



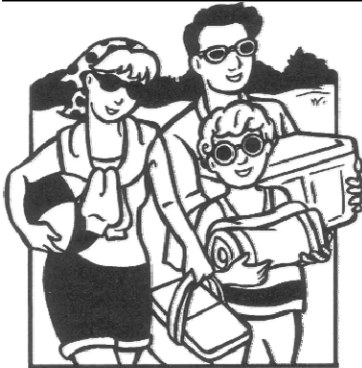
sonoma county Intergroup Fellowship

NEWS

JULY 2007

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Annual AA Family Picnic



Sat., July 21. 10:30 AM – 4 PM
Santa Rosa Community Youth Park
(1725 Fulton Rd—across from Piner
High School)
Speaker Meeting: 11 AM
Lunch: 12:15 PM
Games – Clowns – Face Painting –
Food – Friends – **FUN!**

Our next event is our picnic July 21st at the Santa Rosa Youth Community Park across from Piner High School on Fulton (north of Guerneville Road before Piner Road on the west side).

We are planning a great event and need your help! Please participate by bringing a potluck dish to share. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and sodas will be sold with lunch at 12:15 following the speaker meeting @11:00am. We will have games for the kids and kids at heart, face painting and sports activities led by John. Please call me at _____ to help. Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and desire to have fun!

~Laurie E.

INDEPENDENCE JULY 2007

Activities Message

Greetings Fellowship! I want to take the time to thank not only all those who participated on our first dance with our new activity committee, but also those who supported the dance! We had so much fun decorating and setting up for the dance and meeting. A whole passel of newcomers learned some of the value and fun of service. Much laughter was heard. We even had a sprinkling of old timers show up and set a great example.

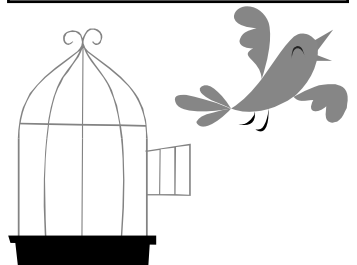
Thank you to our team leaders—especially Rich S. and crew, who did a great job on Concessions. Emelia A. was unstoppable with her team from New Foundations. Chris R., son, Chris, and fun loving daughter, did a great job on set-up

along with Jeff and his crew. Kelly B. made our coffee and did a great job considering that we only had one complete pot (*oops*). Mike D. and his compressor were full of hot air and inflated our beach balls (don't ask). Our greeter girls—Nichole, Lu, and Bethany—made all feel welcome. Kit and friends added to the fun, and Rachel and her friend had the best earrings of the night. A big thank you to Chris S., who gave one of the best chairs ever; and, of course, DJ Rosie rocked and did a fantastic job (it was so good to have her back). Sean M. and the gang from SOCYPAA saved me the headache of cleanup, and we were out the door at 12:20! Thank you to Dave W.,
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July Seminar



Freedom Through Acceptance

Saturday, July 14
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
SCIF Bookstore
750 Mendocino Ave.

The deadline for August Newsletter submissions is July 9.

The Newsletter review is 6:30 PM, July 11, at the SCIF Bookstore.

We encourage all interested persons to attend.

May 2007 Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings:

- Preamble: Kim M.
- Tradition 4: Macy M.
- Concept IV: Rem R.

Introduction of new Representatives to Intergroup:

- Hal M., Saturday Afternoon Winners, Santa Rosa
- Barbara J., Discussion Meeting, Rohnert Park
- Ann Marie D., Women's Meeting, Petaluma
- Sheri U., Cloverdale
- Tom M., Traditions Group, Santa Rosa
- Kathy H., Sat. Night Living Right, Sebastopol
- Nichole R., Stick Around Underground, Santa Rosa
- Matthew M., Alcoholics Only, Santa Rosa
- James W., Young and Sober, Santa Rosa
- Kevin H., River Grace, Guerneville
- Jan J., Up the Steps, Santa Rosa
- Valentin S., Cazadero

May Birthdays:

- Kay, 18 years
- Shirley J, 24 years
- Jim N., 8 years
- David S., 2 years
- Donna V., 2 years
- Kathy H., 21 years
- Anthony M., 2 years
- Lauren, 3 years
- Bud, 24 years
- Sean M., 7 years

Correction to April minutes:

Dan F. had 13 years, not 3; Steve had 16 years, not 6.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIR: Diane W. stated there is no smoking on church's campus.

