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AA Around The World - India

I am an alcoholic. My name is Sunil. I am a visitor from the fellowship in India, which is a country with a population of over 1.1 billion people. It is the world's largest democracy and has the world's fourth largest economy in PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) terms. Languages which are spoken by over a million people each number 29, and those spoken by more than 10,000 are over 122. The languages of India belong to several major linguistic families, the two largest being the Indo-Aryan languages (spoken by 70% of Indians)—and the Dravidian languages (spoken by 22% of Indians). The principal official language of the Republic of India is Hindi while English is the secondary official language. Hinduism (the majority religion), Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Buddhism and some others are the many religions which have harmoniously existed in India for centuries and it is a secular country.

I came on the AA program in Mumbai (Bombay) on the west coast of India in the State of Maharashtra, in a group called the Gateway Group on Mar 28, 1982. I now live in Banga-

lore, a south central city in the State of Karnataka. Every state has its own state language and meetings are held both in English and the state language. You often find members sharing in both languages at some meetings.

Although there were some individuals reported to have achieved sobriety through AA in the 1940's, the first AA group is understood to have started in Mumbai on May 05, 1957. Charlie M was an AA from USA, who was posted in the US Embassy in New Delhi, the Capital of India, in 1957. Realizing the need to find alcoholics to work with, he placed notices in national newspapers published from the major cities of India, asking anyone, who had a desire to stop drinking, to write to him @ a Post Box Number. Several responded from across India. One of them was Harry M, a school teacher from Mumbai. Charlie asked him to come over to New Delhi and stay with him and sponsored him. Harry came back to Mumbai and started working with other alcoholics and formed the

first group on May 05, 1957.

AA has grown since then and meetings are held in most major cities. As I write this, pioneering work to spread the message is being pursued by AA members in distant towns and villages. The format of meetings is much the same as here with minor variations. We say the Serenity Prayer both at the start and at the end of meetings. We strictly comply with the AA Traditions. Tradition 10 holds particular significance to us because of the great diversity in the ethnic, religious, sectarian, linguistic, economic and political composition of our country. I have had the good fortune to attend many meetings in Santa Clara County whenever I visit my son and his family in San Jose. It feels as if I have known the many wonderful AA friends here, all my life. I have gained a lot in my spiritual endeavor and learnt so much from so many at the meetings here. I thank all of you for helping me in my sobriety.

- Sunil K.



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AA Around The World - Thailand

In 2000 I was thinking about going to a far and distant land. I took the idea to my sponsor and he suggested that though it was a great idea I might think about trying to see if there was any way to locate AA meetings in Bangkok before departing on my journey.

The Internet was my guide in what I came to find in a safety net of meetings and people halfway around the world. Through a series of emails I was able to communicate my arrival date and approximate location to a fellow who is American and living in Bangkok at that time. He gave me a few meeting locations and times so I was off on my way!

Upon my arrival in Thailand I made that first call to my new AA friend and we decided to meet at a meeting. This is when my eyes really opened to how small "this thing" is, that we have. After settling into the hotel I went downstairs, hailed a cab (*tuk-tuk as the locals call it*), and was off to the address he suggested for my first foreign AA meeting. We pulled up and it was a traditional two hundred year old gothic styled Catholic Church. I already felt right at home! I walked to the entry of the rectory, where the meeting was to take place, expecting to meet some "local AA members" and much to my surprise what I found was more pleasing than ever. It was an English-speaking meeting and I met men and women from mainly England and Germany. My friend just smiled as he saw my eyes light up.

The meeting was very close and similar to most meetings here in the Bay Area. Someone chaired the meeting and then opened up to the topic out of the Big Book. I went to several meetings during that two week trip and also got several travel tips from those I met on interesting things to do and see while there. This is where it all comes full circle. If our meetings stay within a few simple parameters (*as suggested by GSO in New York*) it shouldn't be too far different anywhere we go.

The first step on going on a vacation or trip is to use some tools, that we readily have available with the internet, to find meeting locations or even better a contact person when we arrive. That's what I've been able to do, since that time, when traveling near or far. The opportunity to meet new people and protect my recovery has been a beneficial step in opening up my eyes to see how small this world and its people really are. We're very blessed to have AA internationally these days. For the men and women of AA who truly practice the responsibility statement and my new AA friend in Bangkok, I'm truly grateful for a safe voyage to Thailand.

Peter C.

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General Service Article (encompassing AA as a whole)

I've recently read several reports on general service and how great it is, but I have not found in my recent readings anything actually written about general service in relation to personal recovery. General Service has actually been the most up lifting and significant factor concerning my decision to continually make an honest commitment to recovery and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

One of those factors is a quote from the book that says, "The realm of the spirit is all inclusive." It could be debated how exactly this is meant, but I am taking it to mean that nobody is made to feel left out by those activities that are spiritual in nature. Being of service in the form of general service, as many different forms as that may involve, is something in AA that has always been most welcoming and really made me feel not only a part of, but encouraged and appreciated.

"Personal recovery depends upon AA unity." As each group is autonomous, it seems to me that as the first tradition is explained in the 12 and 12, the mentioned autonomous group is really like the first step for an individual to simply get sober and come to his senses through the steps enough to regain a certain level of social functionality. I am speaking from my experience of course. But I've met many alcoholics who, after even several years of sobriety, seemed to have made their autonomous group the extent of this unity. For me, the grace of the group was just a beginning. I realize there is so much more in my personal life that has not yet been addressed in terms of recovery. I say this in the sense that those are all things I cannot fix by myself, "no human power," so I must continue to regard them as unresolved problems with which I must live until I broaden my experience and exposure with this AA unity upon which my personal recovery depends; to whatever extent it takes for those unresolved problems addressed by a power greater than myself in whichever manner he chooses to express himself. I just wanted to mention my view about how general service has renewed hope concerning this first tradition after moving beyond the level of the group.

