



Sonoma County
Intergroup
Fellowship

NEWS

FEBRUARY
2017

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SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP



SCIF is seeking a member of the A.A. fellowship to hire as CPA.

This is a paid, contract position.

Job involves ~40 hours per year of work, and requires 5 years' sobriety.

CPA will prepare annual tax forms and submit forms to state government agencies to preserve our tax-exempt status. CPA will also support the SCIF Bookkeeper and the Intergroup Central Service Committee (ICSC) as needed throughout the year to ensure compliance with government regulations and SCIF Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

Email resume and cover letter to ICSC@sonomacountyaa.org by February 28, 2017.

BOOKSTORE

SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Manager: Glenn C.

Phone: (707) 546-2066

Fax: (707) 566-9677

Email:

bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org

FALL/WINTER Hours

Monday-Thurs	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 6pm
Saturday	11am - 3pm
Sunday	Closed

The bookstore is staffed by volunteers. Occasionally it is closed due to lack of staff - call first!

The Bookstore is Closed on these Holidays

Memorial Day	May 30
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept 5
Thanksgiving	Nov 24
Christmas	Dec 25
New Year's Day	Jan 1

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www.aagrapevine.org
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COMING EVENTS



Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

How To Sponsor Others

- a seminar and discussion -



Wednesday, March 29, 2017
6:30 - 8:00pm

SCIF Bookstore / Central Office
750 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa

Info: Dan F. (707) 694-8201



Accessibilities Sharing Session

Every 4th Saturday at 10am - 11am
Starting February 25, 2017

Petaluma Community Center
Conference Room #3
320 N. McDowell Blvd
Petaluma, CA 94954

Info: access@cnca06.org

MEETING CHANGES

Bodega Bay

Bodega Bay Fellowship, Wednesday 8:00pm NOW meets at 7:00pm.

Rohnert Park - Cotati

Young Women's Book Study, Wednesday 7:00pm is NOW an Open meeting.

Santa Rosa

Up The Steps, Saturday 10:30am NOW meeting at Church at Range and West Steele (until further notice).

Sebastopol

Sunday Nighters, Sunday 8:00pm NOW meets at 7:00pm.

NO LONGER MEETING

Glen Ellen

Warm Springs Womens Group, Thursday 8pm, Mtn Vista Farm

Santa Rosa

Simply A.A. Group, Saturday 8pm, 3333 Chanate Road.

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:

www.sonomacountyaa.org

SCIF COMMITTEE CHAIR ELECTIONS ON FEBRUARY 27TH

S.C.I.F. Committee Chairs Job Descriptions

(Term length for all jobs is one year; two consecutive terms O.K.)

(Recommended length of sobriety - all positions: two years)

(All Committee Chairs are required to attend SCIF Steering Committee and General Meetings)

Activities Coordinator: Coordinates dances, summer picnics, and other activities and functions within Intergroup. Basically, puts the functions together. Must be able to delegate responsibility. Complete guidelines have been formulated for this service position. Average monthly time commitment: 20+ hours.

Alkathons Chair: Secures site for and coordinates organization of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Alkathons. Requires ability to recruit sub-committee chairs, delegate to them, and coordinate their efforts.

Communications Coordinator/Newsletter Editor: Collects articles, reports, and meeting changes for monthly Newsletter. Produces copy in format suitable for professional printing and delivers it to the printer. Requires familiarity with image and page formatting software or interest in and ability to learn such software. Familiarity with Microsoft Office is necessary, particularly Word and Excel, as is a working knowledge of the English language. Coordinates efforts to produce Directories. Average monthly time commitment: 16 – 26 hours.

Outreach Chairperson: Checks attendance for registered groups. Checks with groups to encourage groups to participate in the AA community and Intergroup, so finding volunteers to attend meetings is necessary. Average monthly time commitment: 6-12 hours.

Seminars Coordinator: Determines what workshops the Fellowship is interested in. Arranges for speakers and/or panels; contacts participants; sets up time and room for meetings; gets information into Newsletter; encourages participation. Average monthly time commitment: 6-10 hours.

