



## FOCUS: ...THERE IS A SOLUTION

I am so fortunate. Not only did I get sober and meet myself, but I have met members of my extended family in the rooms of AA.

When I was very young, my family moved from the east coast to San Jose, CA because my father took a job with a small company called Intel. It was 1974.

One consequence of moving to the west coast was that I did not grow up knowing much of my extended family. Grandparents would make the journey from New York and Pennsylvania. Other family members were seen very seldom, only when my parents would take us "home" for the occasional family reunion or holiday. Despite being from a large extended family, I knew very few members of my family.

In the summer of 1988, I was brought to my first meeting and began attending meetings. That summer I happened to be on one of those rare visits to Pennsylvania and had heard a rumor that a few of my aunts and a cousin had been to AA as well. While seated in the middle of a long dinner table, I made a point of introducing myself to my Great Aunt Emmy and awkwardly exclaimed "I am an alcoholic!" I distinctly remember the surprise in her big blue eyes as they welled with tears. We, despite being family, had never met before. I later understood her tears were of joy.

Little did I know, my Aunt Emmy was close to 10 years sober and something of a local AA hero in that remote area of western Pennsylvania as she was the first woman to get sober in her county.

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## Monthly Topics

Here's lookin' at you!! Happy November to all you Scorpios and Sagittarians. The wind's a-changing, and winter will be here soon; longer nights, shorter days, and the end of Daylight Savings Time (Nov. 3.) All-Saints' Day (and also Sadie Hawkins Day, when girls ask boys to a dance), starts off November, Election Day is on the 4th, followed by various other days to get to the Marine Corps birthday on the 10th. Veterans Day arrives on the 11th, World Kindness Day on the 13th, National American Teddy Bear Day and World Diabetes Day on the 14th, many others in between Thanksgiving on the 27th, and National Native American Heritage Day on the 28th.

Our special featured meeting this month is the Signs of Sobriety, which celebrates its 20th birthday on November 1st. See story on Pages 2-3. The topic this month is Gratitude, and stories begin on this page and continue on pp. 4-5.

Next month's topic is Peace on Earth; Let it Begin With Me. Deadline is 11/20/13. Please submit your stories on this topic or the 12th Tradition (Anonymity; principles before personalities) to [coin@AAsanjose.org](mailto:coin@AAsanjose.org) or [Odaatcoin@yahoo.com](mailto:Odaatcoin@yahoo.com). Keep telling your stories – we love them!

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## SIGNS OF SOBRIETY: CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING



It may come as a surprise to many of our members, but we have a little jewel of a meeting that is right in downtown San Jose. This November 1st marks the 20th anniversary of Signs of Sobriety, Santa Clara County's only meeting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. In 1991, a Hard of Hearing member, Bill C., asked Central Office if there was a possibility of organizing an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreted meeting. The idea was presented at Intergroup and after much discussion, it was decided that Signs of Sobriety would be supported by Intergroup. When four Deaf members who were residing at Benny McKeowen's requested a meeting, Bill C. and John P., Central Office manager at the time, went out to the facility and held their first meeting on November 1st of 1993. After several meetings, the meeting was moved over to First Unitarian Church, across

from St. James Park in San Jose. There was an active fellowship at that time. On the evening of October 16th of 1995, Signs of Sobriety was meeting in a back room when a six-alarm fire broke out at the church. Not hearing the alarms and commotion, the deaf members were obviously astonished when they emerged from their meeting. Bill recalls how there were hoses and firemen everywhere. Thankfully no one was injured that evening. The meeting was then moved over to Trinity Episcopalian Church until 1999. It was in 1999 that Bill arranged to have the meeting moved to Grace Baptist at 10th and San Fernando Streets, where it still exists today. In 2001, 2002, and 2003, speaker meetings/ fundraisers were held to generate funds to pay for an interpreter and the rent. When the funds ran out, Intergroup took over the rent and interpreter fees.

Over the years if it wasn't for Bill's tenacity and determination, the meeting would have been discontinued. He has been acting Secretary since they moved over to Grace Baptist Church. Today the meeting size has continued to dwindle and without support, this unique meeting could disappear overnight. Signs of Sobriety is held in spoken English and ASL interpreted. Kate, the interpreter, has been interpreting for Signs of Sobriety since January 1st of 2001. We owe our gratitude to Bill C. for his years of service and for helping spread the AA message to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Signs of Sobriety - Monday evenings 6:30 PM, Grace Baptist Church, Fireside Room, 484 E. San Fernando (corner of 10th and San Fernando), San Jose, CA

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More importantly, she was an active, enthusiastic member in the middle of Alcoholics Anonymous. And little did I know how influential she would be throughout my sobriety.

I did not stay sober initially. In November of 1989, I surrendered and accepted that I was an alcoholic who needed help. I called my Aunt Emmy and was encouraged to “come and stay on the farm.” In the winter of 1989, I spent 30 days with my aunt and uncle on their farm in a remote part of western Pennsylvania and began my recovery journey. Every day, Aunt Emmy took me to a meeting and shared her enthusiasm for this program. Over the years, she

has continued to be an important, constant force in my life. Through her, I have learned so much about my extended family and how the disease of alcoholism affected and influenced so many of us. I have had the pleasure of being in a meeting room and meeting a cousin, for the first time. Like the disease spreads through families, so can recovery.

Together, my aunt and I have grieved the deaths of other family members afflicted with alcoholism who were not able to stay sober. We have comforted one another as we watched family members refuse the solutions offered by the 12 steps. We have loved and supported each other, sharing a

common understanding based on the 12 steps and the spiritual way of life that we practice.

I crossed the threshold of Alcoholics Anonymous expecting to learn to stop drinking and to hopefully feel a little better. I have received so much more. I have come to understand I suffer from a family disease, a disease for which there is a solution. Sharing the gift of recovery with members of one’s family is an extraordinary blessing.

Annie (Aunt Emmy’s Great Grand-Niece)

**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

Recently, I have been discussing with my new women the tool which helped me to achieve my Attitude of Gratitude. It was triggered by and has grown from my very first AA assignment: “Make a gratitude list...any length you want...and call me when you’re finished unless you need to talk before.” Little did I know that this gratitude list and the process of maintaining and adding to it was to become a continuing life-changing experience for me.

As I learned to count my blessings, I came to realize that the material, the spiritual and the precious in my life could no longer be taken for granted. After ten years, my first sponsor re-located to the East Bay, and I had a very hard time finding another who could fill her shoes.

One of the ladies I worked with also started me out with a gratitude list first...but wanted me to include anything and everything from my previous list, and also new additions. I never wrote down the new additions before...they were just in my mind. So when we met and I read all my stuff

to her, she complimented me, then laid something new on me: Every time I felt like saying, “Wah, wah, wah” or “poor me,” I was to add two new things to my new gratitude list!

I learned three valuable things from this: #1 - There are thousands of things my HP has created that I took for granted...all I have to do is look around me on any given day and there they are. #2 - It made me THINK and learn to keep things in perspective by practicing “rule 62”, thus cutting down on the poor me’s. #3 - Most important...I am a sober child of God operating in the spiritual philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous where we believe that nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God’s world by mistake. It would be wise to welcome my life’s lessons and grow from them as they are sent my way, by my God...with an Attitude of Gratitude.

God has blessed me abundantly. I have everything I need and my wants are on my “want and goal” list (uh huh!)

But I am human and imperfect so... you know...stuff happens that causes a “poor me,” every now and then. Like for instance during the heat wave a couple of years ago, I learned one of my biggest lessons of gratitude. I felt no qualms about putting in my two cents with others, complaining about the heat...until the day it cooled down. At 3:00 that afternoon, I took our family dog out for his usual afternoon walk. The temp was much lower that day (80 degrees) and voila! The thought occurred to me that we are so lucky that we didn’t get hit with 113 degrees like in Los Angeles! Ahem...well, better late than never... I had a refrigerator loaded with lots of cold bottled water for myself, family & pets, so there you go...it’s become automatic...after the “poor me” thought about the heat, I had two items of gratitude to make up for my complaining...thanks, God, for the water, and thanks, God, for the lower temp.