VICE CHAIR: Tim P. gave an overview of what he covers at the new rep meetings before the business meeting.

TREASURER: Larry O. stated group contributions for April were \$4151. The Bookstore made a profit of \$158. Expenses were normal. Our year-to-date net total is \$3745. Teleservice expenses were less because we were delayed in getting the Press-Democrat bill of \$249. Their expense is normally \$888. Pat H. filed an extension for preparing our non-profit tax returns for 2006 due 05/15/07. Liability in-

surance for 2007-2008 fiscal year is \$1966. Last year's premium was \$2167. He reminded us that the financial summary is posted in the hallway at the Bookstore.

REGISTRAR: Susy E. stated that in April there were 349 meetings, and 120 were represented at the Business meeting for 34% representation.

BOOKSTORE: Gloria P. was absent due to illness. Report was given by Larry O. who stated the Bookstore made \$158 in April. There are two openings of every other Friday from 2 - 6 p.m. and every other Wednesday from 10 - 2 p.m. Gloria requested a CD player to test the CDs being sold at the Bookstore. She was authorized to purchase one at a cost of up to \$50.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES: Laurie E. stated on May 7 they had a Steering Committee meeting for the dance and picnic. 20 people attended. Team leaders for both functions were selected. October 27th is the Halloween Dance. We have the Vet's hall for New Years Eve.

ALKATHONS: Dale E. was absent due to illness. It was noted that the Santa Rosa Alano Club is being considered for the Alkathons. The waiver to allow 24-hour open status has been received so they are one step closer to being able to use the Alano Club.

ICSC: Francis B. reported that the purchase of a CD player for the Bookstore has been approved. The cost is to be below \$50. Also approved is a Dutch door at a cost of \$450. Bookstore profit for April was \$158.

NEWSLETTER: Dave H. had no news to report. He apologized for the Birthday mistakes.

OUTREACH: Barbara F-K. was absent.

SEMINARS: Donna L. stated the May 19th seminar on relationships was a big success and all the chairs were full 20 minutes before the seminar began. She discussed the July 14 seminar on Freedom Through Acceptance.

TELESERVICE: Dave R. stated they have two open AM shifts.

LIAISON REPORTS:

BRIDGING THE GAP: John B. stated the purpose of Bridging the Gap is to introduce newly released residents of treatment facilities to AA within their local communities. If one is interested in volunteering, six months and a working

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INTERGROUP OFFICERS		AA TELESERVICE	
CHAIR	Diane W.	PHONE LINE COORDINATOR	Dave R.
VICE-CHAIR	Tim P.	12 STEP COORDINATOR	James C.
SECRETARY	Nan B.	<u>AA HOTLINES</u>	
REGISTRAR	Susy E.	SANTA ROSA	707-544-1300
TREASURER	Larry O.	LONG DISTANCE	800-224-1300
<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u>		PETALUMA	707-762-5122
SEMINARS	Donna L.	SONOMA	707-938-2027
ACTIVITIES	Laurie E.	SPANISH	707-829-1272
OUTREACH	Barbara F-K.	<u>OPEN TELESERVICE SHIFTS</u>	
COMMUNICATIONS	Dave H.	Wednesday 8 AM - 10 AM	Saturday 10 PM - 8 AM
ALCATHONS	Dale E.	Every other week	
TELESERVICE	Dave R.		





The big news to report from Sonoma County's Public Information/Communication with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Committee is our completion of the information packet for the Clergy. Many of you may remember the Doctor's Packet that was distributed by General Service a few years ago. This is along the same lines but geared towards members of the Clergy. The packets should be available this month and

will be brought to meetings by General Service Representatives. The packet is an easy introduction to the program of A.A. for your clergyperson.

