



sonoma county Intergroup Fellowship

NEWS

January 2009

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New Year's Alkathon

December 31, 2008 - 6 pm to
January 1, 2009 - 11:30 pm

Happy New Year!

*Meetings start every even hour
Bring Food to Share
Volunteer to Help!
Call Barbara at 318-5376*

**Carpenter's Hall
1706 Corby Avenue
Santa Rosa**

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Seminar at the Bookstore

**SERVING THE AA GROUP:
POSITIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES**



Wednesday, January 7, 2009

6:30 to 8:00 pm

SCIF Bookstore/Central Office
750 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa

Questions?

Call Doug S. at 477-6231

New Year's Eve Dance 2009 Leagues Under The Enchanted Sea

**December 31
2008**

Admission \$10

Meeting &
Sobriety Countdown
8 - 9 pm

*Special Guest Speaker
Liz S.
celebrating 38 years!*



Dance 9:15 pm - 12:15 am
Music by DJ Rosie

Santa Rosa Veterans Hall
1351 Maple Avenue
(Across from the Fairgrounds)

Volunteers Needed! Call 287-2481

*Wear Something Dressy
to this Enchanted Evening!*

NEW MEETINGS

Monte Rio
Monday 6:30 am (O)
Get on the Good Foot
Church across from Fern's
Friday 6:30 am (O)
Church across from Fern'st

MEETING CHANGES

Healdsburg
Friday 12 Noon
Anonymity Group
moved to 1100 University Ave.
Community Church

Petaluma
Tuesday 12 noon
Lunch Bunch
moved to Church at 825 Middlefield Road

Rohnert Park
Monday 7:00 pm
Not Just Another Newcomer
moved to Cotati Room
201 W. Sierra

Santa Rosa
Sunday 2:00 pm
First-Timers and Come-Backers
Now a Tradition Study - was 4:00 pm

Sebastopol
Wednesday 7:30 pm
Single Purpose Group - was 8:00 pm

Saturday 7:00 pm
Saturday Night Living Right
moved to Church at 1000 Gravenstein Hwy N.

Sunday 7:00 pm
Stein Group
moved to Church at 1000 Gravenstein Hwy N.

Windsor
Wednesday 8:00 pm
Windsor Group
moved to Church at 5891 Pruitt Ave.

Thursday 7:30 pm
Redwood Winners
moved to Church at 5891 Pruitt Ave.

To report meeting changes
contact **Russell**
570-9268

Cache Creek Group

Hello everyone from the Cache Creek Steering Committee. We have some wonderful news. The first is that we have a website under construction for the 2009 Cache Creek Meeting on the river. The web address is www.cachecreekgroup.org. When completed, the site will have current information for the trip next year. This is in addition to the fliers that will be available soon in meetings.

Next, we are combining with the Southern California Group that we met last year on the river. The two groups will be combining forces to try to fill up the entire campground with just folks in AA. It takes 350 rafters to do this but between the two groups we will be pushing to get it done.

The Orange County group has been doing this trip for 7 yrs. themselves.

Start planning to go to the meeting on the river in June, 2009. You will be hearing more about the trip as time goes on.

From all of us, to all of you, Happy Holidays!



On the Web - check out
www.aa.org
www.aagrapevine.org
www.sonomacountyaa.org



HAPPY TRAILS

Greetings to All,

As of our last Happy Trails Hike, I have been succeeded as Secretary by Lloyd.

Thanks for your support, and for letting me be of service to this awesome group. I had a lot of fun over the last 2 years, and look forward to seeing you in 2009!

Linda

Hi!

My name is Lloyd and I am the new Secretary of the Happy Trails group. Our first hike this year will be February 22nd. Please check your February newsletter for the location of the hike and where we will meet.

Notes from the Bookstore

December 2008

Notes from the Bookstore:

The new Grapevine publication "Beginner's Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA" has proved to be so popular that we sold out all of the first shipment. More copies of the "Beginner's Book" are due to arrive soon, so don't forget to drop by and pick up your copy soon.

The permits are in place for our renovation, and **we plan to be closed from 12/29 - 1/1** so the construction can take place. 2009 promises to look good at the bookstore with the new arrangement and new computer system setup - a good reason to stop in and say "hi".

