



Everyday Miracles

The word "miracles" is used a lot in Alcoholics Anonymous. Almost everyday, we will hear it in a meeting as someone refers to something that happened to bring them into the program, or something that finally made them stop drinking. We also hear the word miracle as it refers to being cured of a "seemingly hopeless state of mind and body" as it states in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. But more often, we hear our brother and sister members speak of miracles referring to everyday events. Situations which to others outside of the Program, would not seem like miracles at all.

To us, waking up instead of coming to, is a miracle. For uncountable years, we came to out of the stupor caused by our drinking or using. Hopefully, the alarm clock would wake us up in time to go to work... if we still had a job. Today, we wake up! And we are alert rather than hung over! We can brush our teeth without

fear of nausea! Such a little thing to someone else, but pretty huge to us. We get into our car (if we have gotten our license back) and we go to work. Yea! We have a job! Chances are, we have been employed for a long time at the same place, another miracle.

Those miracles add up! There were times when we would enter a room and no one would talk to us. In my case, they would leave if I entered the room. Today, I enter a room, and people are happy to see me! That is a huge miracle! People like me! And some people even love me, and I love them back. I remember at an early AA meeting when someone asked me to go for coffee, and I looked behind me to see who they were talking to because it surely could not be me.

These miracles did not happen by accident. I had to work for them. I came into AA a friendless, lonely, broken, sad person who could

not go a day without a drink. I walked into a room filled with people about my age who were well-dressed, happy, and laughing. And I wanted that more than anything else in the world. God gave me the greatest gift of all at that first meeting; the honest desire to stay sober. I drank that night and came back the next day. By His grace and His miracles, I have not had a drink since.

When I was newly sober, the fact that I could go a day without drinking was a true miracle. For fifteen years, I could not go a day without my scotch, usually a fifth. Now I had a choice! And I chose not to drink! That was a real miracle! Then I started to change my life through finding a sponsor and working the steps. My personality changed. I was no longer the mean, depressed, dour person that nobody wanted to be around. My family thought that a miracle had occurred!

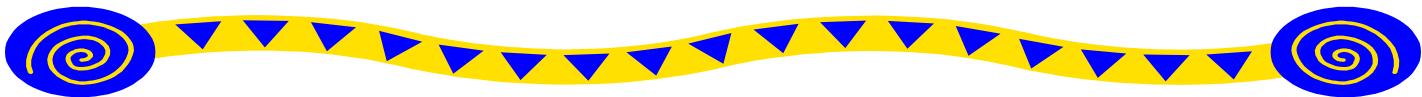
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My biggest miracle happened when I met and married my husband in AA and we have been happily married for over 30 years.

Through working the steps, the miracles just kept coming. Sometimes huge: I made amends and mended a relationship. Sometimes meaningful: A friend I thought was lost came back into my life. I did something I never thought I could do: I returned to college and got my BA and a job at NASA as a contract editor. That was a miracle. A friend of mine in AA worked there and knew someone, which is how one gets a job at NASA.

Miracles come as a result of misfortune. I became disabled in 1988. The miracles start out of what could have been a tragedy. I did go back to school. I also became a writer. I have a blog which I love. I contribute to an Internet site regularly. It is a miracle that a very good thing came about of an unfortu-

nate thing. *“Nothing happens in God’s world by mistake.”*

My personality changed as a result of these steps. I became the person I always wanted to be, another miracle that I never thought would happen. All of the things I chased at the bottom of the bottle, I became in sobriety. That is the miracle. And the everyday miracles continue every day as long as I am open to them through God’s grace.

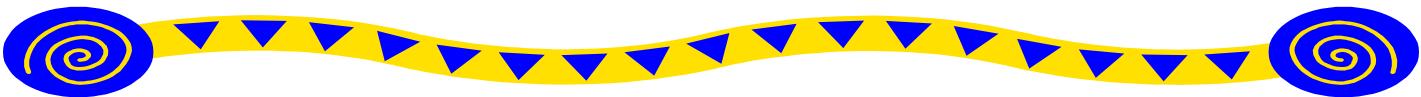
There is no way that I can enumerate all of the miracles that I experience on a daily basis. I met my daughter whom I had given up for adoption and we now have a wonderful relationship. I also have two gorgeous granddaughters. This never would have happened without sobriety. I witnessed my Dad, who a widower at 88, remarried at

92 to a woman he met online. They have been married for five years and are very happy! A miracle? You bet!!

Everyday I am sober, I experience miracles. They are all around me. All I have to do, is open my eyes and ask my Higher Power for the Grace to notice them. During my first summer sober, it was realizing that the sky was blue every day. Some days, I notice a particularly gorgeous sunset or flower. Sometimes, a person that I have been thinking about calls. Once I met my long lost best friend from 5th grade on Facebook. Through her, I was invited to attend my 50th class reunion. Miracles come in different ways: a phone call from an old friend, an impromptu meeting at Safeway. All I have to do is be open. An open heart and willingness is all the I needed. God wants to show me the everyday miracles. Thank you God.