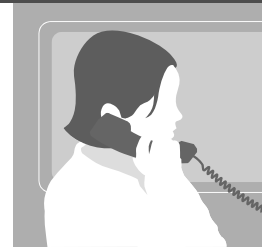
Our need for approved speakers is decreasing, but the committee is always happy to see new additions to our meetings. New members bring fresh ideas about getting in contact with the professional community in Sonoma

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I always love the part in a share when they say, "and then I called Alcoholics Anonymous." This is when they start to talk about the solution...that is the part I like.

Now, as for myself, I did not call AA to get to my first meeting. But I was lucky enough to get a shift on the Hotline with just a little over six months of sobriety. When asked to help, I said, "I don't know how to do it." George, the guy that ran the Hotline at the time, asked me if I knew how to answer a telephone and if I had worked the steps.

I said yes to both questions and took a Monday morning shift that I held for over 9 years.



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SCIF General Meeting (Continued from page 2)

knowledge of the steps is all that is required. Transportation is helpful. The BTG business meeting is the third Tuesday at the Bookstore 7 p.m. They had 42 contact requests in May. 16 were local, 15 outside the district and 11 outside the area.

GENERAL SERVICE: Lauralyn C., alternate District Committee Member chair for District 12 discussed the Annual Barbecue Monday, June 4 where Sharon B. would share her Conference Report. Lick and Stick committee needs volunteers to help get the Newsletter out once a month, this month June 7th.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Mark V. stated the purpose of H&I was to take literature into hospitals and institutions to people who can't get out to meetings. The business meeting is the first Wednesday at the Senior Center in Santa Rosa. New reps orientation is at 5:30; business meeting, 6:00.

PI/CPC: Nick R. stated the purpose of PI/CPC is to bring cooperation between AA to the business community. Their monthly meeting is at Santa Rosa City Hall, second Wednesday. The media rep position has been filled. Service help is needed.

SOCYPAA: Sean M. stated they had put in a bid to host the ACYPAA Roundup to Sonoma County in 2008. They did not get the bid, but their application was applauded for its excellence. SOCYPAA is interested in attending meetings to discuss SOCYPAA so see their contact number in the newsletter. The Dodgeball event is coming up June 2nd.

SOCYPAA has five young people's meetings in Sonoma County per week. See meeting schedule. The Friday night SOCYPAA meeting has moved location to 1000 Gravenstein Hwy.

SPANISH INTERGROUP: Rebecca M. stated that the monthly group sharing was on May 25th. The State Hispanic AA Convention was in Santa Clara, May 25th weekend. Next year it will be in Orange County. June 10th is the OCN 10th anniversary celebration at Rohnert Park Senior Center. Invitation is at the Bookstore. June 16th OCN will hold elections for various Intergroup service positions and committee chairs. Unity weeks run from May 28 to June 9, 851

Gravenstein Hwy, #3.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: Jamie T. reported a sightless member has a Big Book in Braille available for use as needed and a computer program providing access to the Big Book on the Internet. The Signs of Sobriety group conducted a meeting for a member in the hospital, and reported it was a very positive experience. Pat N. has the Big Book on CDs and can be contacted at . ASC is considering setting up a language data base for non-English speaking individuals who are in need of communication related to AA. They already have a member fluent in Hungarian available.

CACHE CREEK: Mark V. stated that Cache Creek is filling up and June 1 is the deadline to sign up and pay in full.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS: Recommendation from the Steering Committee that the December General Meeting be moved from December 24 to December 17 was met with no objections.

Recommendation from the Steering Committee that the Intergroup Chair be funded to the 22nd Annual Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS Seminar October 4 - 7, Oklahoma City at a cost of \$675 was met with no objection.

OLD BUSINESS: The Nominating Committee for the ICSC vacancy reported nomination of Gus C.. Gus who has five years of sobriety, has had commitments at City Hall and is in his own business as a painter/ carpenter would like to fill the position because he has never held this position before and is interested in a new service commitment. Francis B., current member of ICSC, background at Grey Hound and UPS stated he enjoys the position and is interested in re-upping. Election will be held next month.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeremy R. put forth a motion that the voting members of SCIF vote to either continue closing the Intergroup Business meeting with the Responsibility Statement or go back to the traditionally used Lord's Prayer. After extensive discussion, a vote was taken and the Lord's Prayer was chosen, 27 to 25.

The meeting was closed by Laurie E. with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in service,
Nan B.