The importance about general service in this instance is that in my district less than 50% of the groups are represented at the district level, meaning less than 50% of those group consciences are properly expressed. With this being the case, I understand that perhaps there really is something lacking at present in terms of this AA unity upon which my personal recovery depends. As I am willing to take this tradition seriously, as seriously as I want answers about those personal issues of recovery, I am grateful I obviously have my chance to here address how I can improve this very thing upon which my hope now depends, this issue of AA unity. As a General Service Representative, my job is primarily to express the conscience of the group that elected me on those issues brought forth for vote concerning everything that happens in AA. As another tradition says "a loving God may express Himself in our group conscience," this is obviously a traditional manner in which a group conscience is expressed. Does the fact that less than 50% of the groups in our district are represented suggest a current recession in this loving expression?

This question brings me to my final point, the final most important factor inspiring me to continue with seriousness my commitment to recovery in AA. It is this mention of loving expression. I have not heard from anybody other than myself any mention of service as a form of meditation. But for myself I honestly have found service to be a form of transforming meditation. Each service commitment is defined by suggested guidelines of how the commitment should be fulfilled. These suggestions, in essence, define the action taken to fulfill that commitment. Love has ultimately been defined time and time again in recovery as an action. Unfortunately, hate was clearly defined the very same way, much like the equal and opposite reaction. By following those suggested guidelines, by conforming my action to those suggestions, as mentioned in the first tradition about conforming to the group, the confusion of the energy behind those two equal and opposite actions and reactions has been so greatly clarified, and layers of hate and contempt I never knew existed have been transformed into an honest concern for how I may contribute to one of the most significant social achievements of our time. To paraphrase, representing the opinion of a group of people to an international body is indeed an action very opposite of my former "devil may care" attitude. Thus I have come to consider my hours of service as a vital form of practical meditation. Thank God for page 120 of the 12 and 12 !

-Mike L., North County GSR



AA Around The World - Italy

The phrase, "It's not the destination but the journey" can apply to the seeking of actual AA meeting locations. Attempting to find the church basement while attending meetings in the USA becomes excellent practice for future travel. Locating the "basement AA meeting" suddenly becomes triply challenging in a foreign country when even the outside gate of the church is locked! I was about to give up hope on finding the AA meeting in Milan, Italy after checking every locked door. Finally, I got to the end of a hallway, opened the door, and spied a woman sitting with her two dogs! Needless to say, we had a successful meeting.

If it weren't for Alcoholics Anonymous, working the Twelve Steps and sobriety, I would not have the luxury of being able to travel. It is reassuring to me that no matter where I go, I can always find an AA meeting. My latest travel adventures occurred while on a cruise to Alaska. I looked forward to "Friends of Bill W." meetings onboard. In Juneau, Alaska, I attended a meeting where else, but in the church basement!

After a few years of sobriety, I had the fantastic oppor-

tunity of living abroad in Italy for over a year. It greatly enhanced my life and made me appreciate the abundance of AA meetings here in California. By the end of my first month in Bologna, Italy, I only found meet-



ings in Italian. I was so desperate that I attended one. It did not help me as I was not speaking or understanding Italian yet.

I redoubled my efforts to locate an English-speaking AA meeting. When in doubt in a foreign country, always log onto the computer and type in: "English-speaking AA meetings in Italy." I did this, and locations for meetings in English popped up in: Rome, Venice and Florence. Florence, Italy is located 66 miles--one way--from Bologna (where I lived at the time). I said in the beginning of my sobriety that I was "willing to go to any lengths"

for my sobriety, and now I was proving it!

Of course, now I know that I have friends-for-life from my Florentine home group meeting. They are originally from: Italy, Iceland, Britain, and America--just to name a few countries! One Thanksgiving Saturday, there were a bunch of us enjoying a turkey feast at an ex-pat's country farmhouse just outside of Chianti--the "wine region" of Italy! All of us were enjoying the day, SOBER! I cherish that memory.

If you happen to be at an AA meeting overhearing another member sharing about their travels and attendance at AA meetings around the world, don't get resentful! Just think to yourself, someday, I know that if it is God's will for me, I will be able to travel and attend AA meetings in other countries too. I was over age 40 before I was able to visit Europe. I would have been willing to settle for a two week European vacation. Instead, my Higher Power allowed me the opportunity to live and appreciate the European lifestyle as a direct result of staying sober one day at a time.

--Kathleen H.



AA Around The World - Russia

Alone, not speaking any Russian, I arrived at the Moscow airport in 1989. The driver who picked me up didn't speak any English and had misspelled my name. (Was this the person I was supposed to go with?) He tied my luggage to the top of his tiny car, and when he missed the freeway exit, simply backed up! I looked up to the sky and said "God, I sure hope You know what You are doing!"

Arranged by Creating a Sober World, the trip had two objectives: to help AA take root in Russia and to provide talks on children of alcoholics. (Recovering folks there had asked "what about our kids?") Pictures of Lenin watched, as I talked with KGB officers, Russian Orthodox priests, uniformed police officers and military, as well as "normal" folks – some in recovery and some definitely NOT. (I kept thinking about newspaper headlines back home reading "Recovering Alcoholic Killed in Russian Drunk Driving Accident"!) To say I was scared is an understatement! How in the world did this alcoholic, frightened of even having dinner with people I didn't know, end up alone in Russia? (I originally had said "no" when asked to go on this trip. However, after an evening of God talking to me, I knew the answer was "yes".)

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.

Having been told not to talk about spirituality, I ended up talking about "the hole in the soul" of al-

coholics. That's when my human fears left and my connection with the Russian people began....yes, even the KGB and the officers in uniforms. Almost all Russians are very spiritual.