Ann S.

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A Message from General Service

"A miracle is possible every moment, lives within every sober minute..."

When I first thought about what every day miracles meant, I was quite unsure. I asked a few people what their miracles were for the day and came up with some interesting ideas, but none were my truth. My sponsor says to always speak my inner truth. Then I thought about the last 1,254 days of sobriety. How many miracles have been held in those 24 hour periods that were things that happen every day? These are my miracles:

Waking up, and hitting my knees to pray. Knowing a drink will not fix anything, and not a drink no matter what. Picking up the "10,000 pound" phone when I don't want to and knowing that extending my hand to another when I want to keep to myself is the next right thing. Knowing that doing what is uncomfortable is more than likely what I should be doing. Being willing to be honest, and open-minded. Making amends to someone I have harmed when I used to not care who I hurt. Being a "chip-munk", and giving hugs to those celebrating their milestones of recovery. What a beautiful gift. One of those milestone miracles was a man who stood up with 55 years sober, and said how he did it one day at a time. Keeping my phone on all the time and picking up the phone at 5am when a newcomer calls to tell me they want to drink. The steps and the growth in my thinking and actions they provide. Love, smiles & hugs that fill every meeting and my heart. Silence when I don't know what to say, praying for the answer, and speaking when my higher power gives me the message. Giving what has so freely been given to me, without a sideways glance at whom I am giving to. Understanding my Higher Power to the best of my ability and to give them a place within myself to keep connected with. Learning to love someone enough to let him or her go, let them fall, and pray that they find their way back. I learned to stop relying on outside things to complete me, realizing the hole I have carried around is a God shaped hole. If I let Him in, there is no way I can incomplete.

These are the miracles that have happened in my life over the last 3 years here in AA. I am sure I am not alone in their occurrences. I am sure they have happened to you, and many other's you might know. I am also sure there are thousands more I could list. We just have to look for the miracles. They appear miraculously and happen often. Without miracles, I would not be sober today, for every AA member is a miracle, and those miracles carried me the message that has saved my life.

A. "JoyFace"

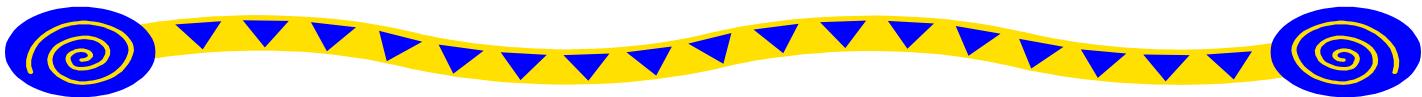
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1. Last month we saw in the words of Henrietta Seiberling how she introduced Bill W. and Dr. Bob.

She continues, "Bill went to stay with Bob and Ann for three months, and we started working on Bill D. and Ernie G. The need was there, and all of the necessary elements were furnished by God. Bill the Promoter and I, not being an alcoholic, for perspective. Every Wednesday night I would speak on some new experience or spiritual idea I had read. That's the way we all grew. Eventually the meetings moved to King School. Some man from Hollywood came, an actor, and he said that he had been all over the country and that there was something in the King School group that wasn't in any other group. I think it was our great stress and reliance on guidance and quiet times."

2. In 1956 there was a San Martin group of AA, started by Ely W. with between 5 and 10 members who met once a week. Ely was the only known secretary and the meeting was active for about 18 months, and went dark in 1957. Now there are two successful meetings in San Martin: the Upstairs Group (As Bill Sees It), which meets on Wednesdays at 7PM; and the San Martin Candlelighters, which meets on Saturdays at 8PM.

3. Kelly R. and Rich started the first meeting in Morgan Hill in early 1969 in Kelly's kitchen. Kelly's wife, Millie, would make coffee and cookies. Later in 1969 Rich started a Friday night meeting at his house but when that meeting got too large, a room was rented at the Advent Lutheran Church on Murphy St. in Morgan Hill, and it remains there today, the Friday Night Candlelight at 8:00PM.



A Different Kind of Miracle...

When most of us come to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, we come as broken, untrustworthy people. Isolation, self-hatred, and despair are a big part of our stories when we first get here. For me, I was all of those things plus more. At my first A.A. meeting, I had no idea what a miracle was. I had continuously heard about them, but wasn't experiencing any in my own life. Well... not that I knew of anyways. Little did I know, that by walking into the rooms, I was experiencing a miracle.