Service opportunity - beginning in January we will have a volunteer shift available for alternate Friday afternoons from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Bookstore volunteers are required to have 1 year of sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps and traditions. Please call me if you are interested in this service position: 546-2066.

In Service,

Linda M.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY ASKS YOU

We all need to hear and carry the message, get to meetings, work the steps; but for some, there are barriers to having these needs met. The barriers might be being homebound or not driving at night; impaired hearing, vision, learning, reading or information processing; using a wheelchair or other mobility impairment; not having childcare; or language difficulties.

BOOKSTORE

SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Manager: Linda M.
Phone: (707) 546-2066
Fax: (707) 566-9677
E-mail: aa@ap.net
Hours Mon-Fri 10-6
Sat 11-3

*The bookstore is staffed by volunteers
and is sometimes closed
for lack of manpower.*

Call first!

The Bookstore is closed on these Holidays

Memorial Day	May 25th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 7th
Thanksgiving	November 26th
Christmas	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st

Do you encounter barriers to attending AA meetings or working the program? If so, what are they:

What could be done at group level or by AA as a whole to resolve this problem?

If you want us to call you, please provide contact information:

If you have an access issue in AA, please take a few minutes to fill out this form. You can give it to your General Service Representative or Intergroup Representative, leave it in the ASC box at the SCIF Bookstore, or mail it to ASC in care of the Bookstore, 750 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401. If you have any questions or suggestions or would prefer to answer by phone, please call Jamie at 545-2878.

Thank you for participating. All personal information will remain confidential.

Access Sonoma County

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

“Faith may often be given through inspired teaching or a convincing personal example of its fruits. It may sometimes be had through reason. For instance, many clergymen believe that St. Thomas Aquinas actually proved God’s existence by sheer logic. But what can one do when all these channels fail? This was my own grievous dilemma.

“It was only when I came fully to believe I was powerless over alcohol, only when I appealed to a God who just might exist, that I experienced a spiritual awakening. This freedom giving experience came first, and then faith followed afterward—a gift indeed!” [Bill W., Letter 1966]

The December meeting of the Hospital and Institution Committee was pleased to welcome new meeting reps Cheryl, representing the Attitude Adjustment meeting; Chris, Newcomer and Oldtimers; Bruce, Check it Out; Sam, Fresh Air Group; Betsy, River Women’s Group; Rick, Saturday Afternoon Winners Group; Sandy, Oaks Fellowship; Johanna, The Promises Group; Noreen, Women’s Meeting; Michael, Best Darn Meeting Ever; Patrick, Beginners Group; and Jim, Highlander Group (sorry I missed you last newsletter). Thank you for being of service!

Our holiday “shoppers” (visitors checking out H&I) were Matt, Jose, Richard, Stephanie, Eric, Brian and Richard—a warm welcome to you as well. Keep coming back!

December sobriety anniversaries were being celebrated by John, with 6 years; Tom, 13; Cindy W., 23; and Eric and Kathleen with 18 months and 11 months, respectively.

Whether or not you experienced a spiritual awakening recently, you are all welcome to join us at the next Committee meeting on January 7, 2009 (!?!). The regular meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and the orientation—to which all are welcome—starts at 5:30. We’re located at the Santa Rosa Senior Center on the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue (one block east of Santa Rosa Avenue). Come get the New Year off to a great start with some really rewarding service!

In service,

Mardi

***Current Membership in AA
It is estimated that there are
more than 114,000 groups
and over 2,000,000 members
in over 180 countries.***

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

GENERAL MEETING – November 24, 2008

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer

PREAMBLE: Jeanette D. TRADITION 11: Barbara S.

CONCEPT X1: Esther S.

