



## FOCUS: STEP 10

In the last years of my drinking, I used to have a real problem with traveling: it was harder to hide my bottles when I didn't have all my home hiding places, more difficult to make sure we could find a place to eat that served beer or wine for lunch, and always a challenge to navigate on mornings after. And although I've been sober for a while now, traveling is still not easy: I'm not the one driving the bus or train, or flying the plane; there are other people around that I've never met before; and the stress of the trip always seems to be a test. It seems to amplify one of the basic truths of living sober: it's not just about freedom from the bondage of alcohol; it's a whole lot about freedom from the bondage of self.

It is with great relief, then, that I can report that my wife and I just returned from 10 days on the East Coast, and the trip was wonderful for both of us. And much of the reason

**it's a whole lot about freedom from the bondage of self.**

has to do with "practicing the principles" I've learned in Alcoholics Anonymous. My fear of flying was calmed by visualizing my Higher Power fastening his seat belt and sitting in the seat next to me on the plane. I let the tour director make the decisions as to what the group

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## Monthly Topics

Here's Lookin' at You!! This month's Featured Meeting is the Women's Shared Gift Group which meets at St. Timothy's Church annex on Carter Avenue on Monday evenings at 7:30, and you can read about it on pages 2-3.

This month our focus is on the Tenth Step: (Not Blaming Others.) Stories begin on this page and continue on pages 4-5.

September's topic will be Friendships in Sobriety. Have your friendships changed now that you're sober? If so, how are they different from the old friendships you had? Can you have friends outside the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous? Can you speak to people in the same way, whether or not they're sober? Do your "drinking friends" regard you suspiciously because you no longer drink? Write your stories and send them to ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com by August 22, 2012.

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## FEATURE: The Shared Gift Women's Meeting



The Shared Gift Women's Meeting has been in existence for over twenty-six years, meeting on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. This lively meeting currently resides at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at 5151 Carter Avenue in San Jose, CA 95124. Attendance is generally around fifty to seventy-five women, and is one of the few meetings offering babysitting services to women with children.

Originally located in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Los Gatos-Almaden Road in Los Gatos in 1985(?), attendance was generally between 20-30 people in 1987, and in 1992 it moved next door to the Mission Oaks Hospital, due to church meetings being held on Monday nights. Our clapping and cheers never went over well in that church. At Mission Oaks Hospital we were moved in three years from the cafeteria to the basement, where we

sat among folded rollaway beds and storage units, barely able to see a chairperson over the furniture. They finally took pity on us and moved us to a conference room on the ground floor, but finally asked to leave, once again due to our noise-making. The hospital had become an oncology center, and people with grave illnesses are not inclined to understand raucous behavior in the name of recovery.

From there we found a haven at the Van Meter School cafeteria on Nino Avenue, off Los Gatos Blvd., from 1995 until 2002. There we had a huge room, able to handle any number of members, and the school also gave us a separate room for our new babysitting service. With young mothers trying to attend meetings, we finally had a facility that could handle not only plenty of people for a meeting, but now between the school and

mothers with teens, there we found some babysitters available to take care of young ones. At this time, the meeting grew from about twenty to eighty or more in the years we had space and service.

When the school began construction of the cafeteria and outlying buildings in 2002, we found the St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Camden Avenue, and for the next year or two we were juggled and shuffled between conference rooms and other various rooms, not knowing from week to week where we'd be. Somehow we always got the babysitting taken care of. Then they announced they were moving us to a church they'd just bought at 5151 Carter Avenue, right behind the Camden church. It was a small church, and we'd have access to the large (church service) room most of the time, except for special circumstances like a wedding or

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## The Shared Gift Women's Meeting continued from page 2

baby shower or another function that demanded their use of the big room on Monday nights. We would always have the babysitting room, which was already set up to handle children, along with toys and games and things to keep the youngsters occupied. The church had its own large parking lot, as well as street parking.

This church has worked out well for

us, and except for the few occasions when we try to seat sixty bodies in a room meant for only thirty, the main room can hold over a hundred people. We are comfortable with both heat and air conditioning, and we have a good core of about fifteen people, with attendance generally between forty to sixty women. The focus of the meeting is on the solution rather than staying in the problem, and the mood

is generally upbeat and bound for getting answers from other members if we don't know what to do. We promote sponsorship with a sponsor box, and have a regular list of attendees who are available to be called. We welcome newcomers and especially those with young children. We know how important it is to attend meetings during early motherhood.

## Brushing off a spot or two (10th Step work)

A shower, anytime of the day or night, feels so cleansing and refreshing. For me it works to compare the Tenth Step, "Continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong promptly admit it," with a restorative shower. After a long, hot busy, summer day and sometimes night too, stepping into a cool shower feels invigorating to my spirit as well as to my body. Endeavoring to live my life by the principles of the Twelve Steps, praying and meditating, even if not perfectly, I don't believe I mess up' too badly in just twenty four hours. It doesn't feel like I need a whole 'hag night make-over' just a quick refresher.

One of my friends just exclaimed, "Oh, that's one of my favorite steps." She went on to explain that her review of the day at night lets her know she does have to take the blame for every unpleasant encounter she has. Sometimes the clerk at the grocery store is just in the midst of a bad day. Or perhaps I've had a 'miscommunication' with my partner, spouse, or best friend. Lying in my bed I can usually have some perspective on the event. What was my part? Was I just a tad irritable, hard headed, or did the other person have share in the business, too? Sometimes I can retire the self-flagellation whip and realize we were both a little bit at fault and that

perhaps a quick "Sorry" may take care of the little stumble on the road to happy destiny.

I find that the Tenth Step renews and refreshes my spirit rather as a shower does for my body. An honest review of my day allows me to feel comfortable in the life I am leading

Each day I can keep going. I do know more, see more and I'm willing to accept more responsibility for my words and actions. The Tenth Step makes me more "right sized."

I can sleep with an easy conscience and know that tomorrow beckons with another twenty four hours to do the best I can, not perfectly and a little better.

Anonymous

is to be restless, irritable and discontent -- RID. This makes my doing an ongoing step ten difficult AND necessary.

When I am alone, I usually am able to keep myself in check. If I slip, I do usually stop my activities, at least in thought, and process-forgiving thoughts (messages) and attempt to keep some self-loving thoughts toward myself.

However when I am with another person, and am monitoring my behavior, I try to be more gentle with myself, sometimes with success and sometimes not. Since I'm sort of an introvert, I can pull inside really quickly; it's then I can start to use the "whip" on myself if I'm not careful. I need to stay up and out with whom-ever I'm with and deal with whatever issue I've got on my mind at the moment. If I allow myself to slip back into my isolated "neighborhood", then my amends is usually more difficult and "costly" to me, which makes it almost more embarrassing before I'm finished.