Teleservice Chairperson: Oversees day-to-day operations of Teleservice. Conducts monthly Teleservice business meetings. Average monthly time commitment: 8-10 hours. Usually elected on a recommendation from the acting committee.

Intergroup Central Service Committee Nominating Committee: 3 committee members to be elected. Sobriety requirement – 2 years Duties: In April and October of each year, the ICSC Nominating Committee will present to SCIF not less than two (2) and not more than three (3) qualified individuals available to serve on the on the ICSC. Election will be by simple majority vote at that meeting.

BOOKSTORE

I am pleased to announce that the SCIF bookstore was open every day in 2016 that we were scheduled to be open (no closure due to lack of volunteers). I am very grateful

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 5pm

Friday: 10am - 6pm

Saturday: 11am - 3pm

Closed Sunday

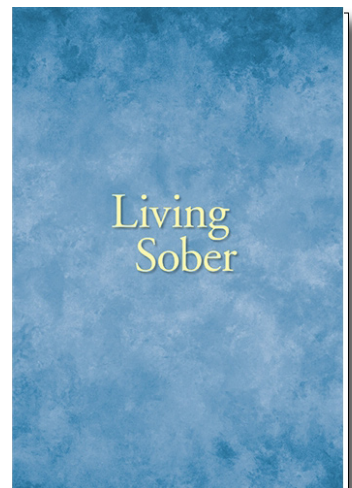
750 Mendocino Ave, Suite 10 in Santa Rosa

to the numerous volunteers whose efforts allowed us to accomplish this.

The sale book for February is "Living Sober." The sale price of \$5.05 is 20% off the regular price of \$6.31.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

~Glenn C.



The meeting opened at 7:30pm with the Serenity Prayer

Preamble: Suzanne; Tradition Twelve: Tara; Concept XII: Taylor

INTRODUCTION of NEW REPRESENTATIVES: Tara (Redwood Winners); Tony (Friday Nooners); Thana (Simply AA)

BIRTHDAYS: Jonnie: (27 Yrs.); Marty (7 yrs.); Sonny (4 yrs.)

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Chair: (Barry D.) We have a paid position as a CPA for the SCIF; job description in December newsletter. Contact Barry for more information. Elections for new officers will be held Jan. 23rd at the General Meeting. These service positions are described in the newsletter. Pleased to announce the assistant bookstore manager position has been filled by Carolyn Adams.

Vice Chair: (James C.) Three new reps. January 23rd. 7pm new rep orientation, 7:30pm General Meeting.

Secretary: (Cona E.) November 2016 SCIF General Meeting Minutes approved.

Treasurer: (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for November, \$2043. Individual contribution of \$100. and \$2. from the bank for a total \$2,145 which was \$1,946. less than November last year, after expenses we had a net loss of \$1,337. Bookstore income was \$6,022. after expenses we had net loss of \$372. Thanksgiving Alkathon income was \$1,414., after expenses had net gain of \$52. Overall, we had a net loss of \$1,657 and year-to-date we are \$2,849. less than 2015.

Registrar: (Linda W.) As of today's date there are 244 groups in Sonoma County, offering 367 meetings per week. There are 132 meeting representatives on record, for 54% participation. There were 75 reps. attending the November 2016 General Meeting, for 56% participation.

BOOKSTORE: (Glenn C.) The book on sale for January is Grapevine Daily Quotes, which even has some entries by our co-founders, who share their experience, strength and hope. Sale price \$10.40. The bookstore will be closed Jan. 2, 2017 due to year-end inventory. All are welcome to help out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: (Debbie J.) Absent. Reminder: New Year's Eve dance will be at the Santa Rosa Vets Building from 7:30pm until 12:00am suggested donation of \$12.00.

Alkathons: (Jared T.) Volunteers needed to help with soda sales and kitchen help during the New Years Eve Alkathon. Last planning meeting Wed. December 28, at the bookstore, 5:30pm.