Notes From the Chair



THE "HANDS" OF A.A.

On the one hand... on the other hand... That was the theme of some interesting discussions at the June Steering Committee meeting. The Committee meets on the

second Monday of the month (see Calendar), and while SCIF officers and committee chairs are the voting members, it is an open meeting that any AA member may attend. The committee hears reports from committees and officers and decides on the agenda for the General Meeting on the fourth Monday.

Our Outreach chair, Barbara F-K., has been told by some groups that they don't participate in Intergroup because "all they talk about is money." It seems that on the one hand, some AA's hate any discussion about how we use our funds; on the other hand, some are deeply suspicious that money is being misspent if we don't tell them about it.

We had a lively and earnest discussion about how much to charge for hamburgers and hot dogs at the July 21 picnic. On the one hand, Laurie E. and her hard-working committee organize events they think you will want to attend, keeping admission fees and food charges low so that more folks can come. On the other hand, SCIF-sponsored Activities Committee events are supposed to be self-supporting, so that basket money isn't used to subsidize them.

The plan is that some events make a little profit, some lose a little money. If it evens out at the end of the year, we've met our responsibility to the groups. But we have to talk about the money to make sure that happens.

Since last Fall, we have been publishing the SCIF financial summary only every three months, after the quarterly inventory. The idea was that without a monthly inventory, we couldn't have a monthly financial report. It turns out that we do have the reports, but only the ICSC sees them. Bookstore Expense, one of the 16 numbers reported each month, is only an estimate in a non-inventory month, since Cost of Goods Sold is a component of that number. Without an inventory, we don't have that cost. So we estimate it.

We have had pretty good estimates, and each quarter we check it with an actual number after the inventory. Since we have the report, we have decided to go back to monthly reports, starting in July (we'll have our last "quarterly" report after the June inventory).

This decision followed another "hands" discussion - on the one hand, publishing a report with an estimate may confuse or alarm members and generate discussion or controversy. On the other hand, since we have the information, we should publish it, in the interest of transparency and accountability.

These would seem to be discussions about money. On the other hand, aren't they really about Tradition 9 - being directly responsible to those we serve?

It's harder to be responsible to groups who don't

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Reflections on Getting Sober from a Bar-Drinking Woman

It just didn't seem possible to stay out of the bars. After all, I had spent the past fifteen years imbibing with my good friends (consisting of whomever was on the bar stool on each side of me). What was I to do with myself? And how was I to support myself? I had been getting projects from other attorneys I met in the bars who couldn't get their work done. I just couldn't leave those bars alone. I would go in and order orange juice, very bad orange juice as I remember. I figured I was getting healthy. Sometimes when the conversations around me would get too unintelligible I would go to the payphone (my sobriety predates cell phones) and call my sponsor, just to check in. I calculated that the phone call would keep me from doing bad things, like ordering a drink so I could understand what was being said. My sponsor told me later that I had given her great practice in "turning it over."

After a meeting one day I told some guy that I was spending time in the bar after leaving my office while waiting for my boyfriend to pick me up after work. I think I wanted his approval. My fellow alcoholic, who must have been very new, me me every afternoon for a week in that bar to help me with my effort to stay sober. He asked his sponsor's advice because his fiancée was starting to get upset and hw was feeling uncomfortable. Thank God, his sponsor knew of the Alano Club.

I sat in the Alano Club for the next three months until closing time. I felt safe there and I could understand the conversations, or at least most of them. I spent a lot of time with Carl, the dumpster driver, at the hospitality table (where you sat if you wanted to talk to someone). The Alano Club was where I had my first memorable change in attitude. The secretary of the Sunday brunch meeting had asked Carl to be the speaker. I can remember wondering what in the world that secretary was thinking; what did wet-brain Carl have to tell anyone! Halfway through his share a light went on for me, Carl knew how to attain six years sobriety, I didn't.

When I got my ninety days and was eligible, I proudly joined the Alano Club. I know belonged! It had replaced the Bonanza as my home away from home. I'm happy that a new Santa Rosa Alano Club now exists, particularly for bar-drinking women like me.

Karen M.