All of this is just a start on my on-going tenth step work. How's yours?

Anonymous

## STEP 10

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should do, and didn't feel the necessity to call attention to myself with witticisms and wisecracks—I was a “traveler among travelers,” as it were. Our group consisted of a lot of normies, I imagine, but I still listened for principles instead of judging people by their personalities. (I did need to practice “restraint of tongue” a couple of times, but not too much, as I simply avoided politics or religion—after all, just like in the rooms, they're “outside issues.”)

Most importantly, though, I found myself taking the 10th step more often than I usually do: doing a spot-check inventory if I was unsure of what to do; checking my motives before doing or saying something that might make someone else uncomfortable. I found myself often looking for things I could do to make my wife's trip more enjoyable, and took an inventory at the end of each day. What's really wonderful is that I travelled with her for 10 days, and never once needed to make an amends to

her: and not because I was in denial that I owed one, either. This trip was wonderful in so many ways, but I thank God and AA for the gift of the steps as tools for daily living. Once again, I'm reminded that if I'm constantly doing the first half of the 10th step, I don't have to do the second half nearly as often.

I am so grateful for this Program of Action,

Jim H.

## Not Blaming Others - Poor Victim (10th Step)

The old story applies... if you had a life like mine, if you grew up with my parents, if you had my job... you'd drink too! Everything and everyone was to blame for my drinking and for my behavior. Who could blame me?! I was such the victim of my circumstance. Poor me! It wasn't until I was sitting in my living room, hung-over, PG&E turned off, suffering the results of breaking a windshield with my face; it occurred to me....maybe if I wasn't drunk this wouldn't have happened! I pondered, “Do I have a problem?”

I decided to call an “expert” to get his perspective. My brother had been sober for seven years and surely he'd know. I told him how my blackouts had become so frequent and unpredictable it had pushed me to the point of needing a designated driver and the events leading up to this point. I told him what had happened and finally asked, “Do you think I'm an alcoholic?” He told me he didn't know; that it was something I would have to decide. He went on to add “but normal people don't wonder

if they are alcoholic.” He suggested I go to some meetings and see if I could relate to anything said. I did... and I did! It wasn't too long after that, I came into the rooms willing to do whatever it would take to stop drinking.

Since then, I have learned so much about myself. How selfish, self-seeking, self-centered, inconsiderate and dishonest I have been my whole life! I had taken on the role of victim because it made a great excuse to drink. I learned that I had to change that way of thinking or else I'd be back out living the hell I so narrowly escaped. I had actually had a part in every bit of everything that ever happened to me. No, I didn't cause my parents to fight but I did use their violence, long after they had split, to get sympathy and special consideration as a poor victim. None of that has a place in my life now, and when I indulge in “victim,” it isn't long before I see the uselessness and get into solution.

The “solution” for me is the Big Book,

the Twelve Steps and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. They have given me a new way of thinking, a new way to live. I am no longer a victim. I have become victorious over alcohol and with the help of AA, the grace of God and the honesty (and patience) of my sponsor, I can remain so, one day at a time.

Marcie M

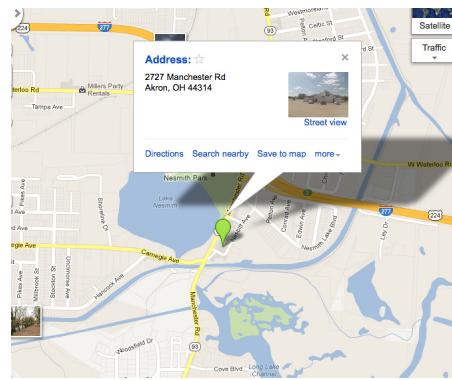
## Traveling with AA - in Akron

You would think that the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous has lots and lots of A.A. meetings for a town of its size. You'd be right. I did not bother counting the meetings on Akron's web site [http://akronaa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=95&Itemid=95](http://akronaa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=95&Itemid=95); it's a bunch, which is good.

I get to Akron several times a year because three of my six grandchildren and their parents live there. My preference is for the morning meetings; I spend the rest of my day with the kids. My "greatest shock walking into an A.A. meeting" moment was at the Sunday 9:00 AM Flame Breakfast meeting, 2727 Manchester Road. It's a good thing this fellowship believes in greeters because the first thing you see upon entering the building is a BAR! The greeters get the 'blank stare' a lot and are quick to get you headed to the large dining room. If you are hungry, arrive around 8:30 AM and order breakfast. Seating is at long tables in a horseshoe pattern. Meeting format here is Speaker/Topic/Discussion in which the whole room shares. Attendance is fairly consistent at 60-70 people. A microphone is passed around the room and nearly everyone has something to say about the day's topic. The meeting runs 60-75 minutes, and coffee is served at your table. Take a photo of the bar to share with your sponsor.

I also recommend the North Hill Men's Big Book meeting at Trinity United Church, 915 N. Main Street

in downtown Akron. This meeting is held Saturdays at 9:00 AM (and a Women's Big Book meeting is five blocks away at St. Thomas Hospital at 8:00 AM.) Tables set in a square accommodate 20-30 people of all ages and lengths of sobriety. The meeting attracts few visitors, so your visit will be a big deal and you will be welcomed warmly. Come early to gorge on the big, fat donuts and you will know everyone's name before the meeting starts. I am impressed



with the quality of sharing done at this meeting. Of course, no visit to Akron is complete without a visit to Dr. Bob's house at 855 Ardmore Avenue. See <http://www.drbobshome.com/index.php> for more information on this museum/shrine/bookstore. A docent will greet you with "Welcome Home" after you climb the 12 steps (yes, really) to the front door. A neighboring house and garage complete the Birthplace experience. Dr. Bob's Home is open every day except Christmas from Noon to 3:00 PM. Pick your favorite Step and have a photo taken of you standing on that step.

## ... in Puerto Vallarta

### A.A. in Puerto Vallarta

Here's the picture: You are strolling along the Malecon catching some rays and enjoying Banderas Bay spread out in front of you. Tequila vendors are offering free samples, the fake-Havana cigar shops are inviting you in, and the bars are rocking with heavy metal.

It's clear an A.A. meeting is the next right thing. So, where do you go? Easy Answer: The Alano Club at 329 Basilio Badillo in Old Town, just blocks off the beach. The Club hosts two-four A.A. English language meetings daily as well as a French language A.A. meeting, and other recovery program meetings.

