



# Sonoma County October 2026 Intergroup Fellowship News



## Step Ten

- Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

## Tradition Ten

- Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be brought into public controversy.

**Come help us Celebrate  
our THIRD Anniversary!**

**Sunday, October 18**  
12:00 Speaker/Discussion  
1:00 Potluck & Fellowship  
BBQ Weather Permitting

**Monte Rio Fellowship**  
20329 HWY. 116

**Unity Day  
2026**

**OCTOBER 3**  
CENTER FOR  
SPIRITUAL LIVING,  
SANTA ROSA

**BILL & BOB'S  
EXCELLENT  
ADVENTURE**

ROAD TO HAPPY DESTINY

**SCIF presents**

**Halloween Dance  
& Speaker Meeting**

*Costumes encouraged. Prizes for the best three.*

**WHEN**  
Saturday, October 31  
5:00 - 10:30 PM

**WHERE**  
The Saturday Afternoon Club  
430 10<sup>th</sup> St. Santa Rosa  
Parking Garage next door

**FEATURING**  
Gene H. & Julie N.  
Guest speaker at 6:30  
Dance, music & treats  
DJ talent donated by Johnny Wax

**\$20 Suggested  
Donation**

**Having Fun in Sobriety**

**SOBER  
GAME NIGHT!**

**FELLOWSHIP • FOOD • FUN!**

**LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!**  
**6 TO 8 PM**

**AT THE SCIF MEETING HALL**  
750 MENDOCINO AVE #9 • SANTA ROSA, CA 95401

**BRING SNACKS WHILE LISTENING TO**  
**AA SPEAKER TAPES!**

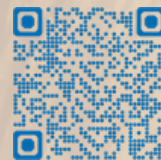
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# SCIF Meeting Room & Bookstore

750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10, Santa Rosa (707) 546-2066

Bookstore hours: Mon. – Sat., 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Online store open 24/7: <https://scifbookstore.com/>



## Welcome Alkathons Season

ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AROUND THE COUNTY AT THREE GORGEOUS LOCATIONS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF SONOMA

- Thanksgiving is in Sebastopol at Sebastopol Center for the Arts
- Christmas is in Rohnert Park at Sally Tomatoes
- New Year is in Santa Rosa at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

If your meeting received a slot for the lottery it is time to start planning right now. Here are some reminders and suggestions:

- Start gathering volunteers for your 2 hour slot
- You must provide enough food for your entire slot
- Be aware of the location of your chosen holiday

INTERESTED IN HAVING A VOICE IN OUR PLANNING FOR THE ALKATHONS AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S GOING ON?

PLANNING MEETINGS OCCUR EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY FROM 5-6P ON ZOOM.

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## Book of the Month for October DAILY REFLECTIONS LARGE PRINT

\$18.36



## Up coming Events

### HARVESTING HOPE — GALA 2026 —

Join us for an inspiring evening of Hope in support of the life changing work happening every day at the Alano Club!

An elegant evening of community, compassion & generosity

#### Event Features

- ♥ Mocktails & Dinner
- ♥ Live Auction & Raffle
- ♥ Inspiring Testimonials
- ♥ Community Impact

Admission \$75

and a chance to win a MEXICO VACATION!  
includes dinner, drinks, 5 raffle tickets

Special Thanks to



HOPE GROWS HERE

GET TICKETS HERE:



[sonomacounty.alanoclub.org](https://sonomacounty.alanoclub.org)

[SonomaCountyAlanoClub.org](https://sonomacounty.alanoclub.org)

1050 Petaluma Blvd N

Follow us @socoalanoclub

## Diversity and Inclusion Workshop

- Speaker Panel with Q&A
- Interpretation and Assisted Listening
- Coffee and Snacks Provided

#### Hybrid Meeting - Zoom

Meeting ID: 973 6892 3488

Password: Dist12GS

#### DATE:

Saturday, October 17, 2026

#### TIME:

Registration - 1:30 - 2:00 pm

Workshop - 2:00 - 5:00 pm

#### LOCATION:

Faith Lutheran Church

4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa



presented by  
**ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY**

## SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING - August 24, 2026

The Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship (SCIF) is a nonprofit service body of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in Sonoma County, California, dedicated to supporting AA groups and promoting recovery through the AA 12-step program.

SCIF's primary purpose is to meet the needs of AA groups in Sonoma County by providing services, resources, and opportunities for fellowship. Its mission is to facilitate recovery for individuals struggling with alcohol addiction by distributing AA literature, organizing workshops, and fostering a supportive community environment.