And, how I needed our meetings - to be with "my" people, to be reminded we don't drink – no matter what, and to be reminded that I certainly wouldn't survive this experience if I drank! All AA meetings in 1989 in Russia were closed, absolutely no observers allowed. The need for anonymity in Russia was vital, as passports could be stamped "alcoholic" if the disease became known. (We are so very lucky to be in the United States!)

And, how alike we alcoholics are no matter what country we live in -

- Protecting our supplies – one Russian woman talked about hiding her bottles in the washing machine and in the back of the toilet. (Seems like a good place to me!)
- Driven to get high – a group of men at Hospital 17 (the large treatment hospital in Moscow) had been sent to Siberia because they were alcoholics. They shared stories of brewing very, very strong black tea in order to get high. (Anything to fill the "hole in our soul"!)

My outstanding memory of these years was in 1992 when I celebrated my 10th birthday in Moscow by chairing a large meeting in Russian. The organization sponsoring my trip provided a translator and delivered me late - to the meeting. The group had waited for me, which still embarrasses me to this day! When I

started my chair, I said, "I'm Rosemary, an alcoholic". The translator turned and stared at me – speechless. (She had obviously not been prepared for me!) The secretary turned to the group and asked if anyone could translate. A woman from Paris volunteered and the meeting started, most of which I don't remember after that beginning. I DO remember the beautiful and delicious chocolate/walnut birthday cake that the grandmother of a young man, in early recovery, had made!

I've returned to Russia between 2000-2005 witnessing incredible changes and healing! The Big Book is in now in Russian and many Russians have visited the US, even attending International Conventions. There are lots of meetings (though not as many as Silicon Valley), as well as lots of McDonald's – some of our assets and some of our vices! (McDonald's was a haven for recovering folks and families as it was the only Moscow restaurant that didn't serve alcohol nor allow smoking.)

Our seed planting work is done in Russia, although there are many, many people who still need help. (According to the Russian government, 60% of the men and 40% of the women are alcoholic.) There are other countries without meetings asking for help. If you are asked to go, check with your HP, then say "yes"! It will change your life.

- Rosemary



AA Around The World - Iraq

I had been a member of the California National Guard for twenty years. My unit's Armory was in Santa Cruz located in the foot-hills just off the Coast with a great view of the Pacific Ocean. This was going to be my last year in the Army National Guard and I was pretty much in laid-back mode.

I had first gotten sober April 1st 1991 and I remember the First Sergeant asking me if I could take a break from the Veterans Administration Hospital where I had admitted myself in the Relapse Ward for two weeks and ended up missing our annual two-week training. He said I didn't look like an Alcoholic so maybe I wasn't that bad. I had to explain to my boss that I was an Alcoholic and I was doing this to save my life. Since that day of Sobriety my Military Career took off, military schools opened and I worked my way up. With the promotion came Awards and Medals and recognition as a Tank Ace. My last year was going to be 2004 December 4 and that would give a total of thirty one years in service, twenty in the National Guard and eleven on Active Duty Army.

I was asked in October 2003 if I would take my Platoon to join up with another tank unit in Madera California, Delta Company and mobilize to do a tour of duty not exceed one year. I accepted and was given my orders from the Company Commanding Officer, a good friend of mine. I told him what the heck I wasn't doing anything exciting, so this seemed like a good adventure. I had been with the company for one month now and found out that most of the company was drunks and though there were a few sober individuals most were beyond redemption. The Company Commander was the worst one of the lot. I would watch him get drunk and obnoxious. When he found out I was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous he really took a dislike for me.

When I found out I was headed for Iraq I had bought a satellite phone and had set up an account for pretty cheap. I had also bought a laptop so I could keep in touch with Alano West buddies. I had a number of A.A. literature and read the Daily Reflections. My First Sergeant and the rest of the Senior NCOs and Officers had pooled their money together and bought a Satellite Dish and had found a English Server and had set up satellite service for the whole company. Everyone in the company knew I was a member of A.A. and the guys in the tent would ask why didn't I drink no one would snitch as we were thousands of miles from California and that I was drunk and I would show them my twelve year chip especially the inscription "to thy own self be true" and then say "I would".

The drinking situation had gotten worse in our tent; one Sergeant had his Jack Daniels on display in his living area and every night he would get drunk outside our tent and play his guitar till his slurring got too bad to continue. Our Captain stayed in his tent and was drunk constantly every night and had taken to peeing on our side of the tent. I had complained to the Sgt. Major of the base but he had told me I had to be loyal to our Captain as he was in charge of the company and the Sgt. Major didn't want a mutiny on his hands especially with all the firepower at our disposal.

I found myself having a big resentment against the Captain and other members of his click. I did as my sponsor told me and prayed for him but the prayers were constantly asking God to let a RPG hit his Humvee. One night I even played poker with the Captain and his Cronies and I thought, "well this isn't too bad." Then, when I returned from the outhouse a hundred yards away and took a drink of my coke I could taste the Jack Daniels and knew they had spiked my drink. I called them a bunch of dirty names and then stomped off to my tent to sleep. Even with my satellite phone and E-mail connections to other alcoholics and even the Big Book it wasn't enough. I needed another alcoholic to speak to, and there wasn't one around.

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AA Around The World - Iraq...continued

The final straw for me came a week later, I had been invited to a party that the Mess Sergeants were having and had been told they were going to some fine steaks to barbecue. I couldn't turn this down as I had a fondness for barbecue meat. I had rounded another sergeant who was also trying to clean his act up and trying to keep away from alcohol. So that night we walked over to Mess Sergeant's living area and were surprised at the number of people there both military and civilian and a lot of guns. There were two long tables of Half Gallons of every type of Alcohol, did you know the Italians make Tequila. We were immediately offered a drink but declined and drank orange juice instead. I liked the social scene but I had been sober over twelve years, my friend on the other hand felt nervous around the many bottles of Alcohol. I was just getting settled in when the Mess Sergeant, a friend of mine said "I got a surprise for you", and went in the tent and came out with a six foot hookah pipe and a pound of a Hashish.