A.A. meetings start at 9:00 AM; the final meeting of the day is at 8:00 PM. Check the web site at <http://www.recoverpv.com/Schedules.php> for details on meetings at this and other locations in the Puerto Vallarta area.

My daily routine is to show up at The Alano Club around 8:30 AM and help make coffee and hang with the early birds. One of those birds frequently brings fresh pastries, hot from a nearby oven. The A.A. community at English-speaking meetings is mostly American and Canadian ex-pats as well as seasonal residents. Attendance ranges from 20 to 40 people, and members give visitors a warm welcome.

Don't be surprised if you run into people you know from Santa Clara County. This happens to me often. If you attend meetings later in the day or evening, take advantage of the excellent restaurants close to the Club. Be prepared to be invited along with other members as they grab a bite after a meeting. Regardless of when you attend, be prepared to help with a quick clean up and give Santa Clara County a good name in Mexico.

Jack M.

## Editor's Bag

August – Admit You're Happy Month! (No, I did NOT make that up!) The month is also known for Family Fun, Romance Awareness, Water Quality, National Catfish, National Eye Exam, National Golf, National Picnic Month. And PEACHES! The end of WWII was officially declared V-J (or Victory in Japan) Day on the 14th of August, 1945.

The topic this month is Not Blaming Others, or Step Ten, "When we were wrong, promptly admitted it." I have been very quick to point out others' failings whenever I disagree with another person, and this has been a step that my sponsor has had me work on intently when I am fuming. If you read the entire Tenth Step in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, you also can be reminded that we need to change ourselves, not the other party.

*Fran*



### Remember We Deal W/Alcohol Saturday Night Speaker List

8/11: Amy, 5 Years, Santa Clara

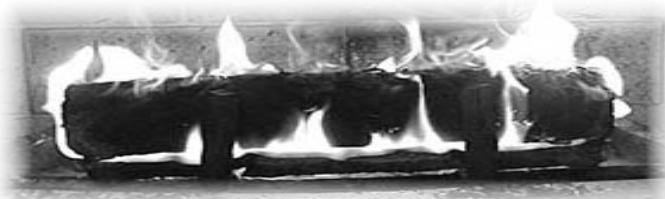
8/18: Max, San Jose

8/25: Joe N., "Remember We Deal  
w/Alcohol Group"

#### Topics Upcoming

October	The Family Afterwards	Deadline Sept 19, 2012
November	Step Three (Turning it Over)	Deadline Oct 24, 2012
December	AA's Greatest Gift to You	Deadline Nov 21, 2012
January	Best Advice to Newcomer	Deadline Dec 19, 2012

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### 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Palo Alto Group

**Lucie Stern Community Center**

1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2012**

**@ 7:30 pm**

7:30 PM Speaker Meeting:  
Speaker: Father Tom  
Sobriety Countdown

9:00 PM – Midnight: Music & Dance  
Music by D.J. Glenn W. (aka Owl)  
Potluck w/Snacks & Drinks provided

Presale Tickets \$10 each (suggested)  
(Space is limited)

Young People Welcome

Music for "People of All Ages"

Raffle Too!!!

**Celebrating the oldest surviving AA  
meeting in Santa Clara County**



# ScanToday'sExperiencesPrayerfully ToExcuseNothing

then

## StartToExperiencePeace ThruEverydayNarrations

thanks to Cheyenne for these insightful words.

### Traveling with AA - in Costa Rica

In 2004 I went to Costa Rica to study Spanish at an immersion language school. I lived there for three months and lived with a local family that spoke no English. I've gone back each year to live with the family, and I finally finished the school's curriculum. I am now able to converse in Spanish with anyone, but my reading skills still need work.

During my time there, I lived in San Jose, Costa Rica, the nation's capital. I became a regular at the noon English speaking AA meeting in downtown San Jose. The group meets every day at noon except Sunday when they meet at 9:15AM. The name of the group is The Anchor Club, and their web site is [www.costaricaaa.com/san-jos/](http://www.costaricaaa.com/san-jos/). The group meets on the second floor of a building one block from the Catholic Cathedral. The Anchor Club was started on September 15, 1992 by an AA from Los Angeles by the name of Jim B. Jim passed away a couple of years ago, but the meeting is still strong and is the cornerstone of English speaking AA in Costa Rica. I missed the sound of English when I lived there so I became an everyday member, and even began to sponsor some guys.

Costa Rica has beautiful beaches and wonderful surfing. My favorite beach town is Manuel Antonio. There is a great national park there, and wonderful surf and sun. When I am there, I stay at a hotel by the name of Monoazul ("Blue Monkey") [www.hotelmonoazul.com/](http://www.hotelmonoazul.com/). The hotel is owned and managed by a wonderful AA couple by the name of Chip and Jennifer. They have a meeting at the hotel every morning at 10:00AM, and you can buy a healthy breakfast while you attend the meeting. The fellowship is warm and friendly. The rooms at the hotel are clean and fresh and very reasonable.

Costa Rica is a friendly country in Central America, and these two groups can make your stay there so much richer. I love meeting AAs from around the world. We're all dealing with the same life threatening disease, and we all have the same wonderful solution.

Que le vaya bien,

Billy "D"

### SATURDAY NITE LIVE Speaker List

- 8/10: Jennifer G., SNL, 6 Years
- 8/17: Philly John, SNL, 32 Years
- 8/24: Shyloh, SNL, 17 Years
- SNL Birthday Night 8/25:  
Colleen Q., SNL, 25 Years
- 8/31: Walt O., SNL, 21 Years

*-4th ANNUAL LOS GATOS AA GROUP PICNIC-*  
*Hosted by "Saturday Morning Los Gatos" & "Spiritual Progress" Groups*



*Come Fellowship and Raise Funds for Central Office!*  
*Price: \$10 (Entry Fee) + (\$5 Donation), Free for Kids*

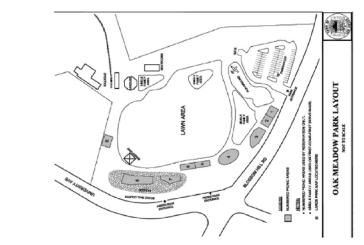
*Where: Oak Meadow Park - Sites 5 & 6*

*233 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos*

*When: September 15, 2012*

*Fun starts at 11am*

*All You Can Eat Delicious BBQ & Drinks! Fun Raffle Prizes & Games!*



## August 2012

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5	6 SCCYPAA BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm	7 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING 7:30pm	8	9	10 PI/CPC Workshop 10am, Central Office	11 CNCA Summer Assembly
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 DIVERTER/12TH STEPPERS WORKSHOP 10am, Central Office
19 <b>UNITY DAY!!!</b>	20 BRIDGING THE GAP MEETING: 7:00pm 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	21 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING 7:00pm  SCCYPAA BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm	22	23	24	25
26	27 H & I COMMITTEE 7:00pm	28	29	30	31	

