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“Given What Was So Freely Given To Me...”

I remember my first sponsee. I wanted so bad to give her everything that I had gotten here. I wanted to give her the message and solution, a higher power, all the steps and everything AA had given me in one full swoop. I was quickly reminded that as willing as I was, she had to want what I had, and be willing to go to any lengths to get it. Unfortunately, she was not. However, she taught me to be willing to freely give what was given to me by every person I have worked with in AA. I hold that lesson very close to my heart, for she was the first newcomer to ever want what I had and gave me the confidence and willingness to share my gifts of sobriety with anyone who asked.

I found the offering of help to someone new was the most satisfying part of sobriety. When I first got sober; I did not think I had anything to offer anyone. I soon learned that every day that I stayed sober, was one more day to help another. Every hug a newcomer receives when getting a chip, every time they ask me to take them through the book or the steps, all those times handing out a business card with my number on the back saying “CALL ME”, and even if one newcomer calls, it would be worth it. The first real smile they get when they know they are changing from who they were into who they will become. Or when reading in the big book and they look up at you because something has finally clicked, and part of the fog has cleared inside their head and they related to something in the pages of our solution. These are amazing blessings we get when working together with those that are new to the rooms of AA.

When I think about these gifts, I get goose bumps. It reminds me not only of where I have been, but the entire group of wonderful AA members who helped me get from there, to where I am now. I think of all the hugs, and “I love you’s”, that I did not want as a newcomer but accepted because I really did just want to be held and told everything would be all right. I wanted to know all the wreckage I had created would just work itself out and one day things would be better. Today, that is my truth. I have worked the steps, and have worked hard to change my thoughts and repair the actions of the life that I used to lead. Everything is a million times better than I ever dreamed possible because my higher power graciously gave me and did for me what I could not do for myself. Carrying that to a newcomer has never seemed more important.

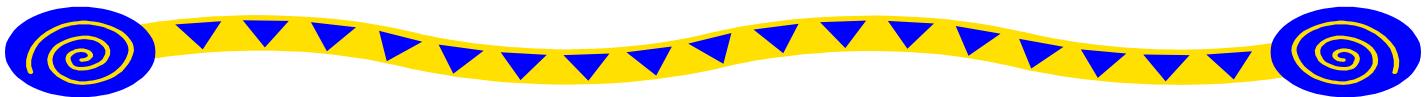
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WORKING WITH THE NEWCOMER

By: J. Michael

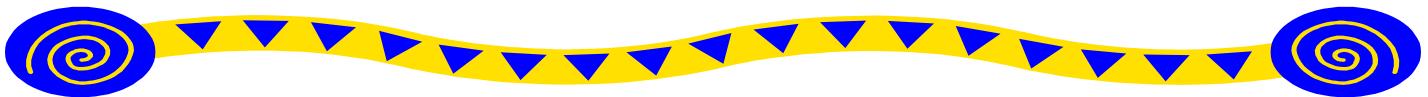
When I was a newcomer, I definitely did not want to be. I did not want to be involved with anyone, and have to show emotion. Only God knows how much pent up emotion I had to show! I was held back, I felt by my not wanting to be hurt anymore. So I did not open up with people. I didn't realize it, but that was hurting me and ultimately led to my relapse.

I have been active in Alcoholics Anonymous for the last year. And what a year it has been!! I have successfully discharged from probation, gotten a job, and purchased a car. I have more responsibility at my job than ever before, and I actually have people that want to trust me! My family actually gets the big picture: that my sobriety means more to me than anything, and that I value it more than anything.

The one thing that I have learned that is constant in AA is service. Whether it is making coffee, or setting up chairs, it is all important. Working with ANY newcomer is an important part of service, and I think one that needs to be addressed. I know a lot of men who don't want to sponsor others for fear of messing up. "*I don't want to have another person's life in my hands...*" is often the excuse I hear the most for not wanting to be a Sponsor. Now I have to admit, I was very nervous the first time I sponsored another man because I didn't know what I was doing. My first sponsee was 18 years old, and wasn't completely sure if he wanted to remain sober or not. I often found myself calling my sponsor with questions about how to deal with my sponsee. We all know how difficult it is sometimes. But we also know how to get through it.

Any time that I get to work with a newcomer, it brings a smile to my face. Whether it is taking someone to their first meeting, or answering the "Diverter", it is all pretty amazing. Being of service is what I was taught to do in this program. No matter what time of the day, or day of the week, it doesn't matter. I love all of my sponsees, and they love me (well, at least I think they do!). It is a huge privilege to be of service in this community and I am grateful every day I get to.

