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Staying Sober Through The Holidays

In December 1988, I was a newbie in AA. I had stopped drinking in January that year after being thoroughly whipped into submission by alcoholism. I needed outside help in order to stay sober and I got that help through Alcoholics Anonymous. I got a sponsor,

got that help through Alcoholics Anonymous. I got a sponsor, went to meetings daily, stayed away from old acquaintances and drinking establishments, worked the Twelve Steps, and had made many amends to those I had harmed. In a vear's time I had had much physical and emotional healing directly related to my sobriety. the steps and the support of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I was excited to be returning to my family home in Texas for Christmas that year. I was looking forward to seeing my mom, dad, sister, niece and nephew. I figured I had worked through my family of origin issues, that my family would be very proud of me for getting sober, and we would all have a joyful and blessed Christmas together. "There's no place like home for the Holidays", right?
Fortunately, I listened to the advice of my elders and before I even got on the plane, I knew where the meetings in my hometown were and where the Alano Club



was and that the Alano Club would be having an Alkathon all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Alkathons, I was told, were all-nighters. In other words, meetings at this one location were every hour on the hour all through Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On the advice of my sponsor, I told my parents, whose house I would be staving in, that I needed to borrow their car to go to meetings while I was there. They

gave me my own set of keys and their permission to go to meetings as needed.

Well. I had been there for a few days and had gone to a couple of meetings already. But I was seeing some things about my family I hadn't seen before. And some of the ways they behaved were not pleasing to me. In fact, I felt angry and told my mom I didn't like the way she was treating my dad. Then she told me she liked me better when I had been intoxicated. My niece, who was eight at the time, had been drawing sexually explicit pictures and making inappropriate comments to male family members. I became alarmed, and spoke with a friend who worked at Child Protective Services. My sister was in total denial about my niece and no one in the family wanted to take any action to get to the bottom of it. Needless to say, I had a lot of uncomfortable feelings.

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Staying Sober Through The Holidays

So I did what I had been taught to do. I went to meetings. I talked about my feelings. I called my sponsor. I wrote and I prayed. But on Christmas Eve, as we were opening our presents, all that was not enough. The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous tells us, "The alcoholic at certain times has no effective mental defense against the first drink. Except in a few rare cases, neither he nor any other human being can provide such a defense. His defense must come from a Higher Power."

It's Christmas Eve, we are opening our presents and my sister is drinking some liqueur. Only two weeks to go before I get to go up on stage and announce my one-year sobriety birthday. I have been looking forward to this for a whole year. But my sister is drinking liqueur and it looks so delicious. My eyes are focused only on the bottle and my mouth feels very dry. There is a hunger in the pit of my stomach that food will not abate. I want to

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drink. I have a split second moment of clarity and I ask my sister to put the bottle away. Maybe if I don't have to look at the bottle. I won't want to drink. She asks, "Why? Are you afraid you'll drink?" I think to myself that her remark sounds very condescending and I say to her, "Yes, I'm afraid I will drink." Now my stomach is in a knot, I begin to perspire and I'm feeling shaky and weak. And then my hand, through a will of it's own, reaches out to grab the bottle that is still just sitting there within my reach.

I was in The Twilight Zone. It was all so surreal. I watched as my hand reached for the bottle, powerless to stop it, and that's when my Higher Power did for me what I was unable to do for myself. My hand began to shake uncontrollably and I heard a voice whispering, "Go to a meeting." Still in an altered state, I grabbed my mother's car keys. I drove myself to the Alano Club and there I sat with two

cowboys on Christmas Eve. I cried and I shook and I talked and they listened. They shared their experience, strength and hope with me and I listened.

I know for a fact that my Higher Power saved me that night. And I still feel so grateful when I remember that Christmas Eve in 1988.

Thank you God and thank you Alcoholics Anonymous for my 21 years of sobriety.

Cynthia

SNL Group's News Year's Eve Speaker Mtg, Talent/No Talent Show & Dance St. Lucy's Catholic Church 2350 Winchester Blvd, Campbell, CA 95008 Speaker: 7 p.m.

Talent/No-talent Show: 9p.m.-Midnight

Dance: Midnight-2a.m.

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General Service Article

(encompassing AA as a whole)

Recently my District Committee Member Chair made a request of me. She asked if I could write an article for the December issue of the COIN. Right away fear crept over me and I <u>did not want</u> to do it. My first thought was "I hope there is a way I can get out of this!" I am not working right now and I have been recovering from a major surgery. There was no valid reason I could give to not write the article other than my own fears were holding me back.

Being of service has been the most rewarding part of my recovery. I became a General Service Representative almost one year ago, in a round about way. My interests in service have branched out over the years and had recently led me to Unity Day. I have been involved with the event for the past two years now and to expand my commitment with Unity Day I became the liaison for General Service North in District 04 at my very first meeting. I thought I would just give my reports back and forth from meeting to meeting. WRONG! At my second meeting, I knew I had to also have a group to represent. The place that I went to for my very first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous was in Mountain View at St. Joseph's Church. The "In the Basement" Group at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday Night. And that is how I became a General Service Representative. I still do things through the back door and that is okay. It still leads me to the same place: to be in service and to be a part of.