All of us have different backgrounds. And those backgrounds add to our story. As a matter of fact, they enhance it. My background was not that different from other members. I didn't come from an alcoholic home. My childhood was filled with a family that loved me, and did everything they could to show it. On the outside, I was everything a little boy should be: funny, cute, and full of love. On the inside, it was a completely different story. I always knew that I was different. Growing up gay, it was almost expected. What I didn't expect was to be picked on and harassed on a daily basis. I was called names that were very humiliating and degrading. I was not able to go to my parents with any of this out of fear of retaliation. So I

lived with the internal disgust thinking that I was somehow to blame, and that it was all my fault.

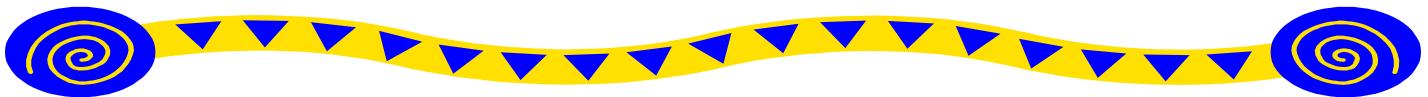
So I went through life thinking that everyone hated me, and being beat up on a regular basis for being a "closeted gay". There were nights when I would cry myself to sleep and wish that I were dead so that I wouldn't have to go to school anymore. Still, I couldn't tell my parents for fear of hurting them. I couldn't risk being outed for fear of retaliation. And I didn't think that help was possible. When I started drinking, alcohol became my friend. It is ironic that while growing up, my parents taught me to be careful of my friends for they could get me in trouble. That was the friendship I had with alcohol. And that friendship would continue for a very long time, taking me to new lows, and to utter desperation.

When I started to work the 12 Steps, I saw a change in me. By this time, I had already "come out" to my family and received somewhat positive support. My family said that they would love me no matter what and sort of dismissed my feelings in general. I had a lot of work still left to do, and had not even started. When it came to taking my inventory, I had to deal with all of those feelings and issues from my childhood: The loneliness, heartbreak, emotional turmoil, and internal disgust. It was

scary, but I am glad I did it!!

Whether it is sharing at a meeting or sharing one on one, I am able to use what I have gone through to benefit others, mainly teenage alcoholics. I never thought that I would make it. Society had counted me out and was about to reserve a permanent bed for me behind bars. I was getting accustomed to that lifestyle when I was given a 2nd chance at life. Another chance to be the man I was meant to be. Today, I am a son to my mother, a brother to my sister, and a friend to many. I know the true meaning of friendship and the value that life puts on it. Today I am okay with who I am. I have accepted that I am and will always be gay. I have realized that in order for others to love me, I must first love myself. I may not be perfect at it, but I try. I am able to love others, admit my faults, and learn from my mistakes. Today, I am able to be that role-model for teenagers. The same one I wish I had while I was growing up. I think that is a pretty awesome miracle.

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Letter From the Editor

Hello everyone,

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

March - The Best Gift Ever

April - Stories of Courage and Strength

May - Being Different Isn't Always A Bad Thing

I am proud to introduce "*A Message from a Young Person...*". Hopefully, if this new column gets positive reviews, this will be a recurring article. The COIN is only as strong as your submissions, and this month we have had some pretty excellent articles. PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING!! If you would like to submit an article, please do so by the 15th of the preceding month.

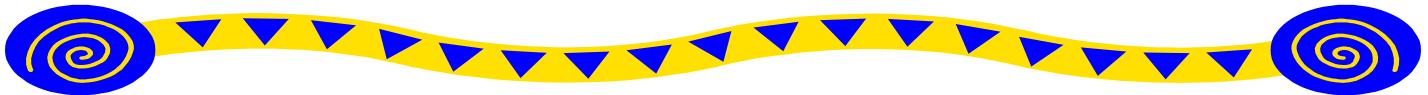
A Message from a Young Person...

When I got sober, I thought of miracles as magic tricks or illusions designed to persuade the masses. Today, a true miracle has taken place in my life. I don't believe I am a miracle by any stretch of the imagination. It's the miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous. The obsession to drink has been lifted and my way of living is much better. This is truly miraculous for someone as self-centered and hopeless as myself. Santa Clara County Young People's of Alcoholics Anonymous (SCCYPAA) was not part of my early sobriety. However, I was 12 stepped by a member of the committee when I was 17, and his example of "carrying the message to the alcoholic" was and still is instilled in me to this very day.

I had reservations about getting involved with SCCYPAA because I didn't think they took the program seriously. Much to my dismay, I was told by my sponsor and other members to get involved because they believed I could be of use to young newcomers and allow them to see that this way of life could be adopted at any age. After being around the committee and taking small service commitments, I saw that the members of SCCYPAA had an enthusiasm for service and contrary to my beliefs, they took the program very seriously. After attending several young people's conferences, I have come to understand the importance of following Traditions, preserving the message of AA, and to show young suffering alcoholics that we can have fun in sobriety as step taking members. There is nothing more miraculous than witnessing thousands of recovered alcoholics being of service for free and for fun.