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Welcome to BTG

My name is Julius, and I am alcoholic. I have been the Bridging The Gap Chair for Santa Clara County since May of 2010. I am a member of a nationwide network of volunteers willing to take an individual to his or her first (few) meeting(s) after release from an institution.

We go into treatment facilities and other institutions and make a presentation about AA; we don't bring them a meeting, and there is another service body that does that. After the presentation, there is usually a q & a session where people can ask a question about AA, sponsorship, etc. We answer these questions to the best of our ability, remembering that we do not represent AA as a whole, just ourselves as members. At this point, the people that are confined are given the opportunity to complete a "Request for Temporary Contact" card, or "blue card". These completed blue cards are then passed on to the local Telephone Coordinator, who will then try to match the requestor to a volunteer based on age, sex, and zip code. If the requestor does not live in our county, the card is then passed on to the appropriate county.

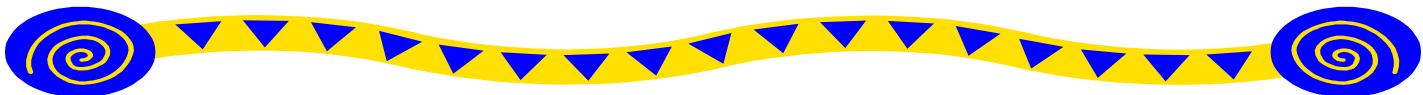
In many cases, the request for assistance does not lead to a twelve step opportunity for various reasons. In the case where we get to take someone to his or her first outside meeting, the feeling is incredibly rewarding. We have to remember that we do twelve step work so that we may stay sober. If someone else is helped a long the way, even better.

If after reading this, you want to become part of our team, show up at our monthly meeting and we will get you involved. We meet at:

**First Congregational Church
1980 E. Hamilton Avenue
San Jose, CA
Third Monday of EVERY month
7pm**

Hope to see you there

Julius D.



A Service Meeting... What's That?

We call this a Service meeting. Different than a Recovery Meeting for one reason. Since we study the traditions. Do you have questions about the Traditions? Has your sponsor taken you through the Traditions? Do you ever discuss the fine points of Tradition 6 with others? Do you comprehend that Tradition 7 is not just about money? What exactly is the difference between attraction and promotion? How can you personalize Tradition 4, or all the traditions, in your own life?

We use the 12x12, the pamphlet, Twelve Traditions Illustrated, and the Twelve Traditions Checklist. The chairperson shares their experience with the tradition we are discussing. Then we spend the rest of the meeting time discussing the questions from the Checklist. All the reading and discussion is completely on a volunteer basis. Also, it's a good mix of all "ages" in sobriety.

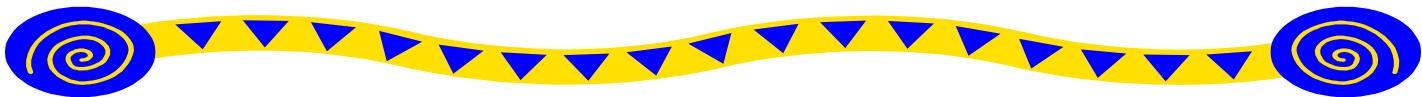
We have a great time discussing the questions. Its not exactly cross-talk, but we bounce off one another in sharing our experience, asking questions, sometimes veering off topic (since the traditions are all interwoven, in a way) All in all, we usually engage in stimulating and informative discussion. For example, we rarely get through all the questions on the checklist—so much to share (or ask, on occasion.) It is heartening to see members interested in studying the traditions. Our Traditions are the glue that hold the fellowship together and ensure that AA is here for members who have not found our doors yet.

Come over to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on Rincon Avenue in Campbell any Monday at 4 p.m. and join in the discussion.

ATTENTION!!!

BIG CHANGES COMING TO THE COIN STARTING IN JULY!!

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A PART OF THIS
SPECTACULAR EVENT!!**



Letter From the Editor

Hello everyone,

There are going to be some exciting changes coming to The COIN in the next couple of months. Adoption of a new format, more stories, LONGER stories, and a whole bunch of other new stuff!! VERY EXCITING!! !

If you want to write an article for July, August, or September, here are the theme's:

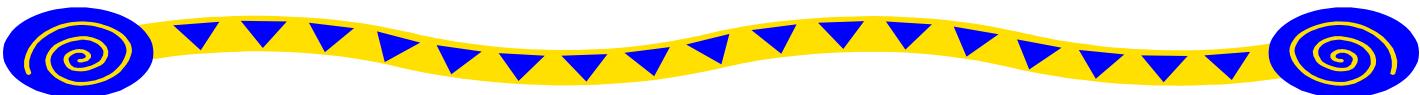
- ◆ **July—"Through the Eyes of our Service Men & Women"**
- ◆ **August—"We Are Responsible For AA's Future... Let It Begin With Us"**
- ◆ **September—"A Young Person's Perspective"**

For the month of July, please have your article in by June 15th, 2011. I take typed, or even handwritten!! Please email your article to: tommymoss@att.net

Thank you for keeping me sober!!