### Opening

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Preamble: Jenny Tradition 8:

Cass Concept VIII: Irene

### Introduction of New Representatives

Kelso - Young Persons Meeting, Saturday at 8:00 PM

Fletcher - SOCYPAA

Irene - Thursday 12 & 12 Discussion

Jesse - Sunday Saints & Sinners / Delusions of Hope

Julian - Wednesday 12 x 12, Cotati

Amanda - Women's Group, Petaluma

### Sobriety Birthdays Since We Last Met

Linda - 29 years; Kate - 4 years; Isabelle - 1 year; Mary - 26 years; Travis - 4 years; Julian - 18 years; Deo - 43 years; Scott - 19 years.

### Why Service?

Linda shared about Why Service, reflecting on feelings of shyness that reminded her of being back in high school. She spoke about her home group being her home away from home and the desire to nurture and take care of it. She also shared about being committed to a higher level of service and the spiritual nature of the 12 Steps.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Chair - Joshua P.

Joshua gave a nod to the new book being available in the bookstore. He also shared that SOCYPAA had inquired with SCIF about possibly sharing some space in the new, larger storage unit.

### Vice Chair - Scott M.

Scott thanked those who helped cover his role last month.

### Secretary Report- Shannon

A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous General Meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### Treasurer - Mike H.

The full Treasurer's Report is included in this month's newsletter. The Seminar Committee donated its remaining funds toward meeting hall expenses. SCIF will continue collecting contributions electronically. Treasurer Support meets on the last Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. Interviews for the open bookkeeper position are ongoing, and SCIF is still seeking a CPA.

### Registrar Report-Angel

Registrar was absent.

### ICSC Report

No report.

### Bookstore Report-Bob

The September Book of the Month is Pass It On, available for \$15.49. Fourteen new LED panels were installed in the Meeting Hall by a local member and were funded entirely through private donations. Thank you!

Spanish Newcomer Packets are now available. Help is needed assembling newcomer packets, which is a great service opportunity for a newcomer.

Someone is needed to run a mid-week, mid-day audio speakers meeting.

A periodic gardener is also needed to help keep the plants in the courtyard trimmed.

Two new outside recovery books have been reviewed and approved by the board: Carry This Message by Joe McQ. (of Joe and Charlie) and the Anonymous Press Big Book Study Guide in softcover.

The bookstore has lots of items available for groups putting together Unity Day baskets.

A selection of legacy, member-donated vintage bronze chips with "Epic MOJO" has been set aside and is available.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Outreach-Travis** shared that Outreach representation is about more than simply who shows up. Outreach continues going to meetings and encouraging groups that may not normally attend the General Meeting to become involved.

### Activities - Chris

Chris reported that the Saturday Afternoon Club is the location for the Halloween event. The venue has a great layout both inside and outside, and a security and maintenance person will be available to help if needed. There are five decoration committee positions, and a DJ with a great sound system at the venue. Radical costumes - let's party! Help is still needed.

### Alkathon - Meg

Meg reported that the next lottery for Alkathon dates will be September 28, and groups must be represented in person.

There is no Steele & Range location due to plumbing issues. Tentative locations are Sebastopol Center for the Arts for Thanksgiving, Sally Tomatoes for Christmas, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church for New Year's.

The Alkathon Planning Committee meets from 5:00-6:00 PM every other Wednesday. All subcommittee positions are filled except Cleanup Subcommittee Chair, which is still open.

### Newsletter - Isabelle

Isabelle reported that the newsletter is going well and that she is aware of a few mistakes.

The deadline for the next newsletter is September 18.

### **Seminars - Clark**

Clark reported on the September 12 seminar, which will feature four speakers from different generations. He encouraged members to come help and get a taste of being in service at a gathering, which could lead to being of service at an Alkathon. He also encouraged members to bring their fellows and learn how to do fellowship together.

### **Teleservice - Maria**

Maria reported that the 8:00 AM-1:00 PM shift had opened up but is now covered. Anyone interested in volunteering can join the waiting list.

### **ICSC - Mike**

Mike reported that there is currently one candidate. Another candidate is needed in order to adhere to the bylaws. Candidates must have at least five years of sobriety and business/technical experience.

### **Tech - Jake**

Jake reported that all technology is working. He also reported that he will be attending a technology conference in Concord focused on how best to spread the AA message using technology.

### **Unity Day - Andrew**

Andrew reported that there are still open service positions, including parking, breakfast, cleanup, floater, and Decorations Chair. The Unity Day Committee meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the meeting hall.