### LOCAL EVENTS

- August 4** 5th Annual Fearless Factor SCCYPAA, 11:30AM, Bowers Park, 2582 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Clara. [www.sccypaa.ca.com](http://www.sccypaa.ca.com)
- August 11** CNCA 06 2012 Summer Assembly, 8:30AM-5PM, Scottish Rite Center, 2455 Masonic Dr., San Jose
- August 19** Unity Day, 8:30AM-8:00PM, Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
- August 26** Remington & Bernardo Group, AA Beach Day, 1:30-5:30PM, Twin Lakes State Beach, Santa Cruz
- Sept. 8** 26th Annual OldTimers Meeting, 7PM, St.Martin of Tours Gym, 300 O'Connor Dr., San Jose

### EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

- Aug. 10-12** Summer Serenity in the Sierras, Evergreen Conference Center, Oakhurst
- Aug. 24-26** Spirit of Nature, Veteran's Memorial Bldg., 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo. [www.district22convention.org](http://www.district22convention.org)
- 8/31-9/2** 2012 Redwood Coast Roundup, River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna. [www.redwoodcoastroundup.org](http://www.redwoodcoastroundup.org)
- Sept. 15** 6th Annual Hand in Hand Women's Day of Unity, Century Assembly Church, 550 W. Century Blvd., Lodi
- Sept. 28-30** 38th Annual Woman to Woman San Diego Conference, San Diego. [www.womantowomansandiego.com](http://www.womantowomansandiego.com)

## September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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### 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: [aasanjose@comcast.net](mailto:aasanjose@comcast.net)

### EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE

- 8/31-9/2** 35th Annual Sierra Nevada Fall Roundup 2012, Peppermill Resort, Spa Casino, 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV.  
 For more info: [www.nnig.org](http://www.nnig.org)
- Sept. 13-16** 54th ICYPAA, Millenium Hotel St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri. [www.icypaahost.org](http://www.icypaahost.org)
- Sept. 14-16** 2012 Pacific Regional Forum, Westmark Hotel and Conf. Center, 813 Noble St., Fairbanks, AK 99701
- Nov. 9-11** Lake Havasu City's Miracle on the River 25th Anniv. 2012, Nautical Beachfront Resort, Lake Havasu City, AZ.  
 For more info: [www.havasuaa.com](http://www.havasuaa.com)
- Feb 14-17** 49th International Women's Conference, Reno, NV <http://internationalwomensconference.org>

## Telephone Calls Received During July 2012

Daytime at Central Office.....**360**

Daytime 12 Step Calls.....5

(Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.)

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

### 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

**Fair Avenue Fellowship Speaker Meeting:** Sun., 6:00PM, Fair Avenue Fellowship at the Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave. (at McLaughlin) in San Jose.

**Last Call:** Mon., 7:00PM, Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard, Veteran's Center, San Jose.

**God & the Big Book:** Thurs., 7:30PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Brick House, Los Gatos.

**24 Hour Concept:** Thurs., 10:30AM, 3466 Grossmont Dr., Portable #1, San Jose.

**New Beginnings Group:** Tues., 7:00PM, Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard, Veteran's Center, San Jose.

**No Chaser:** Thurs., 7:00PM, Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard, Veteran's Center, San Jose.

**I2 & I2:** Fri. 7:00PM, Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard, Veteran's Center, San Jose.

**Came to Believe:** Sun., 7:00PM, Emergency Housing Consortium, 2011 Little Orchard, Veteran's Center, San Jose.

**Women's Candlelight Big Book Discussion:** Thurs., 6:00PM, Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center, 17000 Monterey Rd., Morgan Hill.

### CHANGED

**\*\*Intergroup Council Meeting:** 7:30PM, First Wed. of each month, Queen of Apostles School, 4950 Mitty Way, San Jose. Meeting location has moved to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave., San Jose (near Foxworthy Ave.).

**\*\*PI/CPC Committee Meeting:** 6:00PM, First Wed. of each month, Queen of Apostles School, 4950 Mitty Way, San Jose. Meeting location has moved to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave., San Jose (near Foxworthy Ave.).

**All meetings held at the Emergency Housing Consortium:** Various days and time throughout the week. 211 Little Orchard Street, San Jose. All meetings are ADULTS ONLY. No children are allowed at any of the meetings.

**Gay & Lesbian Steps and Traditions Group:** 8:00PM, Fri., First Unitarian Church of San Jose, 160 N. 3rd St. at St. James, San Jose. Meeting has moved to Billy DeFrank LGBT Center: 938 The Alameda, near Race St., San Jose.

**First Edition Group:** 12:00 noon, Tues. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral: 81 N. 2nd St. & W. St. John, upstairs. Name has changed to "Second Street Group" and is no longer a book study. It is now an open discussion meeting.

**Spiritual Progress Dialogue Group:** 8:00PM, Mon. Neighborhood Center, 208 E Main St., Los Gatos, Room 2. Name of the Neighborhood Center has changed to Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center and is now in the Large Hall.

**Men's Underground Book Study:** 7:00PM, Sun. Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 41 W. Rincon Ave., Rincon Room, Campbell. Meeting is no longer a "closed, men's" meeting and name has changed to "Underground Book Study".

**Caring and Sharing:** 8:00PM, Tues., St. Christopher's Church, 1576 Curtner Ave., San Jose. Location has moved to Pizza Jack's, 1600 Monterey Hwy (in the back), San Jose.

**New Beginning Group:** Mon.-Thurs., 7:00AM, First Christian Church, 80 S. 5th St., San Jose. All meetings have changed their names to "Third Tradition".

**University Beginners:** Wed. 5PM, University of Santa Clara, 500 El Comino Real, Bannan Hall Rm. 305, Santa Clara. Meeting time has changed from 5-6PM to 4:45-5:45PM.

**LGBT Happy Destiny Group:** Sat., 6:00PM, Conscious Living Center, 2400 Wyandotte St., Suite C, Mountain View. Time has changed to 5:30PM.

### NO LONGER MEETING

**Upstairs Group (As Bill See It):** Wed., 7:00PM, 13335 Monterey Rd., above Rocca's Market, San Martin.

**I2 Steps and HOW (Women's):** Tues., 12 noon, Almaden Hills United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose.