Since being on the committee for about a year, I have been able to witness young alcoholics come to the rooms broken, awkward and full of fear, begin to participate in activities and in turn help others. I have seen particular hopeless cases struggle to stay sober and eventually attain quality sobriety in AA. These cases manifest the miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Justin P. from San José
D.O.S.—4/28/08



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Santa Clara County A.A.

Are you looking to be in service in A.A.? Or has your sponsor “suggested” service to you? Or have you heard how great it is and want to get in on the good stuff? Or are you just feeling a little guilty? No matter - this section is for you. What follows is a partial listing of service opportunities in A.A., together with some pertinent information. If you’d like us to include something we’ve missed, please let us know.

Please remember, groups are autonomous and have different needs with different service positions available. Sobriety requirements, length of commitment, and other particulars of service are a matter of group decision. So, the information presented here is to be used as a guideline only; consult with your group about the specifics.

HOME GROUP SERVICE

Meeting Secretary: Setup and facilitation of the meeting according to the group’s guidelines or tradition.

Sobriety requirement – 6 mos. to 5 years. Term – 6 months

Treasurer: Collects, protects, and distributes the money collected at each meeting.

Sobriety requirement – 2 years. Term – 1 to 2 years

Literature Coordinator: Buys literature for sale and for distribution from Central Office.

Sobriety requirement – 6 mos. to 1 year. Term – 6 mos. to 1 year

Coffee, Set-up, Clean-up: Often these are different service positions.

Sobriety requirement – 3 mos. to 1 year. Term – 6 mos. to 1 year

Grapevine Rep: Provides the Grapevine for the group and advises on items available from Grapevine.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term – 1 or 2 years

PI/CPC Rep: Represents the group at the PI/CPC meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term – 1 or 2 years

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I): Represents the group at the H&I meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term – usually 2 years

Intergroup Rep. (IGR): Represents the group at the Intergroup meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 1 or 2 years. Term – 2 years

General Service Rep (GSR): Represents the group at the District meetings and reports to the group.

Sobriety requirement – 2 to 5 years. Term – 2 years

INTERGROUP and CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICE

PI/CPC Committee: Our information voice to the general public and professionals.

Sobriety requirement – 2 years. Term – open, but at least 1 year

Outreach Committee: Intergroup’s liaison with groups and meetings.

Sobriety requirement – 1 year. Term – open, but at least 1 year

Diverter Volunteers: Providing after hours phone coverage.

Sobriety requirement – 1 year. Term – open, but at least 1 year

12th Step Volunteers: Phone and visitation contact with callers in need.

Sobriety requirement – 6 mos. Term – open, but at least 1 year

Daytime Office Phone Volunteers: Takes all incoming calls to Central Office.

Sobriety requirement – 2 years. Term – open, but at least 1 year

Newsletter Committee: Prepare monthly newsletter

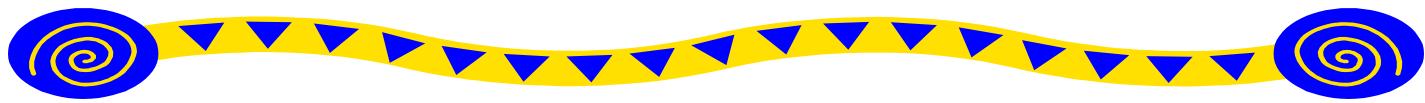
Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year

Activities Committee: Organize many great activities.

Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year

Communications Committee: To make sure we all get the word.

Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year



February 2011

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LOCAL EVENTS

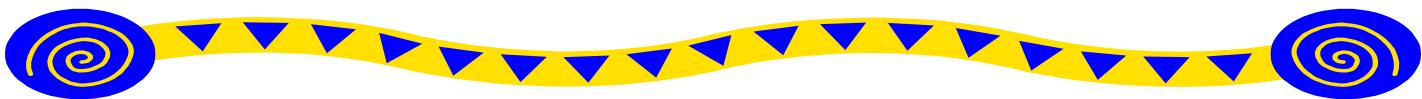
- Feb. 12:** **Saturday Night Love at SNL**, Speaker Mtg. and Dance, 8 PM—1 AM, SNL, 1388 S. Bascom Ave. SJ
Mar. 26: **Bad Dinner Theatre**, Sober and Free Fundraiser, 6 PM, Church of Christ, 400 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

- Feb. 18-20:** **A New Freedom Retreat**, Palo Alto Fellowship's 7th Annual Winter Retreat, Asilomar Conf. Center, Pacific Grove
Visit: www.newfreedomretreat.com for more info.
Mar. 12: **The Valley Speakers Series**, 7 PM, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 506 N. Garden Str., Visalia
Mar. 17-20: **ACYPAA 2011 39th Annual Roundup**, Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, 1333 Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

- Feb. 10-13:** **47th International Women's Conference**, Anchorage, Alaska
April 22-24: **Celebrate Sobriety 2011**, Vancouver, BC. Visit: www.celebratesobriety.org for more info.