### **SOCYPAA - Fletcher**

Fletcher shared about meetings and events for young people. SOCYPAA meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 1551 Montgomery Drive. He announced a "Mafia & Meatballs" event on September 20 at 7:00 PM. SOCYPAA will be conducting an inventory on August 30 at noon and has a \$140 budget for literature for young people's meetings. Fletcher emphasized, "We are here to be of service - let us know how."

### **General Service - Maureen**

District 12 General Service is revising the orientation materials provided to new General Service Representatives and reviewing service positions in preparation for elections in November, including updating officer job descriptions. During upcoming business meetings, the positions will be reviewed to encourage members to consider making themselves available and to help members think about who may be a good match for each service position. The final technological improvement planned for this year is establishing a stable email domain for future panels. This will be discussed and decided over the next few months. District 12 is also making a storage move and consolidating I & T equipment with other District storage.

General Service reminded groups that it is available as a resource for questions regarding the Traditions and for inventory support, and encouraged groups to let them know how General Service can help.

### **Access Sonoma County - Ben**

Ben reported that Access Sonoma County meets on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. The "Diversity and Inclusion in AA" workshop is scheduled for October 17 at Faith Lutheran Church. Help is needed with the workshop, and anyone interested is encouraged to get involved.

### **PI/CPC - Kelso**

Kelso reported that PI/CPC meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the bookstore, with training at 7:00 PM and the business meeting at 8:00 PM. A new speaker engagement has just begun.

### **Old Business - Unity Day Table**

SCIF is requesting additional volunteers to help staff the SCIF table at Unity Day. Four more people are needed so the table can be covered in shifts of approximately 2 1/2 hours each. The more volunteers, the merrier.

**Step Working Guide-** Noel reported that 11 people attended the Step Working Guide meeting. The group is made up of members of the Sonoma County Fellowship coming together to create a Step Working Guide. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM, and everyone is invited. The group now has clear direction for moving forward.

### **SCIF Inventory**

There were no comments regarding the inventory. The SCIF Inventory will take place in November.

### **Old Business - December 25 Alkathon Naming**

A final discussion was held regarding whether to change the name of the December 25 Christmas Alkathon to something that did not reference Christmas. Various opinions were shared, and the discussion and process were described as very healthy. Mary made a motion to keep the Christmas name. Isabelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business - Alkathon Lottery**

The Alkathon lottery will be conducted at next month's General Meeting. Only groups with an elected representative present at the meeting will be eligible to participate in the lottery.

Drawing for Bookstore Gift Certificate  
Joe M. won the bookstore gift certificate drawing.

### **Closing**

A motion was made to adjourn, followed by the Responsibility Statement.

# New meetings, changes & corrections



## • Wednesday Night Woman's Step Study

The Wednesday Night Women's Step Study and Discussion group has been meeting for over 35 years and we're currently experiencing some lack in support both, physically as well as financially. If any of you ladies out there are in search of a book study. This is an excellent meeting and we would appreciate your support. We meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday at 2500 Patio Ct in Santa Rosa, hope to see you there.

## • 9:30 am Weekdays Serenity Fellowship

The 9:30 am weekday Serenity Fellowship meeting has moved back to the Doyle Park Clubhouse. 1700 Hoen Ave, Santa Rosa

## • Sunday Morning Smiles

Potluck Breakfast and Birthday Chip meeting on the LAST Sunday of every month. Potluck beginning at 10:00 am, meeting from 11:00 - 12:15. Birthday Chips are given at the end of the meeting

## • Password Change

The existing password "eskimo" has been replaced with pinkcloud in accordance with recent changes to AA nomenclature. This is effective as of 09/07/2026. The updates were made to the Sonoma County AA website and it will take 24-48 hours to update the meeting guide app.

**NEW MEETING**  
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**SUNDAYS AT 6PM**  
 750 Mendocino Ave  
Santa Rosa, CA

# Sisters

## IN THE SOLUTION

A WOMEN'S AA MEETING

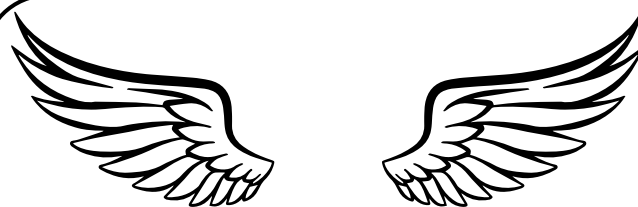
| MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT |                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 1                 | <b>12 &amp; 12: Step of the Month</b><br>Study and discussion of the Step of the Month using the 12 & 12.           |
| Week 2                 | <b>Big Book Study</b><br>Big Book study and discussion, focusing on the first 164 pages only.                       |
| Week 3                 | <b>12 &amp; 12: Tradition of the Month</b><br>Study and discussion of the Tradition of the Month using the 12 & 12. |
| Week 4                 | <b>Big Book Study</b><br>Big Book study and discussion, focusing on the first 164 pages only.                       |
| Week 5                 | <b>Topic Meeting</b><br>A topic-based meeting focused on experience, strength, hope, and the solution.              |