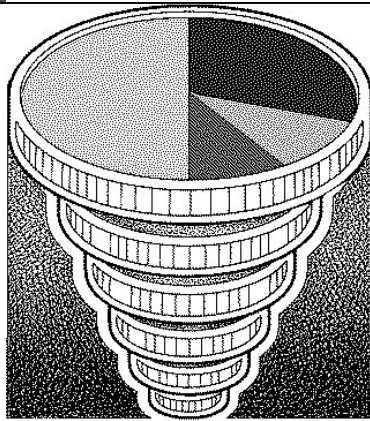
SOCYPAA Annual Camp Out

August 17, 18, and 19

2 hours North of Santa Rosa on the 101

...That's all I've got, folks. I'm sure more will follow.

Dave H.



Example of Suggested Group Contributions to AA Service Entities

- 50-70% to Intergroup
- 10% to Local General Service
- 10% to CNCA
- 30% to GSO New York

JULY SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS – 465 YEARS!

Bonnie W.	7/27	32	Santa Rosa	Dave L.	7/4	7	Texas!	James W.	7/11	3	Santa Rosa
Dennis M.	7/31	31	Santa Rosa	Stan K.	7/7	7	Santa Rosa	Michael H.	7/21	3	Santa Rosa
Rick R.	7/12	30	Santa Rosa	Cory D.	7/23	6	Santa Rosa	Renee E.	7/31	3	Fairfield
Ted A.	7/10	30	Petaluma	Jenny K.	7/18	6	Petaluma	Shawn W.	7/11	3	Santa Rosa
Tami L.	7/8	27	Santa Rosa	Marie R.	7/12	6	Santa Rosa	Bethany	7/19	2	Santa Rosa
Jan B.	7/15	26	Santa Rosa	André	7/15	5	Santa Rosa	Danielle A.	7/28	2	Santa Rosa
Matt K.	7/17	26	Santa Rosa	Ginger T.	7/29	5	Santa Rosa	Davis C.	7/11	2	Santa Rosa
Ken O.	7/15	22	Santa Rosa	James W.	7/1	5	Petaluma	Ed B.	7/4	2	Santa Rosa
Sam F.	7/15	22	Santa Rosa	Jonathon P.	7/31	5	Santa Rosa	Eric S.	7/6	2	Sonoma
Jay B.	7/22	19	Petaluma	Kim B.	7/8	5	Santa Rosa	George L.	7/29	2	Santa Rosa
Fred S.	7/3	17	Santa Rosa	Rachel B.	7/28	5	Santa Rosa	Harlee M.	7/3	2	Santa Rosa
Denise L.	7/4	13	Santa Rosa	Rick K.	7/25	5	Santa Rosa	James H.	7/12	2	Petaluma
Pamela F.	7/21	13	Santa Rosa	Jennifer B.	7/15	4	Santa Rosa	Jay J.	7/3	2	Santa Rosa
Connie B.	7/11	9	Santa Rosa	Joel M.	7/1	4	Santa Rosa	Lisa K.	7/11	2	Santa Rosa
Jeannine W.	7/1	9	Santa Rosa	Cindy S.	7/27	3	Santa Rosa	Lori	7/8	2	Sonoma
Mitch	7/25	9	Petaluma	Donna C.	7/5	3	Santa Rosa	Pat N.	7/4	2	Santa Rosa
Alice P.	7/4	8	Santa Rosa	Helen C.	7/17	3	Santa Rosa	Steve B.	7/20	2	Windsor



