

Sonoma County
Intergroup
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News

April
2025

90 YEARS OF AA

**Founder's Day
Potluck & BBQ**

potluck

**Last Name a-m side dish
last name n-z dessert**

**SATURDAY | JUNE 7
MEETING AT 12:00**

**LADYBUG PARK
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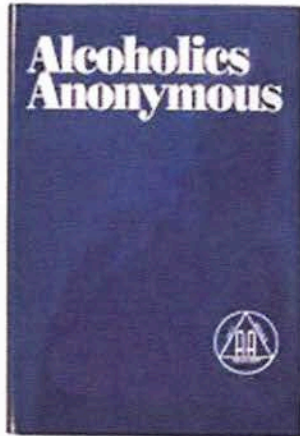
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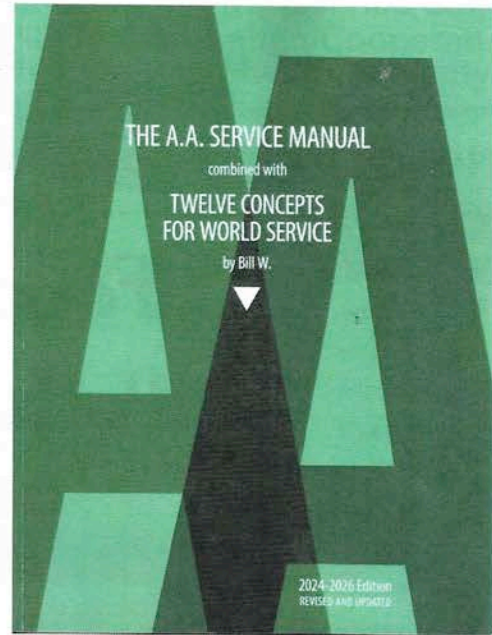
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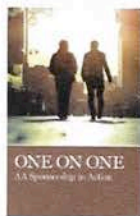
Book of the Month for April
Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book
(Large Print Abridged)

First 164 pages B-24 & SB-24
English or Spanish

\$8



New AA Service Manual



One on One



In Our Own Words



The Home Group



Making Amends



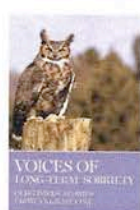
Our Twelve Traditions



Young & Sober



Free on the Inside



Voices of Long Term Sobriety

\$14.79 each

Grapevine
Books
Overstock
Sale

General Service

Every year, in so many different ways recovered alcoholics show that we are not a glum lot. Whether it's a campout, activity or conference we're always finding new ways to carry the message. General Service has this fun and inspiring conference called PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) which covers 9 states and 15 Areas, lasts 2 ½ days and had over 700 people in attendance this year. District 12 sets aside money for scholarships yearly, and this year I was one of the lucky two sent to Anchorage, Alaska.

You may be thinking, General Service, fun? Huh? I'd like to challenge any preconceptions and say "yes". I was so inspired and had such joy watching this group who is so passionate about their recovery and carrying the message that they'll sit through a 2 hour business meeting.

Large panel and small roundtable discussions focused on how do we make the message accessible to all who need it, not just those who want it? What are outside issues or do we have any if we all gather with one primary purpose? We had open and vulnerable discussions on these topics and more. People freely expressed themselves with love and passion for AA posing different opinions and perspectives; and at the same time we sat with quiet welcome and acceptance of those differences. I watched our Traditions being practiced in "real time".

As our literature is the main way we carry our message, we ask "is it effective"? Does everyone know we have a Grapevine App, YouTube Channel and a Podcast? Also, that you can access and order literature through your local Intergroup Bookstore or at aa.org? How can GSRs and other General Service nerds share excitement with others and encourage them to be part of this process?

If I've piqued your curiosity, please join us at 4930 Newanga, 1st Monday of the month. 6:45p Concept Study, 7:30 District Meeting. Next year PRAASA is in Hawaii and there will be another scholarship available, come grab it yourself!

In love and service - MaryEllen Wernett

Hospital and Institution Committee

The Hospital and Institution business meeting area 22 took place at the Center for Spiritual Living on Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:15 pm.

A warm welcome to our newest Meeting Reps: Grace R. Women's Big Book Study Monday, Rich F. How it Works Sunday, Kris P. Mon. Tues. Wed. 7pm, Alex B. Sebastopol LGBT meeting Wed., Samantha P. Out of the Ashes Petaluma Mon., Katina High Steppers Sat 7:30pm. Maurine 5:30 Closed meeting, Dede Women's Empowering group Noon. Thank you for your service!