Now I had told the Mess Sergeant Back in my hippy days I had grown a liking to smoking Hashish it was one of my favorite highs. My Alcoholic mind had been rationalizing that smoking hash was not drinking so I would continue to stay sober. My Sergeant buddy who was Cop grabbed my arms and told me it was time to split. It was that close. That night I prayed to my higher power that is God and asked for help in keeping me sober. I had been to Baghdad several times and had been shot at, by rifles, mortars and rockets. This and the constant harassment by my tent mates and the Captain to drink were getting to be too much.

It was the end of August 2004 and I had been in Iraq seven months and had eaten in the same mess hall the whole time. Well that morning as I walked into the entrance I noticed as little signs that read "Friends of Bill W. meet here Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Bring a friend". I was blown away. Right when I needed help God had shown me where to go. When you pray God will answer. I went to the meeting that night at Camp Cedar, Iraq and there was four members from different part of the United States, Texas, West Virginia, New York, but you know it was safe for me to be there and there are never strangers in A.A., just friends we haven't made.

- Ray O.

A Sign of Hope

I was on my way to the Third Traditions Women's Group meeting in Campbell one morning when I heard the song "Blackbird" come on the radio. I had only three months of sobriety and I could really relate to the words being sung ~ because I had been "broken" for so long. Then the most amazing thing happened. While I was sitting in the meeting, a little blackbird flew in through the open door and flew around the room disoriented and scared (just like I was just a few months prior). Several of the women tried to guide the bird to freedom, however, this little fellow decided to stick around, rest his weary body, and perched himself right on top of the Exit sign just above the Twelve Traditions wall hanging. As I sat back and listened to the speaker, I watched this little bird transform from a state of panic into peaceful contentment. What a beautiful, spiritual moment that was! If there ever was a "sign" I needed to see, it was right then and there. My Higher Power was showing me that this program (Alcoholics Anonymous) is "the way out" of my suffering. I was only waiting for this moment to arise...and to be free...blackbird fly!!

- Suzanna Z



THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority —



Letter From the Editor

Hello everyone,

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

- Oct - Importance of the Traditions
- Nov - Attitude of Gratitude
- Dec - The Importance of Service
- Jan - Our Past is Our Greatest Asset

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

cathyann5116@yahoo.com

ARCHIVES CORNER

On September 30, 1939, Liberty Magazine published an article on alcoholism entitled "Alcoholics And God" by Morris Markey. The subtitle read, "Is there hope for habitual drunkards? A cure that borders on miraculous—and it works.' The article centered on the idea of making a decision to turn our will over to the care of God, that this thing is beyond the alcoholic's control. Below is a drawing which appeared with the article. Orville Vern F. of Palo Alto heard of AA. From the Liberty Magazine article. He ordered a Big Book and received it in December of 1939. In August of 1941 Ruth Hock, Bill Wilson's secretary, sent him a letter suggesting that he be an active 12th stepper. He replied confirming his attendance at San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose meetings. In one of his letters to Ruth he stated that he found the "spiritual end of the program very difficult to grasp and have concentrated mainly on Steps #1-4-9 and twelve."

In September, 1958 Bob S. organized the Saratoga Family Group. He felt the need for an open meeting every Friday night. The Group still meets at the Federated Church today.

A man named Frank Buckman managed a boy's home. He had a disagreement with the board of directors over finances and the board fired him. This resulted in Frank having a large resentment. He happened to attend a talk given on dealing with resentments. He tried the things he learned and was so amazed with the results that he established an organization called the Oxford Group based on those principles. It was the Oxford Group to which Ebby T. belonged when he visited Bill W. (Bill always called Ebby his sponsor) and it was that Group to which our early members first belonged. It was from that Group that we received the essentials of the original six steps, later developed into our Twelve Steps.



September 2010

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| | | | 1 <i>PI Comm. 6:00PM OutreachComm. Mtg. 5:45 PM Intergroup Meeting 7:30 PM</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Secretary's Workshop 10:00AM Central Office</i> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 <i>North County General Service 7:30PM</i> | 9 | 10 <i>PI/CPC Workshop, 10:00AM Central Office</i> | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>Divertor Workshop, 1980 Hamilton Ave., 10:00 am</i> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 <i>South County General Service 7:00PM</i> | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 <i>H & I Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM</i> | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

LOCAL EVENTS

Sept. 19: **DAY ON THE GRAVEL.** "Fun" raising Music Festival, hosted by Saturday Nite Live, 1388 Bascom Ave., San Jose. See flyer inside.

Oct. 16: **4th Annual "Take Your Sponsor To Brunch"** sponsored by Santa Clara County Intergroup. Celebrating 75 YEARS OF AA. See your Intergroup Rep. or Central Office for tickets. See flyer inside.

Oct. 30: **STAYIN' ALIVE 3!** Costume Party, Dance, Potluck Party. Speaker meeting at 6. Masonic Hall, 191 E. Main, Los Gatos. See flyer inside.

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.



October 2010

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Secretary's Workshop 10:00AM Central Office |
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EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

- Sept. 11: Fourth Annual "Hand in Hand" Women's Day of Unity, Lodi, CA
Sept. 24-26: 24th Annual AA Rally, "Love and Tolerance", Crescent City, CA
Dec. 10-12: WACYPAA XIV, "Friendly Hands Stretched Out In Welcome", Yosemite Valley, CA

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

- Oct. 8-10: Lake Tahoe Fall Festival, Stateline, NV
Nov. 25-28: 44th Annual Las Vegas Roundup, Las Vegas, NV

**We have flyers and other information for most of these events at Central Office. Give us a call or stop by.
(The coffee's always on.)**



Telephone Calls Received During May

Alcoholics
Anonymous...
How may we help you?