ARCHIVES CORNER

1. By early 1963 it had become apparent that there were services and benefits to the A.A. groups in Santa Clara County that could best be provided by a Central Office. Lloyd S. was instrumental in persuading the groups of this need and in May of 1963, after months of debate, and with only about \$350 in the bank, a final vote was taken at Intergroup and Santa Clara County Central Office became a reality. The Intergroup Officers during this time were Chairman, Ed B.; Secretary, Jerry M.; and Treasurer, Bill B. It is a little known fact that the first Central Office was located in a small room provided by the Alano Club of San Jose, but only for a very short time. Once again, the wisdom of our Tradition discouraging affiliation with outside enterprises was demonstrated.
2. The first "real" Central Office location was in the old Porter Building on Santa Clara Street, between 2nd and 3rd. A telephone was installed and, with office furniture donated by A.A. members (always a generous lot), Central Office was up and running. One of the original phones and some of the chairs are on display in the Archives Corner of Central Office. Lore has it that sitting in one of those chairs may pass on some sobriety and wisdom from our early members (we can't vouch for that, but our Manager does seem a bit smarter). Volunteers manned the phones, sold literature, and processed group contributions. Most of the 59 groups then existing responded to the request that each group pledge \$10 per month and one year later Jane C. was hired as Manager at the princely sum of \$200 per month.
3. In 1966 the Porter Building was to be torn down, so Central Office was moved to the Twohy Building at 210 S. First Street in San Jose. In 1978 the office moved to 1090 Lincoln Ave. and, in 1986, moved again to 535 Race Street behind the Saddle Rack. Saddle Rack patrons who wanted help with their drinking didn't have far to go to find that help. When that building was slated for destruction, Central Office moved to its present location at 374 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., in Campbell on September 1, 1996.
4. In May of 1938 Bill W. started writing the Big Book. Henry, an early member, had an office at 17 William Street, Newark, NJ, and Bill traveled from his home in Brooklyn to this office where he dictated rough drafts of the Big Book. Bill says he received warm support from Dr. Bob and the Akron members, but the New York groups gave the chapters a "real mauling". It went that way until they reached the famous Chapter 5. Bill states in "A.A. Comes of Age" that, "at this point we would have to tell how our program for recovery from alcoholism really worked." Bill came to the conclusion "that there must not be a single loophole through which the rationalizing alcoholic could wiggle out." Thus, the original six steps became the Twelve Steps.



June 2011

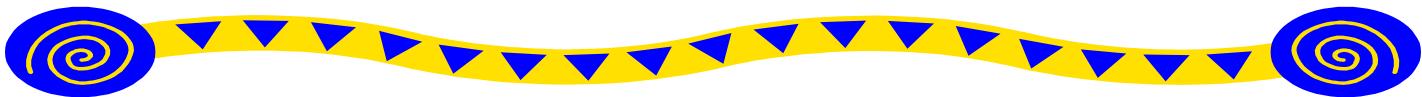
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5	6	7 <i>SCCYPAA Business Meeting 6:30 PM</i>	8 <i>North County General Service Meeting 7:30pm</i>	9	10	11 <i>PICPC Workshop 10am, Central Office FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC, 11am—4pm</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Divertor/12th Steppers Workshop 10am 1980 Hamilton Ave, SJ</i>
19	20 <i>Bridging The Gap Meeting 7:00pm 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ</i>	21 <i>South County General Service Meeting 7:00pm</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>H & I Comm., 7:00pm</i>	29	30		

LOCAL EVENTS

- June 11: **Annual Founder's Day Picnic**, 11AM-4PM, Baylands Park, 999 Caribbean Dr., Sunnyvale
 June 12: **Early Bird Group First Annual BBQ**, 11AM-4PM, Hellyer Park in the "Cottonwood Area", San Jose off Hwy. 101
 June 17: **SNL Open Mic Night**, Saturday Nite Live Group of A.A., 1388 S. Bascom Ave, San Jose
 June 25: **Divertor/12th Step Workshop**, Special presentation, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose
 July 22-24: **Play, "In Our Own Words: Pioneers of AA"**, Times Vary, *Additional Shows on July 29 & 30!*
 Theatre on San Pedro Sq., 29 N. San Pedro St., San Jose. Call Central Office at 408-374-8511 for info. and tickets.
 Aug. 28: **Unity Day 2011**, 8:30AM-8PM, Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas
 Sept. 24: **25th Annual Oldtimers Mtg. of AA**, 7PM, St. Martin of Tours, 300 O'Connor Dr., SJ. Call 408-439-7964 to volunteer.
 Oct. 15: **5th Annual Take Your Sponsor to Brunch**, 11AM-2PM, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose
 Oct. 22: **Divertor/12th Step Workshop**, Special presentation, Freedom Fellowship, 327 B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