Introduction of New Representatives:

Barbara S.	Mature & Sober	Santa Rosa
Jack E.	Redwood Winners	Windsor
Jake A.	By The Book Group	Santa Rosa
Justine P.	Young & Sober	Santa Rosa
Kirsten S.	First Things First	Santa Rosa
Pat N.	Moment of Silence	Santa Rosa
Roselind G.	Wednesday Windsor Group	Windsor
Troy G.	Higher Power Group	Santa Rosa

Sobriety Birthdays:

Bob S.	11/29	7 years
Bruce W.	11/3	2 years
Gary S.	11/29	22 years
Ian S.	11/14	1 year
Ken C.	11/25	6 years
Lynette M.	10/31	3 years
Megan M.	11/27	7 years
Regina H.	11/29	5 years
Tammy Z.	11/24	4 years

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIR: Diane W. – no report

VICE CHAIR: Bob P. – There were 7 new Reps at the orientation this evening. Call Bob if you have questions re: this service position.

TREASURER: Pat H. – Group contributions for the month of October were \$4,019. Overall income exceeded expenses for the month by \$938 and for the year by \$2,389. Group-supported activities, the bookstore, and the Halloween Dance each contributed a portion of the net income. The Halloween Dance was up by \$655, helping to offset activities' losses earlier this year.

SECRETARY: Donna L. - The October SCIF General Meeting minutes published in the December newsletter were approved without changes.

REGISTRAR: Nan B. – In October, there were 358 AA meetings / week in Sonoma County. Of those, 158 (44%) were represented at the September SCIF General Meeting.

BOOKSTORE: Linda M. – The next bookstore inventory is New Year's Day at 10am. We need 14-15 people. Call Linda at the bookstore to volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SEMINARS: Doug S. – The next seminar is on Wednesday, Jan 7 from 6:30-8pm at the bookstore, and is on "Serving the AA Group: Positions and Responsibilities". Flyers are available at the bookstore.

ICSC: Gene H. – ICSC oversees the day-to-day operations of the bookstore. The bookstore has been running extremely well. There is a volunteer shift open on alternate Thursday afternoons – 2-6pm. There are new book covers in stock in a variety of colors. On Nov 23rd, a pre-construction work day had several volunteers painting the kitchen area, moving fixtures and creating more space in the bookstore. The City permits for the renovation are in process. Once the date for construction is confirmed, the bookstore will be closed for two days during the work.

ACTIVITIES: Laurie E. – 50 people will be needed at noon on New Year's Eve day to help decorate the Santa Rosa Veterans hall. Rich will take care of food sales at the dance. The Halloween Dance was a big success. The band will be considered for the Valentine's Dance.

ALKATHONS: Barbara F. – Everything's a "go" for the Thanksgiving alcathon. Come and enjoy it!

NEWSLETTER: Brian Z. – The December newsletter has a member's review of the last seminar. The website updates are moving forward.

OUTREACH: Sean M. – We need more people to run for SCIF positions this time. Sean's position is to encourage groups to elect Reps to SCIF.

TELESERVICE: Dave R. – If you know of any meetings that won't be held during the holidays, please contact Dave so he can tell the hotline volunteers. Two open hotline shifts: Sunday overnight 10pm-9am & Monday afternoon 1-5pm.

LIAISON REPORTS:

BRIDGING THE GAP: John B. – BTG's purpose is to "bridge the gap" between AA meetings in prisons, hospitals and treatment facilities and the first meetings inmates and patients go to upon release into their home communities. Anyone interested in volunteering should have 6+ mos. of sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps.

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE: Mark V. – Come to H&I business meeting to get involved in bringing AA meetings and literature to people who can't get out to meetings. The new liaison from H&I is Will S. Debbie B. is the liaison to H&I.

PI/CPC: Nick R. - PI/CPC delivers literature to police stations, jails, libraries and senior centers. They send speakers into the community, including DUI classes. They will not have a business meeting until Jan 14. Dagmar is the new Chairperson.

SOCYPAA: Jamie Y. – There is a new Young People's meeting in Healdsburg on Thursday nights at 8pm at 1402 University Drive. Upcoming events: Game Night Dec. 13th at the Alano Club – meeting at 8:30pm, event 10pm-2am. Includes board games, pool table, X box, DJ, and karaoke. \$5 donation. WACYCAA (Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) will be held Jan 2-4 in Reno, NV. ACYPAA (All California...) conference will be held March 13-15 in Irvine. Visit acypaa.org

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: Jamie T. – Election results: Jamie T. is the new Chair and Diane W. is the Secretary. ACS recently took a group inventory and are pleased with their accomplishments, including lists of child-friendly meetings and getting groups to change their set ups to accommodate those with disabilities. ACS will be sending out a new survey to those with access issues. They now have two Braille 12 x 12's, and one Braille Big Book.