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| Daytime at Central Office | 458 |
| Daytime 12 Step Calls | 15 |
| Evening and Weekend calls | 326 |
| 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

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

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

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

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

CHANGED

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

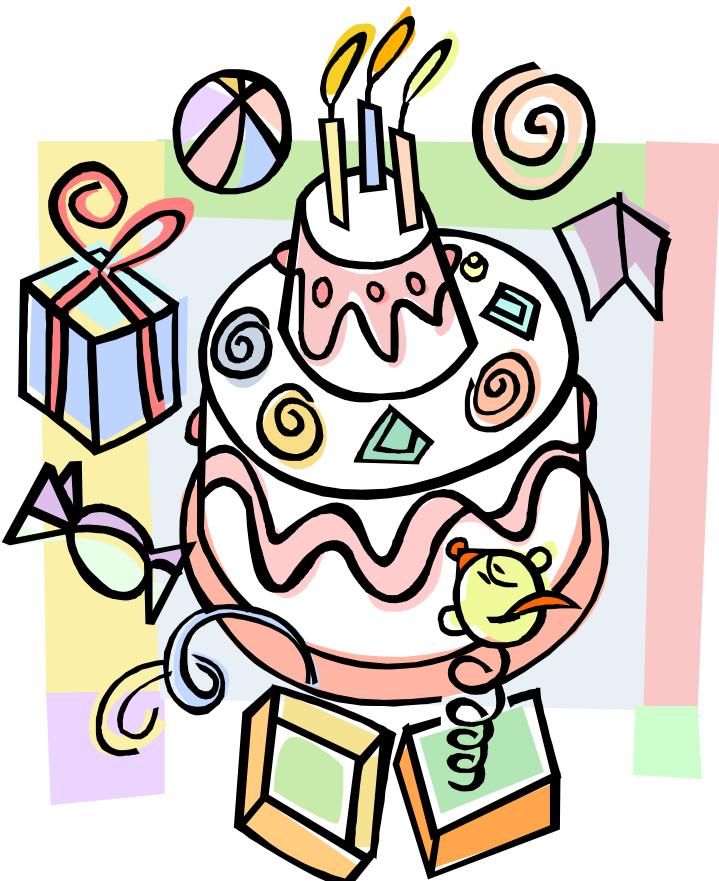
NO LONGER MEETING

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



BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

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|--------------------|-------|------------------|------------|
| John P. | 28 | John P. | 08/24/1982 |
| Piano Joe | 39 | Piano Joe | 08/26/1971 |
| Vicky GC | 21 | Vicky CG | 08/25/1989 |
| Bill R. | 29 | Anonymous | 08/01/1981 |
| Frank N. | 29 | Susan S. | 08/08/1981 |
| Jim I. | 4 | Susan S. | 08/16/2006 |
| Bonnie O. | 25 | Anonymous | 08/09/1985 |
| Jennifer G. | 4 | Aileen B. | 08/19/2006 |
| Bernadette P. | 37 | Bernadette P. | 06/18/1973 |
| John P. | 11 | Bernadette P. | 05/26/1999 |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

227 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

Minutes not received in time for this publication.

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Accrual Basis

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Profit & Loss
August 2010

| | <u>Aug 10</u> | <u>Aug 09</u> | <u>Jan - Aug 10</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| 3030 · Contributions-General | 10,669.92 | 8,766.52 | 93,399.68 |
| 8010 · Literature Sales | 3,921.24 | 4,791.23 | 37,662.96 |
| 8020 · Meeting Guide Sales | 1,005.00 | 775.92 | 8,073.50 |
| 8050 · Activities Committee | 0.00 | 48.25 | 7,874.28 |
| 8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions | 0.00 | 10.00 | 130.00 |
| Total Income | <u>15,596.16</u> | <u>14,391.92</u> | <u>147,140.42</u> |
| Cost of Goods Sold | | | |
| 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold | | | |
| 5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold | 2,737.23 | 2,889.62 | 26,262.67 |
| 5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories | <u>420.00</u> | <u>629.47</u> | <u>3,630.49</u> |
| Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold | <u>3,157.23</u> | <u>3,519.09</u> | <u>29,893.16</u> |
| Total COGS | <u>3,157.23</u> | <u>3,519.09</u> | <u>29,893.16</u> |
| Gross Profit | <u>12,438.93</u> | <u>10,872.83</u> | <u>117,247.26</u> |
| Expense | | | |
| 6010 · Alarm Service | 0.00 | 0.00 | 621.00 |
| 6015 · Activities Committee Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,495.29 |
| 6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee | 800.00 | 0.00 | 2,400.00 |
| 6060 · Amortization of Improvements | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.50 |
| 6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees) | 95.71 | 159.90 | 785.84 |
| 6120 · Computer Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 99.00 |
| 6140 · Conferences - Office Manager | 0.00 | 0.00 | 456.36 |
| 6150 · Unity Day Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 775.00 |
| 6160 · Copier Expense | 105.00 | 49.74 | 2,037.22 |
| 6190 · Depreciation Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,810.00 |
| 6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation | 0.00 | 0.00 | 461.23 |
| 6230 · Insurance - General Liability | 162.83 | 0.00 | 1,439.25 |
| 6240 · Employee HRA Plan | 845.46 | 817.36 | 6,664.11 |
| 6245 · Internet Access Charges | 29.95 | 29.95 | 249.55 |
| 6330 · Office Expense | 160.07 | 16.41 | 1,648.54 |
| 6370 · Office Paper Supply | 1,005.37 | 189.17 | 2,930.34 |
| 6380 · Payroll Taxes | 618.15 | 612.12 | 5,202.72 |
| 6410 · Postage | 19.23 | 300.00 | 972.35 |
| 6480 · Rent | 2,527.30 | 2,463.95 | 19,435.05 |
| 6540 · Salaries - Office | 7,898.19 | 7,490.32 | 61,321.77 |
| 6560 · Payroll Expenses | 77.20 | 75.92 | 665.05 |
| 6600 · Signing Services | 250.00 | 200.00 | 1,750.00 |
| 7010 · Taxes and Licenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 |
| 7050 · Telephone | 392.47 | 340.88 | 2,914.08 |
| 7060 · Travel | 37.80 | 52.27 | 207.46 |
| 9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases) | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.08 |
| Total Expense | <u>15,024.73</u> | <u>12,797.99</u> | <u>122,406.63</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | <u>-2,585.80</u> | <u>-1,925.16</u> | <u>-5,159.37</u> |
| Other Income/Expense | | | |
| Other Income | | | |
| 8030 · Interest Income | 257.14 | 230.35 | 772.00 |
| Total Other Income | <u>257.14</u> | <u>230.35</u> | <u>772.00</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>257.14</u> | <u>230.35</u> | <u>772.00</u> |
| Net Income | <u>-2,328.66</u> | <u>-1,694.81</u> | <u>-4,387.37</u> |