There is another facet of gratitude that to me is quite important also -- the ability to show my gratitude to others, and the ability to receive others’

## POEM TO MY FATHER

The written word is powerful. Most of the time, we go about our lives not really thinking about the power of words we say and the effect they have on those around us. Positive words can uplift peoples spirits, and can be a motivation for change; whereas, negative words can be destructive and can hold people down. Genuine love and concern for another in the form of the written word can sometimes have miraculous effects. A poem that I wrote for my father, when he was in the throes of alcoholism and desperately trying to stay sober; gave him enough encouragement and hope to try for one more day.

My father grew up in an alcoholic home. He wanted to get away from the chaos of that life so at age 18 he joined the Army. My father was an excellent soldier, he dressed sharp and he worked very hard. He was an excellent marksman, and he earned the sharpshooter medal. The Army took him to a lot of places in the United States and abroad. Like many in the Army he was stationed for a few years in Germany, which is where I was born. After a couple of years in the Army, he met and married my mother. Hoping to do it differently than his parents, they started a family.

My sister, their first child, was born in Ankara, Turkey. My parent's loved each other very much; however, my father's drinking was getting progressively worse, and it was getting tough on my mom. My mom, being a strong and realistic person, decided she did not want to have any more children under the circumstances; she also did not want a big family as she felt a lot of fear with raising children and all the things that that can go wrong. My

father was the one who really wanted to have me. My mother acquiesced, and it was my dad that named me. My dad and I have always had a special, close relationship. He could do anything with his hands, rebuild engines, build homes, repair just about anything; and we our family friends would always say that, "Bob can move mountains!" I had his knack for being good with my hands, too, so I would do a lot of projects with him. He taught me lots of things like cutting and threading pipes for plumbing, putting shingles on a roof, soldering, welding, and using all of his power tools. There used to be a swap meet near the Santa Clara dumps, he and I would go there; he would look for tools and I would look for jewelry and knickknacks, and sometimes we would sell things, too. We spent time in wrecking yards looking for parts, I loved to get into the cars and pretend that I was driving; and checking the glove boxes for any treasures. He also taught me how to drive, and how to drive stick shift in his huge 1966 Chevy truck. I would drive that behemoth to high school, and one time I gave two boys a ride and they were amazed at how I could handle it. A lot of times, my dad was not available because of his drinking, so I treasured the times he was around and I would follow him like a puppy.

Over the course of my life, my dad's drinking got worse and by the time I was 17, he became gravely ill. He began drinking as an adolescent. I don't know why he drank, but I can surmise it was because of his dysfunctional home life, and maybe it was hereditary, because his father and grandfather were alcoholics, also. My dad's alcoholism took to him

to a lot of scary places. My mother always stuck by him because he was a good man and she always had faith that he would get well one day. It was his final trip to rehab that things really changed for him. The doctors told him if he drank again he would die. I knew that my father did not want to live like that anymore; and I felt so helpless and I desperately wanted to do something to help him. I had a moment of inspiration that lead me to write my father a poem. I gave the poem to him when he was at the treatment center. And I prayed. Later my father told me that the poem saved his life. To this day, my father has that poem in a frame on his bedroom wall. My father has been sober for 29 years now. My family's life changed so much at that time. Although, sobriety brought new changes that we all had to adjust to, because we had all become sick in our own way and developed unhealthy ways of relating to each other, I was incredibly grateful for it was truly a miracle. My father helps so many other people who are struggling with their addictions and he gives them hope that they too can have the miracle of sobriety.

The poem I wrote for my father was my first experience of having my own written words be a positive force on another persons' life. Maybe this is why I have always been careful in choosing the right word and being considerate of the person I am talking with because I understand the power of words. "God alone knows the secret plan of the things he will do for the world using my hand."  
~Toyohiko Kagawa

Diane C.

## LITERATURE LADY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

should be discounted??

Hell No!!!! This here little Big Book kept one man sober for 7 whole days! This book is priceless!!! Tried

& True!!! It has the "Touch of the Master's Hand."

Let's include this story and raffle it off at some big meeting!!!!

Anonymous

## A Day in Central Office as a Phone Volunteer

The first time answering the phone after the Diverter Workshop was intimidating. I have time in AA, and have done other service positions, but talking to someone on the phone was a little different. I needed to improve my listening skills.

Sometimes it is easy to help someone find a meeting using the Intergroup Meeting guide found on the Central Office Web page, at [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org). Fielding other questions, such as calls from those fortunate enough to be court ordered, can at times be difficult. They want to know about "Classes." This is followed by a brief

rundown on how "meetings" operate, not classes.

On several occasions, a year or so back, a gentlemen would call and want to debate the effectiveness of AA. After about the third or fourth time -- some of these sessions going on for five to ten minutes -- I had to learn to cut him off. I still sometimes expect him to call back, and I have to remember to be kind and tolerant, yet firm.

A woman called from Phoenix about a friend of hers who was in a motel in San Jose, talking about suicide. My only advice was to suggest to her to

call the local authorities and let them deal with the issue. A tough call; you want to be helpful, but this was a little beyond what I was used to. I often see the job as trying to fix the problem. Wow, if only I could fix an alcoholic -- I have to watch the ego.

The job has been interesting and at times challenging, and I look forward to my time at the office. Great place to meet other AAs and see old friends. For a long time as an Intergroup Rep, I would ask people to volunteer. The good thing was that I finally took my own advice.

Anonymous

## LITERATURE LADY

The literature lady at the Saturday morning 10 a.m. Fremont & Hollenbeck group got her introduction to AA when a former employer gave her a copy of the Big Book. That night she was going to go home, read the book and drink. Instead she just read the book and has been sober ever since. She thinks that others may possibly get sober the same way. She's made a habit of giving newcomer women (only) their own Big Book.

One Saturday morning a "regular" at this meeting, who does all kinds of 12-step work, brings a new Dude who introduces himself with "I'm not sure I'm an alcoholic, or what I am." At the end of the meeting the Dude, with the help of the 12-Step Guy, says he needs a Big Book in big print. We

don't have a big print Big Book, but we got us a hard-back Big Book. So the literature lady tells the guy, "O.K., I'll give you this Big Book and I'll give you my personal extra-strong magnifying glass on this condition: I'll go buy a big print Big Book for you this week, but you have to stay sober all week and next Saturday walk in here with seven more days of sobriety, and give me back this book and the magnifier." He wholeheartedly agrees and so does the Service Guy.

The literature lady buys the big print book and brings it to the next Saturday morning meeting. In walks the Dude with his 12-Step buddy. Gushy literature lady starts crying when Dude looks her straight in the eyes and says "I brought you back

your book and your magnifier."

Dude and literature lady hug at the end of the meeting. She's all gushy. This is the first man newcomer she's given a Big Book to. Together they figure out what his first sober date is, they write it in his book and she signs his book. The Service Guy goes out to his car to return last week's Big Book. In that book Dude has written his initials (real fancy like) and the following:

Forward To the 1st Edition  
2nd Edition

Doctor's Opinion (would you believe that is exactly what hooked literature lady into staying?)

12-step buddy voices concern about a Big Book with writing in it; maybe it  
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## ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

gratitude to me. To continually think and speak my attitude of gratitude into existence to keep it.

All the "thank you"s and all the "you're welcome"s come from my heart to you and are received into my soul from you. Awesome! Such an awesome, natural... "feel-good".

I am open to hear all God wants me to hear and see, to give and receive

as God puts the opportunities in front of me...as I hone my "Attitude of Gratitude," which is the result of making a simple list. God's grace is and always will be at the top of my list...numero uno. Without that...well... we all know the answer to that.

Oh yes...as you might expect...my first assignment to my sponsees before we start our reading and writing is: "I'd like you to write a gratitude list...

any length you want." Then, when they read it to me I say, "Good work... now, when you get to feeling sorry for yourself, add two new items to your list." And there it is; they are on their way to developing their "Attitude of Gratitude" as they start "trudging the road to happy destiny"...and I get to keep it as I give it away!