Welcome to our Visitors: Randal L., Patty, Stephanie, and Amy. Keep coming back!

March Sobriety Birthdays: Karen B. 18 yrs, Lindsey J. 4 yrs, Samantha 2 yrs, Stacy T. 6 yrs, Will 7months, Emelia 25 yrs, Adrienne 9 months, Carlie 39 yrs, Amy 1 yr, Mike 8 months, Mandy J. 2 yrs, Liz W. 12 yrs. Happy Birthday!

The next business meeting is on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:15 pm at The Center for Spiritual Living in Santa Rosa. New Rep and visitor orientation begins at 5:45, and all are welcome to attend.

In Service,

Cat C.

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Group Contributions February 2025

Group Number	Name	City	Day	Feb
125734	Fresh Air Group	Santa Rosa	Tue	\$ 120.00
697772	Good, Bad, & Ugly Group	Petaluma	Sun	\$ 100.00
716681	Knuckleheads	Santa Rosa	Tues	\$ 150.00
123069	Lunch Bunch	Petaluma	Tue	\$ 165.15
	Men in the Solution	Santa Rosa	Tue	\$ 20.00
425249	Monday Madness	Petaluma	Mon	\$ 498.00
	New Vistas Speaker	Glen Ellen	Sun	\$ 136.00
175166	Quitting Time	Petaluma	Th,Sa,Su	\$ 157.68
	Realización	Santa Rosa	Daily	\$ 100.00
133425	Sunday Night Closed Discussion	Rohnert Park	Sun	\$ 421.51
415177	Taking A Trip	Santa Rosa	Sat	\$ 90.50
136816	Thursday Night Womens	Petaluma	Thu	\$ 163.44
	unknown			\$ 136.00
			Feb Total	\$ 2,258.28
			All Groups YTD	\$ 10,935.61

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2025

The meeting opened at 7:37 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 2 and Concept 2.

Introduction of New Representatives: zoom- David- Wednesday west siders, Lynn- Plain Language Big Book, Lance - Big week madness, Newcomers Thursday, Janie – There is a solution Sunday, Jaydon – womens, Kevin – Sunday Smiles, Rico – Serenity fellowship, Maria – There is a vision for you, Greg – Newanga 7:30, Annita – Reading between the lines Thursday, Melissa – Saturday afternoon winners group

Birthdays since we last met: Karen 41 years, Arjuna 3 years, Wendy 37 years, Maria 8 years, David 2 years, Crit 32 years, James 14 years

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(MODIFIED THIRD LEGACY, Facilitated by General Service Representatives)
Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar

Chair – Available: Cat P, Angie, Joshua, Elected: Joshua elected.

Vice Chair – Available: Angie, Cat P Elected: Angie elected.

Secretary – Available: Amy P Elected: Amy P

Treasurer – Available: Mike, Justin C. Elected: Mike

Registrar – Available: Stacy Elected: Stacy

Newsletter Vote: Bruce elected

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

(Outreach, Activities, Alkathons, Communications/Newsletter, Webmaster, Seminars, Teleservice, ICSC Nominating Committee)

Who may vote:

-Intergroup Representatives (or their Alternates if the Representative is not present)

-SCIF Officers and Committee Chairs (Steering Committee members)

-Paid workers (Concept IV)

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (Amber C) We have once a quarter a meeting of the chairs of Sonoma county aa, ie gsr, intergroup, HI etc. What we do is meet and go over how we best support each other. We need additional integration between groups. We need more interpreting options available for events so any alcoholic can attend.

Vice Chair: (Bruce) No report.

Secretary: (Megan M) Any adjustments to the meeting minutes from last month? Motion to approve last months meeting minutes. Tim motion Clark seconded. Approved.

Treasurer: (James) The bookstore income for January 2025 was \$9,853. Cost of goods total was \$6,758. Total expenses for January were \$3,663 for a subtotal loss of \$567. Central Office income for January 2025 was \$9,094. Total expenses for January were \$4,461, for a subtotal gain of \$4633. Intergroup Activities income for January 2025 was \$3,371. Expenses for January 2025 were \$900, for a subtotal gain of \$2471. Overall, for January, there was an overall loss of \$697. Year to date our income is \$22,319, total cost of goods is \$6,758, and our total expenses were \$9,024 leaving a gain of \$6,537. All numbers are rounded nearest whole dollar.

