



Sonoma County
Intergroup
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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

Tradition 7

*Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting,
declining outside contributions*



**Wednesday, May 31, 2017
6:30 - 8:00pm**

SCIF Bookstore / Central Office
750 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa

Info: Dan F. (707) 694-8201

"Self-Supporting alcoholics? Who ever heard of such a thing? Yet we find that's what we have to be." Bill W.

BOOKSTORE

SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Manager: Glenn C.

Asst. Manager: Carolyn A.

Phone: (707) 546-2066

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Email:

bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am - 6pm

Saturday 11am - 3pm

Sunday Closed

The Bookstore is Closed
on these Holidays

Memorial Day May 29

Independence Day July 4

Labor Day Sept 4

Thanksgiving Nov 23

Christmas Dec 25

New Year's Day Jan 1

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PI /CPC

The Purpose of the Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community is to provide speakers and informational literature for non-A.A. groups in Sonoma County. We speak at schools, DUI classes and any other professional organization that may request information about A.A. It is also our role to furnish literature packets to doctors and clergy who may be in contact with a potential alcoholic.

As the Alternate Chair of the PI/CPC Committee I had the privilege to attend the recent PRAASA in Sacramento. There were representatives from all over the western region from Alaska to Hawaii in attendance. I had the opportunity to talk to people and find out how some creative ways of approaching members of the public and the professional community. The experience was both exciting and overwhelming at the same time. I believe it is important for every member to experience and learn the process of the inner working of our fellowship. I highly recommend getting involved in the PI/CPC Committee.

In an effort to expand the number of schools where we do presentations, the committee is looking for additional young people to speak at the schools. The suggested sobriety requirement is one year. I believe it is a great way to pass on the word of what we do in A.A.

This is a great way to be of service and do some twelve step work. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower lounge by the underground parking lot at Santa Rosa City Hall. The speaker training session begins at 7:00 pm. The business meeting follows at 7:30 pm. I hope to see you there.

-John B.

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2017

"SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE"

SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 8 & 9, 2017

**Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building C
4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566**

More info: www.cnca06.org

NEW MEETINGS

Santa Rosa
Serenity Fellowship Birthday Speaker Meeting (O)(W)(K) 3rd Monday 8pm, 3345 Santa Rosa Avenue.

Segunda Vida (Spanish)(O)(W) Monday 6:30pm & Tuesday 9:30pm, Orenda Ctr, 1430 Neotomas Ave.

MEETING CHANGES

Santa Rosa
Una Nueva Ilusion (Spanish) Daily 7pm, moved to 42 W. College Ave.
Up The Steps Group Saturday 10:30am, moved (temporary) to church at Range & W. Steele

Windsor
Volver A Vivir (Spanish) Daily 7pm, moved to 9940 Starr Road, #145

NO LONGER MEETING

Healdsburg
Lytton Springs ARC Men's Meeting, Monday 8pm at Lytton Springs

Santa Rosa
Bring Your A.A. Game, Tuesday 12pm at Santa Rosa Junior College

Looking for a meeting?
There's an APP for that!

With big thanks to our webmaster Sam K., Sonoma County A.A. meetings are now included in the "Meeting Guide" app. This free app, with versions for Android and iOS mobile devices, can be downloaded from Google Play or iTunes.

Also, check out the new searchable meeting list on our SCIF website at:

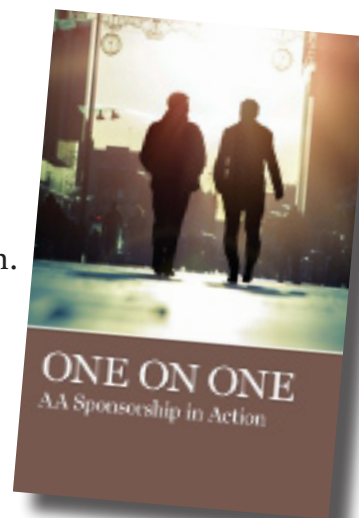


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BOOKSTORE

The sale book for April 2017 is "One on One – AA Sponsorship" from the Grapevine. The sale price is 20% off \$12.99, plus tax. We are still looking for one more volunteer. One year of sobriety is required, along with working knowledge of 12 steps. Computer and/or sales experience is preferred. Stop by the bookstore at 750 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 10 in Santa Rosa to fill out an application. Sales tax will rise from 8.5% to 8.625% on April 1, 2017.