GENERAL SERVICE: Lauralyn C. – Results of the recent elections: Delegate – David N.; Alt. Delegate – Ken M.; Chair Oliver G.; Registrar – Jeff O.; Recording Secretary – Paddy M.; Assembly Coordinator – Margaret V.; Treasurer – Nancy T.; Grapevine Chair – Ramundo; Area 6 nominee for Trustee at Large – Bill M.

SPANISH INTERGROUP: Shaline E. – Meeting change: Grupo Lo Primero has moved to 1015 Petaluma Hill Road on Tues & Sat 7-9pm and Sun 8-9am.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES' SHARING:

Kirsten from "First Things First" Monday night at Orenda said the meeting needs support from women with longer term sobriety.

SUMMATION: Bob reviewed items to bring back to groups for discussion.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in Service, Donna L.

INTERGROUP OFFICER ELECTIONS IN JANUARY

How time flies when you're having fun! SCIF will elect new Officers at the Intergroup meeting on January 26th. In February the Committee Chairs will be elected, so take a look at the job descriptions on the next page.

Please consider getting involved in these positions - Give your program a boost and **GET INTO SERVICE**.



S.C.I.F. Officer Job Descriptions

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

Chairperson: Presides over monthly Intergroup and Steering Committee meetings. Maintains direct communication regularly with other Intergroup officers and committee chairpersons. Serves on ICSC. Must have general knowledge of A.A. Service Manual, Robert's Rules of Order and SCIF business procedures (for conducting Intergroup Business Meeting).

Length of sobriety = 4 years. Average monthly time commitment: 8-15 hours.

Vice-Chairperson: Supports Chairperson in his or her duties; and fills in for Chairperson should he or she be absent or unable to perform that office. The Vice Chair should be informed in these matters:

1) Intergroup history and responsibilities; 2) current and pending business; 3) Chair's Rules – that is, Parliamentary procedure as informed by AA's Twelve Traditions. In addition the Vice Chair runs the new Rep orientation before the regular business meeting, gives the summation at the end of the meeting, and may be asked to liaise with other committees or to fill in for absent officers/committee chairs.

Length of sobriety = 4 years. Average monthly time commitment: 8-12 hours.

Treasurer: Pays S.C.I.F.-related bills. Collects and records contributions from groups and works with bookkeeper in preparing monthly financial statements. Receives all monies collected at Alkathons and SCIF activities. Serves on ICSC. Accounting background helpful.

Length of sobriety = 4 years. Average monthly time commitment: 30+ hours.

Recording Secretary: Takes minutes at SCIF General and Steering Committee meetings. Delivers correct copy of minutes to Newsletter Editor.

Length of sobriety = 3 years. Average monthly commitment: 6-8 hours.

Registrar: Maintains a list of groups and meetings available within the County. Keeps track on a monthly basis of which groups have representatives and how often reps attend meetings. Works with Outreach Committee to contact groups that are not active in S.C.I.F. meetings.

Length of sobriety = 3 years. Average monthly commitment: 4-6 hours.

S.C.I.F. Committee Chairs & Liaisons 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. Maintains list of current subscribers. Prints mailing labels; sends PDF version to email subscribers. 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. Average monthly time commitment: 10 – 20 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.

S.C.I.F. Liaisons

(Liaisons do not attend Steering Committee meetings)

General Service Liaison: Acts as liaison from Intergroup to General Service District 12, reporting at their monthly meeting news of interest about Intergroup. Average monthly commitment: 2-4 hours

Hospitals & Institution (H&I) Liaison: Acts as liaison from Intergroup to H&I Area 22, reporting at their monthly meeting news of interest about Intergroup. Average monthly commitment: 2-4 hours.

Spanish Central Office Liaison: Acts as liaison from Intergroup to Spanish Central Office, reporting at one of their weekly meeting news of interest about SCIF. It is recommended, but not required, that a bilingual male takes this position. Encourages them to send us a liaison. Average monthly commitment: 2-4 hours.