When I first got into recovery my Grandmother died on Thanksgiving Day of 2005. I had a little more than eight months of sobriety at the time. I was just headed out the door to be with my husband's family for Thanksgiving dinner. Instead I headed directly to my Grandmother's home. After I spent some time with her and made the necessary arrangements, I did not feel like celebrating, in fact I was pretty shaky and I did not want to go home and be alone by myself. So I headed straight over to Freedom Fellowship Group, my home group. They were having an Alcathon for the holiday. I had quit smoking, and I really did not feel like a drink or a drug, but I thought a cigarette would be okay. I thought better that, than the other. And I could quit anytime, right? WRONG ONCE AGAIN! As soon as I lit up that cigarette, I knew I was doomed. It was a gift from God you see, and I hope I will never forget that! It took me the remainder of that year and several times trying to quit before I was able to do so. I realized that is what it would be like if I ever picked up a drink or a drug again, I knew I would not be able to quit.

There are so many ways to stay sober through the holidays and for the remainder of our lives. There are Alcathons all over Santa Clara County through the beginning of this upcoming New Year, and by getting into one of the many different types of service areas that Alcoholics Anonymous has to offer only helps to enrich our lives as well. Not only does our recovery matter through the holidays, but also gathering together at the many different types of events that take place in Santa Clara County throughout the year helps to keep us connected. So get involved, don't pick up, and just stay! Happy Holidays to everyone and I hope we will meet in service. See you at Unity Day 2010!

- Rina A, District 04



Staying Sober Through The Holidays

Well, it's that time of year again...

The Holiday Season has arrived...with all it's hustle, bustle, chaos, and craziness that is part of the traditional time between Thanksgiving and New Years' Day. The most wonderful time of the year...right?...wrong...it's the most slippery time of the year for a lot of us.

However, I for one, am on a journey. I'm not willing to take a detour into the insanity that lies in the "Holiday Season", and spit in God's eye after all he has done for me and the gifts I've been given; ...a heart beat...I can see, hear, think, feel, reason, laugh, cry, walk, talk, run, eat, read, write...ad infinitum.

Because of those gifts I have been blessed with the opportunity of being of service as co-secretary of a woman's AA meeting and also once a month I secretary an AA meeting at a Treatment Center. I am actively sponsoring 7 women taking them through the 12 Steps...they are here for me and I am here for them 24/7/365.

Give up my gifts and blessings...all I have going for me in my world of gratitude to this program and to God to test the waters for the Holiday Season binge? uh uh...There is that old saying that goes; "I may have another drunk in me ...but...I may not make it back"...There is so much to stay sober for and no reason I can think of to join in the Holiday Season bedlam "out there". My cup runneth over right where I am. Christmas...the biggest Holiday of the Season...The Mall decorations are enchanting, the music is playing and is beautiful..the store displays are enticing. The minute you walk into the Mall...the "mood" ...the "ambiance" hits you and "it's on"...shopping for the greatest gifts, toys, decorations, foods, and treats available, not to mention the most beautiful wrappings and bows.

You know...shop 'til you drop...and if you're an alkie like me you literally could drop...it was like playing Russian Roulette. It didn't matter if the Malls are more crowded, the lines to purchase gifts twice as long, the stores running out of gifts, the horrific traffic...parties of friends, family, neighbors and let's not

forget the office party...but it's the Holiday Season and ya gotta do what ya gotta do...right? right. In my case I had to have a designated driver like my husband or a girlfriend who did not need to fortify themselves before, during and after to "do" Christmas shopping.

Today, I don't have to have the perfect tree, the perfect gift for each person on my list...wrapped perfectly (thanks God for gift bags)...or plan the perfect menu for my Christmas dinner. Today, I roast the turkey, and everyone brings a side dish or makes a simple one at my house. By the time this issue of the COIN comes out I will have spent some of Thanksgiving day at my home groups' Alcathon/Potluck.

My holiday season behavior was alive and well for several years until I finally had my moment of clarity. Alcohol did not stand for a happy holiday season; it stood for stabbing me in the back . I have the disease of alcoholism. Alcohol is cunning, baffling and powerful, killing millions all during the year...more during the holiday season. It loved being there for me when I hurt, giving me comfort, being there for me when I got the "poor me's".

Then it turned on me, loving to *make* me hurt and cry...stabbing me in the back...it loved to make me so numb that I neither hurt nor cried...I didn't care about anything at all...certainly not Christmas or the season...alcohol gave me instant gratification in return for long-term suffering and/or oblivion.

When things were going right in my life and I felt I didn't deserve it...alcohol was right there to agree with me and take it all away. Together we destroyed all the good in my life. People and my family quit taking me seriously.