Danette G., San Jose

## Editor's Bag

Happy November to all of you! In November of 1975, Lois W. and Tom S. of Jacksonville, Florida (a trustee who chairs the archives committee), cut a blue ribbon to officially open the A.A. Archives at G.S.O. New York. In a brief speech, Dr. John L. Norris points out that A.A. must continually renew itself by going back to its source, recalling Bill W.'s frequent request that the Board and G.S.O. "should put everything they do on the record." The archivist is nonalcoholic Nell Wing, who served as Bill's secretary for many years and is described as a "one-woman walking encyclopedia of A.A. lore." (See Alcoholics Anonymous Timeline.)

This month the Old-Timers Meeting (speakers with over 20 years of sobriety) will take place on Saturday, November 30th at the St. Martin of Tours Auditorium, 300 O'Connor Drive, San Jose – at 3:00 PM. That will sure cut down on the problem of night driving...

Veterans Day now means more than it did when I was a kid. Every year there was a ceremony outside our school at 11:00, where we all gathered to hear a short speech about World War II, we'd say the Pledge of Allegiance, guns would be fired, and we'd all go back to class mesmerized, believing in the power of our country. My dad was there in the South Pacific in the Navy, and so was my husband's dad. Now our wedding anniversary falls on Veterans Day. Richard is a veteran of the Viet Nam War; I'm a veteran of three marriages. We both made it without too much flak, and now we can enjoy the fruits of what we've learned to make this union our best relationship. Thank you, God, for sobriety.

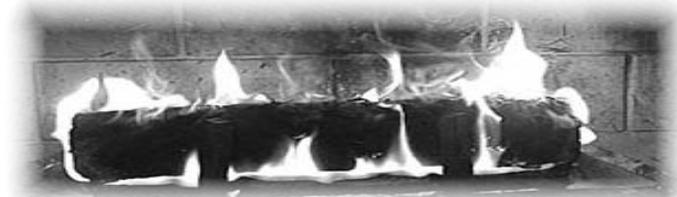
*Fran*



### Topics Upcoming & Deadlines

December 2013	Peace on Earth; Let it Begin With Me	11/20/13
	Tradition Twelve: Anonymity; Principles Before Personalities	
January 2014	Starting Over (How Many Times?)	12/18/13
	Step One: Powerlessness	
February '14	Love or Lust? What IS Love in Sobriety?	1/22/14
	Step Two: Came to Believe	

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## ARCHIVES

Recently Santa Clara County Alcoholics Anonymous has lost some members with long term sobriety: Al E. with 62 years, Willy S. with 57 years, Janie T. with 46 years, and Donna S. with 41 years. These are significant losses for our community and as Archives chair, I can't help but fret over the amount of important local AA historical information that has been lost with them.

With that being said, I am putting a plea out to the long-timers in our groups to be recorded for the Santa Clara county archives. I would love to have everyone with 35 plus years sober interviewed by the time my commitment is over. Please tell us if you are available to be interviewed,

so we can have a well-documented history of what AA was like in the early years, and how our groups evolved. Ask your favorite long-timer to email me at nicholelee4@aol.com or call me (408) 722-4710 to set up an interview.

Also, if you have any items (old meeting guides, old meeting information, or historical AA artifacts of any kind) consider donating them to the Santa Clara County Central Office Archives. We are working towards preserving our past for the future generations of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Nichole L., Archives Chair

### 4th Step Workshop

**Every Sunday**

**2:30 - 3:30 PM**

**Freedom Fellowship Group**

**327-B Moffett Blvd.**

**Mountain View**

**Week 1: Intro & Resentments**

**Week 2: Fears**

**Week 3: Sex Inventory & Ideal**

**Week 4: 5th Step & Amends**

**Week 5: Open BB Study**

**No sign up needed!**

**Join us any week!**

## CHEYENNE'S CORNER

12	<b>GRATITUDE</b>
11	magnitude
10	fortitude
9	<b>servitude</b>
8	rectitude
7	amplitude
6	<b>certitude</b>
5	vicissitude
4	latitude
3	<b>altitude</b>
2	aptitude
1	<i>ingratitude</i>

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## WE WENT ON VACATION

We went on vacation, which you may have heard, and were gone for almost five weeks. (For someone who's used to going to six A.A. meetings a week, this was going to be a challenge.) We knew we'd be missed and we would miss our friends a LOT. Here's the recap:

For the first two weeks, we were in Italy, where neither of us spoke the language (a little Spanish but less Italian), but since we were on a guided tour we were kept busy from dawn to dusk, and then some. Since we're both in the program, we knew the risks and were familiar with both the signs and symptoms of relapse and being RID (restless, irritable and discontent.) For the first week we were kept so busy, we almost didn't miss being at a meeting, talking with one of you, or even seeing a new face.....

We took with us several daily readers and we did do our daily prayers; nonetheless, about halfway in this, our first of two guided tours, we began to miss our "daily respite" from life's entanglements. After all, we were only two of 48 travelers, put together in an artificial family gathering situation, and asked and expected to get along. And we did; don't let me mislead you with my thoughts. This new "family" was a very nice group of people, considering we had just been thrown together and been asked to be nice to each other. (We may someday even be seeing some of them in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.)

So when certain members of our "family" began always taking the same "best seats", an issue not uncommon to our tour director/guide, the guide stepped in to number and assign a specific rotation pattern for us, which stabilized our somewhat rocky playing field. It quickly selfcorrected and we continued along on our merry way, our bus literally eating up the miles, er, kilometers, until we had gone more than 1800 kms. in our 12-days of excursion.

I think you probably get the picture. And pretty much our first two weeks went well, with the weather holding and our typical days about the same in the Mediterranean as what we see around here during our Indian summers.

The Italian portion of our tour came to a close all too quickly, as we said our goodbyes to all of our new "family members" (yes, a few tears were shed but with emailing and text messaging, probably a few new friends were made, and that's always fun...).

The second half of our vacation was another "fly around" in Ireland, but it wasn't scheduled to begin for almost a full week; we decided to spend an easy few days decompressing in Lourdes, France, a very holy place indeed. We thought about going to a meeting but we were unable to find anything, let alone something in English. So we began to read our readers in the morning and at night.

For those of you who don't know, Lourdes is in the south of France, about 10 kms. from the border of Spain, and right on the edge of the Pyrenees mountains, so it's a lot like the Santa Cruz mountains. While we were there, it rained every day, probably getting us ready for Ireland, what we thought. Not hard, just a mist almost, and enough for us to break out our rain gear, getting ready for the next leg of our journey.

While it didn't take the place of an AA meeting, we had discovered gelato while in Italy, and it continued to be available even in Lourdes, albeit, not as rich and creamy as we had become accustomed to, but way better than Dryers! We arrived on Dublin, Ireland after a well-needed four nights of uninterrupted sleep, with our flight touching down at midnight, and were greeted to a misty drizzle.

The drizzle continued for most of the

next day, when the clouds parted and the sun broke free, where it stayed for the next eleven days, the exact length of our guided tour of the emerald isle. In defense of typical Irish weather patterns, it did threaten to rain on us one day while motoring up to Galway (but never did); and in fact, it finally did rain --- at 11:00 am on the day we flew home, just one hour before our flight took off.

We still had three days until our tour began, so we took out meeting guides and various scraps of paper we had brought with us, supplied by friends, Tom K and Mike W, along with a bus schedule and city map. (BTW, a bus pass costs a couple of euros and is good for two days, so save your pass from the first day and save your euros for some gelato and cappuccinos, as they're also somewhat pricy, even at Starbuck's, which we found in Dublin.

