



## FOCUS: STEP 3: MADE A DECISION

This step is so important to me! As I've mentioned before, I made this decision once and maintained my dedication to it for quite some time. And then I changed my mind and I drank. And my drinking at that point took me to new lows. What I know today is that this decision is made on a daily basis, and sometimes more often than that.

At one time, the phrase, "Turn my will and my life over to the care of God," brought forth images of Mother Teresa and a life of pure service to others without personal reward. Let me tell you, that was NOT what I had planned for my life! Thinking about that now, with some experience under my belt, I'm chuckling. My life today really is defined by service to others, but there is an incredible amount of personal reward that comes with that.

So what about that decision? What it means to me today, every day, when I awake is that today I will do my best

to go with the flow of life and to not make decisions based upon my ego. When I say the Third Step Prayer I am reminded that all of the goals and aspirations that I built throughout my life were based on what others thought were important. They were my interpretation of what my community taught me were the ideals and things that I should strive for. That community could not foresee the future, so it could not provide me with adequate instructions for living this latter part of my life. I have first-hand experience in the years of this sobriety that being of service, working for the common good, and being one among others are the things that bring me contentment, peace, and happiness.

I am also reminded by that prayer that I can be my own worst obstacle to progress. My ego can get blown out of proportion and I start thinking that I can, should, and have to do and be much more than is necessary. Or

## MONTHLY TOPICS

Here's lookin' at you! Happy March, all you Pisces and Aries people! This is not only National Irish American Heritage Month (1995) and St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, but National Craft Month, National Women's History Month, Red Cross Month, and Social Workers Month. Employee Appreciation Day comes up on the 7th, and Panic Day on the 9th is also Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. (spring forward those clocks one hour.) Johnny Appleseed Day is also Worship of Tools Day (this IS a guy thing!) and Girl Scouts Day is on the 12th. International Earth Day is the 20th, and National Doctor's Day is on the 30th.

We have some stories on the Third Step, as well as getting Back to Basics in Sobriety. Stories begin on this page and continue on pages 5 & 6.

Next month's topic is Sunshine & Showers – Rain in Life. Deadline is 3/19/14. The Fourth Step – Fearless Moral Inventory is also a consideration. April is when we surely will be praying for rain and more rain to make up for our surprisingly beautiful and balmy December and January. The nation is going through some drastic weather oddities, and we need to remain grateful for whatever we have. Thank you for all the folks who are deciding to try their hand at writing us – we are happy to get your stories! Send them to COIN@aasanjose.org and we'll get them into the next issue.

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## ANONYMITY WORKS FOR US

There is a joke about a man who dies and goes to Heaven. There he is met by St. Peter, who offers to show him around. St. Peter takes him to a room where there are a large number of people singing and looking very serious.

The man says, "They look like nice people, but they seem very serious." So St. Peter takes him to a room where a large number of people are praying and looking very serious. The man says, "They look like nice people, but they look a little too serious."

St. Peter then takes him to a room where people are laughing and talking and having a good time. The man says, "Who are they?" St. Peter responds, "We don't know; they are anonymous."

Although this is a funny story, it reflects the fact that there exists some confusion on the meaning and purpose of anonymity in AA. The fellowship is not anonymous, but the members are. AA is known around the world, but we members remain anonymous on a public level. The Traditions don't say anything about

members being anonymous to each other. Dr. Bob once said something to the effect that being anonymous to each other was also a breach in our anonymity. In General Service and in Intergroup, we use full names.

The book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, tells us on page 181, "A.A. had to be publicized somehow, so we resorted to the idea that it would be far better to let our friends do this for us." This worked so well that the courts area sending us many people who need our help. This is far less hazardous than individual alcoholics putting their huge egos in the public eye. The Traditions have come to us as a result of past bitter experiences.

Tradition Twelve tells us that we should be ever reminded to put principles before personalities. Our promoter instinct sometimes makes it difficult for us to put our principle of anonymity before our personality. Refraining from shouting our personal reprieve from alcoholic destruction on the housetops is a good exercise in humility.

There is another way in which the

twelfth tradition is a great help to us on an individual basis. Putting personalities before principles means that I should practice the twelve steps in my daily association with my fellow members. Even if I think a fellow member is in need of my words of council, I should do this with love if I do it at all.

Practicing humility through anonymity means that I quietly do my work of helping others. It does not mean that everyone needs to know about my good works. It means that I show love and tolerance to my fellow members and quietly do what I can to further the cause of carrying our message of sobriety to the alcoholic who still suffers.