~Glenn C.



Well, it's that time year again already! The annual Cache Creek A.A. rafting trip will be held June 16, 17, and 18th. This is two days of rafting, fellowship, and fun on beautiful Cache Creek. Alcoholics from all over California will be there. The price is \$165 (rafting + camping + food on Sat/Sun) or \$85 (camping + food Sat/Sun; no rafting). If you sign up & pay by May 15th, you will also get a free T-shirt.

On Friday night, we have a potluck. We also have a meeting under the stars with about 200 alcoholics on both Friday and Saturday nights!

More information is available @ www.cache-creek-group.org, where you can sign up and find more detailed information. Flyers will be available at your meeting or at the bookstore. See you on the river!

~Paul S.

GENERAL SERVICE

Fresh off the "Service and Sobriety Glow" that many picked up from attending PRAASA in the beginning of March, General Service Representatives (GSRs) throughout Sonoma County are busily conducting Sharing Sessions with their groups, working toward arriving at an informed group conscience on the many topics up for discussion at the General Service Conference in New York in April. Get involved in your Home Groups' Sharing Session - Make a difference! Share your Experience, Strength and Hope with A.A. as a whole!

On April 8-9th, GSRs from all over the California Northern Coastal Area 06 (from Salinas to the Oregon border) will be meeting in Pleasanton for the Pre-Conference Assembly; "going to the mic" to share their groups' consciences on this year's Agenda Topics with our Area's Delegate, Sonoma County's own Joann L.

Speaking in front of hundreds of other GSRs can be an exhilarating, intimidating, and sometimes even frightening experience, especially for those who have never attended an Assembly before. But there is something deeply spiritual about being surrounded by other GSRs, representing many thousands of A.A.s from all over the state, sharing diverse and occasionally opposing views on the best course into the future for A.A., all out of a deep respect and love for our Fellowship.

~Eric H.

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING - February 27, 2017

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with the Serenity Prayer. Preamble: Dawn; Tradition Two: Eddie; Concept II: Martin.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPS: Hannah R., Sober Sisters, Sebastopol ; Melissa T., Women's Step Study, Santa Rosa; Steven S., Sober Sunday, Santa Rosa; Jane H., On Fire!, Cloverdale; Nicklaus H., Healdsburg Group; Healdsburg; Heather J., Emotional Sobriety, Cotati; Nan B., Expect a Miracle, Santa Rosa; Francis B., Higher Power Group, Santa Rosa; Paul S., Simply AA, Santa Rosa; Gina S., 12&12 Plus, Santa Rosa; Bob N., Friday Night Vets, Santa Rosa

BIRTHDAYS: Michelle (5 Yrs); Gus (15 yrs); Carrie (3Yrs); Vera (21Yrs); Annie (37Yrs) Cindi (5Yrs); Paul (4Yrs)

ELECTIONS:

TREASURER: No one available at this time

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Activities: Debbie J., Alkathons: Jared G., Communications/Newsletter: Donna L., Outreach: Judy H., Seminars: Dan F., Teleservice: Gus C.

LIAISONS: General Service: Michelle O., Hospitals & Institutions: Mike K.

ICSC Nominating Committee: Andy M., Monica B., Cindi W.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (Barry D.) Still looking for a CPA; a paid contracted position. Please take flyers to meetings and announce.

Vice Chair: (James C.) Eleven new reps. Next new rep. orientation, March 27th 7pm.

Treasurer: (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for January were \$5,106, which was \$1,162 less than Jan. of last year. After expenses we had a net gain of \$1,463. Bookstore income was \$6,546, after expenses there was a net loss of \$228. Overall, we had a net gain of \$1,235, and year to date we \$2,431 less than 2016.