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Meetings	May	YTD	Meetings	May	YTD	Meetings	May	YTD
11th Step Meeting		133.30	Kenwood Group	302.99	302.99	Stepping Lively		90.00
12 X 12 @ 12 Group		260.00	Kenwood Step Study	142.00	142.00	Stick Around, Santa Rosa	185.00	325.00
12 X 12 Plus		293.00	Lunch Bunch Group		300.00	Sunday Morning Smiles Group	90.00	164.00
AA Sonoma, Friday Night Fellowship		300.00	Mature & Sober Group		326.00	Sunday PM Closed Discussion		180.00
AA Sonoma, Tues Big Book Group		18.63	Monte Rio Book Study		75.00	Sunday Sanity		250.00
Access Sonoma County	5.00	20.00	New Hope Book Study Group		60.00	T.G.I.F. Nooners		38.02
Acres Fellowship Group		872.15	New Sobriety Group		100.00	The Cross Roads Group		100.00
Alive & Well In Fulton		114.00	Not Just Another Newcomer's Meeting		250.00	The Sunday Night Group		129.70
Any Lengths Group		250.00	O God It's Monday		112.00	Think About It Group		567.30
Attitude Adjustment Group		700.00	Oaks Fellowship	87.17	469.76	Third Step Group		397.14
B.Y.O.B.B.		113.50	Occidental Tonight Group		100.00	Thurs. Big Book Step Study		75.00
Be What You Want To See		50.00	Open Door		200.00	Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion		560.91
Bodega Bay Fellowship		295.00	Out of the Ashes Group		17.87	Thurs. Night Womens AA		150.00
Book & Discussion, Sonoma		269.51	Petaluma Thursday Night Real Life		355.50	Tuesday Afternoon Delight		342.00
Breakfast Club		133.35	Petaluma Valley Group		190.50	Tuesday Night Big Book Study - Petaluma		200.00
Came to Believe Group	75.00	75.00	Promises Group		142.92	Tuesday Nite Beginners AA		59.67
Cloverdale Fellowship Hall	97.98	97.98	Quitting Time Group	150.00	450.00	Up Group		100.00
Cotati Men's Stag		100.00	Redwood Winners		180.00	Up The Steps		103.38
Defects & Shortcomings		69.55	River Discussion Group		90.00	Warm Springs Fellowship @ Mt. Vista Farm	200.00	400.30
Early Bird Fellowship of Petaluma		569.34	Round Barn Big Book Study		178.00	Wednesday Night Men's Stag		296.00
Expect A Miracle		600.00	Rule 62 River Readers	100.00	100.00	Wednesday Wonders	60.00	105.00
Faha Home Group		115.00	Santa Rosa Fellowship		20.00	We're In The Now		186.73
Fourth Monday	76.27	400.86	Saturday Morning Beginners		120.00	Windsor Group	180.00	180.00
Fresh Air Group		207.14	Saturday Night Living Right		69.00	Women's Book Group		68.00
Friday Nooners of AA		116.00	Saturday Serenity		302.80	Women's Perspective AA Group		346.82
Gay Newcomers Group		80.10	Sebastopol Men's Stag	125.00	125.00	Women's Step Study & Discussion		114.03
Graton Fellowship		457.57	Serenity Fellowship Hall		344.64	Women's Tuesday At Noon		160.05
Gravenstien Gay Group		25.02	Sharing & Caring		443.63	Working Winners		125.00
Gualala Group		750.00	Signs of Sobriety		50.00	Young & Sober		27.00
Healdsburg Anonymity		20.00	Single Purpose Group		150.00	Young & Young At Heart		180.00
Healdsburg Sunday Morning AA	30.00	30.00	Sober Sisters		203.06	(group name not on check)		117.18
Highlander Group		350.00	Sonoma Valley Fellowship		291.70	(group name not on check)		48.00
Just For Today		174.35	South Park Survivors	92.13	153.72			
Keep It Simple		280.00	Spirit of Akron		28.00			
						Total	1,998.54	20,970.67

A Hand for Our Gloria

It's about time that we volunteers who, like myself, have worked at the AA Bookstore and Central Office for five years or more give a huge round of applause to our bookstore manager, Gloria P.

She goes *beyond* the distance. Gloria has worked here for more than 12 years. She works overtime training her volunteers, but not once in her 12 years

has she ever asked for overtime. She does everything her job description calls for - *PLUS*.

And she knows everything about that bookstore. I get asked questions that—even after more than 5 years—I

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HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS



“At the beginning we sacrificed alcohol. We had to, or it would have killed us. But we could not get rid of alcohol unless we made other sacrifices. We had to toss self-justification, self-pity and anger right out the window. We had to quit the crazy contest for personal prestige and big bank balances. We had to take personal responsibility for our sorry state and quit blaming others for it.

“Were these sacrifices? Yes they were. To gain enough humility and self-respect to stay alive at all, we had to give up what had really been our dearest possessions -our ambition and our illegitimate pride.”