- June 10-12: **NCCAA 64th Annual Summer Conf.**, Stockton, CA. Visit www.ncc-aa.org for more information.
 June 18-19: **Meeting on the River**, Cache Creek Group, Visit www.cachecreekgroup.org.
 July 14-17: **Serenity in the Sierras XXII.**, Camp Richardson, South Lake Tahoe. Call 775-355-1151 for more info.
 July 8-10: **Tehachapi Mtn. Roundup.**, Indian Hill Ranch Campground, Tehachapi, CA. Visit: www.tehachapiroundup.com
 Aug. 19-21: **2011 Pacific "Additional" Regional Forum**, Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367
 Sept. 2-5: **53rd ICYPAAA**, San Francisco Marquis, 55 4th St., San Francisco. Visit: www.icypaahost.org for more info.

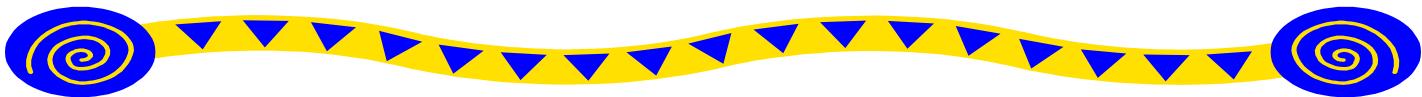


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24 5PM <i>PLAY: "In Our Own Words..."</i> Theatre on San Pedro Square, SJ	25	26 <i>H & I Committee</i> 7:00pm	27	28	29 8PM <i>PLAY: "In Our Own Words..."</i> Theatre on San Pedro Square, SJ	30 8PM <i>PLAY: "In Our Own Words..."</i> Theatre on San Pedro Square, SJ

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



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

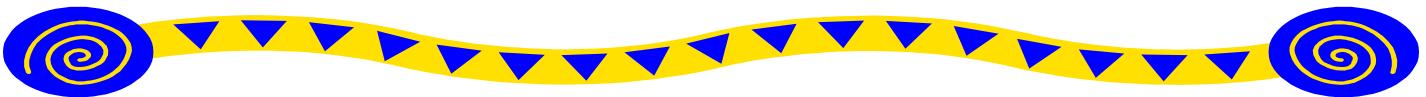
Sobriety requirement – open. Term – open, but at least 1 year

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



MEETING CHANGES

NEW

1st Edition Big Book Step, Tues. 12 NOON, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 81 N. 2nd St. at W. St. John St., San Jose

Late Night Reflection, Sun. 9:30PM, Freedom Fellowship, Moffett Central Shopping Center, 327-B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View

Solutions for Gay Women, Thurs., 7:30PM, First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., Rm. 14, San Jose

Step by Step Group, Sun., 8:15PM, Union Presbyterian Church, 858 University Ave. near El Monte, Los Altos

CHANGED

Open Topic Discussion, Fri., 6:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose. Name has changed to "Just Plain AA" and is now a closed meeting.

Monday at a Time, Mon., 5:00PM, First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Rd., Palo Alto. Time has changed to 5:15PM and is now only 45 minutes.

Big Book Step Study (men) Fri., 8:00PM, Maywood Park, Santa Clara. Location has moved to Quaker San Jose Friends Meeting Place, 1041 Morse St., San Jose.

One Day at a Time Group, Mon.-Sun., 6:00AM, First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh Ave., San Jose. Location has moved to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave., San Jose.

Spiritual Awakening, Tues., 7:00PM, Center for Spiritual Living, Martin Luther King Room, 1195 Clark St., San Jose. Meets in same location, just not in the Martin Luther King room.

Cornerstone Fellowship Group, All meetings have moved from the Masonic Hall at 131 E. Main St. in Los Gatos into a new location. The new address is 1600 Dell Ave. in Campbell, upstairs and next to Mr. C's Catering. PLEASE NOTE: There are several changes in meetings. Some are no longer meeting and some are new. Please check the website at www.aasanjose.org for an updated schedule.

Saturday Night Young People's, Sat., 7:30PM, All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly St., Palo Alto. Name has changed to SOPYPA'S Saturday Night Candlelight.