Newsletter/Communication: (Donna L.) Deadline for newsletter entries is January 13 for February newsletter. On page 2 of newsletter is information about the new AA app. and how you can access it to your phone. Any questions email Donna at newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org. Correction: on page 2 – meeting changes: "Up The Steps" group meets on Saturday, not Sunday.

Outreach: (Bonita M.) Absent

Seminars: (Dan F.) Take pink flyers to your meetings re: next seminar on Aging in Sobriety, January 25th, 2017, 6:30-8pm at the bookstore

Teleservice: (Gus C.) three open shifts: Wed. 9am-1pm then 1pm-6pm every other Wednesday; Friday 9am-1pm.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Cindi W.) Looking for 2 more members to be on the ICSC nominating committee. Please announce at meetings and tell people they can look in newsletter for service description and sobriety requirements (5 years), and a business background certainly helpful. Cindi is the only one on the committee and she cannot do all it herself.

LIAISON REPORTS:

SOCYPAA: (Fred) January 21, 2017 at the Petaluma Alano Club there will be a meeting at 8:45pm followed by a Scavenger Hunt at 10:00pm. There is a \$7. suggested donation.

Spanish Central Office: (Larry F.) Bill D. in for Larry, Larry did attend the Spanish Central Office group and there were reps. from Napa to San Rafael. Feliz Navidad!

H&I: (Lee Johnson) We are getting more people interested in doing H&I if wanting to do service and carry message in facilities where people cannot get out come to our business meeting the first Wednesday of the

GENERAL MEETING (Cont.)

month Range & Steele 5:45 orientation 6:15pm.

General Service: (Bob F.) Agenda topic workshop February 18th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1300 St. Francis Rd. Time, 8:30am. How to conduct a group conscience by sharing session. PRAASA assembly March 3-5, Sacramento, hosted by Area 07. PRAASA is an annual conference hosted by the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous. Should be an exciting event come join us. Packed with panels, round tables discussions, presentations, open mike and speakers. Wonderful meals and fellowship.

Bridging the Gap: (Bill D.) Taking people to their first meeting after rehab, or you can do presentations at the rehab centers about Alcoholics Anonymous.

PI/CPC: (John G.) Presentation at the Sherriff's Dept, Casa Grande High Scholl, and DUI classes. More information next month.

Access Sonoma County: (Michelle G.) Absent.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Group Representatives Sharing: Cindi W.; Comment on the new AA App, it is a great tool.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm with The Responsibility Statement.

~Cona E.

FEBRUARY 2017				SERVICE MEETINGS IN SONOMA COUNTY		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	2	3	4
5 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15pm Business Mtg.	6 General Service District 12 Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	7	8 PI/CPC Santa Rosa City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting	9 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Business Mtg.	10	11
12	13 Steering Committee SCIF Bookstore 6:30pm ICSC Meeting 8:00 Steering Meeting	14	15	16	17 MARCH 2017 Newslet- ter Deadline 5pm	18
19 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15pm Business Mtg.	20	21 Bridging the Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	22	23	24	25 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
26 Happy Trails Meet at Coddington PO at 10am to carpool	27 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 6:00pm Teleservice 7:00 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	28				
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			

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP ANNUAL REPORT

Presented here is your 2016 Annual Report in compliance with SCIF Policies and Procedures and Section 6321 of the California Corporations Code. We hope you find the information complete, concise, and easy to understand.

Group contributions for the year were \$56,369, which was an increase \$3,587 from 2015. Bookstore revenue was \$84,613. Activities net income for the year was -\$538, Alkathons net income was \$591, and Unity Day net income was \$133. Our overall net gain for the year was \$13,314.

A complete list of group contributions is included in this newsletter and we encourage all groups to compare the listed contributions with their own financial records. Thank you to all the groups and members who contributed. Your support helps cover the cost of the newsletters, schedules, pamphlets, seminars, the 24 hour Teleservice hot line and Intergroup website. In addition, there are Alkathons, dances, and the annual picnic that are self-supporting. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help make it possible to carry the message in Sonoma County.