[Bill W., *A.A. Comes of Age*]

There was no dearth of new meeting reps at the June 6 meeting of the H&I Committee. We are pleased to welcome Jonathan, representing Saints & Winners; Miles, Expect a Miracle; Sherry M., Women in the Solution; Jim, Saturday Nite Living Right; John, Young People’s Meeting; Tom, Petaluma Valley Group; Kelly B., Broads’ Night Out; Kim, There is a Solution; Alysson, Moment of Silence; Linda, Up the Steps; Paul, Wednesday Burbank Group Orenda; Kitty, Newcomers and Oldtimers; Amy, Thursday Campobello; and Wayne, Saturday Nite Young People’s Meeting.

June sobriety birthdays were being celebrated by Kristin, with 2 years; Mike,

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HAPPY TRAILS

Hi everybody!
We’re going to Point Reyes on the 29th of July.

We will meet outside Starbucks, next to Safeway in Rohnert Park at 8:45, and leave promptly by 9AM. (It takes about an hour to get out there.)

Safeway is located at the crossroads of Commerce and Rohnert Park Expressway. Arrive early to get sandwiches, water, etc. should you need it.

We’ll be going to Pt. Reyes through Petaluma. Please try to carpool to keep the caravan to a minimum.

Thanks!

I look forward to seeing you all there!
Linda L.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1	SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg.	2	General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	3		4	Independence Day!	5		6		7	
8		9	SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 7:00 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	10		11	P/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting Newsletter 6:30 SCIF Bookstore Hospitals & Institutions S.R. Senior Center 5:30 New Rep Orientation 6:00 Business Meeting	12	Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Meeting	13		14	SERVICE SEMINAR 3:00—5:00 P.M. SCIF Bookstore
15	SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg.	16		17	Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:30 New Rep Orientation 7:00 Business Meeting	18		19		20		21	
22		23	Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 Newsletter Collating 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	24	General Service District 12 Officers Meeting 6:15 SCIF Bookstore	25		26		27		28	
29	Happy Trails 8:45 AM Safeway in Rohnert Park.	30		31	SCIF Bookstore750 Mendocino Ave. Suite 10 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. and Santa Rosa Ave.								

Activities Message (Continued from page 1)

Ken, Jeff, and Larry O. for handling the door! Tom R. transported much of the goods and both Christies kept me sane and grounded (...right...). And thanks to anyone I omitted. You all made my job look easy.

The good news is we lost a bit but *almost* broke even with the left over inventory. The bad news is that \$7 admission does not cut it. The Intergroup steering committee heads want activities to be self-supporting, so we have a way to go.

I am committed to making this job fun and accountable to the fellowship—this means we need to support these activities with more than just newcomers. Old timers, where are you? A good place to do twelve-step work is on committees such as this one.

We had a sobriety countdown and the oldest sobriety was 24 years. We presented a newcomer with 3 days a Big Book full of good wishes and phone numbers.

Keep in mind that Intergroup does more for all of us than fund activities; this may well be the least important of all that Intergroup administers. When you support Intergroup in the 7th tradition baskets it helps with the cost for the newsletter, which is not only picked up by reps to take back to their homegroups, but is also mailed away to AA's outside Sonoma County. Teleservice is another important service funded by your contributions. Where would we all be without those important twelve step calls? Our bookstore and bookstore Manager Gloria are resources I feel really lucky to have! Other services provided by Intergroup are meeting schedules, our seminars, holiday Alcahons as well as many other services. It is my hope that this year all will become more informed as to the functions of Sonoma County Intergroup and be supportive to all Intergroups services in your home group.

By the time you read this I will have had another out of boat experience so pray for me and I'll keep you up to date on the fun planned for all of us!

In Loving Service,
Laurie E.

Hand for Gloria (Continued from page 5)

can't answer, but Gloria has an answer for most everything.

She gives so much of herself to the volunteers and to the clients who come to the bookstore. She has helped me and many others keep our sobriety. Gloria is literate in the AA Traditions, and she lives the program.

Once more, we applaud Gloria. She is very special indeed.
—Wynette B.