I hate alcohol. I hate my disease and my disease hates me wanting me in the graveyard. It didn't come uninvited though...I chose it over peace and reality. My disease hates me working my 12-Step Program, relying on God instead of alcohol. It has become weakened. It cannot ever, ever, ever function in the manner in which it used to in my life...therefore I will have a sane Holiday Season.

But it lies there quietly, hoping and waiting until perhaps by chance we may meet again one day...maybe during a holiday season...all the time wishing me suffering and death.

However, today...I choose not to accept this meeting. One day at a time, by the Grace of God, practicing HALT, keeping it simple, working the Steps on my problems/situations, and using all the tools of the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous at my disposal, being of service and working, working, working with others... giving it away so I can keep it, I can get through this Holiday Season without the Holiday Season getting to me.

We are responsible for helping those who are searching for a saner way to live through each day, one day at a time...sober ...even the Holiday Season.

The good news is that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous will be open on January 1, 2010 for the newcomers. Having survived the Holidays, we will be waiting with open arms to welcome them into our program and also those lucky enough to return from the holiday binge.

Last but not least, I've been online for 11 years so I guess you know where I do a lot of my Christmas shopping now and just sit back and wait for UPS.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO US. MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US... THOSE IN THE PROGRAM, THOSE STILL SUFFERING AND ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.

-Danette G. San Jose

Getting Through The Holidays Vintage Grapevine - December 1955

BELIEVE it or not, the holidays are almost here again! Christmas and New Year's were always sources of trouble for many of us. Tonight, let's talk about how to get through the holidays," said the leader of the closed meeting.

"Good idea. I'm dry six months and I'd sorta like to see what a sober Christmas is like," said Eddie who had not seen a sober Christmas since he was a high school freshman.

"Second the motion and don't forget the office parties," added Tubby in the last row.

"O.K. But let us start with some general principles and then we can throw it open for specific ideas," continued the leader of the meeting.

"First of all there is the matter of attitude. I think we all want to assume that we are going to get through these holidays all right, some of us for the first time, some for the fifth or tenth time. I mean we should be certain about it in our own minds, never entertaining for a moment the thought that maybe we'll slip.

"Secondly, we should stick rigorously to the twenty-four-hour plan, not worrying about New Year's on Christmas Eve, for example. We should be more careful than ever to start the day with recollection and decision, asking that Higher Power for help to avoid that first drink today. Then at night give thanks for another day of accomplishment. Take it one day at a time until Christmas and then make

Christmas one day more. Now who will take it from there? Marcie?"

"I believe not only in taking it one day at a time but in breaking the day up into little pieces. In other words, asking for help several times a day before any situation that may try us. And by that I don't mean going to cocktail parties and praying for help to stay dry!" added Marcie.

"The question about going to cocktail parties is slightly on the controversial side," said the leader.

"We had quite a discussion the other day and a variety of opinions was developed. My own thought is that in general people who want to stay sober should avoid cocktail parties, particularly people who are new in AA, and emphatically anyone who has doubts about his ability to get through those affairs. Sometimes they are difficult to avoid, like the office Christmas party. What do you do then? Charlie, you have some sound thoughts on this, I know."

"The matter of drinks being forced on you is a big problem for many new members, a terrific mental obstacle in some cases. Actually I have found that after the first few minutes of hospitality most people don't give a hang whether you drink or not. In fact, most of them will not even notice that you are not drinking. In fact most of them will not even notice you. We are not the center of attention that we imagine. I'd like to hear from Buck over there. He gets around more than I do and entertains a lot. Buck?"

"Well, for a long time I used to ask for plain ginger ale so I'd have a full glass and people would not pester me. And I learned not to whisper it but to ask for it with a fairly loud voice. Then after a while I became convinced that no one really did care so now I go everywhere and if I'm not thirsty I don't even drink ginger ale.

"It really gets to be pretty easy after a while. I just say, 'No thanks, I'm not drinking.' That usually does It. Once in a while some wisenheimer will try to make something of it. So what? So why let him embarrass you? That may not be so easy to say if the wise guy happens to be the boss. Then what? Well, here we must get back to the matter of conditioning and mental attitude.

"It is, of course, possible that some day we may be embarrassed. It has not happened to me in any serious way over a period of years and I believe the reason has been that I have tried to prepare myself mentally for it. Be prepared to suffer embarrassment? And why not? I was embarrassed many times because of my drinking. I will be embarrassed even more if I drink again. So why not suffer if necessary to keep something which is so precious to me? Being prepared made me feel strong, feel equal to coping with any situation, no matter how tough," Buck finished.

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Getting Through The Holidays Vintage Grapevine - December 1955

"Thanks, Buck. There is a lot of solid thought in what you say. Mental attitude is important whether you have to stop in at the neighbor's coffee-clatch or attend the office party. On that latter subject I have a few thoughts myself. First of all, go a little late if you can. There will be less time for you to spend and the drinks may have started around so people may not pay you too much attention. Carry a glass of ginger ale if necessary but don't pretend you are drinking scotch and soda. Circulate, but stay away from the office rummies. This is no time to reform them. Leave as early as you can and go straight home. At any rate, don't stop in at a bar with the boys for a coke. At least that is my suggestion. Do we have any others? Our time is running short."