It seems to me that "practicing these principles in all my affairs" can mean that I personally practice the Traditions in my affairs as well as the Steps. Both were intended to make our lives better. The Tradition of anonymity can be a "constant and practical reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A."

Chuck G., San Jose, CA



## THANK GOD FOR BASICS

I don't want to scare the newcomer off, however -- in my experience life keeps moving along and it's useful to have tried and true ways with which to deal with its ups and downs, today, now, at one's fingertips. After a few years working the Twelve Steps, endeavoring to live by them, my life has become more wonderful than ever I could have dreamed or imagined. For many years God has put me in a loving, caring, stable, monogamous relationship with a man, "...too amazing to believe..." We enjoy material blessings beyond our wildest dreams: a comfortable retirement, nice cars that cause little to no stress, awesome vacations, a lovely home which is comfortably furnished with family antiques and treasures.

Aside from these luxury blessings, my participation in AA gives me a loving family to which I can always belong, so long as I choose to "...do what you do..." AA greets me whether I am exuberant and laughing, depressed and lonely, or tired and crabby. I am welcomed and told to "...let us love you until you can love yourself." When I feel homicidal or suicidal, which I sometimes do, my drama melts into the loving kindness and hugs of my AA posse. Furthermore, life now has meaning. I can always be aware of opportunities to be of service to "the still suffering alcoholic." For that matter, now that I am sober and a little bit more aware, I see many chances to be of service to people, yes, and even to the planet itself.

However, as I go sailing along there can be major upsets. I recently returned from a usual weekday meeting to find a note from my dear partner. "Gone back to lab to have more blood work done."

Quickly, I sit down before I collapse. This note announces a new chapter in our lives. The previous week, the annual physical had been completed. The doctor had remarked that the lump on the side of his neck required further investigation. "OK, God, this is your show. Give us the strength to do the next thing." (Who knows what the next right thing is? For me these days it's "left foot, right foot.")

Since then, our phone has been ringing as never before. We're on a first name basis with various offices at our health provider. "Please be in Rm. 219 for a test at 10:30 AM, on the day after tomorrow." (Oh sure. I was just waiting for you to call. I had no plans, no place to go, no one to see. OK, God, I know, just do what I'm told; and keep my mouth shut.) Okay.

"Show up at 5:30 PM for this next test." (Yeah, well Rm 320 is in the bowels of the medical center. Who knows where it is, and how do we get there?) "What time shall I come to pick him up?" "Oh, fine -- 8:00 PM. Of course I'll be there."

So several days passed, and the appointment with the oncologist was scheduled for

3:00 PM on Friday. A long-time family friend appointed herself chauffeur and secretary. I certainly don't trust myself to hear or understand what this scary doctor would say. In the midst of the fog of emotion I heard, "Lymphoma. 18 weeks of chemo and we'll see where we are."

The voices dragged on for a while and then we're back in my friend's car. Now, what is the next step? They say breathing works. The days have passed and more than ever, God is in charge.

Am I feeling numb, in shock? I prefer to believe that the grace of the Higher Power has enfolded me, and him, too. We are loved and we know it. For me, this experience of being carried is a 'vital spiritual experience' of which the Big Book speaks. I know, not believe, that the Higher Power runs the show as the Steps suggest. My job entails surrender to the moment, to the will of the Higher Power as it reveals itself moment by moment in the voice of this nurse, in the conversation with this friend, with the quiet moment before someone comes into the waiting room and the next 'thing happens.' The Higher Power is present, AA is present and I trust my place in its loving arms. As the mystic, Julianna of Norwich says, "All is well and all is well and all matter of things is well." Our slogans say, "Live and let live," "Just for today" and "Let go, let God." Please remind me to do all of these each day.

D.C.

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it goes the other way and I land in fear and anxiety over the smallest things on my plate. Of course, none of this is true... my Higher Power

has given me just the right amount of work to do and just the right amount of skill with which to do it. If I can manage to ask for guidance,

heed it, and do the footwork, the rewards are abundant. Always.

Ceased the Fight

## AMAZING STEP THREE

One of the most life changing moments in our path to recovery is the taking of the amazing Third Step. And yet, for many, it's a very difficult one. When we all reach the bottom that has brought us to a dark place and finally take a step into the light of recovery, our overwhelming ego sometimes still resists this concept. Making a true and convincing commitment to turn over our will and our lives to a God of our understanding is scary. We spent so much of our lives in fear that we tended to hang onto it. Let's face it: it's familiar.

As alcoholics we kept trying to manage our lives, control our drinking and have healthy relationships. And at this we failed miserably. Is there another way? Is there power greater than ourselves who can manage our lives better? It seems

evident to me after taking this step.