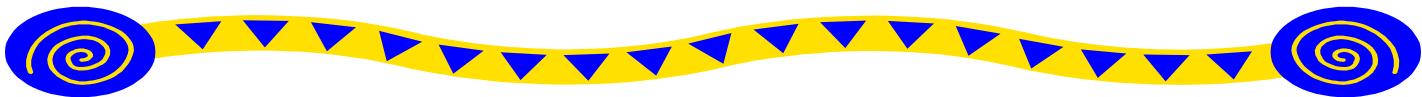


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We want to help you spread the word

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: office@aasanjose.org



Alcoholics
Anonymous...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During January

Daytime at Central Office	454
Daytime 12 Step Calls	8

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

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

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

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

Daily Reflection, Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7:00AM, South County Fellowship, 18675 Adams Court, Suite N, Morgan Hill

Women's AA, Wed. 12 NOON, Veteran's Administration, 3801 Miranda Ave., off Arastradero, Bldg. 5, Room B3, Palo Alto

CHANGED

N/A

NO LONGER MEETING

Teens in Recovery, Thurs., 4:00PM, First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto

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

Speaker list

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Feb. 11: Patrick O., Pleasanton

Feb. 18: George P., San Jose

Feb. 25: Alicia S., San Jose

Mar. 4: Kelly M., San Jose

Mar. 11: Barb C., San Francisco

Mar. 18: Fernando S., Concord

Mar. 25: Tom W., Oakland

Last Friday of the month is Birthday Night

Speaker list

Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Feb. 5: Jennifer, SNL San Jose

Feb. 12: Terry, SNL San Jose

Feb. 19: Corina, SNL San Jose

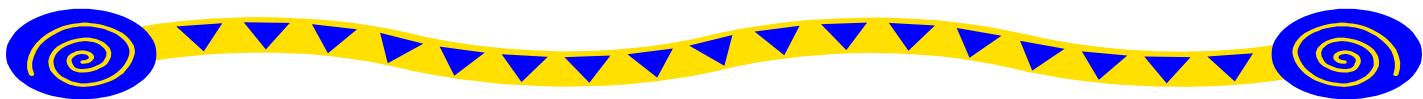
Feb. 26: Vickie, 4th Dimension

Mar. 5: Eddie, SNL San Jose

Mar. 12: Dung, Horizon South (Men's Detox)

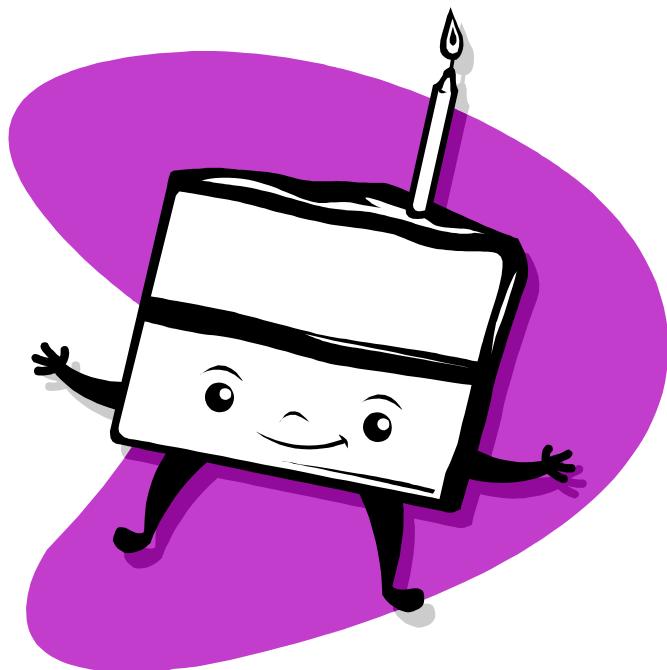
Mar. 19: Cristen, Spiritual Progress Group