## Birthday Contributions

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS	BIRTHDAY
Robin L.	25	Evelyn M.	08/03/1987
Lynn S.	25	Evelyn M., Chris B.	07/31/1987
Laura C.	20	Laura C.	07/04/1992
Bob B.	18	Mike M.	07/12/1994
Mike M.	9	Anonymous	07/10/2003
Jackie J.	20	Aileen B.	07/24/1992
Linda D.	34	Linda D.	07/17/1978
Steve B.	25	Steve B.	07/20/1987
Linda Mc.	1	Linda Mc.	06/28/2011

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!! 177 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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### In Memorium

Mark P. passed away on May 12th after a short battle with cancer surrounded by family and friends. He had 25 years of sobriety at the time of his passing. He was a beloved member of our program and will be greatly missed by many.

## InterGroup Minutes: July 4, 2012

Because of the July 4th holiday, no Meeting was held in July.

## ARCHIVES CORNER

The book "Pass It On" tells us, "When Bill described Towns as 'a nationally known hospital for mental and physical rehabilitation of alcoholics,' he was not exaggerating, but someone else who remembered the hospital described it simply as a place where alcoholics were purged and puked.' The purging was most probably the effect of the liberal doses of castor oil that the patients were given together with belladonna. The belladonna treatment at Towns had been developed by Dr. Sam Lambert, a reputable New York physician. But it was the chief of staff, Dr. Silkworth who would in time to come have

the most impact on the treatment of alcoholism."

Dr. Silkworth had invested in stock in a new private hospital, but he lost everything in the 1929 collapse. In desperation he went to work at Towns hospital for about \$40 a week and board. He developed an interest in helping the homeless drunks that he saw coming through the hospital.

It was at the end of 1934 that Bill showed up again, waiving a bottle and shouting to the kind doctor that he had found the answer. Whereupon Dr. Silkworth advised Bill that he had better go up to bed. Page 104

of "Pass It ON" has a picture of Bill's discharge slip from Town's Hospital. It is dated 12-18-34. It shows a fee of \$125 and is marked paid 12-18-34.

We are told in another place in our literature that Bill's visit was paid for by his brother-in-law the doctor. This would be the same person who later introduced Bill to the man who was in charge of Rockefeller charities. It was Rockefeller who told us that we don't need any money. It is just one drunk talking to another drunk. This was probably the best advice that we AA's could have been given.

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## INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

## Profit &amp; Loss

July 2012

	Jul 12	Jul 11	Jan - Jul 12
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
3030 · Contributions-General	18,102.76	11,198.79	95,165.38
8010 · Literature Sales	3,940.83	3,930.85	32,075.26
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	771.50	824.91	5,390.00
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	12,210.00	4,544.00
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	15.00	90.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,820.09</b>	<b>28,179.55</b>	<b>137,264.64</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,742.17	2,792.48	22,042.80
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	497.70	677.32	4,133.23
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>3,239.87</b>	<b>3,469.80</b>	<b>26,176.03</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,239.87</b>	<b>3,469.80</b>	<b>26,176.03</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>19,580.22</b>	<b>24,709.75</b>	<b>111,088.61</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6010 · Alarm Service	207.00	207.00	621.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	0.00	2,371.30	2,780.18
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	1,700.00	0.00	2,675.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	28.94	421.74	663.24
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	54.24
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	0.00	766.20
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	750.00
6160 · Copier Expense	0.00	101.44	589.73
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	507.50
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	-301.51	28.96	396.24
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	190.92	103.08	1,330.03
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	592.10	1,824.59	5,858.70
6245 · Internet Access Charges	29.95	29.95	211.45
6320 · Newsletter Expense	718.81	0.00	1,539.57
6330 · Office Expense	57.75	287.91	797.66
6370 · Office Paper Supply	124.44	125.39	1,190.31
6380 · Payroll Taxes	498.31	621.46	4,463.58
6410 · Postage	18.70	11.76	1,510.27
6430 · PI/CPC	0.00	0.00	110.00
6480 · Rent	2,534.00	2,470.65	17,674.65
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,513.90	7,720.73	47,001.12
6560 · Payroll Expenses	80.38	82.51	613.15
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	300.00	1,150.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	477.68	312.12	1,647.64
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	149.23
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	-0.25	0.00	153.89
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,671.12</b>	<b>17,020.59</b>	<b>95,264.58</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>5,909.10</b>	<b>7,689.16</b>	<b>15,824.03</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
8030 · Interest Income	2.50	18.25	111.24
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>18.25</b>	<b>111.24</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>18.25</b>	<b>111.24</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>5,911.60</b>	<b>7,707.41</b>	<b>15,935.27</b>

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Accrual Basis

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of August 1, 2012**

Aug 1, 12

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

1010 - Petty Cash	225.00
1020 - First Republic Bank (Checking account)	21,200.33
1021 - First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .4%, 08/12/2012)	17,488.01 **
1023 - First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ .6%, 02/05/2013)	16,361.80 **
1025 - First Republic Bank CD 7266 (12 Mos. CD @ .05%, 01/06/2013)	20,075.12 **
1026 - First Republic Bank CD 7619 (15 Mos. CD @ .05%, 06/21/2013)	15,001.89 **

**Total Checking/Savings**

**Accounts Receivable**

1110 - Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,742.32
	<u>-1,742.32</u>

**Total Accounts Receivable**

**Other Current Assets**

1250 - Literature Inventory	19,748.99
1310 - Prepaid Insurance	1,489.20
1499 - Undeposited Funds	554.14

**Total Other Current Assets**

**Total Current Assets**

**Fixed Assets**

1630 - Office Equipment	30,259.02
1640 - Office Furnishings - Asset	7,507.80
1641 - Less Accumulated Depreciation	-33,169.67
1680 - Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 - Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00

**Total Fixed Assets**

**Other Assets**

1860 - Deposits	1,993.85
	<u>1,993.85</u>

**Total Other Assets**

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2100 - Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	0.02
2240 - Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	365.12
2600 - Unity Day	2,123.09

<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,488.23</u>
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**Total Current Liabilities**

**Total Liabilities**

**Equity**

2740 - Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 - Unrestricted Funds	88,550.23
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>15,112.62</b>

**Total Equity**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

\*\*Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$68,926.82  
This represents about 4.5 mos., or 75% of the Board established goal of  
6 months of operating expenses.