I sat in meetings and heard people in recovery dealing with life's most difficult problems. This was the solid proof I needed. Not words on a page, but real people with real problems like my own. Or often much worse. This awareness gave me some humility at last. And I think humility is the key element in turning our lives over to God.

At first my Third Step was guarded, but over the years I have moved into a more trusting relationship with God, even if I didn't understand why difficult things continued to crop up in my life. Trust is the ultimate form of surrender for this alcoholic. It has brought me great relief from stress and confusion. I think it's called serenity. Trust relieves me of the

burden of anxiety and self-doubt.

Who am I to try and parse what the universe has sent me?

I remember in early recovery hearing a definition of surrender as "joining the winning side." If we don't believe that God is the winner, I think we are deluded. For this alcoholic, that definition was another major turning point for me.

After all, who am I to sort all the problems one has in our journey? And why should I try? For me, my faith is simply an extension of the basic requirement of open mindedness. So who does a better job if guiding me on my journey? My higher power is so much better at this. Why not try it? It works.

E. Marie, Campbell

## UNITY DAY 2014... DON'T MISS IT!

Unity Day is August 17, 2014 don't miss it -- For You and Because of You

Last Year – 2013

The Play was The Sound of Boozing

It was exciting and educational to participate with the Unity Day's play last year. I was a new GSR (General Service Representative) for our group and participated in District 40 meetings. The District meetings were exciting and I felt that I had to give back, so I after a little persuasion, I volunteered for the position of District 40 Liaison for Unity Day. I had no idea what participating in Unity Day meant. You see, I had gone to Unity Day in the past, but never had volunteered.

I assumed that the Liaison position was to just go to the Unity Day meetings and then report back to the District meeting what the Unity Day committee was doing. My understanding and thought at that time was, "How hard could this be?" and of

course, the second thought was that, "It couldn't be very time consuming."

Unity Day is a day that all the service groups, i.e., AA, Alanon, Alateen, H&I, the Districts 17, 04, 40 and Intergroup, etc., give back to the volunteers. It is also a learning opportunity for everyone to investigate the different services groups and what they provide to our community.

I remember one person who attended the new Bridging the Gap meeting said to me, "Wow, I didn't realize what they did." She became a new volunteer. People see the different service areas and where they can fit in. But above all, I believe it is a bonding day when we can get together with our friends and prove that "we are not a glum lot." It's the four F's.... fun, fellowship, food and – oh, yes -- free.

Ok my first Unity Day meeting was held at the chairperson's home. It was well organized and I was very impressed with the commitment of the people who attended and

had volunteered. After a few meetings, they gave me the position of Entertainment Chairperson – great -- and what did that really mean?

Each Unity Day they have a play. I was to help the Director with the play.

Not so hard, huh? I could do that. So, I worked with the Director and became the Producer of the play. I helped set up the auditions, helped schedule rehearsals, helped get the stage locations, helped with costumes, sets, scripts, and cued the actors and actresses when it was time for them to go on stage. It was a beautiful collaboration and it was almost effortless because these people worked at making this play a success.

And it was successful....because you see, we were performing for the people we love and who love us in return. It wouldn't have mattered if the play was a flop; the people in the audience who love us would have appreciated the time and effort that the volunteers put into the play and

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## FOR GOD'S SAKE...

### For Gods Sake I

Recently I have asked myself, Do I go to God so my life will be better?

I sense I'm looking for something, but not for the sake of my relationship with God. I don't feel good about this. Okay God, I just confessed my selfishness to you on a keyboard. God, I also hear that we are allowed to ask for what we want.

I think there is a piece of me that feels that if I practice the presence of God, good will happen, and that if I practice the presence of God, I may experience God working in my life. I believe that when I practice being still, there is a connection or an opening where my thinking gets put on hold and God is allowed in.

I have this picture -- that my will is very thick and dense. When I practice the presence of God, I am allowing that something, which is God, to penetrate this density of willfulness. Contrary to the presence of control, approval, success, filling an empty hole inside, I experience a peace relieving me from this bondage, which now I see more clearly as SELF. Even the success of creativity can be to my detriment when sought purely to fill a hole inside. I want to add that prior to A.A., I was unaware of everything I've mentioned.

I have to come to see in order to come to believe. I also need to ALLOW,

and not willfully force, something to happen. What a dance it is ! The suggestion of "plan the action, and let go of the outcome" has become helpful. A hole-filling seeker I've been. Do I want God for God's sake? Or do I want God for my sake? It's hard when I have not met IT but yet it has met me and I am encouraged to believe IT lives, moves and has its being within me. People say to me I've enough evidence because I am sober.