Registrar: (Ellen W) Need report

Committee Reports

ICSC: (Stacy) Need report

BOOKSTORE: (Bob F) The \$50 copay for Group Insurance that covers the location for all the groups that meet there and is due before May 12. More information about that is in the newsletter. Book of the month for March is "Came To Believe" in English, Spanish and large print for \$6.20. The new GSO Service manuals are available. Also, a selection of Grapevine books and some other AA themed products are on sale. As your tradition 8 special worker the bookstore volunteers and I are grateful for all the support and encouragement the Fellowship has expressed to us for continuing to provide low cost AA literature for a solid AA life foundation and the variety of merchandise that enriches and brings joy to our lives in AA

OUTREACH:(Peter) No report

ACTIVITIES:(Erica C) Reserved a couple days for founders day June 7th Saturday, Pop luck Sign up sheet, AA quilt day is coming up

ALKATHONS: (Shauna) No report

NEWSLETTER: (Arjuna) Deadline for the April newsletter is March 14th.

WEBMASTER: (Jay) Great job sending in your events! If you have an AA event scheduled, please also include the webmaster and please include graphics!

SEMINARS: (Stacy) Seminar: The Only Requirement for Membership is a desire to stop drinking. Saturday, March 22, 2025 4:30-6 Ladybug Park 8517 Lyman Way RP. Speakers share their experience of only having a desire to stop drinking.

TELESERVICE: (Anne) Teleservice shifts that are available are: Wednesday 10pm - Thursday 8am (overnight)/ Thursday 10pm - Fri 8am (overnight)/ Sunday 10pm - Monday 8am (overnight). Wednesday and Thursday shifts are currently on voicemail extension. Sobriety requirement 1 year and working knowledge of steps and traditions. A weekly, year-long commitment

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Clark) Is like the board of directors and oversees the bookstore. The nominating committee each member has to have 2 years. April election is coming up.

UNITY DAY (Maria): No report

Liaison Reports:

SOCYPAA:(Vincent) no report

SPANISH Central Office: (David) Spanish Reunión Planificada del Grupo Bienestar (Bienestar Group's Community Meeting) El 14 de marzo de 7:00 a 8:30 p.m. (March 14th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.) 559 Commerce Boulevard. Suite #21, Rohnert Park CA 94931 • Grupo/Orador(a) Invidato(a) (Guest group/speaker): o Nuevo Camino (New Way) o Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) o Antonio (Guest Speaker) • Temas (Themes): o Los 12 Pasos de AA. Viviendo Sobrio (AA 12 Steps. Living Sober) o Primera Tradición 12x12 (12x12's First Tradition) o Quinto Capitulo (Fifth Chapter). Semana de Unidad del Grupo Trabajando con los Demás (Working with Others Group's Unity Week) Del 17 al 21 de marzo de 7:30 a 9:30 p.m. (March 17 to 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.) 3255 Kerner Boulevard. Suite #1, San Rafael CA 94901 • 13 grupos y oradores(as) invitados(as) en su totalidad (13 groups/speaker invited as whole) • 13 temas a tocar (13 themes in total) • Al finalizar la reunión habrá una rica cena y pastel (A nice dinner and cake desert will be provided once the event concludes.) • Todos(as) están cordialmente invitados (All are cordially invited) Aniversario de Luis del Grupo Fe y Visión (Feith and Vision Group's Luis' Sobriety Anniversary) El 29 de marzo de 7:30 a 9:30 p.m. (March 29th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.) 1104 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael CA 94901

H&I: (Joe) Please send in "pink can" contributions on a monthly basis. Lots of opportunities to speak at the 20+ facilities we are going into. 6 months sobriety and working knowledge of the steps for most of our facilities. Orenda Center detox reopened; new facility: Center Pointe. You don't need to be a pink can rep to attend and get involved. Business Meeting is the 1st Wednesday of every month at The Center for Spiritual Living in Santa Rosa. New meeting rep orientation at 5:45, business meeting at 6:15.

GENERAL SERVICE: (Maureen) Thanks to all of you who participated and volunteered or sent food for the Agenda Topics Workshop. We had 127 participants from at least six districts.

My report today is to let all of the intergroup representatives know the ways that general service is available to support your groups.

- D12 helps your General Service Representatives learn their role in voting on District and Area items as well as how to hold a sharing session and bring your group conscience to the Delegate on the Conference Agenda Topics. And importantly, supports them to report back to the group. It's a two way flow of information, just like you are doing here at Intergroup
- General Service District Committee Members (DCMs - we have six of these positions in Sonoma County), and other district officers are available to facilitate and support group inventories and informed group consciences
- District Committee Members (DCMs) are available to support GSRs and groups *without* GSRs in ways that a GSR might. For example, they might facilitate an inventory, a group sharing session on the conference agenda topics or report back to the group about the Delegate's report after the conference. Rea2ch out at any time that some support would be helpful.
- And one more for now, the General Service Office in New York takes calls on questions that groups have on a wide range of topics. You don't have to be in general service to call. The number is on aa.org

District 12 General Service works for the groups in Sonoma County. Reach out any time generalservice@sonomacountyaa.org. All questions welcome.