We picked a meeting location that was just a block or two from one of

<p><b>Acceptance</b> page 417, "Big Book"</p> <p>"And acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place or situation - some fact of my life - unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake. Until I could accept my alcoholism, I could not stay sober; unless I accept life on life's terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes."</p>	<p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> Molesworth Hall, Molesworth Place, Dublin 2. (Off Molesworth Street)</p> <p><b>Fear</b> page 68, "Big Book"</p> <p>"We never apologize to anyone for depending upon our Creator. We can laugh at those who think, spiritually the way of weakness. Paradoxically, it is the way of strength. The verdict of ages is that faith means courage. All men of faith have courage. They trust their God. We never apologise for God. Instead we let Him demonstrate, through us, what He can do. We ask Him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what He would have us be. At once, we commence to outgrow fear."</p>
<p><b>DAYTIME AA MEETINGS AT MOLESWORTH</b></p> <p>Every day <b>Monday thru Sunday at 7.30am</b> Sunday 7.30 (late afternoon), Wednesday 7.30 (day meeting) Thursday 7.30 (As late as 4, Friday 7.30 (day meeting)</p> <p>Each day <b>Monday thru Friday at 11.45 am &amp; 1.00pm</b> Monday 1.00pm (day), Tuesday 11.45am (day) meeting Tuesday 1.00pm (supper meeting), Wednesday 1.00pm (As late as 4) Thursday 1.00pm (day) reflection, Friday 1.00pm (late after)</p> <p><b>Saturday at 12.45pm, 2.00pm</b> <b>Sunday at 4.00pm</b> 1.00 (day meeting)</p> <p><b>EVENING AA MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday &amp; Saturday at 6.00pm</b> Sunday 6.00pm (day) meeting, Wednesday 6.00pm (day) meeting Sunday 6.00pm (day) meeting</p> <p><b>Monday &amp; Thursday at 6.30pm</b> Thursday 6.30pm (day) meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday at 7.15pm Friday at 7.30pm</b> Sunday 7.15pm (day) meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday at 8.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Third Step Prayer</b> page 63, "Big Book"</p> <p>"God, I offer myself to Thee - to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Release me of the bondage of self, that I may better do thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!"</p> <p><b>Seventh Step Prayer</b> page 76, "Big Book"</p> <p>"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding, Amen."</p>

the get-off spots on the bus route - called the Molesworth meetings. Here we "found" our new home

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## WE WENT ON VACATION continued from previous page

away from home, our “real” family and new friends. We were met with open arms and hugs, and warm greetings to “...come on back while you’re still here.” The meeting room was small and always packed with people of all ages and sizes, all talking with this wonderful brogue; (I just love to listen to it; it almost lulls me into a sub-conscious state of rest.) They had meetings there everyday, and sometimes more than one. ( See schedule reprint in this article.) Several of the members have relatives here in the Bay Area, mostly in San Francisco, and we invited them all to come when they could.

When you get to Dublin, be sure to go find the Molesworth meetings; (I’ve included a couple of pictures here to help you not get lost. When you get to the building, just go right in the door up the stairs; the meeting room is the last door on the right).

There are no signs or AA markings of any kind; just an unlocked door, behind which you will find lots of smiling faces and welcomes.

In summary, while our trip on the whole was very special, Dublin is a

wonderful place to visit, with lots of good eating places for the soul as well as the body and stomach. Try to visit before you die.

Brian M



## FAMILY ISSUES

I have nowhere to go to trace alcoholism in my family...no one talks about it, no one has a problem, and although at the end of her life I was thinking my mom could be an alcoholic, who is to say except for the person drinking? If I look around the entire family (my parents each had six siblings, and all of them are dead except for one who has Alzheimer's) with the cousins who are alive (33 of 36) I haven't heard of one who has a “problem” with alcohol.

My grandmother on my dad's side liked her wine, but I think that was at the urging of her two closest sons who were gay and liked to imbibe with her. My dad and mom had cocktails with friends but I only remember raucous laughter whenever their friends came over and we were supposed to “go to sleep.” The only one who may have had a problem was the uncle with eleven kids...he couldn't seem to hold a job long, and they never had money -- just more mouths to feed.

So now, with my own sober life being uncomplicated and running smoothly, the family that's left is doing what? One would think that the financially successful brother is the one I would want to emulate, but I don't. I watch his whole family all drinking the way I used to – with abandon, happily, blissfully unaware of the lethal potential of their ways. I cringe.

I read a charming book recently about a woman's life in the 1800s when she had to be very cautious of the man in her life who liked to “use drink” and carouse with gamblers and gaming men who encouraged him to drink whenever he was away from her. She watched him ruin his life and hers with his reckless spending and drinking. Here we are today, going through the same pains, but in a more subtle way – under the guise of “allowable and reasonable entertainment.”

One of the lines in the play “Sound of Boozing” was referring to an ad

agency that specializes in liquor commercials. “I thought our country outlawed liquor ads.” The response is “No, man, we just have to say, ‘drink responsibly.’ Then we can do what we want.” And that's what our country is doing today – looking the other way. Not a problem, don't you know? 215,000 DUI arrests last year in California...

I can't say anything. I guess if I see all these people drinking casually around me to excess, I can just trust that of all the budding alcoholics in my family, I'm the ONE who blossomed into a real honest-to-goodness alkie, and I am so lucky. I'm no longer competing with anyone... I won the prize.

I have my “family” here in Alcoholics Anonymous. I like the freedom of not having to prove myself by drinking.

Anonymous

# NOVEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 2013 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 2013 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				1	2  SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP 10am, Central Office  ARCHIVES WORK DAY 11:15am, Central Office
3  Daylight Saving Time Ends	4	5  SCCYPAA BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm Election Day	6  PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30 PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm OUTREACH MTG: 5:45pm moved to:3151 Union Ave INTERGROUP MTG: 7:30pm	7	8	9  PI/CPC Workshop 10am, Central Office
10	11	12	13  NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING 7:30pm	14	15	16  DIVERTER/12TH STEPPERS WORKSHOP 10am, Central Office
17	18  BRIDGING THE GAP 7:00pm, Hamilton & Leigh	19  SO COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26  H & I Committee 7:00pm 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	27	28  Turkey Day OFFICE CLOSED **ALCATHON MEETINGS See Page 11	29  OFFICE CLOSED	30  OFFICE CLOSED 27TH Annual Old-Timers Meeting: St. Martin of Tours

### LOCAL EVENTS

**Nov 30** 27th Annual Old-Timers Meeting, 3PM, St. Martin of Tours Auditorium, 300 O'Connor Drive, San Jose

### CALIFORNIA EVENTS

N/A

### EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE

**11/28-12/1** Newcomers Rock, Old Timers Roll! 47th Annual Las Vegas Roundup: [www.lasvegasroundup.org](http://www.lasvegasroundup.org)

**Feb 6-9** 50th Intl. Women's Conference, Honolulu, HI: [www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

### WE WANT TO HELP YOU SPREAD THE WORD!!

Please send news and information about your group's activities before the end of the month so we can get them in the COIN. We accept them in any form, but emailing a flyer is best: [aasanjose@comcast.net](mailto:aasanjose@comcast.net)



## Telephone Calls Received During October 2013

Daytime at Central Office.....**354**

Daytime 12 Step Calls.....15

*(Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.)*

An average of just over 8,000 hits are made on our website each month!!

**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.**

To all the members and groups who support us,  
WE THANK YOU!

## SPEAKER MEETINGS

### Serenity Speaker Meeting

Sundays at 6:15

West Valley Presbyterian Church: 6191 Bollinger Rd., Cupertino

### Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Fridays at 8 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church  
728 W. Fremont Ave. (at Hollenbeck), Sunnyvale

### Second Tradition Group of AA

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose

### Remember We Deal With Alcohol

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

St. Mark's Church

1957 Pruneridge Ave., Santa Clara

### Saturday Nite Live Group

Fridays at 8 p.m.

1388 S. Bascom at Stokes, San Jose

### Speaker Meeting—VA Hospital

Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto

### Saturday Morning Fellowship

Saturday at 10 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church

## MEETING CHANGES

### NEW

**Alano Club West:** Daily, Various. New location at 1555 S. 7th Str, San Jose. Visit [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) for latest schedule of AA meetings.

**Principles Before Personalities:** Thurs., 8:15PM, Faith Lutheran Church, 16548 Ferris (at Spencer), Los Gatos.

**The Young & the Restless:** Thurs., 8PM, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Gilroy.

**Sunday Night Young People:** Sun., 8PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd, Red Brick Bldg, Los Gatos.