Mar. 26: Alfonso, SNL San Jose



BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

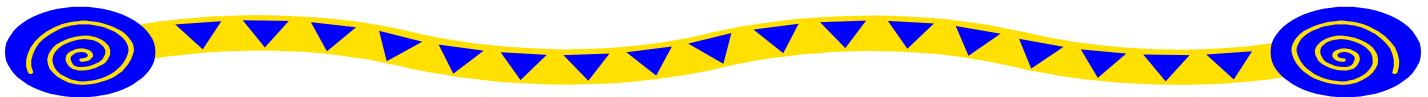
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John D.	32	John D.	01/21/1979
John S.	19	John S.	01/25/1992
Mary Pat P.	28	Aileen B., Evelyn M.	01/28/1983
Denise C.	1	Cruz M.	01/30/2010
Ginny R.	25	Anonymous	01/15/1986
Jeanette M.	4	Reba R.	01/07/2007
Hank C.	2	Reba R.	01/02/2009
Dawn K.	1	Evelyn M.	01/26/2010
Marcella M.	28	Evelyn M.	01/24/1983
Dorinne F.	35	Evelyn M.	01/12/1976
Tobias T.	4	Tobias T.	01/18/2007
Lester W.	13	Lester W.	12/16/1997
David W.	19	David R.	01/16/1992
Paul C.	32	Robbie R.	01/10/1979
Reba R.	22	Reba R.	01/09/1989
Kathleen H.	11	Kathleen H.	01/01/2000



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

276 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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



INTERGROUP MINUTES

January 5, 2011

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

Chuck read the short definition of Intergroup.

Celeste read the twelve traditions.

New Intergroup reps: Virginia, Varsha, John, Rich, Steve, Rose, Alex, Carrie, Francis, Laurie, Betsy, Joel, George, Pam, Jeremiah, Jean Marie, Marilyn, Kelly

Visitors: Tim & John

Birthdays: Laurie – 22 years, Jeremiah – 3 years, Mary Kate – 18 years, Alfreda – 28 years, George – 42 years

Additions or corrections to the agenda: None

Additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: Steven J. is the new treasurer.

58 Voting Representatives were in attendance.

Reports

Intergroup Chair – Bill H.

Meetings weren't being held as scheduled during the holidays.

If you attend a meeting, make sure they have an IG rep.

Contact Central Office if you have any meeting changes.

Central Service Board - Larie

The new board met.

Central Office – Bruce

If you have any corrections to the COIN, let Bruce know by tomorrow.

Central Office reserve is -\$9,000. Please let your groups know to let the contributions to keep coming in.

There are 2 part time people at the Central Office.

Auditions for the play "In Their Own Words – The Pioneers of AA" to be held in Bowers Park, 2582 Cabrillo Ave, Santa Clara. Saturday January 22nd 2011 from 1-4 pm.

PI/CPC – Susan S.

Tommy's service is up and the new CPC chair is Susan S. Her contact info is cell (408) 504-6965 and e-mail susan@distasi.com.

The location for their March 4th event will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church. They need more volunteers. At their last election they filled 4 positions.

Twelfth Step Committee: No report.

Daytime Office – Michael M.

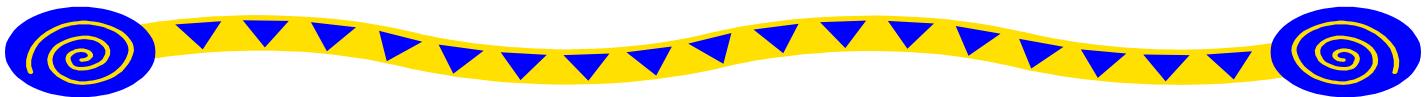
438 day calls and fifteen 12 step calls.

All shifts are filled. Please remember that if you are on the 12 step list, it is a commitment and to please full fill it.

Nights and Weekends – Peter C.

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

Peter's commitment is over and Steve S. is a candidate.



MINUTES, cont.

Outreach Committee – No report.

Newsletter Committee – No report.

Activities Committee – Gloria V.

Last year's events were a lot of fun, and they will take place again this year.

Communications Committee – Steve G.

There are 6 members right now. They'll have a meeting on 1/29/11 at 11 am and anyone is welcome.

Unfinished Business:

To fill available committee chairs. Bill let us know last month that we could nominate people, just to let him know. He was not contacted, so during the IG meeting we filled the following positions.

Outreach Chair – Mary Pat

Newsletter - Tommy M

12 Step Chair – Steve

12 Step Committee – Rose W.

New Business:

In regards to "Making a Motion Guidelines," we discussed information from last meeting. There was a motion from the floor to "Amend the document." There was no discussion from the floor. The motion was seconded and we voted on it and everyone was in favor. Motion passed.

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day – Amy F. No report.

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – No report.

Hospitals & Institutions – Bret

Please pass the H&I can separately from the 7th Tradition bashed. 2010 Year-to-date contribution total was \$50,800.

Bridging the Gap – Julius Always looking for volunteers.

North County – Cameron is the new chair and his cell number is (408) 849-3240.

South County: Larry They had a great turnout at their holiday party. There are no motions at the Area level. GSO office is looking for articles on spirituality by AA members. Submit articles to the GSO office in New York.

SCCYPAA: Jasmine

3rd Annual Comedy Show is January 15. There will be a speaker meeting with Karl C from Sunnyvale at 8 pm and comedy show to follow.