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Accrual Basis

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

Aug 31, 10

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1010 · Petty Cash | 225.00 |
| 1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account) | 18,603.91 |
| 1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.73%, 08/12/2010) | 17,296.65 ** |
| 1022 · First Republic Bank CD 0486 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.29%, 11/12/2010) | 17,211.47 ** |
| 1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.47%, 02/05/2011) | 16,038.93 ** |
| 1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.04%, 05/19/2011) | 10,026.47 ** |

Total Checking/Savings

79,402.43

Accounts Receivable

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits | -1,537.14 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | -1,537.14 |

Other Current Assets

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1250 · Literature Inventory | 16,224.86 |
| 1310 · Prepaid Insurance | 1,282.34 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 17,507.20 |

Total Current Assets

95,372.49

Fixed Assets

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1630 · Office Equipment | 28,857.02 |
| 1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset | 7,097.67 |
| 1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation | -26,656.00 |
| 1680 · Leasehold Improvements | 300.00 |
| 1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization | -179.50 |

Total Fixed Assets

9,419.19

Other Assets

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

TOTAL ASSETS

106,785.53

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities) | 50.00 |
| 2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly) | 978.70 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 1,028.70 |

Total Current Liabilities

1,028.70

Total Liabilities

1,028.70

Equity

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds | 10,842.08 |
| 3900 · Unrestricted Funds | 99,302.12 |
| Net Income | -4,387.37 |
| Total Equity | 105,756.83 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

106,785.53

** Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$60,573.52

This represents 4 mos., or 67% of the Board established goal of 6 months of operating expenses.

Group Contributions

August 2010

| | Aug 10 | Jan - Aug 10 | | Aug 10 | Jan - Aug 10 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940 | 38.50 | 283.50 | Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 35.00 |
| 1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907 | 0.00 | 1,065.18 | G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901 | 94.85 | 1,653.97 |
| 1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975 | 0.00 | 840.00 | G Forged From Adversity Group 70957 | 0.00 | 1,050.00 |
| 1 INV R and B Group 70972 | 663.00 | 1,256.41 | G Gilroy Groups 70906 | 0.00 | 210.00 |
| 1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905 | 0.00 | 350.00 | G Higher Power Hour 70952 | 127.00 | 1,174.20 |
| 1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976 | 351.00 | 3,135.41 | G One Day at a Time 70903 | 0.00 | 1,022.00 |
| 1 INV South County Fellowship 70954 | 210.00 | 1,680.00 | G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938 | 420.00 | 630.00 |
| 1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960 | 0.00 | 200.00 | G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921 | 0.00 | 1,248.69 |
| 12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 104.00 | G Serenity First Fellowship 70902 | 25.00 | 175.00 |
| 12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 170.00 | G Sufficient Substitute | 0.00 | 960.00 |
| 3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 164.06 | G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963 | 0.00 | 1,357.00 |
| A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.) | 120.00 | 260.00 | G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932 | 498.49 | 4,079.54 |
| A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 140.00 | G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979 | 227.32 | 1,801.05 |
| Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 306.69 | G We Care Group 70934 | 0.00 | 1,050.00 |
| As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 686.70 | G West Valley Fellowship 70942 | 0.00 | 510.00 |
| Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 156.85 | Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 86.00 |
| Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 92.01 | Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 67.66 |
| Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 120.00 | Gay & Lesbian Step & Tradition G 221(Fr) | 0.00 | 49.70 |
| Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 153.30 | Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 173.00 |
| Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 101.00 | Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 174.68 |
| Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 240.00 | Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 191.51 |
| Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.) | 37.00 | 37.00 | Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 161.35 |
| Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.) | 72.00 | 72.00 | Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 112.44 |
| Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 84.00 | Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.) | 135.00 | 135.00 |
| Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 113.00 | Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 570.00 |
| Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 256.00 | Get Well Group 17 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 400.40 | Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 246.00 |
| Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.) | 15.02 | 189.46 | Grapevine Speakers 327 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 98.57 |
| Birthday Contribution 00951 | 162.00 | 1,193.00 | Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 1,740.90 |
| Boiled Owls (Men's) LG 816 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 789.52 | Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 1,224.76 |
| California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 303.95 | Happy Hour LG 652 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 90.00 |
| Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.) | 420.00 | 1,260.00 | Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Campus Group 234 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 21.71 | High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 190.30 |
| Caveman Group (Men's Big Book) 659 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 567.00 | HOW Group 71 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 560.00 |
| Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 549.98 | Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 282.00 |
| Design for Living 200 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 90.00 | In the Basement 545 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 40.00 |
| Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 77.05 | In the Solution 647 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 70.00 | Intergroup Council 80909 | 0.00 | 304.00 |
| Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 375.90 | Invaders Group 44 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Early Bird 414 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 40.91 | Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.) | 0.00 | 285.00 |
| Early Monday Night 68 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 1,182.52 | Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 451.98 |
| Early Spiritual Progress 7 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 100.00 | Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 70.00 |
| Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 1,010.08 | Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 96.00 |
| Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 926.50 | Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 206.39 |
| East Valley Group 322 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 250.00 | Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.) | 133.54 | 133.54 |
| Eastside Step Study 45 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 100.00 | Living Solutions 728 (Fri.) | 1,210.50 | 1,210.50 |
| El Camino Group 108 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 192.82 | Living with Others 319 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 432.75 |
| Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 280.00 | Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.) | 222.74 | 332.22 | Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 376.00 |
| Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 168.00 | | | |

