoholic had no guidelines on how to ask important questions or communicate with loved ones. (Gratefully I learned these skills later in recovery.)

So, I went to Al-Anon, he returned to the dating scene, and I was alone with my Drambuie bottle. Depression was constant.

During this time, I was seriously injured while home alone. For a few months, I couldn't drive a car and it was much longer before I could work even part time. Bills were piling up. Suicide became a realistic option; my addict mother had committed suicide 2 years before.

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I had hit bottom with no ladder in sight. There wasn't anywhere or anyone to run to; my former rescuers had died or walked away. My friends no longer want to hear my sad story. (Today, I have program friends who will listen any time of the day or night.) I knew that another "good time Charley" or a singles party with an open bar wasn't the answer.

The devastation of that last year before coming to AA I could not shake off. I did have permanent damage. Soon after answering "the 20 questions" and attending my first meeting (for me not my husband), it was suggested that I attend 90 meetings in 90 days, read the literature, pray, and make at least two phone calls daily. In desperation, I did it all.

After those first months, I started feeling relief; I was hopeful that I would be alright and felt that I finally knew some people who understood me. Maybe life was worth living after all.

My sponsor told me to get out of myself and talk to newcomers. I started telling those new, shaky alcoholic women about my past life; things my own sisters hadn't heard. I found that I really wanted to talk about the past ("There was that cold night in New England when I passed out in front of the dance band and woke up to find everybody gone..."); It felt good to share. I could actually laugh now about falling down those frat house stairs. I was a loser but began to feel like a winner at the same time. Me a winner? That's when I got it. My greatest asset is my recovery story and sharing it with others.

Today, I consider my fast descent from alcoholic bridehood to almost nothing but a waterbed and some wedding gifts as a great asset in talking with newcomers. (I can also share about college binge drinking and Fri-

day happy hours with fellow teachers.) Believing that my troubled alcoholic life would be happier by getting married to another alcoholic was a huge self-deception. When I lost my mental, physical and spiritual health, I found healing in the rooms of AA.

Today, I can share that walking into an AA meeting was the best "life fix", the best step ladder, my higher power could have given me. I know that my most important asset is sharing the truth about my past life. Doing this over the years has increased my self esteem and confidence immensely. I absolutely know that recovery is possible for other alcoholic women who have lost all hope just as I did. I tell them AA gave me that chance to "live happily ever after" and they have that chance too.

-BG

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General Service Article (encompassing AA as a whole)

Can An Atheist Recover?

According to Step 12, a spiritual awakening is the result of the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, but is it possible to be spiritual and still be an atheist or agnostic or are our doors closed to suffering alcoholics who are non-believers?

When I first stumbled into the rooms of AA I considered myself to be an agnostic and being an alcoholic of the "Intellectual" persuasion, I needed rational arguments in order to believe. I couldn't muster a real belief in God, but I also couldn't explain the effect that a higher power was having on arresting alcoholism in the stories I was hearing. I came to two realizations that helped me eventually get past it. First of all a belief - rather than any particular belief - was the important common thread in recovery. Second was that perhaps it was the language and practice of spirituality, evolved over thousands of years, which gave us the tools to observe, describe, and manage the inner workings of our minds.

After several months of having a regular meditation practice, one day during meditation, I finally felt the presence of God! Even for a skeptic like me, the experience was real and undeniable. Since that day, I consider myself to have had a spiritual awakening. While I have not resolved the dilemma of who created the universe, I don't believe that the question is relevant to my concept of a personal God and that I would not be intellectually honest if I denied what I felt in meditation. Today my spirituality continues to evolve and I continue to receive answers to some of life's questions and, through my belief, the strength to implement them.

Do you have a story that relates to belief or non-belief? Do you know of atheist/agnostic members who are successful in the program? At the 60th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous it was recommended that "the trustees' Committee on Literature develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous". Our AA trustees are looking for stories that reflect a wide range of spiritual experiences from AA members who have found a path to spirituality and sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. If you would like to share your story, please send it in by Feb 15th to the General Service Office in NY. For more information please see the Winter Issue of Box 459 which can be found at the aa.org website, or contact Bruce at Central Office (408-374-8511).

Sincerely,
Raj K.



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"We will not regret the past, or wish to shut the door on it". One of the Promises. How could that be, I asked myself as a newcomer. That doesn't make sense! It took awhile for me to get that concept, because I wanted desperately to forget my past and put it behind me when I was new.