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**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions**  
**July 2012**

	<b>Jul 12</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 12</b>		<b>Jul 12</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 12</b>
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	333.15	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	128.20
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	1,078.10	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	84.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	490.00	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	70.07
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	420.00	1,750.00	G Attitude Adjustment	0.00	86.80
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	507.29	4,698.81	G By the Book 70980	0.00	550.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	1,698.00	3,433.78	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	32.50	255.50
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	420.00	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	161.00	161.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	771.93	1,698.98	G Gilroy Groups 70906	280.00	490.00
1 INV Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	175.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	243.95	1,343.15
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	1,610.00	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	625.62
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	800.00	2,481.09	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	238.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	75.00	225.00	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	895.76	2,133.24
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	202.00	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	715.20	3,306.58
24 Hour Concept 532 (Thurs.)	44.00	44.00	G Third Tradition	0.00	40.25
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	280.00	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	0.00	2,776.81
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	220.00	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	750.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	57.30	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	680.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	392.00	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	91.00	327.70
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	175.00	Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (Tues.)	0.00	100.00
Attitude Adjustment LG 608 (Thur.)	0.00	1.27	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	226.00	310.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 43 (Sat.)	0.00	250.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	1,168.90
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	82.60	82.60
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	101.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	805.62	2,335.47
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	257.34	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	282.78	483.68
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	293.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	560.00
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	175.00	H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	0.00	502.40
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	175.00	175.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	540.00	2,799.80
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	145.00	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	364.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	335.00	3,108.00	High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	182.00	668.77
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	1,939.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	594.60
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	674.05	Humbly Asked 87 (Sun.)	0.00	177.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	472.36	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	52.00	52.00
Cambrarian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	377.30	1,281.70	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	98.00	571.20
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	352.10	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	495.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	179.67	649.67
Childish Emotions (Chips) 767 (Thur.)	0.00	20.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	371.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	1,242.16	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	185.00
Class of '81	0.00	301.00	Living in the Solution MH (W) 33 (Sat.)	0.00	126.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	90.50	90.50	Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	513.28
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	51.00	51.00	Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (Wed.)	0.00	271.10
District 40	0.00	100.00	Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	200.00	464.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	153.30	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	196.70
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	223.00	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	140.00	435.00
Early Bird SJ 244 (Thur.)	0.00	30.00	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	70.00	387.95
Early Spiritual Progress 7 (Sun.)	0.00	76.00	Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	113.37
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	246.05	727.65	Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	97.76
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	212.00	423.00	Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	111.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	150.00	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	416.00

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**Group Contributions**  
July 2012

	<u>Jul 12</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 12</u>		<u>Jul 12</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 12</u>		
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp)	659 (Sun.)	115.30	291.46	Traditions Study	818 (Mon.)	0.00	0.00
Men's Group	97 (Mon.)	0.00	350.00	Traditions Workshop		0.00	450.00
Men's Honesty Group	26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,080.00	Truly Happy Hour	324 (Fri.)	0.00	132.00
Men's Single Problem Study	89 (Mon.)	180.00	350.00	Tuesday Night Men's Mtg	525 (Tues.)	191.80	1,232.80
Men's Single Problem Study Gp	220 (Thur.)	539.00	1,457.53	Tuesday Night Saratoga Group	152 (Tues.)	0.00	100.00
Midday Women's Group	91 (Mon.)	0.00	453.74	Unknown		0.00	761.04
Monday at a Time	208 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	Up the Creek-Daily Reflections	745 (Tue.)	0.00	150.00
Mountain Miracles	882 (Thur.)	386.40	491.40	Veterans of Alcohol	874 (Tues.)	0.00	75.00
Mountain View Group	350 (Sat.)	105.00	105.00	Veterans of Alcohol North	338 (Tues.)	0.00	345.00
New Direction 12 x 12	90 (Mon.)	0.00	238.46	Villages Group of AA, The	406 (Mon.)	0.00	0.18
New Life Start (Chips)	444 (Sun.)	0.00	206.50	We Are Not Saints 12 & 12	520 (Tues.)	0.00	180.00
New Live and Let Live, The	24 (Sun.)	157.50	385.00	Wisdom to Know	651 (Mon.)	140.00	140.00
New Nooners	808 (Mon.)	0.00	115.12	Women's Brunch	640 (Sat.)	62.41	605.16
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women)	769 (Sat.)	342.47	342.47	Women's Topic Disc. Group	103 (Tues.)	0.00	117.75
No Bull Big Book	655 (Fri.)	0.00	200.00	Women on the Move	570 (Wed.)	193.00	461.75
Other Wednesday Nite,The (Men)	209 (Wed)	0.00	950.00	Women Sharing the Solution	519 (Thur.)	191.80	394.80
Pass It On Group	418 (Sun.)	0.00	290.50	Women to Women	704 (Sat.)	147.00	245.00
Personal	00911	3,191.91	7,686.37	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,132.24</b>	<b>95,194.86</b>	
Plaza Del Rey Group	52 (Sun.)	0.00	288.00				
Progress Not Perfection	229 (Sun.)	0.00	112.00				
Rincon Men's Fellowship	567 (Thur.)	420.00	770.00				
Saratoga Family Group	328 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00				
Saturday's Reflections	622 (Sat.)	10.00	105.05				
Saturday Morning Los Gatos	777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,540.00				
SCCYPAA		0.00	690.15				
Second Tradition Group Spkr	721 (Sat.)	0.00	411.50				
Serenity Discussion	210 (Wed.)	0.00	409.97				
Shared Gift, The (Women)	61 (Mon.)	0.00	1,242.57				
Single Problem Study (Men)	212 (Wed.)	0.00	625.62				
Single Problem Topic (Men's)	582 (Mon.)	0.00	278.00				
Sisters Seeking Serenity	858 (Wed.)	0.00	775.00				
Sizzler Group	27 (Sun.)	210.00	210.00				
Sober and Free Convention	70928	0.00	160.05				
Sober in the Park	688 (Sun.)	100.00	300.00				
Society of the Second Chance	305 (Tues.)	0.00	170.00				
Solutions for Gay Women	870 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00				
South Valley Men's	845 (Thur.)	0.00	240.00				
South Valley Women's Surrender	88 (Mon.)	0.00	83.30				
Spiritual Awakening	813 (Tues.)	87.50	677.36				
St. Mark's Group	270 (Thur.)	0.00	369.20				
Step Along (Women)	638 (Wed.)	0.00	143.64				
Step Study (Women) LG	820 (Wed.)	0.00	251.40				
Sunday Night Recovery	23 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00				
Sunday Spirituality	674 (Sun.)	0.00	291.32				
Sunshine Group noon	243 (Thur.)	0.00	442.00				
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion	298 (Fri.)	0.00	255.89				
Think Tank (Men's)	361 (Sat.)	0.00	840.00				
Traditions Breakfast Event		0.00	322.00				

