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SERVICE

Excerpt from “A.A.’s Legacy of Service”

by *BILL W.*

“Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.’s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

Vital to A.A.’s Growth

These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or A.A. as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make A.A. more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion. 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.”

I am responsible. . .
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming!!!

Elections for Intergroup Committee Chairs

What: SCIF General Meeting

When: Feb. 28th @ 7:30PM

Where: St. Luke Lutheran Church
905 Mendocino Ave.

If you are unable to attend in person, please join us on Zoom
Meeting ID: 832 3668 7573
Password: 62

MEETINGS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

11th Step Group

Meditation Meeting - Open
Saturday night @ 8PM
Healdsburg Community Church
1102 University Ave.
Healdsburg

Saturday Afternoon Winners

Speaker/Discussion - Open
Saturdays @ 2PM

*Service positions available
Doyle Park Clubhouse
1700 Hoen Avenue
Santa Rosa

** If your home group is in need of support, please send a brief email to newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org to be included in next month’s newsletter.

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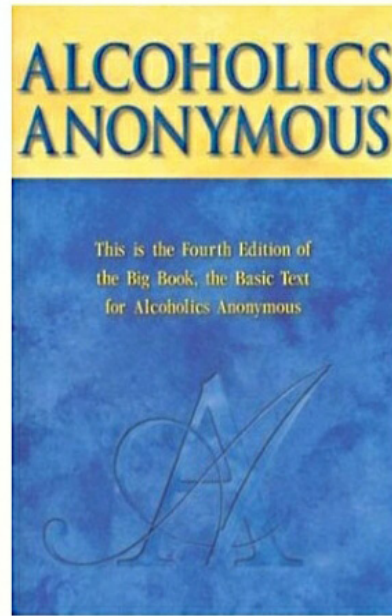
WINTER HOURS

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

AAWS GUIDELINES FOR NEWSLETTERS:

“Newsletters or bulletins published by central offices may include not only office news and events, but similar information about the groups and committees served by these offices (such as meeting times, openings of new groups, or changes of group meeting locations or officers). Frequently, material from A.A. literature is reprinted and discussed, and articles on subjects of interest to A.A.s are also published. Experience indicates that, as in most A.A. service activities, it is prudent to make a committee (rather than one or two individuals) responsible for the format, planning and content of the bulletin.”

(From “A.A. Guidelines, Central or Intergroup Offices”
http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/mg-02_centralorinter.pdf)



Big Book Comes Alive
Mon 2/14 through Mon 3/28
6:30pm to 8:30pm (5:30pm dinner)
BRING YOUR BIG BOOK and 12 & 12
Dinner is planned for each week \$15
Sonoma County Alano Club
1050 Petaluma Blvd. N
(707)782-0588

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

Sale Book for February is...

“The Best of the Grapevine”

(Any 1 of 3 volumes)

These three reissued volumes feature some of the very best Grapevine stories, carefully selected by the editors and written by a diverse group of sober AA members. Topics include life in sobriety, AA meetings, the Twelve Steps and Traditions, spiritual experience, recovery tools, old-timers, a look back into early AA history and more.

\$9.59 + tax

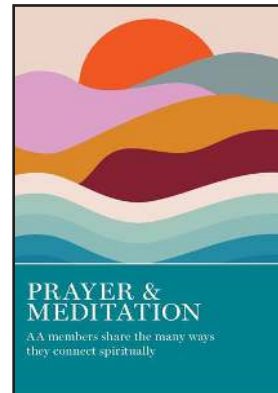


New Book!

“Prayer & Meditation”

AA members share the many ways they connect spiritually.

Selling for \$13.49 plus tax.



750 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 10, Santa Rosa
PST: Monday – Thursday 10AM-5PM, Friday 10-6PM, Saturday 11-3PM

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS

The 45th
Alcoholics
Anonymous
Hispanic State
Convention will
be held in
Orange County.

May 27th
through 29th,
2022. The venue
will be the
Sheraton Park
Hotel at the
Anaheim Resort.