After listening to many, many "chairs" and a lot of wise input from members, came to realize that we not only give away what we've gotten, to keep it, but in sharing our experience, strength and hope with others, it is our past that helps those who have a past like ours, or similar, to identify and realize that finally, finally they have found a group of people who are just like them.

My past is what my 12-Step work is based on. That's what I share about at meetings. It's my story. It's the "me" I used to be. It is a tool I use to sponsor. If I shut the door on my past, what good would I be at working with others? Therefore, I can never forget where king alcohol took me...I can never for-

get the person I became under the influence of king alcohol...I can never forget how I got here, because if I want to sweep my past under the rug and only give away my recovery, then those I work with are not getting 100% of me. In other words, what it was like, and what happened is my "past". What it's like today, how I got from point A to now is my strength and hope. My "past" *has* become my greatest asset in working with others to help them achieve for themselves what I love -my Sobriety.

Recently, after meeting with a new woman for the first time who was going through some "tuff" stuff, she said to me; "I feel so much better now, how did you know what to say to me"? My reply; "because I have experienced feeling the same way...the very same thinking, feelings, and emotions as you...I have been 'there' myself, 'in my past, so I gave you the tools of the program that my sponsor gave to me. I gave you the same hope that was given to me at a time when...like you...I felt like I was the worst of the worst".

After chairing an afternoon meeting in October, a young

man in his mid 30's came to me and said; "I have had a real struggle and I feel a lot better after listening to you...I feel hopeful...thanks for sharing your story". It was my "past" he was referring to. Isn't it interesting how God works it all out...?

I have a life today. The fact that my past is now my greatest asset has given me a sense of peace. I have not been afraid of my past for a long time now. Being able to look it right in the eye and let God use it to do His work in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is indescribable. It is humility. The "me" of today, includes the me of "yesterday". My "past" is in my sobriety of today. It is part of my spiritual journey...in becoming the woman God made me to be in spite of myself.

Danette G., San Jose





The Importance of Service

"In a moment a wound can be healed, in a
moment a heart can be opened."

An accumulation of events steers you to the
edge-

The moment of redemption,

The moment of truth,

The moment that could- quite possibly- make
you or break you.

What goes up, must come down,

More importantly, what goes down, must come
up...

Driven by fear, irrationality, anger, hopeless-
ness,

How could you lose much more,

When all has been defeated,

When you have been shattered,

When your back is pushed up against the wall,

When flailing arms, thrashing legs are quickly
silenced,

When your options unwittingly dissipate before
your very eyes,

When words no longer have the ability to save
you,

When the darkness sets in,

When the end seems so near,

As if it has won not just the battle,

But is ruthlessly, vigorously winning the war.

Wave after wave pummeling the rocky shore be-
low,

The thought takes on life in your head:

There's nothing more to try,

There are no more choices,

There is no more strength left to fight,

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, left to do,

Maybe now is the time to admit defeat,

To let yourself go,

To cringe like a coward,

To back into the shadows,

To take that step off the edge,

To fall to your demise...

To allow the waves to literally smash you until you
are no more.

At this moment, this very moment,

Of complete and utter desperation,

Of a chasm of chaos that narrows as you fall
deeper,

Where you are knowingly flirting with the darkness,

Where you almost willingly allow yourself to be
entirely ensnared...

Then, and only then, does a tiny bit of light shine
through dimly,

Causing you to pause for a fleeting moment,

A thought enters your mind,

Could this be... is this what you had secretly been

hoping for...

You instantly fall to your knees,

Emotions flooding back, overwhelming you:

Aching pain, absolute relief, colossal grief, deep
gratitude, liberating humility, immense sorrow...

Most importantly, emancipating absolution
enveloped by a profound, liberating hope.

You hesitatingly step back from the edge,

Your eyes look up and out to see the sunset on
the horizon,

Deep hues of purples, pinks, oranges, reds-

Colors that you had not recognized in the dark-
ness,

A single tear falls down your cheek,

The unbreakable dam slowly softens...

This is your moment of redemption,

This is your moment of truth,

This is your defining moment that will make
you...

For now your eyes have been opened,

For now the warmth overtakes you...

Your tears flow freely now,

Your heart begins to open...

For now, in this moment, you have come to
believe,

That you are finally, willingly *free*.

- Simran R.