Secretary: (Patrick B.) Cona E. in for Patrick. General Meeting minutes approved for January 2017.

Registrar: (Linda W.) As of today's date, there are 244 groups in Sonoma County offering 364 meetings each week. There are 154 meeting reps. on record, for 63% participation. There were 66 reps. attending the January 2017 General Meeting, for 43% participation. There were 10 new reps. attending the January 2017 meeting.

ICSC REPORT: (Erica P.) Esther S. in for Erica. Continue to refine and revise internal documents for the bookstore. CPA position needed.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing new to report.

BOOKSTORE: (Glenn C.) Sale book for March is Came to Believe, a 120-page collection of stories by A.A. members who write about what the phrase "spiritual awakening" means to them. The sale price is \$5.42 plus tax. Clocks are set forward on Sunday March 12; spring/summer bookstore hours start on Monday March 13: Monday through Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 11pm-3pm. Recruiting for volunteers to staff the cashier desk at the bookstore four hours every other week. Sobriety requirement is one year and experience with retail sales and/or computer software is desirable. If you are interested, come into the bookstore and fill out an application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: (Debbie J.) Save the date for the Founders Day Picnic on June 10th. More details later.

Alkathons: (Jared G.) Already have co-chairs for Alkathons this year.

Communications: (Donna L.) Deadline for submissions to April newsletter is March 17th.

Outreach: (Bonita - Absent)

Seminars: (Dan F.) March 29th 6:30-8pm at the bookstore seminar on How To Sponsor Others. Would be helpful to have some young people to speak on this topic. Spread flyers at your meetings.

Teleservice: (Gus C.) There are 2 openings on Teleservice: Wednesday every other week 9am-1pm and Friday 1-6pm.

LIAISONS:

SOCYPAA: (Sean) March 25th Stay in the Bay event, more info see page 2 in the newsletter.

Spanish Central Office: (Larry F.) Attended District 18 Carpenters Union Corby Ave.

GENERAL MEETING (Cont.)

H&I: (Lee J.) Please announce at your meetings the need for reps. for H&I. Business meeting first Wed. of the month new orientation 5:45pm, meeting at 6:15pm at church at Range and Steele.

General Service: (Bob F.) Thank you so much for all the groups' contributions to General Service. Sharing sessions will begin with your groups General Service reps. around Sonoma County on the agenda topics that will be taken back to New York. PRAASA coming up in Sacramento March 3-5.

Bridging the Gap: (Bill D.) Please bring yellow sheet to your meetings and sign up to take people out of recovery facilities to their first meeting, or present at these facilities about Alcoholics Anonymous.

PI/CPC: (Manuel) No Report

Access Sonoma County: (Judy H.) Will meet March 9th 6:30 at the bookstore. The focus will be workshops on Aging in Sobriety and Chronic pain.

Old/New Business: None

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES SHARING: Kevin - Kenwood Group Wed. was 8pm now 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm with the Responsibility Statement

~Cona E.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 General Service District 12 Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	4	5 Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	6	7	8
9 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15pm Business Mtg	10 Steering Committee SCIF Bookstore 6:30pm ICSC Meeting 8:00 Steering Meeting	11	12 PI/CPC Santa Rosa City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting	13 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Business Mtg.	14 APRIL 2017 Newsletter Deadline 5pm	15
16	17	18 Bridging the Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	19	20	21	22 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
23 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15pm Business Mtg.	24 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 6:00pm Teleservice 7:00 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
30 Happy Trails Meet at Coddington PO at 10am to carpool						
Community of Christ Church: 1495 W. Steele Lane, SR Faith Lutheran Church: 4930 Newanga Ave., SR First United Methodist Church: 1551 Montgomery Dr. SR			Santa Rosa City Hall Employee Lounge: First & Santa Rosa Ave., SR SCIF Bookstore: 750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10, SR St. Luke Lutheran Church: 905 Mendocino Ave., SR			

BRIDGING THE GAP

A few years ago I had absolutely no idea what Bridging the Gap (BTG) was. Now I'm proud to be part of this General Service sub-committee, and I sometimes forget that not everyone knows what we do.