**READING FOCUS**  
**12 & 12 NIGHTS:**  
 Step or Tradition of the Month

**BIG BOOK NIGHTS:**  
 First 164 pages only

*Launching*  
**October 4th**  
 ♥

*One Day*  
**At A Time**  
 ♥



A legacy member of our fellowship has passed on.

Margie A. was a well know and an active participant in Sonoma County AA leaving us with 46 years of sobriety

## Runny Nose, Cough, Sore Throat?

Many diehard AA members attend their groups rain or shine, in sickness and in health. Please remember that the cold and flu season is also the Zoom season. When sick, Zoom meetings are available both locally and worldwide. We sit close together at our meetings. Please don't spread more than the message!

# Get into Service

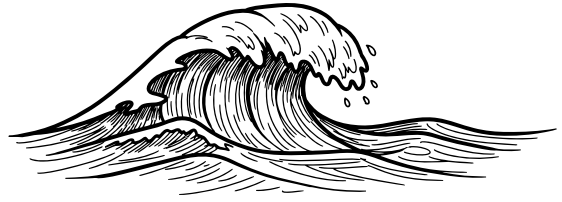
## Feeling Dry? Try H&I

Please join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:15 pm at the Center for Spiritual Living if you would like to be of service.

The Hospital and Institution business meeting was held on September 2, 2026, at the Center for Spiritual Living in Santa Rosa. The business meeting included the H&I Area 22 Chair election. GSO representatives Maureen G and Johnny W ran the election, and Liz Williams was elected for a second two-year term. Congratulations, Liz, and thank you for being of service!

Area 22 Hospitals and Institutions serves 25 local facilities and several others in the greater area. We are always looking for volunteers to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those in jails, rehabs, hospitals, or other institutions. All speakers must have at least six months of continuous sobriety and a working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

If you are a new meeting representative for the pink can, please attend the New Representative meeting held at 5:45 pm, immediately preceding the regular business meeting. You will learn the basics of H&I and how to manage pink can contributions



The September H&I business meeting offers a warm welcome to all who attended, especially the following:

### **New pink can meeting representatives:**

Michelle M. - SFMMM, Liz F. - Women's Perspective, Jenna E. - South End Solutions, Madeline S. - Whatever It Takes, LJ M. - Sonoma County LGBTQ Group, Giselle L. - Any Lengths, Michelle - Hens on the Hill, Dan F - PI/CPC Liaison

### **Visitors:**

Elvia, Gary, Sue, Bailey, Michael

**Sobriety birthdays in Sept:** Jim 2 yrs, Gary 2 yrs, Michelle 4 yrs, Kiva 19 yrs, Sandy 1 yrs, Harry 26 yrs, Lisa 5 yrs, Julian 8 months, Dave 48 yrs, Debbie 14 yrs, Patrick 28 yrs.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Stephanie D.  
Recording Secretary  
Area 22 Hospitals and Institutions

## General Service

I started my journey in General Service about 13 years ago. Unfortunately, my life took a turn, and I had to step away. Thankfully, I am back of service in a place that has really given me purpose.

General Service is not political, although it is often described that way. In General Service we work together to ensure the doors are still open for the next alcoholic that may need us. We take your group's conscience to New York and make sure your voice is heard. We hold meetings and workshops to help educate all of us to strengthen our unity. We all come together in one common theme – to help the next suffering alcoholic.

One of the positions I volunteered for is the Access Workshop Chair. This year's workshop is on Diversity and Inclusion. It is a workshop that will have a variety of panels from the Hispanic woman and her experience to the Atheist and Agnostic and what sobriety means to them.

This has been a joy and a pleasure to reach out to fellow alcoholics and ask them to share their experience, strength and hope.

I hope everyone has an opportunity to visit us in General Service and see what we are all about. I also would like to invite everyone to this year's Access Workshop. It will be on October 17. Registration starts at 1:30 and the panel will start at 2pm at the church on Newanga. We will also have this as hybrid. Please join us in hearing other Alcoholics and their journey in sobriety.

Nicole F  
DCM Dist 12

# Keeping the Door Visible

By Ed M.