In accordance with the formula approved at the October 2009 General Meeting, the Prudent Reserve was increased by \$286 on December 31, 2016. The new Prudent Reserve is \$37,374 that will leave \$25,037 available for distribution. The Prudent Reserve calculation was as follows:

<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Central Office Expenses	\$25,748	\$27,831
Teleservice	\$4,126	\$4,203
Directories	\$2,416	\$2,262
Pamphlets & Cards	\$2,948	\$2,255
Newsletters	\$5,788	\$5,689
Bookstore Expenses	\$82,702	\$85,639
Cost of Goods Sold	<\$50,970>	<\$51,140>
TOTAL	\$72,758	\$76,739

I certify that the accompanying financial statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

~Carolyn A, SCIF Treasurer

<p>"Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question: Is this service really needed? If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A." Bill W., "AA's Legacy of Service."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Together we can! Thank you for your support!</p>	<p>GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Meeting</th> <th style="text-align: right;">4th Qtr 2016</th> <th style="text-align: right;">YTD</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>A Vision For You</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$92.71</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$438.59</td></tr> <tr><td>Came To Believe</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$43.50</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$166.26</td></tr> <tr><td>Cazadero Group</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$20.09</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$83.98</td></tr> <tr><td>Expect A Miracle</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$147.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$549.91</td></tr> <tr><td>Harmony Group</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$150.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Hessel Big Book</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$67.41</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$67.41</td></tr> <tr><td>Higher Power Group</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$224.41</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$587.41</td></tr> <tr><td>Individual Contribution</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$30.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Mature & Sober</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$108.42</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$219.51</td></tr> <tr><td>Moment of Silence</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$115.72</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$859.09</td></tr> <tr><td>New Sobriety Group</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$82.37</td></tr> <tr><td>Not Just Another Newcomer</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$27.27</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$76.89</td></tr> <tr><td>River Women's Meeting</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$66.55</td></tr> <tr><td>Saturday Night Live</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$114.06</td></tr> <tr><td>Signs of Sobriety</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$50.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$200.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Step Sisters</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$49.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$207.21</td></tr> <tr><td>Sunday Night Closed Discussion (RP)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$20.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$106.92</td></tr> <tr><td>Sunday Niters</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$13.25</td></tr> <tr><td>There Is A Solution</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$300.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Third Step Group</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$190.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$535.00</td></tr> <tr><td>12x12 Discussion Group (Thurs Night)</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$15.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$60.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Up The Steps</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$71.45</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$218.29</td></tr> <tr><td>We're In The Now (RP)</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$371.51</td></tr> <tr><td>Women's Perspective AA Group</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Women's Step Study & Discussion</td><td></td><td style="text-align: right;">\$233.88</td></tr> <tr><td>Young & Young At Heart</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$17.15</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$115.49</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1,191.72</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$5,953.58</td></tr> <tr><td>Paid to interpreters:</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2,000.00</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$6,050.00</td></tr> <tr><td><i>Prudent Reserve:</i></td><td style="text-align: right;"><i>\$1,518.30</i></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Meeting	4th Qtr 2016	YTD	A Vision For You	\$92.71	\$438.59	Came To Believe	\$43.50	\$166.26	Cazadero Group	\$20.09	\$83.98	Expect A Miracle	\$147.00	\$549.91	Harmony Group		\$150.00	Hessel Big Book	\$67.41	\$67.41	Higher Power Group	\$224.41	\$587.41	Individual Contribution		\$30.00	Mature & Sober	\$108.42	\$219.51	Moment of Silence	\$115.72	\$859.09	New Sobriety Group		\$82.37	Not Just Another Newcomer	\$27.27	\$76.89	River Women's Meeting		\$66.55	Saturday Night Live		\$114.06	Signs of Sobriety	\$50.00	\$200.00	Step Sisters	\$49.00	\$207.21	Sunday Night Closed Discussion (RP)	\$20.00	\$106.92	Sunday Niters		\$13.25	There Is A Solution		\$300.00	Third Step Group	\$190.00	\$535.00	12x12 Discussion Group (Thurs Night)	\$15.00	\$60.00	Up The Steps	\$71.45	\$218.29	We're In The Now (RP)		\$371.51	Women's Perspective AA Group		\$100.00	Women's Step Study & Discussion		\$233.88	Young & Young At Heart	\$17.15	\$115.49	Total	\$1,191.72	\$5,953.58	Paid to interpreters:	\$2,000.00	\$6,050.00	<i>Prudent Reserve:</i>	<i>\$1,518.30</i>	
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INCOME & EXPENSES
 January through December 2016