One of the more "slippery" places is between leaving a treatment facility and finding an A.A. meeting. In order to "bridge the gap", A.A. members volunteer to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous. I know that for me personally, it was really frightening to walk into my first meeting by myself, not knowing anyone or what to expect. With BTG, a volunteer will call someone who has just been released from a facility (that has expressed interest in being contacted) and offer to go to a meeting with them, answer questions and introduce them to other alcoholics.

There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make all of this happen. We have men's and women's phone coordinators, liaisons to other sub-committees, presenters that go into facilities and more!

If you are interested in learning more about BTG, you are always welcome to check us out on the third Tuesday of the month at the Bookstore. New volunteer orientation is at 6:00pm, and the business meeting is at 6:30pm. It's a great and rewarding way to be of service!

-Ginger H.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY

Over the last several months, our Access committee has been talking a lot about our older members—how much experience, strength and hope they have to share, and some of the barriers they experience to getting to and participating fully in A.A. meetings and the A.A. fellowship.

Right now, we're planning to put on a 2017 workshop on "Aging in Sobriety", where we can exchange ideas, information, and service for our aging members and newcomers. We're building momentum around this, but we still need support. We're still recruiting members for our planning committee, and then we'll need speakers and volunteers to pull it off.

We'd love to see you at our next regular Access business meeting, on April 13 at 6:30pm at the bookstore. But we're also finding some weekend afternoons are a good fit—we have a planning meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at 3pm at the bookstore. Linda S. is organizing us, and she'd love to hear from you at gardenclubevents@yahoo.com or 707-537-6885.

-Alan W.


HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

The March 1, 2017, meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee greeted a great crop of new meeting reps, including: Paige K., representing Friday Night Vets; Ryan W., New Hope Book Study (Rohnert Park); Michael H., Knuckleheads; Jilli I., Women's Book Study (Healdsburg); Janice G., Eleventh Step (Petaluma); Donna G., Real Life (Petaluma); Ryan N., Redwood Winners (Windsor); Wesley S., Kenwood Group; Elba S., Women's Step Study & Discussion; Terri M., Women Empowering Women (Rohnert Park); and Mariah P., Talking Stick. Thank you all for being of service!

Welcome also to our visitor Daryl—keep coming back! Almost a century's worth of sobriety was being celebrated for the month of March!

Want to carry the message to an alcoholic who is confined? For suggestions on how to do just that, please come to the next meeting of the H&I Committee, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 6:15pm. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the orientation that begins at 5:45pm. The location is the Community of Christ Church, 1495 W. Steele Lane, on the corner at Range Avenue (parking is off of Range, behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena).

-Mardi

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A.A. Founders' Day Picnic Potluck & BBQ



Saturday, June 10, 2017

*11am - Speaker Meeting with Gail C. from Ukiah
BBQ & Potluck to Follow*

Ladybug Park, 8517 Liman Way, Rohnert Park

- Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers & drinks for sale
- Bring something to share!

Last initial=A-M: side dish, N-Z: dessert

Info/Volunteer: Debbie J. 707-888-3123

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2017

Group Supported:	Feb-17			Feb-17			Year to Date		2017		2016	
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
				Comparison						Comparison		
Central Office		(2,333)	(2,333)		(2,552)			(4,878)	(4,878)			(4,897)
Groups	1,946		1,946		3,462		7,052		7,052			9,730
Individuals	0		0		0		0		0			116
Directories		(81)	(81)		(109)			(245)	(245)			(326)
Pamphlets & Cards		(239)	(239)		(316)			(323)	(323)			(316)
Newsletter		(488)	(488)		(479)			(978)	(978)			(1,069)
Teleservice		(352)	(352)		(340)			(712)	(712)			(689)
Interest/Bank Charges		1	1		1		2		2			2
Subtotal	1,946	(3,492)	(1,546)		(333)		7,054	(7,136)	(82)			2,551
Self Supported:												
Bookstore	7,614	(7,341)	273		(544)		14,160	(14,114)	46			238
Alkathons	0	0	0		0		0	0	0			0
Unity Day	0	0	0		0		0	0	0			0
Activities	0	0	0		0		0	0	0			0
Seminars												
Unity Day												
Subtotal	7,614	(7,341)	273		(544)		14,160	(14,114)	46			238
TOTAL	9,560	(10,833)	(1,273)		(877)		21,214	(21,250)	(36)			2,789