"I learned that everyone is welcome at A.A. and that anyone can get through hard times in life."

A young student wrote those words after members of our PI/CPC Committee visited their class and spoke informally about Alcoholics Anonymous as a program of recovery.

After four years on this committee, serving in many different roles, I still find notes like this deeply moving. The students did not simply hear information about alcohol. They heard that recovery is possible, that help exists, and that nobody has to struggle alone. Several wrote about learning that people can enjoy life without drinking. Others mentioned hope, support, and having options for the future.

That is what makes Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community such a unique service commitment. Much of our A.A. life happens within the walls of our meeting rooms. PI/CPC stands at the doorway between those rooms and the community beyond them.

The speakers may be the most visible part of our work, but the committee is what makes those opportunities possible. Public Information helps the wider community understand what A.A. is, what it offers, and how someone can find us. Cooperation with the Professional Community builds relationships with healthcare providers, educators, first responders, members of the judicial system, clergy, counselors, and others who regularly encounter people affected by alcoholism.

There are many ways to participate. We respond to schools, universities, DUI programs, and community organizations that invite A.A. to provide information. You could coordinate members who place and replenish literature in libraries, community centers, police and fire stations, senior living facilities, and veterans' centers. We contact professionals, prepare materials, coordinate schedules, train volunteers, and help ensure that accurate information about A.A. is available when someone needs it.

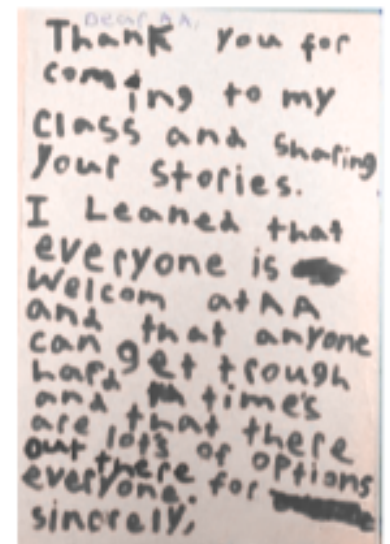
Some members enjoy speaking. Others are better suited to organizing, writing, making phone calls, delivering literature, keeping records, or developing relationships. All those abilities are valuable.

This service has also changed the way I experience A.A. I have met members from across Sonoma County, worked beside people I might never have encountered in my usual meetings, and gained a much broader view of our Fellowship. PI/CPC keeps me connected to the center of A.A. while allowing me to be useful beyond its walls. We do not promote A.A. or tell professionals how to do their jobs. We simply provide clear information, protect anonymity, and cooperate so that the next person who needs help has a better chance of finding us.

As we prepare for committee elections later this year and a new panel in January, we need a whole new roster of willing members. No special expertise is required. You can begin by attending a committee meeting, listening, and discovering where your interests might fit.

After four years, I have learned that this work is built less on expertise than on curiosity, reliability, and willingness. That student's card said there are "lots of options out there for everyone." Our job is to help keep one of those options visible.

Please join us and help build the next PI/CPC Committee. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm @ the Fellowship Hall next to the Bookstore or reach out [picpc.aa.sonoma.county@gmail.com](mailto:picpc.aa.sonoma.county@gmail.com).



# Fellowship Contributions

When I joined AA 40+ years ago, my life was returned to me. But it wasn't the same life — the one I had nearly destroyed; it was a new life full of possibilities. The old-timers I met at that time asked for just one thing in return—they asked that I observe anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

We often say that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions... But what does that mean? Bill says it's sacrifice. Originally sacrifice meant to "make holy," and that is what we mean...

I had been living in a small prison called "self." I have since been released, but not by me. You and God did that for me...

In gratitude, I will do my best to preserve our anonymity, as a treasure for those who have yet to join....

It's kinda miraculous...  
—Tim P.



## The Funnies

A Sonoma County AA member tells his wife, (a normie) he's heading out to an evening meeting in Graton: "At the Casino?" she replied.  
-Darren

## Anonymity In Alcoholics Anonymous

I want to share a viewpoint that Dr. Bob held regarding anonymity and shared with our Founder, Bill W.

As time passed, Dr Bob said he felt that Anonymity was being misused. Bob shared that AA had been very specific when they said Anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. From the beginning, members of AA groups knew each other's names, families, children, and phone numbers. Of course, it is the prerogative of the individual to decide what to share about themselves, but AA does not promote isolation or secrecy.