BRIDGING THE GAP:(Nicole) No report

PICPC: (Brett): Our committee has filled all committee positions for the next 2-year cycle except Speaker List Coordinator. We are also in need of help to carry the message of AA to the public in the form of speaking at schools and Drunk Driving Classes or distribute literature. See the card in the March Newsletter from a student at a local high school sharing what the AA speakers meant to them.... Great reminder of the good we do for our community.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: (Ben) Access works to make AA accessible to all. Access meets the second Thursday of the month, on Zoom, at 7:30pm. We need more members as we plan for our next workshop on Safety. There is a survey in the newsletter on what safety is to you. Please fill it out. We also have an opening for Recording Secretary on our committee. We continue to discuss insurance and childcare. A member reported at our last meeting about the use of a program, Eleven Labs, used to assist a member with Text-to-Speech technology. This software uses the members own voice, which he lost due to cancer. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 18: (Alma) - District #18 started with a new orientation meeting for GSRs and we are also looking for a liaison for the intergroup, In April there will be a meeting of the 5 Hispanic districts with general service topics and everyone is welcome. I will send you the flyer as soon as I have it. Thank you!
CMCD Alma L Dist. 18

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Group Sharing: None

Group Representative: None

Group Summation:

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement at 9:22pm

-In Service

Megan M.

Sonoma County **April 2025 CALENDAR** Intergroup Fellowship

Wed April 2nd H&I Committee (Hospital & Institution) 5:45pm new Reps; 6:15pm Business Meeting
Center For Spiritual Living - 2075 Occidental Road - Santa Rosa

Fri April 4th Karaoke & Pizza Night 8:30 -11:30pm Alano Club Petaluma (Pizza \$13)

Sat & Sun April 5th & 6th CNCA (06) California Northern Coastal Area (aka Area)

Pre-Conference Assembly 2025 "Working Together, Increasing Trust"

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium (Zoom ID: 632 553 607 Password: 1935)

Sun April 6th SOCYPAA (Sonoma County Young People in AA) 7:30pm 1551 Montgomery Drive Santa Rosa

Mon April 7th General Service District 12 6:30pm new **GSR (General Service Representative)** Orientation
7:30pm Business Meeting 4930 Newanga Avenue Santa Rosa or Zoom ID: 973 6892 3488 Password: Dist12GS

Tue April 8th Teleservice Committee (SCIF) 6:00pm Zoom Only ID: 860 4370 3384 Password: 62

Wed April 9th PI/CPC - Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community (GS Dist 12)
7:00pm new Reps 7:30 Biz Mtg 750 Mendocino Ave #10 (AA Bookstore) or (Zoom) ID: 961 8127 1048 PW: Dist12GS

Thr April 10th ASC - Access Sonoma County Business Meeting 7:30pm Zoom Only (GS Dist 12)
ID: 934 2984 1277 Password: 804715

Mon April 14th SCIF Steering Committee 7:30pm AA Bookstore & G.O. 750 Mendocino Ave Suite #10

Tue April 15th Bridging the Gap (GS Dist 12) new Reps 6:00pm Business Meeting 6:30 at the AA Bookstore

Fri April 18th SCIF News submissions Deadline 5:00pm email: newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org (.pdf or .jpg)

Sun April 20th SOCYPAA - Sonoma County Young People in AA 7:30pm 1551 Montgomery Drive Santa Rosa

Mon April 28th SCIF Business Mtg new Reps 7:00pm - Biz Mtg 7:30pm 905 Mendocino Ave (St Luke Church)

Tue April 29th Sober Birthday Party 7:00 - 8:30pm 1050 Petaluma Blvd North (Petaluma Alano Club)

Attention Treasurers \$\$: **Group Insurance** is due by Monday **May 12th** annual **\$50** (per facility, not per group)

***Sat June 7th** (3 days early) **Founders Day 2025 Celebrating 90 Years** (actual anniversary June 10th)

***Cache Creek Rafting Trip June 20 - 22** (see flyer for cost and details)

***AA International Convention July 5 & 6 Vancouver, British Columbia**

SCIF will be bringing the **AAIC** to you via **Zoom** at the AA Bookstore - be sure to drop by 25.04 NewsIT.pdf

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Common Acronyms:

SCIF = Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship

ICSC = Intergroup Central Service Committee

PI/CPC = Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community

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