Income	
Central Office Income	\$ 56,027.77
Group Contributions	341.00
Individuals (Self Supporters)	8.00
Total Central Office Income	\$ 56,368.77
Newsletter Subscriptions	16.57
Bank Interest	3,850.09
Alkathon Income	6,862.87
Activities Income	133.18
Unity Day Income	0.00
Seminar Income	84,612.53
Bookstore Sales	151,852.01
Total Income	<u>338,283.80</u>
Expense	
Central Office Expense	
Taxes & Fees	80.00
Conference Expense	0.00
Bank Charges	51.31
Bookkeeping Expense	3,178.00
Depreciation	434.00
Insurance	663.82
Office Expense	606.18
Payroll	8,643.69
Payroll Burden	875.70
Rent	8,886.55
Repairs & Maintenance	593.68
Telephone & Utilities	2,110.17
Web Site	1,707.53
Total Central Office Expense	27,830.63
Directories	2,261.86
Cards & Pamphlets	2,255.26
Newsletter Expense	5,688.63
Teleservice	4,203.00
Bookstore Expense	
Cost of Sales	51,139.77
Taxes & Fees	0.00
Bank Charges	2,371.93
Bookkeeping Expense	3,298.00
Depreciation	434.00
Insurance	663.87
Office Expense	687.23
Payroll	17,312.50
Payroll Burden	1,704.19
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Rent	5,917.00
Telephone & Utilities	2,110.12
Total Bookstore Expense	85,638.61
Unity Day Expense	0.00
Alkathon Expense	3,258.66
Activities Expense	7,401.04
Total Expenses	<u>138,537.69</u>

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Dec. 31 2016	Dec. 31 2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash in Checking	\$ 14,811.55	\$ 9,511.56
Cash in Savings	53,305.14	41,993.11
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Total Cash	<u>\$ 68,316.69</u>	<u>\$ 51,704.67</u>
Other Current Assets		
Bookstore Inventory	24,123.24	36,057.59
Prepaid Expenses	3,943.87	4,148.67
Total Other Current Assets	<u>28,067.11</u>	<u>40,206.26</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>96,383.80</u>	<u>91,910.93</u>
Fixed Assets		
POS System	-	-
Renovation	582.80	582.80
Dutch Door	450.00	450.00
Furniture & Equipment	5,332.83	4,332.83
Leasehold Improvements	1,715.46	1,715.46
Software	-	-
Total Fixed Assets at Cost	<u>8,081.09</u>	<u>7,081.09</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,363.54)</u>	<u>(3,495.54)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>3,717.55</u>	<u>3,585.55</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 100,101.35</u>	<u>\$ 95,496.48</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,156.45	\$ 7,540.73
Sales & Payroll Taxes Payable	3,749.65	3,959.14
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,906.10</u>	<u>\$ 11,499.87</u>
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Equity - Reserves		
Literature Reserves	24,123.24	36,057.59
Fixed Assets Reserve	3,717.55	3,585.55
Prepaid Expenses Reserve	3,943.87	4,148.67
Prudent Reserve	37,374.00	37,088.00
Operating Reserve	11,722.27	(10,635.63)
Net Income (Loss)	13,314.32	13,752.43
Total Equity - Reserves	<u>94,195.25</u>	<u>83,996.61</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 100,101.35</u>	<u>\$ 95,496.48</u>

BRIDGING THE GAP

Would you like to volunteer for Bridging the Gap? "BTG" for short. Well now you're thinking, "What is Bridging the Gap?" *To ease the transition of recovering alcoholics being released from treatment facilities and other places of confinement into the AA community. This service involves taking newcomers to A.A. meetings upon release and introducing them to members of the group.* That's what the BTG literature says.