Fireside Group, Fri., 7:00PM, Advent Lutheran Church, 16870 Murphy Ave., in the Library, Morgan Hill. Time has changed to 7:00PM.

Saturday Night Promises, Sat., 7:00PM, First Christ Church, 2890 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Meeting has moved to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 E. Meadow Dr. at Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto.

Gay & Lesbian Steps & Traditions Group, Fri., 8:00PM, Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1948 The Alameda, San Jose. Meeting has moved to First Unitarian Church of San Jose, 160 N. 3rd Str. near St. James St., San Jose.

LGBTQ Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion, Sat., 6:30PM, Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1948 The Alameda, San Jose. Meeting has moved to First Unitarian Church of San Jose, 160 N. 3rd Str. near St. James St., San Jose.

South Valley Women's Surrender, Mon., 8:15PM, Almaden Hills United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose. Time has changed to 7:30PM.

Como Trabaja, Sat., 6:30PM, Saturday Night Live Group, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose. Name changed to "How it Works" and is no longer a Spanish speaking meeting.

Live and Let Live, Sun., 4:30PM, 10170 Sonohedge Way, San Jose. Name has changed to "New Live and Let Live" and location has changed to East Valley Pentecostal Church, 2715 S. White Rd. near Quimby, San Jose.

REMEMBER WE DEAL WITH ALCOHOL GROUP SPEAKERS

6/04 Bonnie (The nun), 3rd Tradition

6/11 Rick K., Nusery #2

6/18 Tim, SNL

6/25 Nicole, Winchester Fellowship

7/02 Chris L., SNL

7/09 Phil, SNL

7/16 Pat C., Newpeople's Group

7/23 Bill, SNL

7/30 Darsey, SNL

Alcoholics
Anonymous...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During May

Daytime at Central Office	426
Daytime 12 Step Calls	18

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

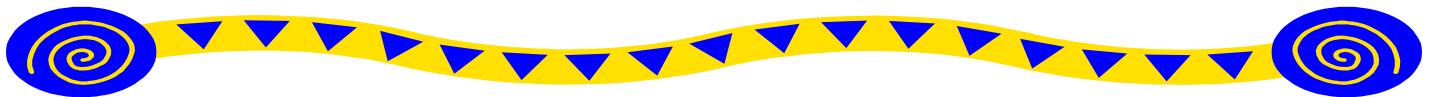
Saturday at 10 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church

Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

GRAPEVINE SPEAKER MEETING SPEAKER

June 17th Roger Y. From Martinez



BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

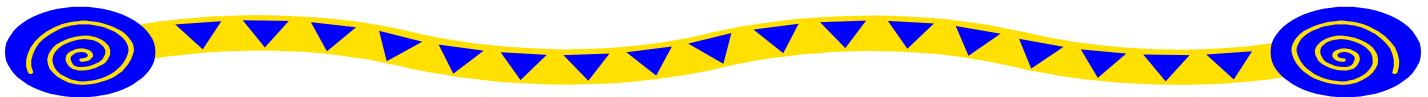
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS BY	BIRTHDAY
Fran H.	30	Mary Pat P.	10/15/1980
Billy D.	26	Billy D., Joel F.	05/21/1985
Michele M.	27	Anonymous	03/01/1984
Peggy Z.	37	Aileen B.	05/29/1974
Marian F.	26	Aileen B.	05/18/1985
Walt P.		In Memoriam, from His Poker Pals	May 8
Dee Dee S.	3	Carol B.	05/19/2008



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

149 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

May 4, 2011

- ◆ Bill H., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.
- ◆ George read the short definition of Intergroup.
- ◆ Carrie read the twelve traditions.
- ◆ New Intergroup reps: Paige, Pam, Pat, Richard, Susan
- ◆ Visitors: Brooke & Cruz
- ◆ Birthdays: Pat 6 Years, Bruce 28 Years, Claudia 5 Years, Carrie 8 Years
- ◆ 7th Tradition
- ◆ Additions or corrections to the agenda: Dave's phone # (408) 605-1709
- ◆ Additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes: Susan invited to "present at maternity awards."
- ◆ Treasurer's Report: We are doing better this year than 2010.
- ◆ 60 Voting Representatives were in attendance.

REPORTS

Intergroup Chair – Bill H.

We have a busy night. Please keep your reports short so that we can get to everything.

Central Service Board – Dave B.

Increase of total profit of \$5,800.41 comparatively. 2011 Corporate Tax Returns have been signed & sent to our CPA for filing by the deadline in May 2011.

Central Office – Bruce

Cory is here. Central office Mike M, daytime coordinator, is doing good and all positions are filled. Central Office is doing well and they want to thank the Activities Committee & everyone who participated in the Chili Cook-Off.