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
August 2010

| | Aug 10 | Jan - Aug 10 | Aug 10 | Jan - Aug 10 |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Los Gatos Groups | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 | Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.) | 0.00 |
| Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 175.00 | Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768 (Wed.) | 0.00 |
| Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 102.80 | Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.) | 0.00 |
| Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.) | 266.00 | 683.00 | T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.) | 100.00 |
| Men's Group 97 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 459.00 | The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed) | 110.00 |
| Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 1,648.50 | Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.) | 840.00 |
| Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 1,175.00 | Trinity Group 370 (Sat.) | 0.00 |
| Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 2,135.00 | Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues) | 140.00 |
| Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 642.65 | Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.) | 358.00 |
| Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 71.39 | Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues) | 0.00 |
| Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 280.00 | University Beginners 176 (Wed) SC | 49.63 |
| Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 459.90 | Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.) | 50.00 |
| Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 218.19 | Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.) | 0.00 |
| New Life Start 444 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 151.70 | Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Tue) | 0.00 |
| New Nooners 808 (Mon.) | 120.00 | 350.00 | Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon) | 101.58 |
| New People's Group 3 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 119.35 | We Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.) | 0.00 |
| New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.) | 220.27 | 1,068.97 | Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.) | 30.00 |
| Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 101.50 | Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.) | 0.00 |
| Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 140.00 | Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.) | 0.00 |
| Palo Alto Group 302 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 1,145.20 | Women to Women (Sat.) 704 | 80.30 |
| Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.) | 0.00 | 671.89 | Young at Heart 182 (Wed.) | 0.00 |
| Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 1,041.94 | TOTAL | 10,669.92 |
| Personal 00911 | 430.60 | 7,945.28 | | 92,779.91 |
| Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 230.00 | | |
| Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 105.00 | | |
| Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 719.00 | | |
| San Martin Candlelighters MH 378 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 120.00 | | |
| Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | | |
| Saratoga Serenity Group 329 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 28.50 | | |
| Saturday 6PM Meeting LG 413 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 210.00 | | |
| Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 1,540.00 | | |
| Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 385.70 | | |
| SCCYPAA | 0.00 | 560.00 | | |
| Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.) | 0.00 | 740.50 | | |
| Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 1,843.20 | | |
| Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 405.00 | | |
| Signs of Sobriety . 402 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 25.00 | | |
| Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.) | 0.00 | 210.00 | | |
| Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 175.00 | | |
| Sober and Free Convention 70928 | 0.00 | 175.00 | | |
| South County General Service District 40 | 0.00 | 25.00 | | |
| South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.) | 0.00 | 400.00 | | |
| Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 590.00 | | |
| Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.) | 290.58 | 631.48 | | |
| Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 21.00 | | |
| Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.) | 0.00 | 443.22 | | |
| St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.) | 200.00 | 400.00 | | |
| St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.) | 0.00 | 350.00 | | |
| Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.) | 0.00 | 100.00 | | |

Day on the Gravel
“FUN” Raising Music Festival

SATURDAY NITE LIVE

Music * Arts * Crafts * Poetry * Comedy

Followed by Sunday Night AA Meeting



8 Live Bands

Robert Leland • The Stepbrothers

Beau Rox • Cherry Nova • Minor Gray

The Lazzari Experiment • Johnny Crashed

Sporadic Spontaneous



followed by a SNL DANCE

Rump Shak'n Styles Of - Dj Big Lover



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

NOON to 8PM * Suggested \$7.00 Donation

Dick's Center - 1388 Bascom Avenue . San Jose

NCCAA
63rd
Annual Spring Conference

**Northern California
Council of
Alcoholics Anonymous**

San Ramon, CA

San Ramon Marriott Hotel – 2600 Bishop Drive
March 12, 13, 14, 2010

Friday, March 12, 2010

2:00 PM
3:30 PM
8:00 PM

Registration Opens
Early Bird Meeting
Open Speaker Meeting



Jack G., Huntington Beach

Saturday, March 13, 2010

9:30 AM
11:00 AM
1:00 PM
3:30 PM

General Service Panel Meeting
A Host Committee Event
Hospital & Institutions Panel Meeting
Young People's Speaker Meeting



Dylan C., Berkeley

8:00 PM

10:00 PM

Open Speaker Meeting

Sheri R., Fort Worth TX

Dance Following Drawing

Sunday, March 14, 2010

9:30 AM
11:00 AM



All A.A. Services Panel Meeting
Open Speaker Meeting

Marylyn H., Eugene OR

**Marathon
Meetings**



Fellowship – Workshops – Speakers – Drawing – Dance

Pre-Registration Is Appreciated

**Juntas en
Español**

Hotel list and map on back



Please remit with payment to: Treasurer, NCCAA, P.O. Box 6494 San Mateo, CA 94403

PRE-REGISTRATION - \$10.00 (per person) AT THE CONFERENCE - \$15.00

Name _____

Home group _____

Address _____

County _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Number of persons attending _____ (show additional names on back of form)

Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

Are you staying at a hotel/ motel in San Ramon? Yes ____ No ____ Name of hotel _____

Please mention NCCAA when you register at the hotel/ motel of your choice. It does help defray our costs.