# **SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP**

**Saturday October 13, 2012**

**Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose**

## **6th Annual**

## **TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH**

**"Though three hundred thousand have recovered in the last twenty-five years, maybe half a million more have walked into our midst, and then out again."** Bill W. on Sponsorship from Grapevine, April 1961

### **Pancake Brunch**

**served 11 am to 2pm**

**\$10.00 donation per person**

**Recovery meeting at 1pm**

**!!! Raffle following speaker !!!**

**No Flour, No Sugar and Vegan options also available.**

**Volunteer to help at the event or donate your craft item, jewelry, art, etc, for the raffle. Presale tickets available after September 5 thru your intergroup reps or at central office.**

**Contact intergroup activities chair:**

**Gloria V -- (408) 286-2065**

Intergroup Activities Committee presents

# THE 26TH ANNUAL (new)OLDTIMERS MEETING

Saturday -- September 8, 2012  
7:00 pm

St. Martin of Tours Gym  
300 O'Connor Drive, San Jose

## All are Welcome!!

- ✓ Oldtimers with 20+ years will share their experience, strength and hope.
- ✓ Homemade Cookies , Coffee, Tea and Water will be served.
- ✓ Sobriety Countdown -- of all in attendance.

Guess the total years of sobriety and win a copy of  
**Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers**  
(Must be present to win – nothing to buy).

### How do we get there?

**From South 101:** Take Interstate 280 toward San Francisco. Take the interstate 880 exit. Before entering 880, Take Stevens Creek - West San Carlos exit - exiting at the West San Carlos exit. Turn left immediately on DiSalvo and left on O'Connor Drive or onto Bailey Avenue.

**From 880 going toward Santa Cruz:** Take San Carlos exit, making a 270 degree right turn onto Stevens Creek/San Carlos, then take first left onto DiSalvo, and left onto O'Connor Drive or Bailey Avenue.

**From 280 going toward San Jose:** Take Winchester Blvd. exit, make a left at the stop light, going towards Winchester Blvd. Turn left again at the light onto Winchester Blvd. go to Stevens Creek Blvd and make a right. Go over the overpass and make a left at DiSalvo and then left on O'Connor Drive or onto Bailey.

Would you like to volunteer your family recipes and cookie-making skills with us? Then call Allegra at 408-374-6581.

*Please feel free to copy this flyer for your distribution.*

**CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06  
OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE  
PRESENTS:**

**THE 2012 SUMMER ASSEMBLY**

SATURDAY AUGUST 11, 2012

SCOTTISH RITE CENTER  
2455 MASONIC DRIVE  
SAN JOSE, CA

Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 am

Orientation: 9:30 – 10:00 am

Business Meeting: 10:00 am – 12:00pm

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Workshop Session I: 1:00 – 2:15 pm**

- Attraction rather than promotion in General Service and the Fellowship.
- Group autonomy vs. the AA service structure.
- Talking to your group about Self Support – Getting over the awkwardness.

**Workshop Session II: 2:30 – 3:45 pm**

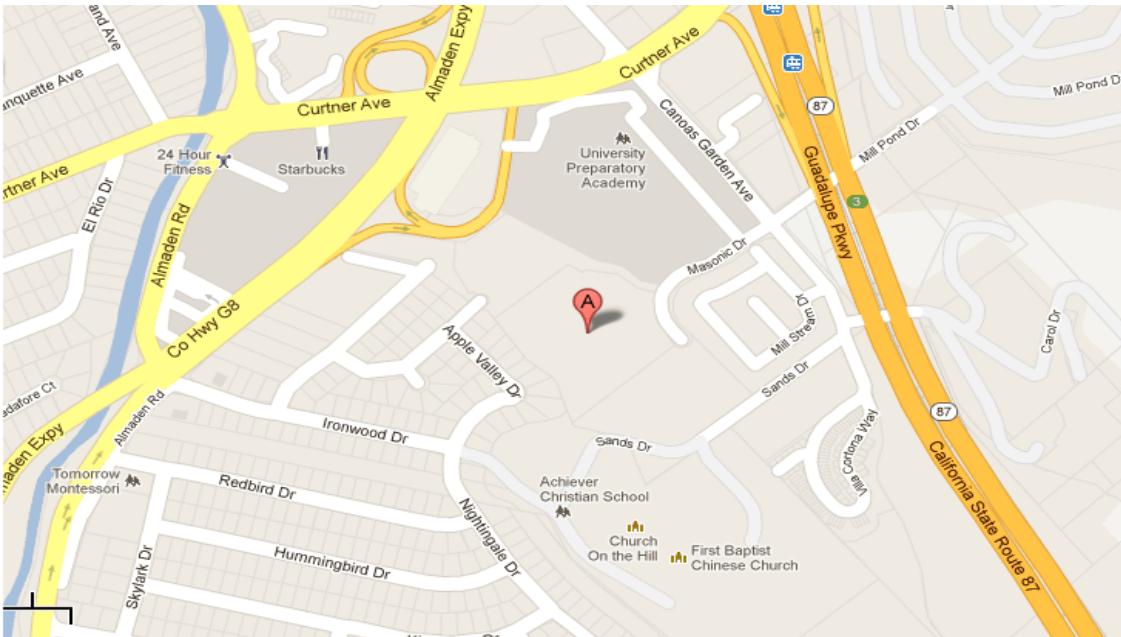
- Keeping AA safe for all our diverse members.
- Young People and General Service—What can we learn from each other?
- Future of Grapevine & La Viña—How is it important to your program?

(Translation available at all workshops)

Report back: 4:00-4:30 pm

What's on your mind?: 4:30-5:00 pm

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SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION**



## Directions to Scottish Rite Center

**From North:** 101 S to San Jose. Take exit 390 to merge onto CA-87 Guadalupe Parkway. Take exit 3A for Curtner Ave. Turn right on Curtner Ave. Take first left onto Canoas Garden Ave. Take first right onto Masonic Drive. Destination is on the right.

**From South:** 101 N., slight right onto Ca-85N. Take CA-87N toward Downtown San Jose, and merge onto CA-87N. Take exit 3 for Curtner Ave. Turn left onto Curtner Ave. Turn left onto Canoas Garden Ave. Take first right onto Masonic Drive. Destination is on the right.

**From East:** I-880S toward San Jose. Take exit 4B onto 101S (toward LA). Take exit 385B to merge onto 280N (toward Downtown San Jose). Take exit 3A for Curtner Ave. Turn right on Curtner Ave. Take first left onto Canoas Garden Ave. Take first right onto Masonic Drive. Destination is on the right.