"Yes. What do we do about drinks that are offered to us when we are not sure what is in them or if we think the hostess is joking a little?" asked Susie.

"Buck, will you take that?"

"You bet. My sobriety is the most important thing in the world for me. It is much too important to be trifled with by any hostess be she crocked or sober. This is a matter of emphasis, of relative values. Which is important, the smile of a hostess or catastrophe in my life? Not much choice there for me.

"If I don't know what is in a drink being offered to me, I ask. And I want to be confident about the answer. I make it clear, if necessary, that I do not take alcoholic beverages. I'll be polite, of course, as polite as the hostess will let me. But if she wants to make a scene I feel that she is making it, not I. After all in this world there are times when we have to stand up and be counted. Mind you, this seldom happens, but again I think we must be prepared for it."

"Thanks, Buck, but our time is running out.

"Now let's see if we can summarize these suggestions about getting through the holidays, (I) Develop the proper mental attitude. Be prepared to be embarrassed if necessary. (2) Stick closely to the twenty-four-hour plan, breaking the day into smaller pieces, if necessary, and calling more frequently on the Higher Power for help. (3) Don't tempt yourself. Stay out of bars; avoid drinking parties where possible; put in a perfunctory appearance if you have to; don't overstay your required time if more than a perfunctory appearance is required. In other words think in terms of minimum compliance in these areas of danger. (4) In every area and on every occasion, don't take that first drink. And finally, even though it has not been mentioned tonight, don't skip all your AA meetings just because of the holidays. Sure it's a busy time but how did you carry out your holiday responsibilities when you were drinking? In my own case, even if I spent half my time at meetings, I'd still have more available, usable time for holiday labor and festivity than I did when I was drinking.

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"Shall we close the meeting in the

Letter From the Editor

Hello everyone,

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

Jan - My Favorite Slogan

Feb - Sober Horse Thief: Being Dry isn't Being Sober

March - Faith

April - Availing Yourself of a Sponsor

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

DECEMBER ARCHIVES

1.) On December 24, 1941 the following add was placed in the Palo Alto Times by Orvill Vern F.:

"To any person having difficulty controlling their drinking—make good on your new year's resolution by joining Alcoholics Anonymous, P.O. Box 12, Palo Alto."

He had rented a room in the Lucy Stern Community Center but no one came in response to the ad. Fearing he would not be able to keep the rent until the meeting could support itself, Orvill asked his wife if he could hold the meeting at their home. She said no, but she would pay the rent until the meeting could support itself. Once again we are rescued by an Al-Anon member.

- 2) In December of 1938 the twelve steps were written. There were originally only six steps. Page 292 of the Third Edition recites these steps as follows:
 - 1. Complete deflation
- 2. Dependence and guidance from a Higher Power
- 3. Moral Inventory
- 4. Confession
- 5. Restitution
- 6. Continued work with other alcoholics.

Bill later thought he needed to write something the drunks couldn't wiggle out of, so he wrote more detail and clarity into what we now know as our 12 Steps.

What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Actually, it was in October, but I attended the **24 Annual Central Office/Intergroup A.A.W.S./A.A.** Grapevine Seminar held in Rochester NY. The seminar is from Thursday through Sunday, although Thursday and Sunday are both abbreviated. We start at 8:00 AM and end around 10:00 PM. In between we have workshops, meetings, presentations, Q & A sessions, and reports. Before and after, we spend a lot of time exchanging ideas. It all goes so fast and is so helpful, the time flies. That said, by Sunday afternoon, we're pretty much toast. Some highlights this year:

- There was much discussion about volunteers, 12th step workers, 24 hour phones, etc. We all have the same problem with getting willing help. With your permission, this is a topic I'd like to discuss with you in greater detail after the first of the year.
- Fundraising do we or don't we?; if we do, what kind?; what laws are involved?; how do we organize them?
- We learned that all items previously on tape and VCR cassettes are now available on CD and DVD (and now at Central Office).
- G.S.O. Archives are now fully remodeled and enlarged. A must see if you're ever out that way.
- G.S.O. finances are, like most of us, lagging behind expenses. It's worth noting that a well maintained Prudent Reserve is so important in weathering these times and we in Santa Clara County are fortunate to have such a reserve.
- We approved adding the Grapevine as a permanent member of this seminar.

We are very fortunate in A.A. to have some outstanding, dedicated special workers at GSO and the Grapevine, several of them giving helpful presentations during the seminar. For many of us it was our first opportunity to meet our new GSO General Manager, Phyllis H., a real gem. Our new A.A.W.S. Chairman of the Board, John Kane, a non-alcoholic, addressed us Friday evening.