PI/CPC – Susan S.

They want to elect Brooke to be nominated to PI Chair from co-chair. They attended the Valley Medical Resource luncheon, Health faire at Saint Maria Goretti Church and the Chili Cook-Off.

Twelfth Step Committee: Rose W.

We partnered with the Diverter to offer a workshop at Gourmet Alley in Gilroy. 7 very enthusiastic members of the Gilroy fellowship attended. The committee is working on a script to contact and connect with the 12th step volunteers on the "official" list.

Daytime Office – Michael M.

404 calls and eleven 12-step calls. If you want to be of service contact him. 2 years sobriety requirement & an understanding of the 12 traditions.

Nights and Weekends – Steve S.

Please mention the diverter workshop to your groups. They have a couple of spots to fill.

Outreach Committee – Mary Pat P.

They completed the outreach committee descriptions. The committee will promote Intergroup Events at meetings. When there are events, they'll get a table to introduce people to the committee.

Newsletter Committee – Tommy M.

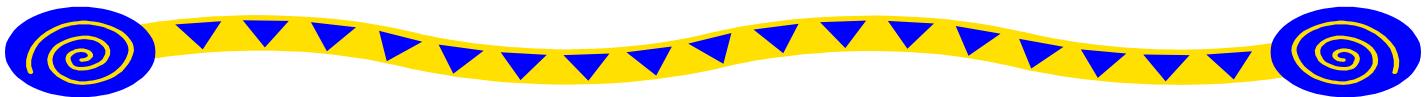
June articles due by May 15. There is a typo in the COIN. They need more articles contributed, please announce this to your group.

Activities Committee – Gloria V.

Chili Cook-Off: Places 4, 5, 6, & 7 were 1vote apart. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were first timers to this event. \$2500 was donated to Central Office. It was a great event & turnout.

Founder's Day Picnic: There is a flyer in the COIN. Prizes for the lottery are coming in. Tickets are for sale. If you'd like to sell tickets, let Gloria know.

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MINUTES, cont.

Communications Committee – In process of updating & building a new & improved website. Steve needs to step down from his position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Procedures Committee request for approval:

Made a motion to “approve new guidelines.” Motion was seconded. Mary Pat went over the changes being made & then there was discussion. Only one opposed the motion. The motion passed. **If you are interested in being a part of the “nominating committee” contact Bill H.**

Frequency of updating of 12th step list:

They are working on it. People should go to the 12th step workshop and fill out the form to update their information. When flyers are updated, they go to the central office to update the data base and on a quarterly basis the new lists will go out.

Calendar on website: We will discuss this next month.

Nominating committee: We will discuss this next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Committee restructure: Steve had to step down. They are looking for someone to lead the committee who has a strong management program, who will show up at meetings and meet deadline dates. **If you know anyone interested, please send them to Bill H.**

OTHER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Unity Day – Amy F.

Next planning mtg 5/29/11 @ 12 noon at the Alano Club of San Jose. Is anyone available to do sign language during the event?

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Mike H.

June event is 6/10-12 in Stockton, CA.

Hospitals & Institutions – Bret

\$4,702.81 was collected for literature. They need volunteers to go in facilities. Please contact him if you or anyone you know is interested.

Bridging the Gap – Julius

Everyone is welcome. They go into four facilities and the commitment is once a month.

North County – Cameron

All GSR's are back from the Ferndale service assembly.

South County – Larry

403 members went to Ferndale. 28 from our district. The General Service Conference is happening now in New York. There will be a post conference in May in Antioch. The Summer assembly will be in 2012.

SCCYPAA – Brandon

Several positions are available, please send interested people to the business meeting the 1st Tuesday of the Month at Calvary Church in Los Gatos. Next event is Saturday May 21st, “Come as you Are” panel meeting with dance to follow. Meeting is at 7:30-8:30 PM in Los Gatos at the Masonic Hall and dance to follow. EURY-PAA conference is coming up as well as the ANNYPAA campout.