Your New COIN Editor

Two years ago, I came back to the rooms a broken man. I didn't know where or how my life was going to end up. Come to think of it, I still don't! This is not my first time in the rooms. I got introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous while being a resident at Elmwood. While I never got arrested because of my drinking, it played a huge part. My family wanted nothing to do with me, my friends left, and I couldn't keep a job. I thought that I was going to become a statistic and end up in prison for the rest of my life.

Since coming back to the fellowship, I have been given that second chance at life that I spent so long hearing about. The people in the fellowship that know me well understand that the last year has been especially difficult for me personally. It was a test of my perseverance, and of my will. If it hadn't of been for the friends that I made in the fellowship, I don't know where I would be today.

I have had the privilege of serving Santa Clara County as its Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair. It has been a fabulous year, and I have learned a lot and met some fantastic people. One of the things I have learned is about the "spirit of rotation", and how important it is. In saying that, I realize that it is time to move on and that I have accomplished what I have set out to do. As some famous person said, "out with the old, and in with the new!"

I want to thank Cathyann for her service over the last two years as Editor! It has been awesome to read The COIN each month, and she did a pretty awesome job!! As the incoming Editor, I promise that I will work hard to continue the tradition of excellence that you the reader have come to expect. After all, that is all that I can do.

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

Feb - Everyday Miracles

March - The Best Gift Ever

April - Stories of Courage and Strength

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:
tommy.moss@verizon.net

ARCHIVES CORNER

When Bill W. was stranded in Akron after the failure of his business venture, he attempted to find an alcoholic with whom he could pass on his sobriety. What follows is a quote from a transcript of remarks from Henrietta Seiberling who was the lady who set up his meeting with Dr. Bob:

"I would like to tell about Bob in the beginning. Bob and Ann came into the Oxford Group, which, as you know, was the movement which tried to recapture the power of First Century Christianity in the modern world, and a quality of life which we must always emphasize. Someone spoke to me about Bob Smith's drinking. He didn't think that people knew it. And I decided that the people who shared in the Oxford group had never shared very costly things to make Bob lose his pride and share what he thought would cost him a great deal. So I decided to gather together some Oxford Group people for a meeting, and that was in T. Henry Williams' house.

"I warned Ann that I was going to have this meeting. I said, "Come prepared to mean business. There is going to be no pussyfooting around." Sure enough, in that deep, serious tone of his, he said, "Well you good people have all shared things that I am sure was very costly to you, and I am going to tell you something which may cost me my profession. I am a silent drinker, and I can't stop."

"So Bill called Dr. Tunks, and Dr. Tunks gave him a list to of names. One of them was Norman Sheppard, who was a close friend of mine and knew what I was trying to do for Bob. Bill called, and I will never forget what he said: "I'm from the Oxford Group and I'm a Rum Hound." I thought "This is really manna from Heaven." And I said, "You come right out here."

"Bill stayed in Akron. He didn't have any money. There was a neighbor of mine, John Gammeter, and I called him and asked him to put Bill up at the country club for two weeks or so just to keep him in town."

To be continued next month.



January 2011

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Jan. 22: **AUDITIONS! "In Their Own Words-Pioneers of AA"**, 1-4 PM, Bowers Park in Santa Clara, 2582 Cabrillo Ave.

Jan. 22: **"Switch Hitters" Drag Show**, Sober and Free Fundraiser, 7 PM, First Congregational Church of SJ, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ. Visit: www.soberandfree.org for more info.

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

Feb. 18-20: **A New Freedom Retreat**, Palo Alto Fellowship's 7th Annual Winter Retreat, Asilomar Conf. Center, Pacific Grove. Visit: www.newfreedomretreat.com for more info.

Mar. 12: **The Valley Speakers Series**, 7 PM, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 506 N. Garden Str., Visalia

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

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

April 22-24: **Celebrate Sobriety 2011**, Vancouver, BC. Visit: www.celebratesobriety.org for more info.



February 2011

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

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



Alcoholics
Anonymous ...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During December

Daytime at Central Office	438
Daytime 12 Step Calls	15

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

Came to Believe, Tues., 7:00 PM, East Valley Pentecostal Church, 2715 S. White Rd., SJ

Silver Serenity, Thurs., 2:00 PM, 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

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

Traditions Study, 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

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

CHANGED

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

NO LONGER MEETING

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

Step by Step Group, Sun., 8:15 PM, Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte, Los Altos

Speaker list

Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Jan. 15: Shilow, SNL San Jose