H&I Report (Continued from page 6)

6; John, 5; Heidi, 4; Matt M., 5; Jeremy, 16; Sherry, 3; and Ken and Steven, with 11 months each. Terry caught up with us to share her 3rd birthday (her sobriety date is in March).

The five-minute share was given by Phil C., a self-proclaimed "garden variety drunk" who lost jobs, pissed people off and generally did things he'd rather he hadn't. It just so happened, while in early sobriety, that he was employed alongside some people who just happened to be active in H&I. He obtained clearances for jails and prisons and found that he enjoyed doing it so much, he hated to rotate out. He stays in service, because, as he puts it, "if service keeps you sober, why take the chance?"

It's not too early to start thinking about how you can help with the Santa Rosa hosting of this year's Unity Day on November 10—stay tuned for details.

Please note: Due to the 4th of July festivities at the Fairgrounds, the July meeting of the H&I Committee will be held on the 2nd **Wednesday (July 11)**. The time is still 6:00 (5:30 for new rep orientation) and the place is still the Santa Rosa Senior Center on the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue (1 block east of Santa Rosa Avenue). Come on down and bring some friends

In service.
Mardi

Chair Notes (Continued from page 4)

participate in the Intergroup meetings. So the Outreach Committee invites groups to send representatives. Discussions about the cost of hot dogs are really about being prudent with group contributions, as part of making sure we have the resources to fund the Hotline, the meeting directories, the services available at the Bookstore. Discussions about financial reports are really about an effort to promote trust through transparency and accountability.

—Diane W.

PI/CPC Report (Continued from page 3)

County. Anyone interested in attending is certainly welcome. We meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month in the employee's lounge underground at Santa Rosa City Hall.

—Amanda

Hotline (Continued from page 3)

Wow—what a gift working with people on the ground floor! This service has been very good for me and been a big factor in my staying sober. One of the most rewarding things for me is to refer a 12th step call to a member of my home group, and then see the newcomer come to their first meeting after I had talked with them on the AA Hotline.

I have not had a shift for many years now, but I have been active on the Teleservice Committee.

It is easy to help with answering the hotline. You can do it from your home. All you need is six months sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps and a telephone. We try to have a live sober alcoholic answering our phones 24/7. This is a big job and we always need your help. This is a great form of love and service.

YES! THE AA HOTLINE IS WORTH HAVING!

It is the lifeline to the alcoholic that is still suffering or just needs help finding a meeting.

—Bob K.

NEW MEETINGS

Gualala
Tue 7:30 AM Gualala Group
Thu 38550 Hwy 1 South

Santa Rosa
Sat 10:00 AM (O) There Is a Solution
3333 Chanate Rd.

MEETING CHANGES

Gualala
Mon 8:00 PM Gualala Group
Now meeting at 5:30 PM

Rohnert Park
Mon 7:00 PM New Women
Moved to 85 La Plaza

Fri 7:00 PM Let's Discuss It
Moved to 216 E. School St.

Sebastopol
Fri 6:30 PM Tea & Recovery
Moved to the Community Church
1000 Gravenstein Hwy North

Sonoma
Sun 9:00 PM Meditation Meeting
Now meeting at 8:30 PM

NO LONGER MEETING

Gualala
Sun 6:00 PM Big Book Study

Santa Rosa
Mon 7:00 PM Bien Estar
Wed 7:30 PM Bien Estar
Thu 5:30 PM Ladies First

MEETING CODES

- (C) Closed meeting, alcoholics only.
- (O) Open meeting, anyone can attend.
- (W) Wheel chair access to meeting area.

To report meeting changes:
Contact Russell

Gloria's Corner

Openings every other Wednesday, 10 AM – 2 PM, every Friday 2 PM – 6 PM.

I want to thank Dick M. for his last 12 years of service at the Bookstore. He will be missed.

We have the new Grapevine book, In Our Own Words, about young people in AA. Emotional Sobriety is still a big seller as well.

Inventory is the 30th of June.

Yours truly,
Gloria



We had the privilege of giving Bill S. from Sonoma his 59 year chip! Way to go, Bill!

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

Call first!

The Bookstore is closed on these Holidays:

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Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 4th
Thanksgiving	November 23rd
Christmas	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st

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