**Palo Alto Easy Does It:** Fri., 6:00PM, Peninsula Bible Church, 3505 Middlefield Rd. Rm D-11, Palo Alto.

**Entirely Ready:** Sun., 6:00PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd, Red Brick Bldg, Los Gatos.

**Serenity Speaker Meeting:** Sun., 6:15PM, West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Rd., Cupertino.

**The Survivors:** Wed., 7PM, Veteran's Housing Facility, 10 Kirk Ave., San Jose.

**Change:** Sun., 8PM, Change Recovery House, 526 Page St., San Jose.

### CHANGED

**South County Fellowship:** Daily, various, 18675 Adams Ct., Morgan Hill. All Meetings have moved to the Friendly Inn, 17666 Crest Ave., Morgan Hill. Schedule has changed. Visit [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) for latest info.

**Sunrises's Group:** Daily, 7:00AM, Carrow's Restaurant, 915 Saratoga Ave., San Jose. All meetings have temporarily moved to Denny's, 3715 El Camino Real, Santa Clara.

**Fireside Drunx:** Mon., 8PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd, Red Brick Bldg, Los Gatos. Meeting has moved to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Str., San Jose.

**University Beginners:** Wed., 5PM, University of Santa Clara, Bannon Hall, Santa Clara. Meeting has moved to the Benson Hall Room 207A.

**But a Symptom:** Sun., 7:00PM, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos. Name has changed to Sober Mafia and location has moved to Mission Oaks Hospital, 15891 Los Gatos-Almaden Rd., Los Gatos.

**Noon Gratitude:** Sun., 12 Noon, Serenity First Fellowship, 304 N. 6th Street (at Julian), San Jose.

### NO LONGER MEETING

**24 Hour Concept:** Thurs., 10:30AM, 3466 Grossmont Dr., Portable #1, San Jose.

**Cornerstone Fellowship Group:** 1600 Dell Avenue in Campbell. All 7:30AM meetings are no longer meeting. In addition, the Friday 10AM meeting is no longer meeting.

**Willow Glen Step Study:** Tues., 12 Noon, Elaine's Cafe, 1383 Lincoln Ave., San Jose.

**Gay Reflections on the Solution:** Sun., 8:30AM, Kaiser Hospital, 710 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara.

## Birthday Contributions

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS	BIRTHDAY
Willy S.	58	In Memorium, Friends of Willy S.	Nov. 1958
Rose W.	37	Rose W.	10/31/1976
Julie L.	24	Anonymous	11/02/1989
Joe B.	18	Joe B.	10/16/1995
Demented Dave	41	Anonymous	09/27/1972
Doug G.	26	Doug G.	10/03/1987
Barbara W.	24	Barbara W.	10/03/1989

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!! 228 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!!

If you would like to participate or honor a friend,  
please use the birthday forms at your Meeting or Central Office.

#### CLASSIFIED – HELP WANTED – ON-GOING

### YOU ARE NEEDED !!!

Bill Wilson learned that in order to stay sober he had to work with other alcoholics. My sponsor sent me down to Central Office on the day I had six months, and told me to sign in as a 12th Step volunteer. I did, and I stayed sober.

Please pass the word at your meetings and to your sponsees that A.A. needs 12th Step volunteers with six months or more of sobriety willing to 12th Step and to return calls from suffering alcoholics asking for the hand of A.A.

Note the importance of this service: Recently a suffering alcoholic called the hotline at 7:00 a.m. The diverter worker who took the call spent two hours trying to find someone to take his call. The 12th Step worker was able to take the individual to his first meeting. We need YOU!



### A. A. Needs Your Help!

We are in need of 12-Step volunteers. If you are available to take 12-Step phone calls and/or go out on a 12-Step call (although, never alone!), come to the workshop and sign up!

### We are especially in need of Women 12-Step Volunteers

Every 3rd Saturday of each month  
10 AM  
Central Office  
274 E. Hamilton Ave. Suite D., Campbell  
408-374-8511

## InterGroup Minutes: October 2, 2013

- Gloria V., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:32 PM, followed by a Moment of Silence and the serenity prayer.
- Chapin read the definition of Intergroup.
- Kathy read the 12 traditions.
- New Intergroup Reps: Kathy, St. Mark's Remember We Deal With Alcohol Group, Santa Clara; Tim, Gay Men & Women Together Group, Monday at 8pm, San Jose; Jennifer, DIVA, Wednesday at 6pm, San Jose; Jose, We Care Group, Milpitas; Chapin, We Have Arrived Men's Group, Monday at 8pm, San Jose
- Visitors: Dan, Eric, KC
- Birthdays: Eric, 4 yrs.; Dion, 5 yrs.; Tim, 14 yrs.; George, 25 yrs.; Carol B, 9 yrs.
- 7th tradition.
- Corrections or Additions to the agenda (None)
- Corrections or Additions to the previous month's minutes (None)
- Treasurer's Report – Laura
- Our current cash balance is \$619 plus our prudent reserve. After paying our rent for July through September, our cash balance will be \$469 plus tonight's collection plus our prudent reserve.
- 77 voting representatives in attendance.

### REPORTS

#### Intergroup Chair, Gloria V.

- Thank you Gavin for making the coffee.
- After reviewing last month's meeting minutes it came to my attention that the Outreach Committee chair was elected at the September meeting. This position is appointed by the IG Chair. It is important that we follow procedures to ensure we get the right people in place to head up our committees. In the recent past we have had several chairs drop without notice or not show up. The process to appoint the Outreach chair began with my requesting at the August meeting that anyone interested contact me for consideration. Jessica L. contacted me, and we had a few phone calls. When I felt she was a viable candidate, I put her in touch with the previous committee chair, and they met. After that meeting I met with Mary Pat, the previous chair, and had a discussion. At that point I contacted Jessica L. to have a final meeting to confirm her understanding of the commitment. At the end of the meeting I decided to bring her to the group tonight for introduction. I am very pleased to have Jessica serve as Outreach chair--she has already brought ideas and energy to this very important committee. As I have stated in previous meetings, we will be reviewing the effectiveness of our committees, and I will be reaching out to ask people to help with this process.
- As a reminder, please keep committee reports to 3 minutes; this includes service committee reports.
- We will have the Central Service Board report before the nominating committee tonight as the CSB chair has her children with her and needs to leave.
- Before we move into reports and the Nominating committee, I want to thank Doug G. for taking this task on with such short notice. I really can't thank him enough for bringing together a stellar committee who worked diligently to get this important task done. And to make sure this does not happen next year, the 2014 Nominating Committee chair has already been appointed. I do want to mention that I was out for 2 months with shoulder surgery, so that's how it slipped my mind.

#### Nominating Committee, Doug

- Doug G. has been appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee. Other Nominating Committee members (all former Central Service Board members) are Jo Ann J., Mike D., Allegra R., and Shirley B. There are five members of the Central Service Board. Three members will remain on the board for a second year, while two members will rotate off. The Nominating Committee has placed seven names in nomination for the Central Service Board: Ann Q., James D., Jon H., Laura M., Maxine S., Michele M., and Ross J. The Intergroup Secretary nominee is Joyce H., and the Alternate Secretary nominee is Bill M.
- Elections will be held in November. David N. will facilitate the elections.

#### Central Service Board, Anne

- Anne is the current Central Service Board chair. Our last Board meeting was held September 26. Our finances for the year are good. September had a loss of \$2,693, but we were profitable in August. It is imperative that the groups support Central Office. We are profitable for the year to date. Our five-member board recently conducted a group inventory, and we are taking action on issues that came to light. We want Board members to contribute to the COIN and participate in upcoming activities, such as the Old Timers' Meeting. In November we will welcome two new Board members

#### Central Office, Bruce

- Please don't miss the "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" event this Saturday.
- The 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the First Edition, first printing of our Big Book will be published in April next year. This facsimile edition will duplicate, to the extent possible, that book. The cost is expected to be \$12.00, and we will order a bunch so everyone can get one. We have one of the original books at Central Office, so come on down and get a sneak preview.