ACYPAA will be in Burlingame the weekend of March 19th.

Open Forum:

COIN article topic for Feb is "Everyday Miracles" and March is "The Best Gift Ever." Submit articles to tommy.moss@verizon.net.

SOPYPAA – Business meeting is the 3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in Palo Alto.

Sober & Free Conference is the 3rd weekend in April. There is a fund raiser event on 1/22/11 at 7 pm at the First Congregational Church of San Jose. Tickets are \$15 dollars. It's their annual Drag and Karaoke event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Accrual Basis

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

January 2011

	Jan 11	Jan 10	Jan 11
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	15,269.54	13,995.64	15,269.54
8010 · Literature Sales	6,232.09	5,039.66	6,232.09
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,066.00	1,144.50	1,066.00
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	20.00	5.00
Total Income	<u>22,572.63</u>	<u>20,199.80</u>	<u>22,572.63</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	4,526.49	3,447.89	4,526.49
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	251.61	504.37	251.61
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,778.10</u>	<u>3,952.26</u>	<u>4,778.10</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,778.10</u>	<u>3,952.26</u>	<u>4,778.10</u>
Gross Profit	<u>17,794.53</u>	<u>16,247.54</u>	<u>17,794.53</u>
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	207.00	207.00	207.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	861.97	295.94	861.97
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	100.00	0.00	100.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	98.02	83.74	98.02
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
6160 · Copier Expense	62.90	77.46	62.90
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	162.83	0.00	162.83
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	1,035.90	812.27	1,035.90
6245 · Internet Access Charges	29.95	39.90	29.95
6330 · Office Expense	488.40	261.38	488.40
6370 · Office Paper Supply	10.48	0.00	10.48
6380 · Payroll Taxes	875.94	696.45	875.94
6410 · Postage	226.18	24.53	226.18
6480 · Rent	2,507.30	2,343.95	2,507.30
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,583.86	6,478.61	7,583.86
6560 · Payroll Expenses	139.50	129.43	139.50
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	250.00	200.00
7050 · Telephone	352.88	361.58	352.88
7060 · Travel	56.29	37.79	56.29
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	-0.41	-0.95	-0.41
Total Expense	<u>14,998.99</u>	<u>12,099.08</u>	<u>14,998.99</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,795.54</u>	<u>4,148.46</u>	<u>2,795.54</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	0.00	0.41	0.00
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u>2,795.54</u>	<u>4,148.87</u>	<u>2,795.54</u>

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Accrual Basis

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010

Dec 31, 10

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	30,739.25
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.73%, 08/12/2011)	17,331.56
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.47%, 02/05/2011)	16,139.09
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.04%, 05/19/2011)	10,052.79

Total Checking/Savings

74,487.69

Accounts Receivable

1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,558.35
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,558.35

Other Current Assets

1250 · Literature Inventory	19,460.78
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	763.02
Total Other Current Assets	20,223.80

Total Current Assets

93,153.14

Fixed Assets

1630 · Office Equipment	28,857.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-29,407.42
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-186.00

Total Fixed Assets

6,661.27

Other Assets

1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85

TOTAL ASSETS

101,808.26

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,424.41
2335 · Accrued Expenses	800.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,224.41

Total Current Liabilities

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Total Liabilities

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Equity

2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	99,302.12
Net Income	-10,580.35
Total Equity	99,563.85

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

101,788.26

Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$63,523.44

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

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Accrual Basis

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

January 2011

	Jan 11	Jan 11		Jan 11	Jan 11
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	20.00	20.00	Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	980.00	980.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	35.00	35.00	Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.)	1,624.00	1,624.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	700.00	700.00	Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	14.78	14.78
1 INV R and B Group 70972	453.66	453.66	Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	285.00	285.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	70.00	There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur)	200.00	200.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	210.00	Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745 (Tue.)	50.00	50.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	982.16	982.16	Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	155.00	155.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	75.00	75.00	We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	20.00	20.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	23.00	23.00	Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	243.00	243.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	100.10	100.10	Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	440.00	440.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	245.00	245.00	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	163.10	163.10
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	70.00	70.00			
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	123.20	123.20	TOTAL	15,269.54	15,269.54
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	280.00	280.00			
Birthday Contribution 00951	129.00	129.00			
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	385.00	385.00			
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	510.00	510.00			
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	207.90	207.90			
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	349.30	349.30			
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	35.00	35.00			
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	52.50	52.50			
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	206.93	206.93			
G Gilroy Groups 70906	70.00	70.00			
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	350.00	350.00			
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	350.00	350.00			
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	25.00			
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	469.78	469.78			
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	292.31	292.31			
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	184.80	184.80			
Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	180.00	180.00			
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	265.23	265.23			
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	400.00	400.00			
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	289.80	289.80			
High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	108.80	108.80			
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	199.50	199.50			
Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	100.00	100.00			
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	179.00	179.00			
Living in the Solution MH (W) 33 (Sat.)	77.90	77.90			
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	162.00	162.00			
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	240.00	240.00			
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	340.00	340.00			
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	203.00	203.00			
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	112.00	112.00			
New Life Start (Chips) 444 (Sun.)	367.88	367.88			
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	347.91	347.91			
Personal 00911	389.00	389.00			
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	128.00	128.00			