Well, let me start from the beginning. When Rob M., the liaison from BTG to H&I, asked me to check out BTG, I said "OK." Now I'm the liaison from BTG to PI/CPC. Early in my sobriety I had no idea of what all those abbreviations meant, and before I got sober I didn't know what A.A. really meant. After hitting my bottom and struggling with depression, those first days of my sobriety were dark with the fog of uncertainty. I did not know there was any help out there for someone who had spent most of their life in a chemical fog.

To walk into that first A.A. meeting alone and not know what to expect was frightening, but I did it - because I did not know what else to do. If only there had been someone to help. YOU can be that Bridge. Take someone who is just being released from a treatment facility to a meeting, or go to a facility and share your story. or tell the people in the facility what A.A. is all about. I thank my Higher Power for leading me to A.A.

BTG meets the 3rd Tuesday at the Bookstore. New member (YOU) orientation starts at 6pm, followed by the business meeting (stay for that, too) 6:30-7:30pm. See you there!

~Bridget P.

PI /CPC

I decided to get involved with Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) a couple of years ago, as I wanted to do something different in service for my sobriety. PI/CPC speaks at DUI classes, high schools and we have started to do presentations at a local police department. Two years of sobriety was required, so I qualified for that and I have spoken for H&I and at numerous meetings over the years. I liked that the options involved doing service during the daytime, as I am not much of a night person anymore. What I realized after speaking at some DUI classes and some school presentations, was that we were carrying the message in a different fashion than I was accustomed to. We speak to people who may not be alcoholics so we are giving information about alcoholism and recovery through our experience in A.A.

I have had some great experiences speaking and answering questions at the schools and DUI classes and also meeting other recovering alcoholics in doing service. I am currently the schools coordinator and we are looking for young speakers to go to high schools to carry the message. We meet the

second Wednesday of the month at the City Hall employee lounge. The business meeting runs 7:30-8:30pm, and speaker training is at 7:00pm. So, if you are interested please come and join us.

~Doug L.

GENERAL SERVICE

It's an exciting time here in General Service. We have a new 2-year "panel" of officers, committee chairs and liaisons, as well as new and returning General Service Representatives (GSRs) from the many A.A. group of Sonoma County. We're also into Agenda Topics season, when we get bring to our groups the various discussion topics, issues and decisions that affect our Fellowship as a whole, and ask for their feedback and ideas. Your group's GSR will have the opportunity to bring your group's "conscience" on these items to our Area Delegate, so that she will be well informed as she heads to New York in April to meet with other Delegates from all over the U.S. and Canada and make decisions that will help us all to "Carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers," now and into the future.

Join us at the Agenda Topics Workshop as we practice conducting group sharing sessions, so that every member's experience, strength and hope can help build a greater "A.A. as a whole."

~Eric H.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

On January 4, 2017, the Hospitals & Institutions Committee welcomed new meeting reps Mario G., representing Not Just Another Newcomer Meeting (Cotati); Jeff D., Gratitude Group; Joe P., 12 & 12 at 12 (Cotati); Stuart D., The Young and Sober Group; Edie O., Women's Meeting (Windsor); Lauralyn C., 12 & 12 Discussion Group; Joe P., Saints and Sinners (Rohnert Park); Philippe B., Saturday Serenity (Petaluma); Chris B., Oaks Fellowship; Mike D., Healdsburg Group; and June F., Higher Power Group. Thank you for your service—we couldn't do this without you!

Warm greetings were also extended to our visitors Bruce and Casey—keep coming back!

Over 62 years of sobriety was being celebrated by H&I members in the month of January—keep coming back!!!

Are you willing to share your gift of sobriety with an alcoholic who is confined? Please come to the next meeting of the H&I Committee, Wednesday, February 1st 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 Ave., behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena.