OPEN FORUM

Marilyn – Graphic placeholder flyer for the play “In our own Words” July dates. Please announce at your meetings to see who would want to come to different days. Tickets will be coming later, after May 23rd. It will take place at the theater at San Pedro Square and it seats 150 people. They will also be selling tickets at the Founder’s Day event.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Accrual Basis

Profit & Loss

May 2011

	May 11	May 10	Jan - May 11
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	8,798.17	11,284.66	50,459.90
8010 · Literature Sales	3,917.45	4,638.44	25,087.84
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,024.50	778.00	5,344.00
8050 · Activities Committee	540.00	0.00	5,142.25
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	40.00	30.00
Total Income	14,285.12	16,741.10	86,063.99
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,715.00	3,142.51	17,694.54
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	753.13	1,309.34	2,736.22
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00	9.60
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,468.13	4,451.85	20,440.36
Total COGS	3,468.13	4,451.85	20,440.36
Gross Profit	10,816.99	12,289.25	65,623.63
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	910.11
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	1,873.61	1,285.80	5,500.58
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	900.00
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	3.25
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	89.12	112.11	493.26
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	25.00	25.00	101.58
6160 · Copier Expense	110.24	273.25	643.33
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	788.00
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	162.83	0.00	830.49
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	530.24	845.46	3,347.04
6245 · Internet Access Charges	0.00	29.95	120.30
6330 · Office Expense	46.04	27.96	1,239.46
6370 · Office Paper Supply	135.82	673.62	653.67
6380 · Payroll Taxes	449.15	94.63	3,503.83
6410 · Postage	1.10	10.12	592.52
6430 · PI/CPC	0.00	0.00	150.00
6480 · Rent	2,470.65	2,407.30	12,619.90
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,596.74	3,724.42	38,273.58
6560 · Payroll Expenses	82.51	136.42	469.50
6600 · Signing Services	250.00	200.00	1,100.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	60.00	80.00
7050 · Telephone	344.97	33.25	1,741.34
7060 · Travel	60.08	37.75	116.37
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.41
Total Expense	14,228.10	9,977.04	74,177.70
Net Ordinary Income	-3,411.11	2,312.21	-8,554.07
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	100.55	262.52	265.33
Total Other Income	100.55	262.52	265.33
Net Other Income	100.55	262.52	265.33
Net Income	-3,310.56	2,574.73	-8,288.74

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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Accrual Basis

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2011

May 31, 11

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010 · Petty Cash	161.57
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	2,896.12
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.73%, 08/12/2011)	17,400.45 **
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 2.47%, 02/05/2012)	16,263.66 **
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 0551 (12 Mos. CD @ 1.04%, 05/19/2011)	10,104.77 **
1025 · First Republic Bank CD 7266 (12 Mos. CD @ .35%, 01/06/2012)	20,017.27 **

Total Checking/Savings

66,843.84

Accounts Receivable

1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-612.43
Total Accounts Receivable	-612.43

Other Current Assets

1250 · Literature Inventory	16,106.96
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	2,086.53
Total Other Current Assets	18,193.49

Total Current Assets

84,424.90

Fixed Assets

1630 · Office Equipment	28,857.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-30,195.42
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-189.25

Total Fixed Assets

5,870.02

Other Assets

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

TOTAL ASSETS

92,288.77

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,013.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,013.66
Total Current Liabilities	1,013.66

Total Liabilities

1,013.66

Equity

2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	88,721.77
Net Income	-8,288.74
Total Equity	91,275.11

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

92,288.77

**Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$63,786.15

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

Group Contributions

May 2011

	<u>May 11</u>	<u>Jan - May 11</u>		<u>May 11</u>	<u>Jan - May 11</u>
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	20.00	G New Beginning	0.00	25.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	35.00	175.00	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	560.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	140.00	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	350.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	280.00	980.00	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	25.00	125.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	1,298.41	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	315.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	140.00	350.00	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	241.87	1,926.72
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	700.00	700.00	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70900	120.06	1,412.66
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	1,050.00	G We Care Group 70934	200.00	200.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	982.16	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	50.00	50.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	150.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	140.00	324.80
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	23.00	130.00	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	277.90
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	200.10	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	180.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	245.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	495.14
4 Directions (Fri.) 855	0.00	209.11	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	40.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	795.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	233.10
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	168.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	210.00	210.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	97.30	220.50	H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	420.00	420.00
Attitude Adjustment LG 603 (Sun.)	0.00	161.15	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	432.60	722.40
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	140.00	140.00	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	156.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	105.00	High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	0.00	227.35
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	101.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	420.00
Basic Big Book Study 803 (Tues.)	0.00	110.00	Humbly Asked 87 (Sun.)	0.00	321.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	67.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	140.00	607.60
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	280.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	80.00
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	425.72	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	160.87
Birthday Contribution 00951	271.50	495.50	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	522.20	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	377.79
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	750.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	53.20
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	222.18	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	214.00
Caring & Sharing 148 (Tues.)	0.00	26.15	Living in the Solution MH (W) 33 (Sat.)	0.00	77.90
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	510.00	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	317.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	201.72	409.62	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	253.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	1,500.69	1,500.69	Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	50.00	50.00
Dialogue Group 228 (Thur.)	0.00	91.00	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	240.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	32.00	32.00	Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	120.00	120.00	Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	340.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	206.00	Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	478.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	665.70	Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	112.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	198.00	Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	373.80	557.20
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	35.00	Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	156.74
Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.)	0.00	60.90	New Beginning 511 (Mon.)	0.00	20.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	52.50	New Life Start (Chips) 444 (Sun.)	0.00	367.88
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	100.11	New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	110.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	118.00	New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	695.82
G By the Book 70980	300.00	300.00	NEWSLETTER	0.00	20.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	174.33	623.82	No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	213.00
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	280.00	Palo Alto Step Study 752 (Tues.)	0.00	350.00
G Gilroy Groups 70906	70.00	210.00	Personal 00911	97.45	4,060.45
G Higher Power Hour 70952	609.00	609.00	Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	128.00