- The Grapevine has published numerous really interesting and entertaining books. Please stop by Central Office and take a look.
- And Central Office fares well.

#### **PI/CPC, Larry**

- Our presentation at a health class at the University of Phoenix September 4 went well.
- On September 14 we participated in the Many Paths, One Destination recovery fair.
- On October 12-13 we will participate in the Health Fair in Santa Clara.
- Everybody will be out of town for the next month. Sydra, the PI chair, is getting married and will be in Thailand.
- Our training workshop is held the 2nd Saturday each month, 10:00am at Central Office. Our committee meets the first Wednesday each month at 6:00 at Trinity Presbyterian Church before the Intergroup meeting.

#### **I2 Step Committee, Tommy O.**

- Bill conducted a 12th Step workshop for a large women's group and signed up four volunteers. We will conduct a traveling workshop for any large meeting with 50 or more members. 12th Step volunteers are "on call" for diverters if a caller needs to be connected with an AA member for a phone call or visit. 12th Step volunteers can call the diverter and ask to take any 12th Step calls that occur during that particular shift. The monthly training workshop is held the third Saturday at Central Office at 10:00am.

#### **Daytime Coordinator, Mike M.**

- Bruce gave the report for Mike. The daytime coordinators sit in Central Office for 2 ½ hour shifts. All regular shifts are full, but we always need alternate people to fill in when the regular shift people need a sub. The requirements are at least two years of continuous sobriety and a comfortable understanding of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. This is a 2-year commitment. If you are available and want to take on this valuable position, please contact Intergroup Central Office or contact Mike M. directly at 408-888-0784.

#### **Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Tommy O.**

See I2 Step Committee above.

#### **Outreach Committee, Jessica**

- Outreach volunteers go to meetings listed in our Santa Clara County Meeting Directory to ensure the meeting still exists, to inform the meeting about Intergroup and upcoming activities, and to encourage meetings to have an Intergroup Rep. We need volunteers. Outreach Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:45 at Central Office. Jessica has a form for IGRs to complete. During the orientation for new IGRs, we will ask each new IGR to attend two meetings for the Outreach Committee. Orientation for new Outreach committee members is held at 7:00 before the Intergroup meeting.

#### **COIN, Fran**

- Brian is in Dublin, Ireland; he did the October issue layout before he left. The November topic is Gratitude and the Eleventh Tradition (attraction, not promotion), and 10/23 is the deadline for articles. The December topic is Peace on Earth and Tradition 12 (anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions). In January we will start featuring one step each month. You can go to our website, [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org), to read COIN issues from previous years. Submit your 300-400 word article in Word format to [COIN@aasanjose.org](mailto:COIN@aasanjose.org) OR to [ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com](mailto:ODAATCOIN@yahoo.com).

#### **Activities Committee, Robby W.**

- The seventh annual "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" event will be held October 5 from 11-2. Tickets will be available at the door.
- The Old Timers' Meeting is now an Intergroup function. It will be held at the end of November or early December.

#### **Communications Committee, Leona**

No report. Check out the new website at [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org).

#### **OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS – NONE**

#### **NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

#### **OTHER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Unity Day - Josh**

- Gloria, who served as Treasurer for Unity Day this year, reported that we will need a new Unity Day liaison; meetings will begin in March. 750 people signed in for Unity Day in August; it was a huge success. We have made a deposit for the same facility for next year and are doing a backup search for an alternate venue. The translations went well. There was leftover food. We are increasing the food budget by 25% for next year. Unity Day now has a \$1,000 prudent reserve, and we are returning approximately \$235 to each of the supporting bodies: North County Service Group 04, South County Service Group 40, and Intergroup.

##### **NCCAA, Dennis**

- No report. The next NCCAA conference will be in Modesto October 11-13. Pre-registration is \$10; registration at the door is \$15. The conference is noted in the September COIN, and fliers are available online at <http://www.norcalaa.org>. The hotel rate is \$99/night.

**Hospitals and Institutions, Judith L-G**

- Jim gave the report for Judith. H&I meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the First Congregational Church of San Jose, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, San Jose 95025. There is a 6:30 meeting for new H&I reps. In August Area 71 (Santa Clara County) contributed \$4,818, and year-to-date (December-July) Area 71 has contributed \$38,735. H&I takes 57 meetings/week into 27 hospitals/treatment centers. The Elmwood Men's Coordinator is looking for 26 men to add to the volunteer roster. The H&I pink cans should be passed separately from the 7th tradition baskets.

**Bridging the Gap, Cindy**

- Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Avenue (Hamilton & Leigh), San Jose. We need presenters at Elmwood for the re-entry program; no clearance is required. There will be a Bridging the Gap Forum November 3 in San Jose; the forum is sponsored by CNCA Area 06. There will be a panel on the history of Bridging the Gap and updates on how to get into service. For more information, contact Claudia at [btgchair.p63@cnca.org](mailto:btgchair.p63@cnca.org) or Kate at 408-915-7958 or [btgsantaclaracounty@gmail.com](mailto:btgsantaclaracounty@gmail.com).

**North County General Service, Eric**

- A new motion was introduced at the September district meeting. A group in Saratoga asked its GSR to bring to the district a motion that asks:
- "That we submit a request to the Trustees Literature Committee to delete the phrase of the opposite sex from p. 117 of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. This would change the sentence from
- "Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made" to
- "Nearly every sound human being experiences, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a mate with whom the fullest possible union can be made."
- Because the motion was presented at the last district meeting, it will appear on the district agenda this month as new business, and a vote to forward this request to the area could come in November or December at the earliest. GSRs from groups in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Campbell, and Saratoga are now discussing the motion with their groups, collecting thoughts, ideas, and group consciences on this motion, which would be the first edit to the Twelve and Twelve since it was published in 1952.
- Nationally, a documentary about anonymity being screened around the country called "The Anonymous People" has prompted the General Service Office in New York to again clarify that, according to the Tenth Tradition, AA has no opinion on any outside issues, including books, movies, music, or television shows generated or distributed by other organizations.
- The district archivist has embarked on a project to take the oral history of members around Santa Clara County with 35-plus years of sobriety to hear about what AA was like when they first came into the rooms.

**South County General Service, Larry**

- On November 9 there will be an Inventory Assembly in San Francisco. The written report of the General Service Conference held in New York in April has just come out. There will be a workshop October 19 at Hamilton & Leigh from 2-5 to orient attendees to important segments of the report. CNCA Area 06 was 4th in contributions a little while ago; but it was first in contributions this past year.

**SCCYPAA, Jeff**

- The Revenge of the Nerds event was good. There will be a Halloween costume party and dance October 26 at the Masonic Hall, 131 E. Main St. in Los Gatos. The speaker meeting starts at 6pm, followed by dancing with a DJ and Karaoke; there will be costume and karaoke contests. Tickets are \$5 presale and \$7 at the door.