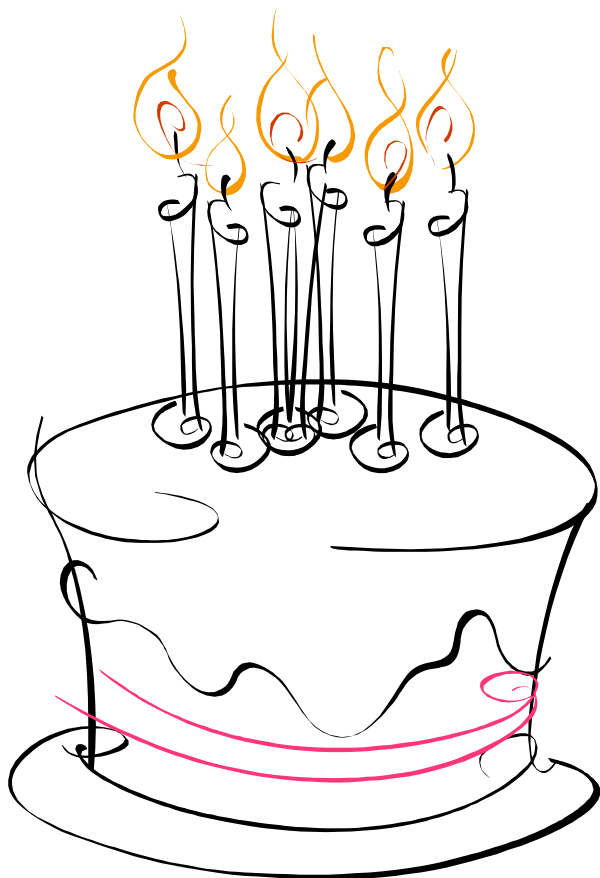
Jan. 22: Chuck, SNL San Jose

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



BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS BY	BIRTHDAY
Myrtle F.	7	Anonymous	12/16/2003
Patricia K.	36	Dee G.	12/26/1974
Karen J.	1	Anonymous	12/24/2009
Rebecca H.	9	Susan S.	11/10/2001
Jason B.	2	Dominic B.	12/02/2008
Don Z.	21	Don Z.	12/28/1989
Jean E.		Jacqueline C.	
Mary Ellen M.	27	Mary Ellen M.	01/06/1984



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

103 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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



INTERGROUP MINUTES

December 1, 2010

- Bill H., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.
- John read the short definition of Intergroup.
- Joyce read the twelve traditions.
- New Intergroup reps: Joel, Billy D., Mary Kate, Sue, Dick.
- Visitors: Mike
- Birthdays: Barry 4 Years, Bill 9 Years, Joshua 2 Years
- Additions or corrections to the agenda:
- North County General Service Rose would like us to add her last name "White"
- Additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes:
 1. The "Other Service Committee Reports" were not listed and should be.
 2. Bill's last name begins with the letter H, not V.
 3. Tommy celebrated 3 years, not Timmy.
 4. Under the Central Service Report, remove the last names of our new board members.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Michael \$300 in Prudent Reserve
- 48 Voting Representatives were in attendance.

Reports

Intergroup Chair – Bill H.

Most committees are full. There are 4 new ones which will be discussed tonight.

Central Service Board - Larie

They had their first board meeting last month and introduced the new board members. Next month they'll meet again and discuss more.

Central Office – Cory

Nov was a little slow, but they are not dipping into their prudent reserve. Grapevine day had good camaraderie, but not a lot of attendees. Central Office appreciates the support and always welcomes visitors! One CD has matured and they will vote on another once the new board is settled.

PI/CPC – Tommy M

Tommy's service is up and they are holding elections January 2011. The location for their March event will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Twelfth Step Committee: No report.

Daytime Office – 390 day calls and ten 12 step calls.

Nights and Weekends – Steve

Diverter workshop is the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am at 1980 Hamilton Avenue, San Jose. They need volunteers.

Outreach Committee – No report.

Newsletter Committee – CathyAnn

Her term is ending, thanks for letter CathyAnn be of service. January's topic is "Our Past is our Greatest Asset."

Activities Committee – Gloria V.

Tonight's potluck, thanks for everyone contributing!



MINUTES, cont.

Communications Committee – Steve G.

There are 4 members right now. They will have a flier next month. They will stick to the World Service Guidelines.

Unfinished Business:

There is a new agenda order. June is presenting a document for reps to see how to make a motion. Steve made a motion to “Accept guidelines as presented with the exception to take out a be and add an it.” Motion was seconded and it passed with 40 reps in favor and none opposed.