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Group Contributions
May 2011

	<u>May 11</u>	<u>Jan - May 11</u>		<u>May 11</u>	<u>Jan - May 11</u>
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	70.00			
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00			
Saratoga Family Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	300.17			
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	11.90			
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	2,380.00			
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00			
SCCYPAA	0.00	106.40			
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	1,267.60			
Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (Wed.)	0.00	1,834.00			
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	692.30	692.30			
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	315.00			
Sober and Free Convention 70928	155.00	155.00			
SOPYPAA'S Sat. Night Candle... 142 (Sat)	0.00	15.00			
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	195.23			
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	202.13			
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	350.00			
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	150.00			
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	103.32			
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	50.00			
Sunday Spirituality 674 (Sun.)	0.00	232.46			
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	685.00			
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	140.00	560.00			
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	200.00			
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	50.00			
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	325.50			
University Beginners 176 (Wed.)	0.00	60.00			
Unknown	48.22	118.22			
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745 (Tue.)	50.00	200.00			
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	0.00	155.00			
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00			
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	20.00	40.00			
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	300.00			
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	287.33	530.33			
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	493.20			
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	105.00			
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	163.10			
	<u>8,798.17</u>	<u>50,459.90</u>			



Santa Clara County Intergroup
Presents:

Our Annual **FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC**

Celebrating AA's 76th Anniversary

**Saturday
June 11, 2011**

**LOCATION:
BAYLANDS PARK
999 Caribbean Dr. Sunnyvale, CA**

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10.00

EVENT HOURS	11:00-4:00 p.m
BBQ LUNCH	12:00-2:00 p.m
GUEST SPEAKER	2:00 p.m
RAFFLE PRIZES	ALL DAY
LIVE BAND & DJ	ALL DAY
GAMES FOR ALL AGES!	
PIE BAKING CONTEST!	
BRING A BLANKET & CHAIR	
BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE	
ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY!	
CARPOOLING ENCOURAGED!	

To Volunteer or Donate Raffle Prizes
Contact: Gloria V. (408) 286-2065

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!



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Fellowship, Food and Fun

Santa Clara County Intergroup

presents



In Our Own Words: Pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous

6 performances only:

Friday, July 22, 2011 @ 8pm

Saturday, July 23, 2011 @ 2pm and 8pm

Sunday, July 24, 2011 @ 5pm

Friday, July 29 @ 8pm

Saturday, July 30 @ 8pm

Location:

Theatre on San Pedro Square
29 N. San Pedro Street
San Jose, California 95110

Tickets: Suggested Donation \$15.00

- ▶ Superior play of A.A.'s history of diversity
- ▶ Small, charming theater with limited seating
- ▶ Make a night of it in San Pedro Square
- ▶ Tickets available from your Intergroup Rep
- ▶ Purchase by credit or debit card by calling or visiting Central Office
- ▶ Check the web at www.aasanjose.org
- ▶ Scout the theater at www.tabardtheatre.org
- ▶ Call Central Office at 408-374-8511 during business hours
- ▶ GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! DON'T MISS THIS GEM!

UNITY DAY 2011

**WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AA'S
FUTURE-LET IT BEGIN WITH US**

Sunday-August 28th 2011

Milpitas Community Center

8:30am to 8:00pm

457 East Calaveras Boulevard @ Route 237

Morning Speaker: Sharon A (Redwood City)

Afternoon Speaker: Guadalupe' (Mt View)

Evening Speaker: John H (San Jose)

Ken Monson Area Delegate: With Conference Report 2011

We will have Panels, Workshops, Meetings in English and Spanish, plus much more!

Free to everyone all day, open to Al-Anon and families members
Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at No Charge

Alcoholics Anonymous Sponsors of Santa Clara County

General Service District 04 - North County

General Service District 40 - South County

General Service District 17 - Spanish

Hospitals & Institutions

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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

**“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

Visit our website at www.aasanjose.org