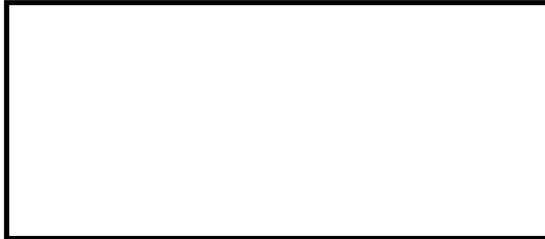
**OPEN FORUM**

- Saturday Nite Live and SCCYPAA are co-hosting a Halloween Get Down dance October 19 from 9:30pm-1am. There will be a midnight meeting.
- The new Alano Club West at 1555 S. 7th St. in San Jose is open, with 27 meetings held at the location. The space is available for special events.
- Johnny O. is organizing an AA History event; he will be bringing out the archivist from Akron, OH.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

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Profit & Loss

October 2013

	<u>Oct 13</u>	<u>Oct 12</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
3030 · Contributions-General	15,704.41	13,033.23
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	130.00	0.00
8010 · Literature Sales	4,495.76	4,779.29
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	723.50	797.00
8050 · Activities Committee	5,148.75	500.00
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	10.00	10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>26,212.42</u>	<u>19,119.52</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold		
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,145.91	3,512.74
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	639.36	347.34
<b>Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<u>3,785.27</u>	<u>3,860.08</u>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>3,785.27</u>	<u>3,860.08</u>
Gross Profit	22,427.15	15,259.44
Expense		
6010 · Alarm Service	207.00	207.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	60.48	491.44
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	0.00	0.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	2,550.00	0.00
6050 · Returned Checks (Face amount of returned check)	0.00	0.00
6055 · Bank Returned Check charges (Returned check charges)	0.00	0.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	104.91	82.99
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	0.00	0.00
6150 · Unity Day Expense	-294.00	0.00
6160 · Copier Expense	213.12	86.85
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	60.33	322.92
6231 · Insurance - CGL Group Umbrella	0.00	0.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	749.90	316.10
6245 · Internet Access Charges	0.00	29.95
6280 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00
6320 · Newsletter Expense	0.00	0.00
6330 · Office Expense	304.17	134.11
6360 · Archives	0.00	0.00
6370 · Office Paper Supply	64.40	0.00
6380 · Payroll Taxes	583.38	597.59
6410 · Postage	472.90	0.85
6430 · PI/CPC	0.00	0.00
6480 · Rent	2,090.55	2,534.00
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,625.88	7,811.56
6560 · Payroll Expenses	101.00	90.79
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	250.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00
7050 · Telephone	154.94	226.81
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	-3.52	0.47
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>15,245.44</u>	<u>13,183.43</u>
Net Ordinary Income	7,181.71	2,076.01
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
8030 · Interest Income	5.23	2.75
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>5.23</u>	<u>2.75</u>
Net Other Income	5.23	2.75
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>7,186.94</u></u>	<u><u>2,078.76</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

October 2013

Jan - Oct 13

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

3030 · Contributions-General	120,621.76
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	1,680.00
8010 · Literature Sales	44,113.74
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	6,358.92
8050 · Activities Committee	9,607.19
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	115.00

Total Income

182,496.61

Cost of Goods Sold

5000 · Cost of Goods Sold

5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	31,086.20
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	4,745.29

Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold

35,831.49

Total COGS

35,831.49

Gross Profit

146,665.12

Expense

6010 · Alarm Service	828.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	4,287.20
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	52.82
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	3,575.00
6050 · Returned Checks (Face amount of returned check)	107.60
6055 · Bank Returned Check charges (Returned check charges)	10.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	1,012.13
6120 · Computer Expenses	144.81
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	681.11
6150 · Unity Day Expense	521.00
6160 · Copier Expense	1,476.39
6190 · Depreciation Expense	708.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	833.85
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	1,184.66
6231 · Insurance - CGL Group Umbrella	2,188.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	6,987.15
6245 · Internet Access Charges	712.29
6280 · Miscellaneous Expense	39.22
6320 · Newsletter Expense	1,348.88
6330 · Office Expense	1,947.25
6360 · Archives	68.09
6370 · Office Paper Supply	1,244.83
6380 · Payroll Taxes	6,251.34
6410 · Postage	1,591.38
6430 · PI/CPC	392.45
6480 · Rent	21,348.95
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	2.81
6540 · Salaries - Office	71,651.44
6560 · Payroll Expenses	966.70
6600 · Signing Services	2,000.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	80.00
7050 · Telephone	1,712.87
7060 · Travel	98.64
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	112.55

Total Expense

136,167.41

Net Ordinary Income

10,497.71

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

8030 · Interest Income

122.40

Total Other Income

122.40

Net Other Income

122.40

Net Income

10,620.11

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2013

Oct 31, 13

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1010 · PettyCash	158.09
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	19,358.18
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .1%, 08/12/2013)	17,523.16
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ .1%, 02/05/2014)	16,444.35
1025 · First Republic Bank CD 7266 (12 Mos. CD @ .1%, 01/06/2014)	20,095.20
1026 · First Republic Bank CD 7619 (12 Mos. CD @ .45%, 06/21/2014)	15,026.42
1027 · First Republic Bank CD 7681 (9 Mo. CD @ .5%, 01.29/14)	15,035.81

Total Checking/Savings 103,641.21

Accounts Receivable

1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,909.81
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Total Accounts Receivable -1,909.81

Other Current Assets

1250 · Literature Inventory	17,023.88
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,223.36
1499 · Undeposited Funds	232.67

Total Other Current Assets 18,479.91

Total Current Assets 120,211.31

Fixed Assets

1630 · Office Equipment	30,259.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,507.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-34,425.17
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00

Total Fixed Assets 3,341.65

Other Assets

1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
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Total Other Assets 1,993.85

TOTAL ASSETS 125,546.81

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	449.33
2600 · UnityDay	1,502.03

Total Other Current Liabilities 1,951.36

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Equity

2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	102,133.26
Net Income	10,620.11

Total Equity 123,595.45

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 125,546.81

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

October 2013

	Oct 13	Jan - Oct 13		Oct 13
1 INV EarlyBird Group 70968	0.00	350.00	El Camino 108 (Tues)	0.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	170.38	Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.)	0.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	315.00	1,085.00	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	490.00	2,170.00	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	729.04	4,984.23	Entire Abstinence 467 (Mon.)	0.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	723.97	4,643.64	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00
1 INV SaturdayNite Live Group 70905	70.00	700.00	Fireside Drunx 400 (Mon.)	0.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,365.00	Firing Ling (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00
1 INV SerenityFirst Fellowship 70902	0.00	748.46	Free to Be Me SJ (W omen) 736 (Tues.)	0.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	2,520.00	G Attitude Adjustment	0.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	865.00	3,465.00	G Bythe Book 70980	175.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute	0.00	430.92	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	218.00
1 INV W inchester Fellowship 70960	75.00	225.00	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00
12 Keys to Freedom 334 (W ed.)	0.00	125.10	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 ( Fri.)	0.00	315.00	G Remember W e Deal W ith Alcohol 70938	0.00
24 Hour Concept 532 (Thurs.)	0.00	61.88	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00
3rd Steppers Book Study(W om) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	442.79	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00
4 Directions 855 (Fri.)	0.00	179.13	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	263.66
A Vision for You W omen's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	290.00	G Third Tradition W omen's Gp, The 70979	114.00
A.B.C. W omen's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	420.00	G W e Care Group 70934	490.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	385.00	G W est Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 ( Fri.)	0.00	203.46	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 43 (Sat.)	100.00	386.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	154.00	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	70.00
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	101.00	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00
Better W ay of Living 197 (W ed.)	0.00	240.70	Gay Men & W omen Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	175.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	315.00	525.00	Get Up and Go (W omen) 187 (Sat.)	837.38
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 ( Fri.)	0.00	105.00	Get W ell Group 17 (Sun.)	157.38
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	268.50	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	279.00	3,096.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00
Boiled Ows (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	2,355.00	Happy Destiny (W omen) 109 (Tues.)	0.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	607.00	656.00	Happy Hour W G 652 (Fri.)	0.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	838.96	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	1,802.50	High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	964.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	182.40	454.80	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	544.00
Candlelight Group 380 (Sat.)	0.00	50.00	Humbly Asked 87 (Sun.)	0.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	784.00	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00
Chip W inners (Chips) 168 (W ed.)	393.40	2,054.63	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	311.96	1,733.76	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00
Early Bird SJ 244 (Thur.)	0.00	72.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (W ed.)	124.09
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	402.50	1,429.16	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	120.00
Easier W ay Group 290 (Fri.)	420.00	1,511.31	LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	0.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	500.00	Liquor W as But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00
Living in the Solution MH (W ) 33 (Sat.)	0.00	111.78	South Valley W omen's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00
Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	513.28	Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	100.00