For more
information,
contact
Angie V. at
(714) 750-1811

A LOS HOMBRES LA HUMILDAD LOS UNE

Alcoholicos Anónimos

**XLV CONVENCION ESTATAL
HISPANA DE A.A. DEL ESTADO
DE CALIFORNIA AREA SEDE
ORANGE 27, 28, Y 29 DE MAYO 2022**

*EL ORGULLO DIVIDE
A LOS HOMBRES LA HUMILDAD
LOS UNE*

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CALIFORNIA**

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ALATEEN Y AL-ANON, MARATONICAS DE HOMBRES Y
MUJERES, GAYS Y LESBIANAS, H&I, LA VIÑA, INGLES,

PI/CPC

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Committee is a subcommittee of General Service District 12 Sonoma County. Put simply, we are the public face and voice of Alcoholics Anonymous. We need recovering alcoholics to share their experience, strength, and hope in public venues such as: Drunk Driving Programs, local schools, veterans groups, doctors, nurses, Law enforcement agencies, public libraries, Psych Emergency services, and any public group who wishes us to provide a speaker to better understand what AA is and is not. As Covid-19 protocols slowly open up, we are in urgent need for new speakers of all ages to carry our message. And that person is you, the recovering alcoholic who is staying sober with the help of our life-saving fellowship. Please join us the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM for speaker training, and 7:30PM for our monthly business meeting where you can check us out and find how your unique talents can best carry the Twelve Step message.

Please join us Wednesday, February 9th at 7PM via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 Password: Dist12GS

Chris S. PI/CPC committee

Bridging the Gap

Statement of Purpose

Bridging the Gap is a General Service sub-committee that supports that very important first step for alcoholics who have just been released from a hospital, treatment center or correctional facility. By providing a temporary contact, Bridging the Gap helps newcomers make the transition to Alcoholics Anonymous in his or her home community.

Members of Alcoholics Anonymous, usually in pairs, meet the patients or inmates after release and accompany them to their first A.A. meeting. As in all 12-step work, this activity is strictly voluntary.

We are always looking for volunteers to fill our phone list. We try to have a volunteer available who is someone around their age and gender, who lives in their neighborhood, who can meet them at the volunteer's home group, introduce them to the fellowship and make them feel welcome and at home. It is usually a one-time commitment, and as in all 12-step work, should be done in pairs. To be a volunteer, it is suggested that you have at least 6 months sobriety and a working knowledge of the twelve steps.

Bridging the Gap meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm

SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	H&I Hybrid Meeting In person at Community of Christ Church Zoom ID: 891 8522 6587 / PW: 463197 5:45 New Rep Orien. 6:15pm Business mtg.	2	3	4	5
6 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	7 GENERAL SERVICE Meeting VIA ZOOM Email chairperson for Meeting ID 6:45pm New Rep Orientation 7:30 pm Business mtg.	8	9 PI/CPC Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 Password: Dist12GS 7:00pm Speaker Training 7:30pm Business Mtg	10 ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 934 2984 1277 Password: 804715 7:15pm Business Meeting	11	12	
13	14 SCIF STEERING COMMITTEE In person at the AA Bookstore - 7:30PM 750 Mendocino Ave. Zoom sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting ID and password	15 BRIDGING THE GAP Please email btg@sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting and service info. 6pm New Rep Orien.	16	17	18 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 5pm newsletter@ sonomacountyaa. org	19	
20 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28 SCIF INTERGROUP Hybrid Meeting In person at St. Luke Church (905 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa) & Online via Zoom 7:30pm Business Mtg						

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 22nd, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:32 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 12 and Concept XII

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES: Diana, Moment of Silence; Harry, Petaluma Friday night Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Amy 9; Bonnie 32, Mary P. 17, Katherine 5

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] Thanks to the numerous Alkathon Volunteers. Thanksgiving and Christmas events were a huge success. SCIF Officer elections will be at January meeting. Treasurer, and perhaps other officers, will need to be replaced.