63rd Annual NCCAA Spring Conference
San Ramon, California
March 12, 13, 14, 2010

We have a contract with the Marriott San Ramon to get the entire facility at a significantly reduced charge for the weekend if we occupy a certain number of guestrooms. With the permission of the NCCAA Steering Committee, we will only list the Marriott San Ramon on our flyer. You always have the option of rooming elsewhere; but showing your support by staying at the host hotel will help NCCAA to provide an affordable weekend.

It would be best if you register at the hotel at least 30 days in advance of the Conference.

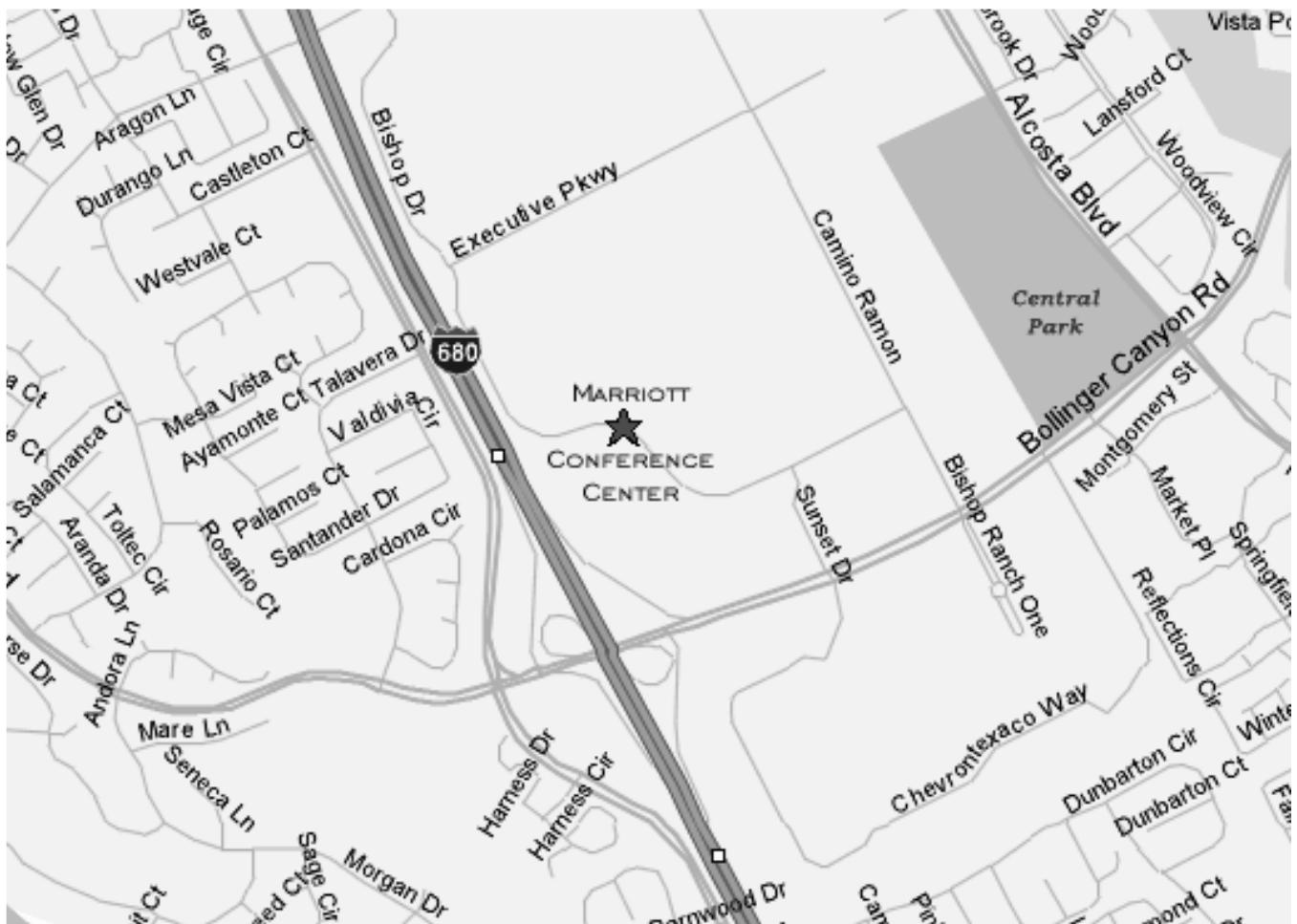
You need to tell the registration person when you call, as well as when you check in, that you are attending the NCCAA Conference in order to obtain this rate.

Note the code listed below.

| | Hotel / Motel | Single | Double | |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Marriott San Ramon 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583 800.228.9290 Online Reservations: http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/OAKSR?groupCode=NCANCAA&app=resvlink&fromDate=3/12/10&toDate=3/21/10 Or San Ramon Marriott >> | \$99 | \$99 | Host Hotel and Conference Center Pool, Jacuzzi, Exercise room full restaurant (Pet friendly facility) |

Staying at the Host Hotel will definitely help defray the cost for the Conference Facilities. Note that you may make your reservations online for the Marriott using the above code.

NCCAA website is: <http://www.ncc-aa.org>



Additional Names: _____

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP

Saturday October 16, 2010

ST. Mark's, Pruneridge and Winchester



4th Annual TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH: 75 YEARS OF AA

Pancake Breakfast

served 11 am to 2pm

\$10.00 donation

Recovery meeting 2pm

!!! raffle !!!

**Volunteer to help at the event or donate your craft item,
jewelry, art, etc, for the raffle. Presale tickets available after
September 1 thru intergroup reps or central office.**

**Contact intergroup activities chair:
Gloria V -- (408) 286-2065**