For the last couple of years, I've balked at attending this seminar. I've asked myself: Is this a good way to spend our money? Wouldn't my time be better spent at the office? Haven't I heard it all before? Well, time will tell if I've finally learned my lesson. The workshops - covering topics from exploring novel ways of serving groups to new ideas about "Old School" 12th step work, and from insurance for meetings to honoring our Traditions - were terrific. The exchange of ideas with other attendees, the whole atmosphere, are so valuable that I come away with a renewed dedication and enthusiasm for serving you. So, the answers to the questions above are, emphatically and in order, YES, NO, and NO! Lesson learned.

An observation: I've come away from the last few seminars with a deep appreciation, first for all of you, then for our trusted servant leaders, and for our Board of Directors. For all of you because of your support of Central Office and the thousands of hours you give each month in service. For our trusted servant leaders because Intergroup and its committees are so well and capably served. For our Board of Directors because of their experience and wisdom in the performance of their duties to Central Office (not the least of which is keeping the Manager from running amok—no small task I'm told). And all of this gets accomplished with little or no rancor and with good discussion usually leading to substantial unanimity. This is not the case in too many locales. Thank you all.

After the seminar, Judy and I did some stuff we hope will make you all jealous. Sunday afternoon we drove up to East Dorset, Vermont (jaw-dropping fall colors), birthplace of Bill W. He was born in a room behind the bar of this family owned hotel which was "discovered" in 1987 in serious disrepair. A private foundation has restored the hotel and it is now on the National Register of Historic Places as a working hotel. A light shines continuously in a corner of the room in which Bill was born. We stayed the night there, toured the family home across the street, and visited the burial sites of Bill and Lois about a mile down the road. Many A.A. meetings and much good work goes on continuously in this charming hotel.

We then drove down the Hudson River Valley (glorious) and across to Stepping Stones in Bedford Hills, the final home of Bill and Lois. This house is also owned and operated by a private foundation and a docent gave us a wondrous tour. The sheer volume of collectables that Lois displayed around the house is overwhelming. There's too much to tell here, but I've got some great pictures of me at the kitchen table in the house and at Bill's desk in Wits End. I'm not able to adequately describe this poignant experience, so I won't try. I hope you get there.

From Stepping Stones we drove into Manhattan. While there, we dropped in to the New York Central Office and saw their operation, so notably different from ours. We then visited the GSO and Grapevine offices, got tours of each, and attended the 11:00 AM open A.A. meeting held there each Friday. These offices are located in a building known affectionately by New Yorkers as the "God Box", built by the Rockefeller Foundation and so named because of the large number of churches that have their offices in this building. If you get to New York, get to our GSO and Grapevine offices and experience the royal treatment. Finally, we toured Riverside Church, stately, beautiful, and historically significant to A.A., across the street.

Great trip, great experience, great learning. Thank you for sending me.

Bruce

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 PI Comm. 6:00PM Outreach Comm. Mtg. 5:45PM Intergroup Meeting 7:30PM	3	4	5 Secretary's Workshop 10:00AM Central Office
6	7	8	9 North County General Service 7:30PM	10	11	12 PI/CPC Workshop, 10:00AM Central Office
13	14	15 South County General Service 7:00PM	16	17	18	19 Diverter Workshop, 1980 Hamilton Ave., 10:00 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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We currently have no information at Central Office about Alkathons during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Please call 374-8511 as the time gets closer.

More information should become available as the holidays get near.

Meanwhile, we wish you a safe, sane, and sober holiday season!

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed Thu		Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13 North County General Service 7:30PM	14	15	16 Diverter Workshop, 1980 Hamilton Ave., 10:00 am
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LOCAL EVENTS

Dec. 31: SNL Group's News Year's Eve Speaker Mtg, Talent/No Talent Show & Dance St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 2350 Winchester Blvd, Campbell. See flyer later in this issue.

Jan. 16: TRADITIONS WORKSHOP, 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy. See flyer inserted in this issue.

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

Jan. 29-31: 17th Annual Shasta Winterfest, Redding CA

Mar. 12-14: NCCAA 63rd Annual Spring Conference, San Ramon, CA

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Dec. 31-Jan. 4: WACYPAA 13, Children of Chaos, Eugene Oregon.

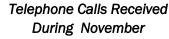
April 23-25: 22nd Annual Big Island Bash, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

July 1-4: 2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, "A Vision For You, 75 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous", San Antonio, TX,

Registration forms available at Central Office

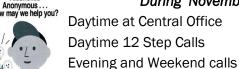
Aug. 26-29: 52nd ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in A.A.) Conference, New York, NY

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Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

An average of just over 7,500 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

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

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS BY	BIRTHDAY
Fran H.	29	Mary Pat P.	10/15/80
Judith L.	25	Susan S.	11/22/84
Penny S.	15	Nancy S.	11/03/94
Patricia K.	35	Dee G.	12/26/74

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!



104 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

Mary Pat, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

Nora read the short definition of Intergroup.

New Intergroup reps: Cameron L, Dick B, Holly R, Tom B, Sheri

Visitors: Tommy

Tom read the twelve traditions.

Additions or corrections to the agenda:

New daytime office coordinator is Mike M. (408) 888-0784 Hospitals & Institutions Joe Brown (408) 655-4733 North County General Service Mark R (408) 437-3119 Additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes: None

Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: None, Michael was out sick.