VICE CHAIR: [Meghan A.] Two New Reps at Orientation tonight. If you are new and weren't at orientation, contact Meghan to receive an Orientation Packet.

SECRETARY: [Katherine C.] November General Meeting minutes published in January Newsletter. Send additions/corrections to secretary@sonomacountyaa.org.

TREASURER: [Buddy M] Central Office income for November 2021 includes \$4,280 from Group Contributions, \$620 from individuals and \$50 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$4,951. Total expenses for November include \$2,182 for central office, \$59 for Teleservice and \$400 for newsletters leaving a subtotal gain of \$2,641. Bookstore income for November 2021 was \$5,174, Unity Day was \$149 and group insurance collection was \$50. Total expenses were \$6,108 leaving a subtotal loss of \$934. Overall for this month we had a net gain of \$1,575. Year to date our income is \$100,261 our expenses are \$84,034 leaving a gain of \$16,227.

REGISTRAR: [Hilary G] There are 190 groups in Sonoma County offering 345 meetings each week, 144 online and 183 in-person, 18 of which are hybrid. Thirty-two Reps attended the November General Meeting; none of these were New Reps. 9 attended in-person and 23 online. Reps attending in person, please sign in on sheets provided at back of room. Reps attending on Zoom, whether New or not, please sign in using link Hilary has placed in Chat.

ICSC REPORT: [Gerry H.] Shared Intergroup Central Steering Committee functions, i.e., management and oversight of Bookstore and Central Office. Bookstore inventory Jan 2.

BOOKSTORE REPORT: [Glenn C.] Note the bookstore will be closed on New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1, 2022. Sale book for January is Beginner's Book; sale price is \$10.80 plus tax. \$30 worth of gift certificates sold in December. Gift certificates available year-round.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] Nothing to report

ACTIVITIES: [Kristin P.] No report

ALKATHONS: [Natalie B.] Shoutout to all who have volunteered so far. It takes lots of volunteers to make Alkathons successful. New Years Alkathon Dec. 31, 6PM – Jan 1 110PM. Volunteers still needed. Sign up using form on website.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER: [Ashley H.] Absent

WEBMASTER: [Judah N.] Notify Judah of upcoming events and changes to meetings by using CONTACT US link on website or e-mailing webmaster@sonomacountyaa.org. Please notify one week in advance.

SEMINARS: [Rosa R.] December Seminar, How to Stay Sober Through the Holidays, was very successful. January's Seminar will be on 1-19, from 7:30 to 9 PM. Topic is Gratitude.

TELESERVICE: [Deb D.] No report.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: [Barry D., Eric, Marilyn] No report.

UNITY DAY: [Larry O] Larry will assemble a "pass-it-on" binder and will deliver it to H&I as soon as they elect their Unity Day chair.

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 22nd, 2022

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Jeff] Dodgeball event was amazing, had 50 attendees. Post-apocalyptic Dance coming up on 1-15, co-hosted by Sacramento, Marin and Napa YPAAs. Dance is at church on Steele and Range. Meeting at 8:30 PM; dance starts at 9:30.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [José G.] Alkathon style meetings (Maratonicas in Spanish) will be held on Friday, Dec 31st from 9am to 6pm at the Spanish central office at 5959 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park. The 45th AA Spanish State Convention will be held in Orange County on May 27-29, 2022 at the Sheraton Park Hotel, at the Anaheim Resort.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: [Jeff R.] No report.

GENERAL SERVICE: [Denise G.] No report.

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Sam K.] No report.

PI/CPC: [Chris S.] PI/CPC is the public face of AA. We share information about alcoholism and AA. This past month we trained 3 speakers, did 6 DUI classes and 16 presentations at Petaluma high schools. Also delivered literature to many. In September, had a large and successful outreach forum for the community of professionals who deal with alcoholics. Meetings are at 7 PM, 2nd Wednesdays, via Zoom. We plan to return to meeting in person next year.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Stephen R.] No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

NEW BUSINESS: None discussed

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS: None

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine C.