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October 2013

	Oct 13	Jan - Oct 13		Oct 13
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	128.76	633.34	Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	599.52
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	380.45	St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00	St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	350.00	963.50	Step Along (W omen) 638 (W ed.)	0.00
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00	Step by Step Group 005 (Sun.)	35.00
Memorium Contribution	0.00	3,100.00	SundayNight Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	110.00	Sundowner's Dinner Mtg (Chips) 768 (W ed.)	0.00
Men's Basic Step StudyGroup 891 (Tues.)	0.00	284.00	Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	315.00	Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	720.83	TrinityGroup 370 (Sat.)	0.00
Men's HonestyGroup 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,246.00	TrulyHappyHour 324 (Fri.)	367.36
Men's Single Problem StudyGp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	935.00	TuesdayNight Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	449.00
MiddayW omen's Group 91 (Mon.)	307.80	1,136.95	TuesdayNight Saratoga Group 152 (Tues.)	0.00
Mondayat a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	229.90	TuesdayNoon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00
MondayMiddayMeeting 714 (Mon.)	0.00	49.20	Unknown	0.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	519.80	Up the Creek-DailyReflections 745 (Tue.)	0.00
Mountain ViewGroup 350 (Sat.)	0.00	268.00	Veterans of Alcohol NorthH 338 (Tues.)	0.00
NewNooners 808 (Mon.)	50.00	205.00	Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	200.00
NewSteps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	313.60	W e Are Not Saints 12 & 12 520 (Tues.)	0.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	581.46	W e Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00
Other W ednesdayNite,The (Men) 209 (W ed)	0.00	363.00	W est ValleyFellowship (Chips) 374 (Sat.)	0.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	284.08	465.85	W isdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00
Personal 00911	248.69	3,024.15	W omen's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	835.92
Plaza Del ReyGroup 52 (Sun.)	42.00	507.00	W omen's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	93.80	W omen on the Move 570 (W ed.)	0.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	630.00	W omen to W omen 704 (Sat.)	0.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	60.00	60.00	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15,704.41</b>
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	217.00		
Saturday6PM Meeting 413 (Sat.)	0.00	204.72		
SaturdayMorning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,680.00		
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	600.00	2,754.50		
SerenityDiscussion 210 (W ed.)	0.00	1,023.00		
Shared Gift, The (W omen) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	861.35		
Silver Serenity 517 (Thurs.)	0.00	318.28		
Single Problem Study(Men) 212 (W ed.)	0.00	439.40		
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	668.92		
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (W ed.)	0.00	882.00		
Sober and Free Convention 70928	479.50	479.50		
Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	500.00		
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues.)	0.00	108.13		
Solutions for GayW omen 870 (Thur.)	0.00	117.00		
South ValleyMen's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	372.35		

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1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	300.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	210.00
1 INV SaturdayNite Live Group 70905	70.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	250.00
1 INV SerenityFirst Fellowship 70902	35.00
1 INV South CountyFellowship 70954	385.90
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	315.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute	425.00
1 INV W inchester Fellowship 70960	420.00
12 Keys to Freedom 334 (W ed.)	1,335.80
12 Steps at Noon 303 ( Fri.)	439.42
24 Hour Concept 532 (Thurs.)	1,330.00
3rd Steppers Book Study(W om) 610 (Thur.)	2,489.00
4 Directions 855 (Fri.)	4,189.60
A Vision for You W omen's 802 (Tues.)	3,216.67
A.B.C. W omen's Group 58 (Mon.)	1,372.00
Almaden ValleyDiscussion 30 (Sun.)	256.20
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 ( Fri.)	87.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 43 (Sat.)	323.76
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	207.66
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	65.00
Better W ayof Living 197 (W ed.)	364.00
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	364.70
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	3,106.31
Big Book Step Study(Men) 325 ( Fri.)	716.74
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BirthdayContribution 00951	667.00
Boiled Ows (Men's) 816 (Wed)	1,575.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	540.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	120.00
Cambrian SaturdayNight (Chips) 376 (Sat)	964.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	1,642.00
Candlelight Group 380 (Sat.)	506.10
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	122.00
Chip W inners (Chips) 168 (W ed.)	734.11
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	600.67
EarlyBird SJ 244 (Thur.)	636.30
EarlyTuesdayGroup 119 (Tues.)	347.60
Easier W ayGroup 290 (Fri.)	535.65
East ValleyGroup 322 (Fri.)	330.00
Living in the Solution MH (W ) 33 (Sat.)	85.08
Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	921.00

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Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	275.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	725.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	165.90
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	35.00
Memorium Contribution	200.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	200.00
Men's Basic Step StudyGroup 891 (Tues.)	100.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	1,540.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	300.00
Men's HonestyGroup 26 (Sat.)	719.36
Men's Single Problem StudyGp 220 (Thur.)	1,750.00
MiddayW omen's Group 91 (Mon.)	300.00
Mondayat a Time 208 (Mon.)	140.00
MondayMiddayMeeting 714 (Mon.)	140.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	200.00
Mountain ViewGroup 350 (Sat.)	150.00
NewNooners 808 (Mon.)	900.48
NewSteps for Living 20 (Sun.)	210.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	413.00
Other W ednesdayNite,The (Men) 209 (W ed)	140.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	140.00
Personal 00911	835.92
Plaza Del ReyGroup 52 (Sun.)	267.00
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Saturday6PM Meeting 413 (Sat.)	
SaturdayMorning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	
SerenityDiscussion 210 (W ed.)	
Shared Gift, The (W omen) 61 (Mon.)	
Silver Serenity 517 (Thurs.)	
Single Problem Study(Men) 212 (W ed.)	
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (W ed.)	
Sober and Free Convention 70928	
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Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues.)	
Solutions for GayW omen 870 (Thur.)	
South ValleyMen's 845 (Thur.)	



Gilroy Groups  
invite you to an  
**Alcathon**  
on  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
7511 Gourmet Alley  
Gilroy, CA 95020

"marathon" meetings go on all day and night  
6:30 am to 9:00 p.m.

Turkey and Ham dinner will be served  
Everyone is welcome!

# The Fair Avenue Fellowship Group

is hosting a

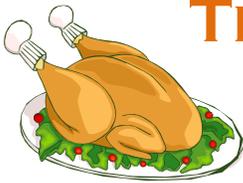
## THANKSGIVING ALCATHON

Thursday, November 28, 2013

9:00 am – 9:00 pm

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## THANKSGIVING DINNER



Will be served at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
and hosted by the Alano Club of San Jose

All are welcome

You Don't Have to be Alone – Join Us

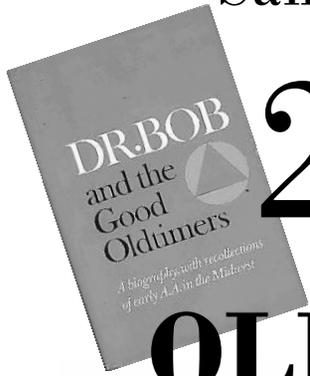
Location: Alano Club of San Jose – Duncan Hall  
1122 Fair Avenue San Jose, CA  
408.297.1817

# Saturday Nite Live THANKSGIVING MARATHON MEETINGS



Saturday Nite Live provides marathon meetings for our members during the Holiday Season. They'll be held on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Meetings will be one hour topic meetings with a 1/2 hour break between meetings. All regularly scheduled meetings will be held on these holidays. Meeting times will be every two hours beginning at 6AM and ending after the midnite meeting. That means 6AM, 8AM, 10AM, 12noon, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM, 8PM, 10PM, and Midnight.

Santa Clara County Intergroup Presents



# 27<sup>TH</sup> AAnnual OLDTIMERS MEETING

**Saturday, November 30, 2013**

**3pm @ St. Martin of Tours Auditorium**

**300 O'Connor Dr, San Jose**

- Santa Clara County Tradition
- Hear from Oldtimers with 20+ years of sobriety share their stories of experience, strength, and hope
- Enjoy homemade cookies - make some to share
- Be a part of the Sobriety countdown

**Directions:** From Winchester & 280- turn Right onto Winchester towards the 880/17. Go over the overpass. Make a left at DeSalvo and then left on O'Connor Dr or Bailey.

We can't do it alone... volunteer for set-up, clean-up, coffee, or be a greeter!  
Contact Robby W. 408.373.2465