Assets & Liabilities

Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	44,479
Prepaid Expenses	4,090
Bookstore Inventory	20,810
Property	3,571
Subtotal	72,950
Liabilities	(3,827)
Total Assets & Liabilities	69,123

Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	44,479
Prudent Reserve	(37,374)
Liabilities	(3,827)
Operating Reserve	3,278

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

Meetings	Feb	YTD			
12x12 @ 12		\$135.00	Quitting Time, Petaluma	\$90.00	\$90.00
AA of Sonoma(Friday Night)	\$350.05	\$350.05	River Women's Meeting		\$178.44
AA of Sonoma(11th Step)		\$68.00	Saints and Sinners		\$57.00
Any Lengths Group	\$100.00	\$308.15	Saturday Serenity		\$190.17
Be What You Want to See		\$71.07	Sisters in Step		\$40.00
Beyond Belief		\$50.00	Sober Sisters		\$384.97
Big Book Review		\$59.60	South End Solution	\$150.00	\$150.00
Chronic Pain	\$10.65	\$10.65	South Park Survivors		\$134.02
FAHA Home Group		\$38.50	Sunday Breakfast Club		\$99.67
Gay Newcomers Meeting		\$92.40	Sunday PM Closed Discussion Group		\$23.34
General Service		\$185.00	TGIF, Petaluma		\$94.69
GRBBS (Great Reality Big Book Study)		\$78.00	There is a Solution		\$300.00
Harmony Group	\$320.00	\$320.00	Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion Group		\$211.74
Healdsburg Anonymity	\$30.00	\$30.00	Thursday Night Women's AA	\$159.00	\$159.00
Men's Stag		\$100.00	Tuesday Night , Petaluma	\$250.00	\$250.00
Midday at Midweek		\$175.00	Wednesday Westsiders		\$390.80
Moment of Silence 11th Step		\$300.00	Wednesday Women's Lunch Bunch		\$51.07
Monday Night Book & Discussion		\$132.12	Wednesday Wonder		\$51.00
Monday Night Alcoholics Only		\$188.50	We're In The Now	\$94.68	\$94.68
New Sobriety Group		\$139.00	Women in the Solution - Petaluma	\$21.00	\$21.00
Not a Glum Lot		\$77.86	Women's Book Group, Sonoma	\$313.01	\$313.01
Open Door		\$200.00	Women's Step Study and Discussion Group	\$57.26	\$57.26
Petaluma Valley Group		\$84.00	Sober Sunday Group, Santa Rosa		\$517.19
			Total	\$1,945.65	\$7,051.95

"You cannot make a horse drink water if he still prefers beer or is too crazy to know what he does want. Set a pail of water beside him, tell him how good it is and why, and leave him alone. If people really want to get drunk, there is, so far as I know, no way of stopping this—so leave them alone and let them get drunk, but do not exclude them from the water pail, either."
 [Bill W., Letter, 1942]



A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa (707) 544-1300
Sonoma (707) 938-8508
Spanish Speaking (707) 623-6702



WEB LINKS

Sonoma County Intergroup
www.sonomacountyaa.org
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SONOMA COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. (SOCYPAA)

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TELESERVICE UPDATE

Teleservice staffs the A.A. hotline, providing 24-hour phone access to a live recovering alcoholic. This is vital Twelfth Step service - providing the hand of A.A. to the alcoholic reaching out for help. Calls are forwarded to your home or mobile phone, and training is provided. There are occasionally open shifts to fill. For information, see Teleservice listing above.