MEETING CHANGES

GROUP RE-OPENINGS: SCIF will not dictate when or if each group can re-open.

That decision is to be made by each group.

PLEASE NOTIFY US ASAP SO WE CAN GET THE WORD OUT

PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE AT WWW.SONOMACOUNTYAA.ORG
FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION REGARDING MEETING OPENINGS/CHANGES

To report meeting changes, please send an email to meetingchanges@sonomacountyaa.org
or contact the SCIF Office at 707-546-2066

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER 2021

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP									
Financial Summary									
	Dec-21			Dec-20	Year to Date		2021	2020	difference
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	
Group Supported:				Comparison			Comparison		
Central Office	-	(2,388)	(2,388)	(2,416)	-	(24,806)	(24,806)	(26,497)	1,691
Groups	3,497	0	3,497	838	42,150	0	42,150	30,592	11,557
Individuals	448	0	448	1,019	7,628	0	7,628	11,532	(3,904)
Group Ins Collection	150	0	150	0	825	0	825	1,125	(300)
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(319)	319
Pamphlets & Cards	0	0	0	0	0	(349)	(349)	(374)	24
Newsletter	0	(200)	(200)	0	0	(600)	(600)	(1,066)	466
Teleservice	0	(59)	(59)	(58)	0	(704)	(704)	(679)	(25)
Interest/Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	(25)
Subtotal	4,095	(2,647)	1,448	(616)	50,603	(26,459)	24,144	14,341	9,803
Self Supported:									
Bookstore	6,742	(7,327)	(586)	(819)	59,520	(67,686)	(8,166)	(13,087)	4,920
Group Ins Collection	150	0	150	0	825	0	825	1,125	(300)
Alkathons	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	177	(177)
Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(54)	54
Seminars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unity Day	0	0	0	0	330	0	330	309	20
Subtotal	6,892	(7,327)	(436)	(642)	60,675	(67,686)	(7,011)	(11,529)	4,517
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	10,987	(9,974)	1,012	(1,258)	111,278	(94,145)	17,133	2,812	14,321
Assets & Liabilities									
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	74,038				Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		74,038		
Prepaid Expenses	3,507				Prudent Reserve		(40,649)		
Bookstore Inventory	15,841				Liabilities		(9,697)		
Property	13,619				Operating Reserve		23,693		net Gain 23,693
Subtotal	107,005								
Liabilities	(9,697)								
Total Assets & Liabilities	97,309								
These items have not been entered as of yet									
All of these will reduce Gain									
					Inventory		(5,000)		this will increase Inventory
					CPA Bill		(1,500)		this will increase expenses
					Storage		(1,200)		this will increase expenses
					Intergroup		(250)		this will increase Fix Assets
					Total changes		(7,950)		this will increase A/P
					Operating Reserve		15,743		

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2021

Central Office income for December 2021 includes \$3,497 from Group Contributions, \$448 from individuals and \$150 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$4,095. Total expenses for December include \$2,388 for central office, \$59 for Teleservice and \$200 for newsletters leaving a subtotal gain of \$1,448.

The Bookstore income for December 2021 was \$6,742 and group insurance collection was \$150. Total expenses were \$7,327 leaving a subtotal loss of \$586.

Overall for this month we had a net gain of \$1,012

Year to date our income is \$111,278 our expenses are \$94,145 leaving a gain of \$17,133

In service, Buddy M, Treasurer

Example of Suggested Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities:

- 50-70% to Intergroup;
 - 10-30% to Local General Service;
 - 10-20% to CNCA;
 - 10-20% to GSO New York;
- (To be determined by each group)



A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa: (707) 544-1300

Español: (707) 623-6702



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Alcoholics Anonymous:
www.aa.org

Sonoma County Intergroup
Fellowship:
www.sonomacountyaa.org

SOCYPAA (Sonoma County Young
People in Alcoholics Anonymous):
www.socypaa.org

Northern California Coastal Area 06:
www.cnca06.org

AA Grapevine:
www.aagrapevine.org

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