MARCH 17 - 20, 2011

ACYPAA 2011

39th Annual
All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Roundup



HYATT REGENCY SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT
1333 BAYSHORE HWY, BURLINGAME, CA 94010 (650) 347-1234

DETACH HERE

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () - Sobriety Date: _____
Email: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> AA
<input type="checkbox"/> ALANON
<input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN

SPECIAL NEEDS: HEARING IMPAIRED
 CHILDCARE
 OTHER: _____

WHEEL CHAIR ACCESS
 ESL: _____

I want to help Outreach ACYPAA 2011
I want to be on the ACYPAA mailing list
I want to be of service at ACYPAA 2011

Yes No
 Yes No
 Yes No

Please Make Checks
Payable to:
ACYPAA 2011
PO Box 151298
San Rafael, CA 94915

Pre-Registration:

\$20

Banquet:

\$40

Sponsor a Newcomer:

\$20

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Online Registration, Events, and more:
ACYPAA2011.ORG

For More Information
Please Contact:
Emily O. (chair) 530-318-6674
Erica V. (registration) 775-848-5281



Sober & Free 2011 Presents

GO-GO BINGO

Go-Go Dancers and Bingo: The Ultimate Combination!

**Saturday, February 26, 2011
7:00pm**

Billy DeFrank Community Center
938 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126

\$10 donation* → Bring a Newcomer!

*This event is in support of the annual Sober & Free Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous scheduled for April 22–24, 2011.

Play Bingo and win lots of prizes!

Dress in your sexiest Go-Go outfit!

Enjoy fun with friends and support the conference!



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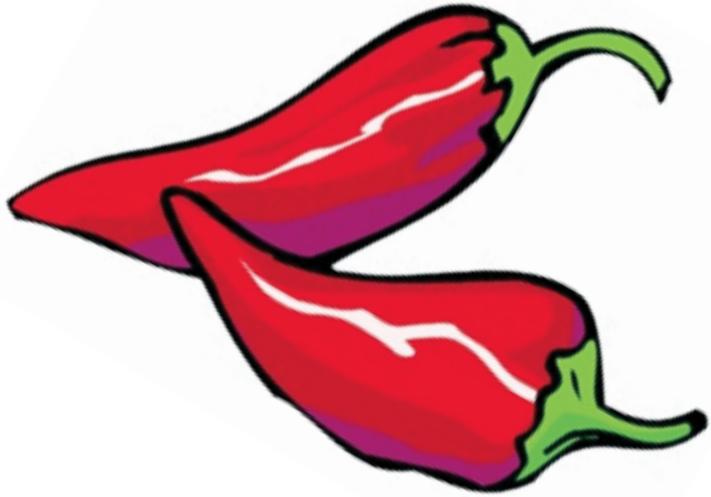
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011

12 NOON TO 3 PM

LINCOLN GLEN CHURCH

2700 BOOKSIN AVE.

SAN JOSE, CA



\$10.00 donation per person

12-1 pm Chili tasting and judging

1-2 pm Chili and cornbread feasting with sumptuous desserts to follow

2-3 pm AA Speaker Meeting - unless the fire department shows up first!

**HEATED!!! CHILI COMPETITION
NO PRINCIPLES OVER PERSONALITIES...
THIS IS ABOUT GROUP BRAGGING RIGHTS!!!**

Sample great chili, then vote for your fave - live music - fun and frivolity - it'll be a blast!

For more information on how to signup your group as a

CHILLI team

DESSERT team

COFFEE team

CORBREAD team

SET-UP team

CLEAN-UP team

(we do need lots of volunteers!) call Gloria @ 408.286.2065

Santa Clara County Intergroup

2011 Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 9th, 12noon – 3pm

4th Annual Chili Cook-off

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

Saturday, June 11th, 11am – 4pm

2nd Annual Founders Day Picnic

July 22, 23, 24 and July 29, 30, 31

**“In Our Own Words: Pioneers of
Alcoholics Anonymous”**

2pm matinees and 8pm evening performances

(times subject to change)

Theater on San Pedro Square

29 N. San Pedro St.

Downtown San Jose

Saturday, October 15th, 11am – 2 pm

5th Annual Take Your Sponsor To Brunch
Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

Flyers with full details will be distributed prior to events

To volunteer for these events contact Central office on (408)374-8511 or

Activity Chair on 408-286-2065

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