Announcements:

Retreat April 2010 at the Tom Weston Presentation Center on Bear Creek Road. Thanksgiving Alkathons (always looking for volunteers):

Serenity First Fellowship – 6th & Julian 9 am – 10 pm – Lunch 1-3 pm.

Mountain View Freedom Fellowship Wednesday through Friday

Alano East – 1122 Fair Avenue

Saturday Night Live

Gilroy 6:30 am – 10 pm – 7511 Gourmet Alley

Birthdays: Mike D 13 years, John 3 years, John P. 5 years, Tommy M 2 years, Gary M 20 years

Reports:

Intergroup Chair - Mary Pat P.

Thank you Amy, for doing the new intergroup rep orientation.

Thank you, Lee C, for your 2 years of service on the outreach committee.

December we'll be having a potluck at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to bring something. Linda & Claudia will follow up with the volunteers.

Central Service Board - Gary M.

Welcome to the new members Mike D, Jean Marie, Gary M., at annual Board dinner We reviewed our financial condition; Bruce will report in more detail A salary adjustment was given to Cory per Bruce's recommendation

Central Office - Bruce K.

Bruce attended the 24th Annual Manager's Conference.

- Theme: "Our commitment to carry A.A.'s message enthusiasm and gratitude in action"
- Two days of meetings and workshops by GSO, AAWS, and Grapevine staff. 8AM 10PM
- Workshops on a wide range of topics, from After Hours Phones to Traditions
- Sunday was an open forum for a discussion of a wide range of questions, concerns, and issues

New publications are coming out and almost all tapes and videos are now on cd's and dvd's.

John P., our CPA, has been quite ill and unable to complete our 3rd quarter reports. After his usual adjustments, our P & L will reflect a net loss to date of approximately \$8,000, instead of the \$6,000 now reflected. The loss is due primarily to declining contributions combined with increased employee expenses. No need to panic, but the need for continued support is clear.

Central Office events coming up in February and July, 2011. February – open house; July – archives

Cory has surgery scheduled for Dec. 23 and Chuck has surgery scheduled for January 5. John and Bruce will provide the Central Office staffing needs.

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MINUTES, cont.

PI/CPC - Jean Marie

Did a project with Bill Wilson youth. EHC Life with veterans 11/10. Wants to get involved with police & correction team. Continue to work on letters of introductions to high schools.

Introduced Tom, new CPC chair.

Twelfth Step Committee:

Daytime - New coordinator is Mike M.

Nights and Weekends – Peter: Needs help with the Diverter Monthly workshop - 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am at 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose. Need new recruits – go to the workshop to get info. 1 year sobriety requirement, and a good understanding of the traditions. Need alternates as well. Need 12 Step volunteers: 6 months of sobriety.

Outreach Committee - Lee C.

They have a dozen more meetings to get to.

Lee's commitment is over. If anyone is interested please contact Mary Pat.

Need volunteers for the outreach committee.

Newsletter Committee - Cathyann

She is receiving good feedback on articles. Always looking for submissions of any length. December is "Stay Sober Through the Holidays", January "My Favorite Slogan", February "Sober Horse Thief", March "Faith". Please take this information on to your groups.

Activities Committee - Marilyn H.

Take Your Sponsor to Brunch had a great turnout (250 people)

Donations \$2,677.05 Expenses \$1,205.13

Net \$1,471.92

Marilyn's term is almost up. Thank you Marilyn for your service!

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day - Peter

Was very successful! 732 people (record breaking!)

Outgoing Chair Peter, thanks AA for the opportunity to be of service

New Chair Rena A.. They need to elect a new seat for intergroup.

Peter handed out thank you notes. March 2010 kickoff meeting

Founders Day - Peter

Next meeting is in December

Event will be held on Sunday June 5, 2010 at Baylands Park from 10 am - 5 pm.

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous - Barbara B: no report.

Hospitals & Institutions - Joe B for Paul M

New mental health meeting going into Golden Living and they need volunteers.

Bridging the Gap - no report

North County - Mark R

Inventory next Wednesday. Area assembly in Watsonville Saturday

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Communications/Information Distribution – Steve S's term if done. Cynthia, Pat, Susan and Tom volunteered to help

with this.

Inventory Response Committee – David, Needs help forming a committee to go through the responses. If you would like to participate, please see David.

Traditions Workshop – Dave R – Contact with SCCYPAA to have an Intergroup Traditions Workshop in Gilroy on 1/16/2010 at 10:30 am. There will be four discussion speakers at the workshop. Will get donated hot dogs & buns and maybe have a potluck. Building in Gilroy is rent free and holds 60-80 people. A motion was made and seconded to have Intergroup co-sponsor a Traditions Workshop. 42 – yes, 1 – no, 0 – abstentions. Motion passes! If you would like to help, contact Dave.