He [Dr. Bob] said there were two ways to break the anonymity tradition: (1) by giving your name at the public level of press or radio; (2) by being so anonymous that you can't be reached by other drunks." In an article in the February 1969 Grapevine, D.S. of San Mateo, California, wrote that Dr. Bob commented on the Eleventh Tradition as follows:

Since our tradition of anonymity designates the exact level where the line should be held, it must be obvious to anyone who can read and write the English language that to maintain anonymity at any other level is definitely a violation of this tradition.

"The A.A. who hides his identity from his fellow AA by using only a given name violates the Tradition just as much as the AA. who permits his name to appear in the press in connection with matters about A.A.

"The former is maintaining his anonymity above the level of press, radio and films and the latter is maintaining his anonymity below the level of press, radio and films--whereas the Tradition states that we should maintain our anonymity at the level of press, radio and films."

-Scott

### August 2026 Group Contributions

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 7AM Live                         | 738.00           |
| anonymous                        | 8.00             |
| Graton Fellowship                | 350.00           |
| Gravenstein LGBTQ Group          | 33.00            |
| Lunch Bunch Group                | 160.33           |
| Mid Morning Sanity               | 247.50           |
| New Women of AA                  | 30.00            |
| Realización                      | 50.00            |
| River Womens Group               | 85.00            |
| Saturday Night High Steppers     | 188.64           |
| Sonoma 12 x 12 Womans Group      | 179.35           |
| Sonoma Sober Sunrise             | 269.96           |
| South Park Survivors             | 158.00           |
| There is a Solution SR           | 272.40           |
| <b>August totals</b>             | <b>2,770.18</b>  |
| (does not include all of PayPal) |                  |
| <b>all groups YTD</b>            | <b>45,202.44</b> |

If your group believes we have made an error in reporting for 2025 group contributions please contact the Central Office 707-546-2066 or [aasonoma@sonic.net](mailto:aasonoma@sonic.net)

## 12-STEP WORKSHOP

Practicing & Applying the Spiritual Principles of the 12 Steps to Your Daily Life

**SCIF Bookstore Meeting Hall**

750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 9  
Santa Rosa, CA

Join us for a practical exploration of how to bring the spiritual principles of the **12 Steps** into everyday life.

This workshop focuses on translating the abstract concepts of the Steps into **actionable habits and daily practices**, helping participants navigate:

- **Relationships** — communication, forgiveness, boundaries & connection
- **Work & responsibilities** — integrity, patience, willingness & service
- **Personal challenges** — acceptance, self-awareness, courage & emotional balance

**Emotional sobriety** — applying the principles when life gets difficult

### WORKSHOP DATES

Saturday, October 10, 2026

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 17, 2026

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Come explore how the principles of the 12 Steps can move beyond the meeting room and become part of **how we live, respond, and grow each day.**

**All are welcome!**

## Creative Arts Fellowship at the Alano Club

Scott W. is somebody I met at the monthly Creative Fellowship gathering at the Petaluma Alano Club.

(1:00 - 4:00, last Saturday of the month - see flyer. Next workshop is 9/26/2026)

Scott teaches his techniques at several schools in Sonoma County and beyond.

His work is amazing and can be found at various venues in the Bay Area.

He has a huge installation at the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

At the October workshop, Scott will be available to teach others this beautiful art form.

No prior toothpick knowledge necessary.

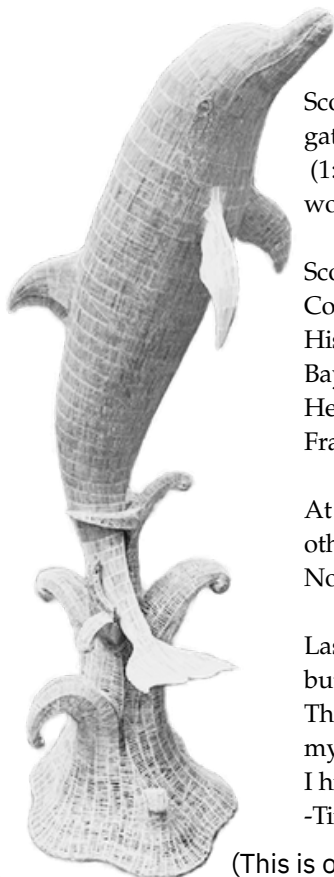
Last month I wandered into the workshop just to check it out, but stayed the whole time and was truly inspired.

There were several truly gifted artists, as well as hacks like myself who just like to make stuff with others.

I highly recommend this event, even if Scott's not there.

-Tina

(This is over 6 ft tall!)