New Business:

4 positions to be filled are Outreach (Mary Pat), Nights & Weekend Diverter Coordinator (Steve S), Twelfth Step Committee (Barry P), COIN Newsletter (Tommy M). IG chair has interested people to fill the positions. Next month we'll have elections.

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day – No report.

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Next convention will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Foster City on the second weekend in March 2011.

Hospitals & Institutions – Bret

Monthly meeting in the 4th Tuesday of the Month at 1980 Hamilton Avenue, San Jose. Please encourage people to get involved.

Bridging the Gap – No report.

North County – No report.

South County: Had elections. They volunteered to put out the CNCA's newsletter, but district 13 got it because they could produce it at a cheaper rate.

SCCYPAA – Shannon

3rd Annual Comedy Show is December 18. There will be a speaker meeting with Karl C from Sunnyvale at 8 pm and comedy show to follow.

Open Forum:

- Jim's commitment doing the Secretary Workshop at the Central Office has come to an end and Chuck will be taking over the position.
- Christmas alkathon's will be held at the Freedom Fellowship in Mountain View, SNL in San Jose, and the Cornerstone Group in Los Gatos.
- Becca volunteered to get to Intergroup at 6:30 to set up the coffee for our monthly meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

December 2010

	Dec 10	Dec 09	Jan - Dec 10
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	15,058.10	9,245.43	138,900.98
8010 · Literature Sales	4,583.55	3,383.92	54,111.61
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,318.25	585.50	11,972.75
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	11,309.28
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	10.00	30.00	160.00
Total Income	20,969.90	13,244.85	216,454.62
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,183.67	2,321.28	37,643.53
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	390.28	691.03	4,952.10
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,573.95	3,012.31	42,595.63
Total COGS	3,573.95	3,012.31	42,595.63
Gross Profit	17,395.95	10,232.54	173,858.99
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	828.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	1,290.00	0.00	9,107.63
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	3.25	3.25	13.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	81.40	58.96	1,123.08
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	70.89	71.20	2,536.47
6190 · Depreciation Expense	1,375.42	1,418.00	5,561.42
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	456.38	467.40	917.61
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	162.83	473.00	2,090.57
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	845.46	817.36	10,045.95
6245 · Internet Access Charges	29.95	0.00	369.35
6325 · Office - Theft Losses	0.00	0.00	1,188.48
6330 · Office Expense	74.46	449.86	2,375.60
6370 · Office Paper Supply	294.09	139.44	3,224.43
6380 · Payroll Taxes	716.37	548.63	7,745.42
6410 · Postage	509.23	331.25	1,816.10
6430 · Public Information	0.00	0.00	150.00
6480 · Rent	2,407.30	2,343.95	29,064.25
6540 · Salaries - Office	9,265.59	7,171.72	94,184.48
6560 · Payroll Expenses	93.79	76.39	1,019.84
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	50.00	2,400.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	33.75	364.42	3,605.83
7060 · Travel	0.00	34.72	285.21
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-1.41
Total Expense	17,910.16	14,819.55	184,068.27
Net Ordinary Income	-514.21	-4,587.01	-10,209.28
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	0.00	0.36	993.23
Total Other Income	0.00	0.36	993.23
Net Other Income	0.00	0.36	993.23
Net Income	-514.21	-4,586.65	-9,216.05

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2010

	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	29,399.95 ** (20k)
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	<u>73,148.39</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,558.35
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-1,558.35</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	19,460.78
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	763.02
1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,647.16
Total Other Current Assets	<u>21,870.96</u>
Total Current Assets	93,461.00
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,093.46
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-29,407.42
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-186.00
Total Fixed Assets	<u>6,897.71</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>102,352.56</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,424.41
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,424.41</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,424.41</u>
Total Liabilities	1,424.41
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	99,302.12
Net Income	-9,216.05
Total Equity	<u>100,928.15</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>102,352.56</u>

**** Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$63,523.44**

This represents just over 4 mos., or 69% of the Board established goal of 6 months of operating expenses.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