NEW BUSINESS:None

OPEN FORUM: Chuck would like to thank the board for allowing him to represent Santa Clara County at the National Archives. Much good information to use in working with our Archives.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Amy F.

2:30 PM 12/01/09 Accrual Basis

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

November 2009

	Nov 09	Nov 08	Jan - Nov 09
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	9,915.74	7,877.42	118,820.35
8010 · Literature Sales	3,788.78	4,483.81	54,345.52
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,085.77	687.50	11,106.69
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	5.00	135.00
Total Income	14,795.29	13,053.73	184,407.56
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,457.50	2,649.32	37,567.57
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	268.81	396.36	5,074.39
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	2,726.31	3,045.68	42,641.96
Total COGS	2,726.31	3,045.68	42,641.96
Gross Profit	12,068.98	10,008.05	141,765.60
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	788.97
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	350.00	264.81	2,686.69
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	9.75
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	54.42	57.14	939.81
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	186.35
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	0.00	1,252.24
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	750.00
6160 · Copier Expense	78.99	0.00	1,136.58
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	4,254.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	1,100.38
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	1,703.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	817.36	669.79	8,990.96
6245 · Internet Access Charges	29.95	19.95	318.33
6330 · Office Expense	192.03	851.16	1,880.99
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	0.00	96.35
6360 · Archives	0.00	0.00	420.93
6370 · Office Paper Supply	523.05	0.00	1,970.68
6380 · Payroll Taxes	637.23	546.83	7,103.83
6410 · Postage	485.00	327.51	1,848.45
6480 · Rent	2,343.95	2,280.60	25,960.10
6540 · Salaries - Office	8,329.74	7,079.73	83,746.82
6560 · Payroll Expenses	77.44	1.28	827.66
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	50.00	2,100.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	100.00	20.00	160.00
7050 · Telephone	362.27	366.57	3,897.01
7060 · Travel	26.65	0.00	147.70
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.39
Total Expense	14,608.08	12,535.37	154,277.19
Net Ordinary Income	-2,539.10	-2,527.32	-12,511.59
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	252.57	333.54	1,461.92
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	542.21
Total Other Income Net Other Income	252.57	333.54	2,004.13
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t Income	-2,286.53	-2,193.78	-10,507.46

2:21 PM 12/01/09 Accrual Basis

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

As of November 30, 2009

	Nov 30, 09
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	6,339.20
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.73%, 08/12/2010)	17,074.29 *
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 0486 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.29%, 11/12/2010)	17,048.92 *
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.03%, 02/04/2010)	15,762.45 *
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (6 Mos. CD @ .95%, 05/12/2010)	17,048.92 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund, variable interest)	10,742.58
Total Checking/Savings	84,241.36
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-813.31
Total Accounts Receivable	-813.31
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	15,429.76
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,037.00
Total Other Current Assets	16,466.76
Total Current Assets	99,894.81
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	28,857.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-22,428.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-169.75
Total Fixed Assets	13,656.94
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	115,545.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	813.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	813.46
Total Current Liabilities	813.46
Total Liabilities	813.46
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	13,656.94
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	111,582.66
Net Income	-10,507.46
Total Equity	114,732.14
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	115,545.60

** Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$77,677.16

This represents 5.5 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months of operating expenses.

2:33 PM 12/01/09 **Accrual Basis**

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC. Group Contributions November 2009

•	Nov 09	Jan - Nov 09	•	Nov 09	Jan - Nov 09
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	74.20	74.20	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	361.46
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,155.18	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	16.10	971.15
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	2,033.00	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	50.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	87.19	2,880.91	Free to Be Me (Women) 736 (Thur.)	0.00	42.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	700.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	49.34	1,208.26
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,427.56	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	2,100.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	360.00	G Gilroy Groups 70906	350.00	700.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	140.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	350.00	2,835.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	443.49	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	770.00
4 Directions (Fri.) 855	0.00	90.00	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	6,138.36
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	350.00	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	100.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	350.00	G Sober & Free Conference 70928	0.00	252.50
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	686.00	G South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	2,765.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	148.40	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	817.00	1,367.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	164.85	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	604.41	5,481.45
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	84.30	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	1,989.11
Attitude Adjustment SJ 198 (Wed.)	0.00	206.35	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	700.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	395.50	G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	456.50
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	257.51	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	215.05
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	385.00	Gay & Lesbian Step & Tradition G 221(Fr	0.00	50.68
Basic Big Book Study 803 (Tues.)	0.00	42.24	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	141.47	260.77
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	259.00	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	161.00	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	165.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	306.53	376.53	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	331.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	45.76
Big Book Meeting 160 (Wed.)	0.00	280.00	General Service 90000	0.00	20.00
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	231.60	231.60	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.	0.00	809.61
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	245.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	60.00	527.20
Big Book Study Mlpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	665.00
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	457.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	324.10	1,051.75
Birthday Contribution 00951	0.00	1,689.00	Gratitude Group SJ 339 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	1,332.54	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	166.05
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	626.50	Happy Hour LG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	693.00
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,836.00	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	168.00	717.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	15.64	175.05	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	422.00
Candlelight Meeting SC 380 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	750.00
Caveman Group (Men's Big Book) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	343.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	178.58
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	203.82	803.95	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	264.16
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	258.12	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	210.00	742.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	194.95	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	50.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	180.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	382.63
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	89.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	150.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	105.00	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	442.15
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	803.90	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	498.30
Early Bird 414 (Sat.)	0.00	21.75	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	280.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,406.46	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	367.50	367.50
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	381.83	1,449.17	Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	150.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	125.00	285.00	Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	137.25
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	128.56	Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	542.20
Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00	Living with Serenity (Chip) 599 (Wed.)	0.00	343.00