## ACCOMODATION

### **Radisson Hotel \$69**

1471 North 4<sup>th</sup>  
San Jose, CA. 95112(airport  
(408)841-4610  
(408)437-8819-fax  
Cut off date Aug. 3  
**Crown Plaza \$89**

777 Bellew Dr.  
Milpitas, CA. 95035  
(408)456-1289  
Cnca area assembly rate (50 rooms)

Cut off date July 28

**Marriot \$89**  
301 South Market St.  
San Jose, CA. 95113  
(408)280-1300

Area assembly rate (25 rooms)  
Cut off date July 20

### **Holiday Inn Express-double \$85 king \$79**

1350 North 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
San Jose, CA. 95112  
(408)46-1789  
Area assembly rate  
Cut off date July 20

## AA MEETINGS (all in San Jose)

### **Friday Night Meetings**

**6:00 pm Weekend Starter Step Study,**  
Sat. Night Live Grp, 1388 South Bascom Ave.  
**8:00 pm Speaker Meeting,**  
Sat. Night Live Grp, 1388 South Bascom Ave.  
**7:30 pm Hora de Vivir (Spanish)**  
Alano Club of S.J., 1122 Fair Ave. & McLaughlin

### **Saturday night Meetings**

**6:30 pm How It Works,**  
Sat. Night Live Grp, 1388 South Bascom Ave.  
**8:00 pm Second Tradition Group,**  
2700 Booksin Ave, (Willow Glen) San Jose

### **Sunday Morning Meeting**

**9:00 AM Cup of Coffee Group,**  
Alano Club of S.J., 1122 Fair Ave. & McLaughlin

Local Intergroup: [www.aasanjose.org/](http://www.aasanjose.org/)

# 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## Palo Alto Group

**Lucie Stern Community Center**

1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2012**

**@ 7:30 pm**

**7:30 PM Speaker Meeting:**

**Speaker: Father Tom  
Sobriety Countdown**

**9:00 PM – Midnight: Music & Dance**

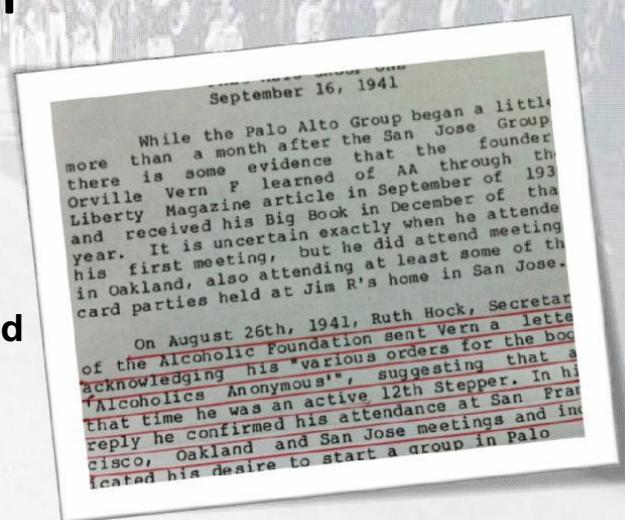
**Music by D.J. Glenn W. (aka Owl)  
Potluck w/Snacks & Drinks provided**

**Presale Tickets \$10 each (suggested)  
(Space is limited)**

**Young People Welcome**

**Music for “People of All Ages”**

**Raffle Too!!!**



**Celebrating the oldest surviving AA  
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**CELEBRATING  
-20 YEARS!-**

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***September 8, 2012***

**Speakers Meeting 6 – 7 PM**

***Ernie B.38, Zip P. 40, Danette G.-9***

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***DANCE with “DJ”***

**7:30 – 11:30**

***POTLUCK***

***Bring Finger Foods & Snacks***

**\*\*-RAFFLE-\*\***

**Where: 304 N. 6<sup>th</sup> @ Julian**

**Time: 6 – 11:30 PM**

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## **COSTUME PARTY & DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!**

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**Speaker Meeting: Dennis E.**

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**Costume & Karaoke Contests**

**Raffle with awesome prizes: 1/\$1.00 or 7/\$5.00**

**Tickets: \$5.00**



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# **UNITY DAY - 2012**

**SUNDAY - August 19, 2012**

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*Milpitas Community Center*

*457 East Calaveras Blvd.*

*Milpitas, CA*

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Thank you for all of your service that makes our personal recovery and UNITY possible !!

## **SPEAKERS**

**Morning 9am-Mani D.  
Afternoon-Marcie M.-Hollister  
Evening-Milton B.-San Jose, CA**

*Sponsored by:*

Intergroup, District 04, District 40, Hospitals & Institutions, SCCYPAA

**8:00am to 8:00pm  
(Followed by dance 8:30-11:00)**

Workshops, speaker panels, service opportunities,  
FREE breakfast, lunch and dinner !  
Open to all. We are not a glum lot...  
We will even have a play and a dance !!

*Please be mindful of this year's General Service Theme:*

**ANONYMITY:  
OUR SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

# Unity Day 2012

TIME	MAIN AUDITORIUM	ROOM 5	ROOM 7	ROOM 8
8:00 am	Doors Open			AL-ANON Meetings/ Hospitality Room
8:30 - 9:00 am	Breakfast (FREE)			AL-ANON Meetings/ Hospitality Room
9:00 - 10:00 am	Morning Speaker <b>Mani D.</b>			Hospitality Room
10:10 - 11:10 am	Special Topic Panel Safety in A.A.	12th Step & Diverter Workshop	Archives Committee Workshop	What is Al-Anon? Welcome Newcomers
11:15 - 12 noon	Play			Spanish Speaking Al-Anon Groups
12 noon - 12:45 pm	Lunch (FREE!)	PI/CPC Workshop	A.A. Noon Meeting <i>(If you eat here, please clean up)</i>	Hospitality Room
12:45 - 1:45 pm	Mid-Day Speaker <b>Marcie M.</b>			Hospitality Room
1:45 - 2:45 pm	"Delegate's Report" <b>Ken M.</b>			Alateen Safety
2:55 - 3:55 pm	Service Opportunities Panel	Grapevine/La Vina Workshop	General Service Workshop GSRs, DCMs, Service Sponsors, etc.	Young Adults in Al-Anon
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Theme Panel Anonymity in the Digital Age	Hospitals & Institutions Workshop	SCCYPAA Workshop	Intimacy through Communication
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Dinner (FREE!)	"Outreach Committee" Workshop	Bridging the Gap Workshop	Hospitality Room
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Evening Speaker <b>Milton B.</b>			Hospitality Room
8:30 - 11:00 pm	Dance	Dance	Dance	Dance