~Mardi

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER 2016

	Dec-16		Dec-15		Year to Date		2016	2015
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net
Group Supported:	Comparison				Comparison			
Central Office		(2,247)	(2,247)	(2,374)		(27,831)	(27,831)	(25,748)
Groups	5,308		5,308	4,375	56,028		56,028	49,645
Individuals	0		0		341		341	3,137
Directories		(163)	(163)	(238)		(2,262)	(2,262)	(2,415)
Pamphlets & Cards		(95)	(95)	(488)		(2,255)	(2,255)	(2,948)
Newsletter		(392)	(392)	(556)	8	(5,689)	(5,681)	(5,780)
Teleservice		(361)	(361)	(349)		(4,203)	(4,203)	(4,126)
Interest/Bank Charges	2		2	1	17		17	16
Subtotal	5,310	(3,258)	2,052	372	56,393	(42,239)	14,154	11,781
Self Supported:								
Bookstore	6,078	(6,299)	(221)	(409)	84,613	(85,639)	(1,026)	1,792
Alkathons	2,437	(1,897)	539	0	3,850	(3,259)	591	(71)
Unity Day	133		133	0	133		133	175
Activities	3,833	(3,790)	43	87	6,863	(7,401)	(538)	76
Seminars								
Unity Day								
Subtotal	12,481	(11,987)	494	(321)	95,458	(96,298)	(840)	1,972
TOTAL	17,790	(15,244)	2,546	51	151,852	(138,538)	13,314	13,752

Assets & Liabilities

Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	68,317	Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	68,317
Prepaid Expenses	3,944	Prudent Reserve	(37,374)
Bookstore Inventory	24,123	Liabilities	(5,906)
Property	3,718		
Subtotal	100,101	Operating Reserve	25,037
Liabilities	(5,906)		
Total Assets & Liabilities	94,195	General Service 40%	10,014.66
		CNCA 30%	7,510.98
		General Service 30%	7,510.98
		Total Distribution	25,036.61