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Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC. **Group Contributions**

November 2009

	Nov 09	Jan - Nov 09	
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	30.40	444.80	Spiritual Step Study Group
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	527.00	St. Luke's Group 113 (Tu
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	630.00	St. Mark's Group 270 (Thu
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00	Starting the Steps 753 (F
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	58.10	221.20	Step Along (Women) Cupt 6
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00	Step Study (Women) LG 82
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	799.72	Steps & Traditions 893 (W
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	491.40	Sunday Early Evening 682
Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,946.00	Sundowners' Dinner Meeting
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	977.00	Sunshine Group noon 243
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,700.00	T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	345.00	The Other Wednesday Nite (
Midweek Spiritual Progress 213 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00	There Is a Solution (Men) MI
Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	210.00	Think Tank (Men) SJ 361
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	885.50	Thy Will be Done (Meditation
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	525.00	Trinity Group 370 (
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	70.00	Tuesday Night Saratoga Gro
New Life Start 444 (Sun.)	0.00	820.22	University Beginners 176 (V
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	445.00	Unknown
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	694.45	Up the Creek-Daily Reflection
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	871.71	1,673.27	Veterans of Alcohol (Open)
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	240.80	Veterans of Alcohol North (
NEWSLETTER	0.00	5.00	Villages Group of AA (The)
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	175.00	560.00	We Are Not Saints 12 & 12
Noble House	0.00	326.90	What's Happening Today 5
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	0.00	75.00	Winchester Mystery Meeting
Oldtimers Meeting 80935	177.00	177.00	Winners Group 440
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	970.54	Women's Brunch PA 640
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	0.00	397.23	Women's Topic Disc. Group
Pathfinders 543 (Fri.)	0.00	24.88	Women Sharing the Solution
Personal 00911	340.00	5,588.77	Young at Heart 182 (Wed
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	226.80	(
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	178.00	TOTALS
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	154.00	329.00	101/120
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	910.00	
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Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	700.00	2,380.00	
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.) SCCYPAA	0.00	814.80	PLEASE NO
	0.00	638.25	FLEASE NO
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	2,114.00	If your group isn't o
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	0.00	175.31	If your group isn't o
Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	395.00	your group hasn't co
Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00	
Single Problem Topic 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,328.70	
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	420.00	700.00	
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	60.00	
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	240.80	
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	200.00	425.00	
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	8.06	
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	Nov 09	Jan - Nov 09
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	823.66
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	210.00	645.00
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	1,393.65
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00
Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	0.00	160.30
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	216.32
Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	40.00
Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	0.00	696.82
Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768 (Wed.)	0.00	227.50
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	230.00	230.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	100.00	900.00
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,630.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	300.00
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	840.00	3,360.00
Thy Will be Done (Meditation) Cambl 974	0.00	55.52
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	160.00
Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.)	0.00	800.00
University Beginners 176 (Wed) SC	0.00	174.76
Unknown	0.00	244.77
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	350.00
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Wed)	0.00	120.00
Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon	0.00	1,175.41
We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	0.00	84.00
What's Happening Today 552 (Thur.)	0.00	1,118.53
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	415.00
Winners Group 440 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00
Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,258.65
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	513.04
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	466.90
Young at Heart 182 (Wed.)	0.00	14.00
TOTALS	9,915.74	118,635.35

NOTE:

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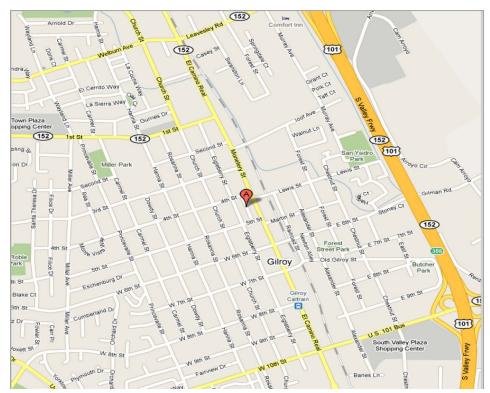
TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 16th, 2010 11 a.m. 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy 95020

An opportunity to learn more about how the Twelve Traditions apply to the life of the Fellowship, how A.A. maintains its unity, and how it lives and grows.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Traditions Speakers
1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch and fellowship
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Discussion

Location between 4th and 5th Streets and Monterey and Eigleberry Streets





Presented jointly by:

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County Intergroup

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