## 2026 SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

### Report for August 2026

#### Activities by Entity

##### Bookstore

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Revenue            | 11156.93      |
| Cost of Goods Sold | <6983.25>     |
| Gross Profit       | 4253.18       |
| Expenses           | <3964.90>     |
| <b>Net Income</b>  | <b>288.28</b> |

##### Central Office

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Group Contributions     | 2765.23                |
| Expenses.               | <4618.01>              |
| <b>C. O. Net Income</b> | <b>&lt;1851.78&gt;</b> |

##### Activities.

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Pre-paid rent (Halloween) | <2534.66> |
|---------------------------|-----------|

##### Meeting Hall

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Meeting Hall Income            | 2045.00       |
| Meeting Hall Expense           | <1646.77>     |
| <b>Meeting Hall Net Income</b> | <b>398.23</b> |

**All Entities August 2026.** **<1139.86>**

**All Entities YTD** **4412.39**

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Note from the editor- Thank you for all of the submissions! As we enter into a busy holiday season there is so much opportunity to get involved in our fellowship. If you have any questions about how to get in contact and volunteer please let me know. As always, thank you for letting me be of service!  
-Isabelle, Newsletter Chair

| Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship<br>Statement of Activities by Entity YTD<br>August 2026 |           |              |                |              |                  |              |              |              |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Accrual Basis                                                                               |           |              |                |              |                  |              |              |              |                      |
|                                                                                             | Bookstore |              | Central Office |              | Total Intergroup |              | Meeting Hall |              | TOTAL                |
|                                                                                             | Aug 26    | Jan - Aug 26 | Aug 26         | Jan - Aug 26 | Aug 26           | Jan - Aug 26 | Aug 26       | Jan - Aug 26 | Aug 26 Jan - Aug 26  |
| Ordinary Income/Expense                                                                     |           |              |                |              |                  |              |              |              |                      |
| Income                                                                                      |           |              |                |              |                  |              |              |              |                      |
| Activities Income                                                                           |           |              |                | 3.00         |                  | 1,266.00     |              |              | 1,269.00             |
| Alkathon Income                                                                             |           |              |                |              |                  | 1,799.01     |              |              | 1,799.01             |
| Bank Interest                                                                               |           |              | 1.05           | 8.21         |                  |              |              |              | 8.21                 |
| Bookstore                                                                                   |           |              |                |              |                  |              |              |              |                      |
| Sales Bookstore                                                                             | 11,156.93 | 90,194.09    |                |              |                  |              |              |              | 11,156.93 90,194.09  |
| Total Bookstore                                                                             | 11,156.93 | 90,194.09    |                |              |                  |              |              |              | 11,156.93 90,194.09  |
| Central Office Income                                                                       |           |              | 2,765.18       | 45,297.44    |                  | 331.00       |              | 142.00       | 2,765.18 45,770.44   |
| Donations to Volunteers                                                                     | 79.50     | 684.50       |                |              |                  |              |              |              | 79.50 684.50         |
| Meeting Hall Improvments - NET                                                              |           |              |                |              |                  |              | 293.14       |              | 293.14               |
| SCIF Meeting Hall income                                                                    |           |              |                |              |                  |              | 13,007.50    |              | 13,007.50            |
| Seminar Income                                                                              |           |              |                | 32.00        |                  | 2,066.00     |              |              | 2,066.00             |
| Total Income                                                                                | 11,236.43 | 90,878.59    | 2,766.23       | 45,340.65    |                  | 5,462.01     | 2,045.00     | 13,442.64    | 16,047.66 155,123.89 |
| Cost of Goods Sold                                                                          | 6,983.25  | 52,947.50    |                | 70.34        |                  |              |              |              | 6,983.25 53,017.84   |
| Gross Profit                                                                                | 4,253.18  | 37,931.09    | 2,766.23       | 45,270.31    |                  | 5,462.01     | 2,045.00     | 13,442.64    | 9,064.41 102,106.05  |
| Expense                                                                                     | 3,964.90  | 31,726.45    | 4,618.01       | 43,508.47    | 2,534.66         | 7,013.24     | 1,646.77     | 15,445.50    | 12,764.34 97,693.66  |
| Net Ordinary Income                                                                         | 288.28    | 6,204.64     | (1,851.78)     | 1,761.84     | (2,534.66)       | (1,551.23)   | 398.23       | (2,002.86)   | (3,699.93) 4,412.39  |
| Net Income                                                                                  | 288.28    | 6,204.64     | (1,851.78)     | 1,761.84     | (2,534.66)       | (1,551.23)   | 398.23       | (2,002.86)   | (3,699.93) 4,412.39  |