Webservant. Requires a basic understanding of web page construction. Familiarity with FTP, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and/or Dreamweaver is helpful. Coordinates efforts to produce Directories. Average monthly commitment: 2-4 hours.

SCIF Activities Chair - My experience

Serving as your Activities Chairperson for the last 2 years has been very exciting and FUN! As many of you know my passion for showing the "newcomer that we are not a glum lot was my motivation for taking on this position. I am hoping at this writing that there is someone just sitting at the edge of the pool waiting to be pushed in.

This position's true duties are to encourage non drinking social activities for members of our AA family. I have been amazed at the success I have had at asking for help, letting my higher power work and then getting out of the way to let it happen. That being said it is important that the candidate for this position has the ability, to lead, delegate and encourage participation by forming a good working committee. You then propose the activity to the Intergroup steering committee and finally the fellowship as a whole. The activities chair is responsible for Facility rental, Band/DJ recruitment, proposed annual activities (every two months or so) and budget. The chair must retain receipts and be responsible to the SCIF treasurer, Bookkeeper and Fellowship. AA activities are to be self-supporting, the best way to assure this is to monitor budgets with respect to prudence.

I will not abandon the person who takes on this position and will be there to answer questions and help. I have created a binder to pass on. Thanks to our outstanding committee and especially Rich S. for making my job look easy. I hope you will bring lot of enthusiasm to this mega fun, exciting position! Thanks for all your love and support. — **Laurie E.**

Outreach Chair - My experience

I have had the pleasure to serve Sonoma County Inter-group fellowship as the outreach chairperson for the past year. I would first off like to thank the members of the fellowship for allowing me to serve in Intergroup.

As the outreach chairperson, the primary job is it encourage groups that do not currently send representatives to the monthly inter-group meeting to participate in the fellowship. Since there are a lot of meetings in Sonoma County, the best way to complete this task, is to find volunteers and to attend the meetings necessary to complete the task. — **Sean Mc.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – 3 members to be elected

Sobriety requirement – 2 years

Duties: "In April and October of each year, the 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." In 2009, there will be only one election to the ICSC Committee – in October.

Nominating Committee members shall elect a chair among themselves. Each member of the committee shall search for candidates for ICSC membership with the following qualifications: "individuals having sound business or professional backgrounds, at least five years sobriety, and substantial A.A. service experience. These individuals need not be members of SCIF." Nominating Committee members should be willing to review the workings of the ICSC and the suggested requirements for service on that committee. Several documents are available to committee members to provide that information.

PI/CPC

Last summer, as the time was nearing for a new service commitment, I was asked to participate in a tribute to my late friend Bob on a local radio station. Bob was someone I had had the pleasure of working with in community theatre, and who, through many years of behind the scenes drama, had carried a message of hope to me – that of the successful one day at a time recovery from alcoholism that Alcoholics Anonymous brings.

Many times I would be nursing a hangover or a grudge and Bob would remain positive and sane, something he said was a byproduct of his sobriety and the AA way of life. When finally ready to consider that I had a problem with alcohol, Bob was one of the people who welcomed me home to AA. His passing last year was mourned by many.

The main theme of the radio show was going to be Bob's work with local youth and in the performing arts. I was shocked when the deejay announced on the air that Bob had been sober for over two decades and that he had been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous!

As soon as a commercial started, I attempted to inform the deejay about anonymity and the 11th tradition. I was pretty rattled – and it was clear he thought I was nuts! At that moment I had a mental image of the list of trusted servants on the chalkboard at my fellowship's clubhouse, with the perennial blank spot next to "Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)" – and I realized that my new service commitment was presenting itself to me – courtesy of one of my very first AA friends. Sure enough, I went to the next meeting of trusted servants and got elected to the post! Since then I have had the privilege of attending monthly meetings of PI/CPC. This has been a terrific learning experience for me. We coordinate with other general service committees to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to law enforcement agencies, hospitals, the media, schools, and senior centers. I am enjoying my association with fellow PI/CPC members. As I learn about the traditions of AA, widen my support circle, and learn new skills, my gratitude for my sobriety and Alcoholics Anonymous grows and grows.