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2016

Meetings	Dec 2016	2016 Total				
11th Step Healdsburg		\$150.00	Healdsburg Women's Book Study	\$250.00	Sober Sunday Group, Forestville	\$413.19
11th Step Meeting, Petaluma		\$120.00	Hessel Big Book Group	\$35.00	Sober Sunday Group, Santa Rosa	\$1,132.78
12x12 @ 12		\$208.93	Higher Power Group	\$300.00	Sobriety at Sams	\$244.50
12X12 Book Study, Oakmont		\$132.79	Hope 4 today		SOCYPAA	\$240.71
12x12 Plus Step	\$134.84	\$927.24	Just for Today	\$120.00	Sonoma Valley Fellowship	\$285.00
A Vision for You	\$36.90	\$259.71	Keep It Simple, Petaluma	\$70.00	South End Solution	\$451.15
AA of Sonoma(Friday Night)		\$277.71	Kenwood Group	\$378.09	South Park Survivors	\$264.25
AA of Sonoma(Thursday BB)		\$107.00	Kenwood Step Study	\$119.75	Step Sisters	\$183.00
AA of Sonoma(11th Step)		\$430.02	Language of the Heart Group	\$88.00	Sunday Breakfast Club	\$444.36
AA Thurs 11th Step		\$44.00	Lost and Found Group		Sunday Morning Villa A.A. Group	\$252.12
Acres Fellowship		\$350.00	Lunch Bunch Group	\$162.67	Sunday PM Closed Discussion Group	\$480.02
Afternoon Delight		\$276.80	Mature and Sober	\$175.00	Sunday Sanity, Petaluma	\$88.00
Agnostics Atheists	\$280.00	\$420.00	Men's Stag	\$100.00	Sunday Smiles	\$150.00
Anonymity Group, Healdsburg		\$187.25	Moment of Silence 11th Step	\$2,269.00	TGIF, Petaluma	\$1,050.00
Anonymous		\$350.00	Monday Morning, Glen Ellen	\$73.12	The Eldridge Group	\$267.63
Any Lengths Group		\$79.91	Monday Night Book & Discussion	\$461.16	The New Women's Group Of AA	\$25.00
Be What You Want to See		\$355.23	Monday Night Alcoholics Only	\$410.11	The Rooms	\$1,000.00
Beyond Belief		\$90.00	Monday Noon, Monte Rio	\$265.00	The UP Group	\$204.06
Big Book Review		\$267.67	New Sobriety Group	\$94.50	There is a Solution	\$400.00
Bring Our AA Game		\$60.46	Nor-Cal Primary Purpose Group	\$63.75	Think About It Group of AA	\$2,625.00
BYOBB	\$91.00	\$91.00	North Bay Dog on the Roof	\$300.00	Third Step Group	\$200.00
Came to Believe		\$100.00	Not a Glum Lot	\$475.07	Thurs Women's Sonoma	\$128.85
Celebrate Sobriety	\$115.00	\$115.00	Not Just Another Newcomer	\$100.00	Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion Group	\$573.15
Chronic Pain		\$35.00	Oaks Fellowship	\$50.00	Thurs. Night Real Life Mtgs of AA	\$176.66
Cloverdale Serenity Group		\$750.00	Occidental Tonight Group	\$295.00	Thursday 12 Noon Big Book	\$500.00
Expect A Miracle	\$90.00	\$611.09	On Fire, Cloverdale	\$35.00	Thursday Night Big Book Step -City Hall	\$100.00
FAHA Home Group		\$212.47	Open Door	\$845.00	Thursday Night Women's AA	\$370.45
Fresh Air Group	\$89.00	\$303.80	Out of the Ashes	\$430.92	Thursday Women's AA, Sebastopol	\$362.35
Friday 10am Big Book Study		\$75.20	Petaluma Fellowship	\$300.00	Thursday's Men's Stag	\$100.00
Friday Night Tradition		\$150.00	Petaluma Valley Group	\$1,110.50	Tuesday Night , Petaluma	\$520.00
Friday Night Vets	\$290.80	\$1,762.58	Promise's Group	\$195.72	Unity Day -meetings	\$15.00
Friday Night Live Group		\$117.74	Quitting Time, Petaluma	\$275.00	Up the Steps	\$289.60
Gay Newcomers Meeting	\$81.15	\$304.95	River Nooners	\$60.00	Warm Springs Fellowship	\$1,200.00
General Service		\$205.00	River Women's Meeting	\$203.99	Wednesday Westsiders	\$766.40
Generations Women's Meeting		\$95.00	Rule 62 River Readers	\$300.00	Wednesday Women's Lunch Bunch	\$438.02
Good Neighbor, Geyserville		\$117.50	Saints and Sinners	\$40.00	Wednesday Wonder	\$30.00
Graton Fellowship	\$321.00	\$641.00	Santa Rosa Saturday Night	\$36.57	We're In The Now	\$499.19
GRBBS		\$330.63	Saturday Night High Steppers	\$150.00	Windsor Group	\$60.00
Great Reality Big Book Study		\$126.77	Saturday Serenity	\$504.43	Women's Book Group, Eldridge	\$22.70
Grin and Win Group		\$100.00	Saturday Solution Group	\$1,057.00	Women's Book Group, Sonoma	\$567.50
Guerneville Wed. Night Women's Meditation		\$154.00	SCGMAA	\$230.00	Women's Group in Guerneville	\$150.00
H&I	\$5.00	\$5.00	Sebastopol Men's Stag	\$351.00	Women's Step Study and Discussion Group	\$749.55
Hannah's Boys Center		\$98.96	Sebastopol Step Study Group	\$434.00	Women's Tuesday at Noon in Windsor	\$400.00
Harmony Group		\$130.00	Serenity Fellowship	\$1,070.00	Working Winners	\$75.00
Healdsburg Anonymity		\$40.00	Signs of Sobriety	\$50.00	Young at Heart Guerneville	\$128.10
Healdsburg Group		\$375.00	Single Purpose Group Sebastopol	\$401.00	Young Peoples Group	\$80.00
			Sober Sisters	\$955.00	Individual	\$378.00
					Total	\$5,308.36
						\$56,367.59

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Spanish Speaking (707) 623-6702



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www.aa.org
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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 currently several open shifts to fill. For information, see Teleservice listing above.