# October 2026 – Service Meetings & Events

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                               | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div> <p><b>Sonomacountyaa.org</b> would love to add your events!</p> <p>When scheduling an AA event, please send details to both <a href="mailto:newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org">newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org</a> and to <a href="mailto:webmaster@sonomacountyaa.org">webmaster@sonomacountyaa.org</a> so we can list it as soon as possible.</p> </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>1st Friday</b><br><b>Karaoke &amp; Pizza Night</b><br><br>8:30–11:30 pm.<br>SoCo Alano Club<br>1050 Petaluma Blvd. North<br>Petaluma                                                              | <b>2</b><br><b>1st Saturday</b><br><b>Monte Rio Birthday</b><br>Meeting at 12<br>Potluck 1 pm<br><br><b>Unity Day</b><br><b>Center for Spiritual Living</b> |
| <b>4</b><br><b>1st Sunday</b><br><b>SOCYPAA Business Mtg.</b><br>7:30 pm.<br><br>1551<br><br>Montgomery<br>Santa Rosa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>5</b><br><b>1st Monday</b><br><br>General Service<br>Business Meeting<br>4930 Newanga Ave,<br>Santa Rosa<br>BBQ 7:30                                                             | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>7</b><br><b>1st Wed.</b><br><b>H&amp;I Business Mtg.</b><br>6:15 pm. New Reps,<br>5:45 pm.<br><br>Center for<br>Spiritual Living<br>2075 Occidental,<br>Santa Rosa                                                  | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>9</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>10</b><br><br><b>12 Step Workshop</b><br>2-4 pm<br>SCIF Meeting Hall                                                                                     |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>12</b><br><b>2nd Monday</b><br><b>SCIF Steering Committee</b><br>7:30 pm. AA<br>Bookstore<br>750 Mendocino<br>Santa Rosa<br><br>Hybrid — Zoom<br>860 4370 3384<br>PW: 62         | <b>13</b><br><br>ADHOC Step<br>Guide<br>Committee<br><b>SCIF Meeting</b><br>Hall<br>6 Pm                                                                                        | <b>14</b><br><b>2nd Wed.</b><br><b>PI/CP Business Meeting</b><br><br>7:30 pm. New Reps<br>7:00 pm.<br>AA Bookstore<br>750 Mendocino<br>Santa Rosa<br>Hybrid — Zoom:<br><br>PW: 804715<br>961 8127 1048<br>PW: Dist12GS | <b>15</b><br><b>2nd Thurs.</b><br><b>Access Sonoma County Business Meeting</b><br><br>7:30 pm.<br>Zoom only:<br>934 2984 1277 | <b>16</b><br><br><b>Newsletter Submission Deadline</b><br><b>10 days</b><br><i>before IG Meeting</i><br>5:00 pm.<br><a href="mailto:newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org">newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org</a> | <b>17</b><br><br><b>12 Step Workshop</b><br>2:30-4<br>SCIF Meeting Hall                                                                                     |
| <b>18</b><br><b>3rd Sunday</b><br><b>SOCYPAA Business Mtg.</b><br>7:30 pm.<br><br>1551 Montgomery<br>Santa Rosa<br><br><b>Monte Rio Fellowship BBQ</b><br>20329 Hwy. 116                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>20</b><br><b>3rd Tuesday</b><br><br><b>Bridging the Gap Business Mtg.</b><br>6:30 pm. New Reps,<br>6:00<br><br>AA Bookstore<br>in person only<br>750 Mendocino<br>Santa Rosa | <b>21</b><br><br><b>Unity Day Planning Committee</b><br>6:30 pm. AA<br>Bookstore<br>750 Mendocino<br>Santa Rosa                                                                                                        | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>26</b><br><b>4th Monday</b><br><b>Intergroup Business Mtg.</b><br>7:30 pm.<br>7:00 New Reps.<br><br>St. Luke Church<br>905 Mendocino<br>Hybrid — Zoom<br>860 4370 3384<br>PW: 62 | <b>27</b><br><b>Last Tuesday</b><br><b>Birthday Party</b><br>7:00 - 8:30 pm.<br><br>SoCo Alano Club<br>1050 Petaluma<br>Blvd. North Petaluma                                    | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>30</b><br><br><b>Sober Game Night</b><br>last Friday of the month<br>6-8 pm<br>SCIF Meeting Hall<br>750 Mendocino Ave                                                                             | <b>31</b><br><br><b>Halloween Dance</b><br>5-10:30 Pm<br>Saturday<br>Afternoon Club<br>430 10 <sup>th</sup> St.,<br>Santa Rosa                              |

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