Nancy N., Sonoma

GENERAL SERVICE

Hello Fellowship,

Sonoma County General Service has completed their Third Legacy elections for our Panel 59 District 12 Officers. Elected were: D.J.S. - Literature Chair, Dale E. - Grapevine Chair, Jacob L. - Archivist, and myself, Steve D. - Newsletter Editor/Correspondent. I am grateful to be serving our District for the next 2 years, and look forward to writing our monthly GS article for our SCIF newsletter. There is always much going on in General Service, and I will be including all of you in on all the awesome service work being done by your GSRs.

Our next local General Service event will be the Agenda Topic Workshop to be held Saturday, February 21 2009 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa. I will supply more information in the February newsletter. This annual workshop really helped me as a relatively new GSR with "HANDSON" about how to conduct a Sharing Session with my Home Group. Our meeting had not had a Sharing Session in over 12 years, and the results were positive. I was able to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly and share our informed Group Conscience with our Delegate and our Area. Exciting stuff!

Remember to support our GSRs as they begin scheduling these Sharing Sessions to discuss the current Agenda Topics. Group members who are informed and show up will get the chance to share and weigh in, and have their voice heard. Remember, our Fellowship belongs to all of us!

Let's get involved and watch the Magic of our Program happen!
Steve D.

SOCYPAA

Wow, 2009! The last year to enjoy this first decade of the 21st century. By the way, I've asked this before, but have never gotten an answer...After this decade is over, what will we refer to it? I mean we have the 70's, the 80's and 90's; now what, the Zeros? After it's over, will VH1 have a special called "I love the O's?"

Anyway, I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. Well, hopefully this year is going to bring lots of great changes, and things are just going to be a bit brighter this year. I know there is a lot of change happening, we get a new president, it's a new year, and we can all say together, "Thank God 2008 is over!"

Two things often happen this time... we get a lot of newcomers who hit bottom over the holidays or are here for their new year's resolution, and gyms everywhere are filled with new faces of people who are also trying to keep up their resolution. Of course the gyms really don't have anything to with recovery, or AA.

But welcome to the newcomer. My name is Craig, but I'm also known as Batman (my sponsor gave me that name years ago, because I always had all the gadgets, almost like I had a bat utility belt) and I write this article to keep you informed about SOCYPAA, which is a loose acronym for SOнома County Young People in AA. It is for the young and young at heart. We are a service entity which is here to show the young, and young at heart, that sobriety can be fun, to give them a place to fit in; to do activities together to show the aforementioned people that you can truly have a great time in sobriety and finally, to bring the message of AA to those who are still suffering.

We have lots of great events coming up soon, so look out for flyers and announcements. I know we have a dance, camping trips, BBQ's, and parties all coming up this year, so come get involved. SOCYPAA has it's business meeting the first and third Sunday of the month at 1551 Montgomery Street, in Santa Rosa starting at 7:15 PM. Come on down and get involved. I know you'll have fun.

Till next month. Take care,

Craig G. (The Batman) Bid Package Chair

(Yaay, I got a promotion last month to Chair from Co-chair.)

Upcoming Events



Women's 3rd Annual Hat Luncheon

There will be prizes, raffles, hat contests,
sobriety countdown, speaker.

Come dressed in your hat!

Antique hats, pretty hats, original hats, you name it!

Come and let's have some fun.

**3950 Doubles Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 94584
March 14, 2009 @ 12 noon**

For tickets send a self addressed stamped envelope with \$20 per ticket to:

Wynny B., 139 Walnut Circle, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

For more info or to volunteer, call 707-206-9030

Sonoma County General Service District 12

Agenda Topic Workshop

Saturday, February 21st

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Sober Riders

AA on Horseback!

Sundays, 10 AM

Call Judy R. for Location

829-7263



JANUARY • 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1st United Methodist Church...1551 Montgomery Faith Lutheran Church..... 4930 Newanga Ave. St. Luke Lutheran Church.....905 Mendocino Ave . S.R Senior Center704 Bennett Valley Rd. S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge.... First St. & Santa Rosa Ave. SCIF Bookstore.....750 Mendocino Ave, Suite 10				1	2	3
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