December 2010

	Dec 10	Jan - Dec 10		Dec 10	Jan - Dec 10
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	35.00	439.60	Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	760.00	2,283.20
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,065.18	East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	400.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,820.00	Eastside Step Study 45 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
1 INV H & I	0.00	2.00	El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	254.85
1 INV R and B Group 70972	1,664.06	2,920.47	Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	0.00	280.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	140.00	700.00	Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.)	0.00	332.22
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	4,553.26	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	192.50
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	2,520.00	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	168.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	275.00	Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	70.00	253.31
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	29.00	159.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	65.49	2,083.70
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	268.00	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	1,050.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	164.06	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	350.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	330.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	1,786.70
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	169.00	G One Day at a Time 70903	0.00	1,722.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	447.69	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	630.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	839.30	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	2,326.69
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	180.65	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	275.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	141.01	G Sufficient Substitute	700.00	1,660.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	0.00	120.00	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	1,000.00	3,397.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	153.30	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	580.59	6,330.39
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	202.00	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	2,354.01
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	158.61	398.61	G We Care Group 70934	1,050.00	2,100.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	37.00	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	510.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	72.00	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	20.00	106.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	84.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	269.01
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	113.00	Gay & Lesbian Step & Tradition G 221(Fr	0.00	49.70
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	114.10	114.10	Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.)	0.00	173.00
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	255.50	511.50	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	293.68
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	617.40	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	191.51
Big Book Study 844 (Wed.)	0.80	0.80	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	365.35
Big Book Study Mlpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	30.00	30.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	372.44
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	344.16	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	135.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	56.00	1,326.00	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.	0.00	970.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) LG 816 (Wed)	488.60	1,278.12	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	432.80
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	550.00	1,388.88	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	456.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	320.25	624.20	Grapevine Speakers 327 (Fri.)	0.00	98.57
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,260.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	1,740.90
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	201.30	H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	0.00	26.00
Caveman Group (Men's Big Book) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	567.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	1,513.86
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	549.98	Happy Hour LG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	90.00
Chips and Dyps 559 (Tues.)	0.00	2,064.82	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	150.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	90.00	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	305.37
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	137.52	214.57	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	840.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	231.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	282.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	375.90	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	132.40
Early Bird 414 (Sat.)	0.00	40.91	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	440.00
Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.)	237.35	1,419.87	Intergroup Council 80909	135.00	568.60
Early Spiritual Progress 7 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	50.00	450.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,381.78	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	385.00

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December 2010

	Dec 10	Jan - Dec 10		Dec 10	Jan - Dec 10
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	621.15	Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	568.00	2,118.50
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	364.00	Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	2,563.00
Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	118.00	214.00	Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	880.00
Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	206.39	Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00
Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	133.54	Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	1,210.50	Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	95.00
Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	432.75	Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	175.00
Living with Serenity (Chip) 599 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00	Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	175.00
Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00	Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	876.00
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	73.33	South County General Service District 40	0.00	25.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	539.00	South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	208.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	253.00	253.00	South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	400.00
Los Gatos Groups	0.00	2,100.00	Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	815.00
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	52.50	332.50	Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	126.31	1,039.60
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	158.80	Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	21.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	84.00	Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	571.92
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	884.00	St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	400.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	300.00	759.00	St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	600.00
Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	1,475.60	3,124.10	Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	115.00	215.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	1,175.00	Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	214.76
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	2,135.00	Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	490.57	490.57
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	847.05	Sunday Spirituality 674 (Sun.)	437.95	437.95
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	71.39	Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768 (Wed.)	20.00	230.00
Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	330.00	Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	763.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	617.40	T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	100.00	950.00
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	500.70	The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,505.00
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	64.82	Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	700.00	2,380.00
New Life Start 444 (Sun.)	0.00	580.22	Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	115.00
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	510.00	Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	314.30	454.30
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	119.35	Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.)	0.00	358.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	1,481.82	Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	490.00
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	101.50	University Beginners 176 (Wed) SC	0.00	49.63
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00	Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	400.00
Oldtimers Meeting 80935	0.00	70.82	Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	490.00
Palo Alto Group 302 (Fri.)	0.00	1,145.20	Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Tue)	180.00	300.00
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	671.89	Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon)	0.00	780.55
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	0.00	1,404.13	We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	70.00	131.00
Personal 00911	690.00	9,814.59	We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	230.00	Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	240.00
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	105.00	210.00	Wisdom to Know PA 651 (Mon.)	0.00	100.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	719.00	Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,029.00
Roots LG 344 (Sat.)	0.00	749.00	Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	215.21
San Martin Candlelighters MH 378 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00	Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	159.00
Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	1,000.00	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	369.60
Saratoga Serenity Group 329 (Fri.)	0.00	28.50	Women to Women (Sat.) 704	0.00	80.30
Saturday 6PM Meeting LG 413 (Sat.)	0.00	210.00	Young at Heart 182 (Wed.)	0.00	70.00
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	TOTAL	15,049.10	138,272.21

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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
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.