### For Gods Sake II

God, I'm so sick of trying to get to you or praying that you will come to me while all I read and have been told, whether by meditation, self help books or the Bible is that you already ARE. Forgive me, please, for my arrogance. All these years later, and reading an old journal last night, I see that I was and still am asking the same questions and doubting the same way. It's obvious from MY questions; it's plainly and painfully obvious how full of myself I was and still am. I think questioning on some level is okay but I think it is ALL about me and not about YOU. It would be so much easier if you would just sit and talk to me out loud, answer my questions, then I would have our little talk as a barometer for life. Now I'm going to talk out of two sides of my mouth by saying that most recently there has been a slight change from all my attempts and striving. Getting sick

and tired of trying to get at something, whether it is you, God, or material has left me with this dead-end feeling, but also with a desire just be close to you! No agenda.

If this is the process of coming to believe, then I understand more what is meant by "don't quit before the miracle." I would never have thought of myself as having an ego problem but I have come to know the subtlety of ego -- not in obvious areas of conceit or showing off, but oozing out in the form of "I'm so terrible, ain't it awful?" (over and over) and how about years of, "God, why aren't you showing yourself to me?" It hides itself well. Speaking of "Ain't it awful," I now have to be careful of going too far into that, as I would completely contradict what I just said, but then I CAN be a series of contradictions.

This morning as I'm writing, I haven't a clue how to think or go forward today with what I realized, but maybe going forward with this deeper sense of humility, not a humility I concocted with my head down or wearing old rags, is a beginning. Thank you, God, for fresh starts. I will start my life again today for Your Sake.

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would have shown their appreciation.

The people in the audience were happy to be entertained. The play was so fun and was a tremendous success, so much so that ....I am willing to do it again this year. So, mark your calendar and we will see you this

year. The play will be amazing, for you and because of you. Thank you for coming to Unity Day and celebrating and supporting the volunteers and the service groups in our area.

Anonymous

## EDITOR'S BAG

The Ides of March is generally the middle – the 15th – of March and is known for the assassination of Julius Caesar. Not such a pleasant thought, but we have other things to be grateful for in March history:

The Saturday Evening Post made history. The interest of Judge Curtis Bok, owner and publisher of the Saturday Evening Post, is piqued when he learns of A.A. from two Philadelphia friends. Bok then calls on hard-nosed reporter Jack Alexander to tell the organization's story. The resulting 7,500-word article is published in the magazine on March 1, 1941, putting Alcoholics Anonymous on the map of public consciousness and spurring a dramatic increase in Big Book sales and membership alike. (Credit: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Timeline.)

I can't imagine where we'd be if someone hadn't broadcast the good job Bill & Bob were doing with drunks all over the United States, and possibly the world. Surely we are now reaching many little corners of the world.

Step Three: Turned Our Will and Our Lives over to the care of God as we understood him. It took me a while to do this – really, two years. But I had to ask God to guide me because I didn't trust myself anymore. If I'd had two marriages that went south, how could I predict where the next one would go? I had to ask God for

help. I told him, "I don't know what to do about this guy. Show me what I need to do." He did. He made the way clear and simple and it was a piece of cake. The journey of our 16-year marriage was not always easy, but it was clear that we were meant to be together, and the path was evident in front of us. God allows us to be there for other people who need to see how we are doing it, so it won't be so frightening when they need to walk the path. They can call on us for help when the time is right.

Today we have a new challenge in our lives here at the COIN production. We need a new graphic designer who can either learn (or already knows) Adobe InDesign and would be willing to work on the COIN on a regular basis. This involves setup and layout of all the stories (pp. 1-9), maintaining the monthly calendars and Central Office news pages (pp. 10-20) and work on promoting and gathering stories when needed.

Brian and I have been doing the COIN since January of 2012, and he needs to take care of his health. We are not sure how much longer he can keep up the work he's been doing, so we need a volunteer to step in to help with this exciting and interesting service commitment. Do you have some time and energy to devote to a fun project every month? Give me a call at 408-421-3941, or talk to Bruce at Central Office.

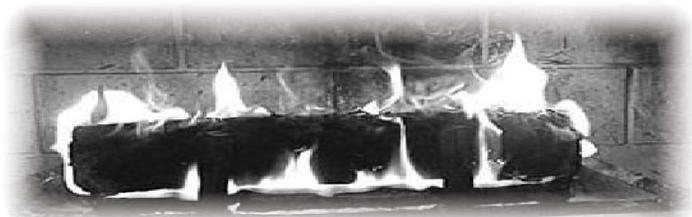
*Fran*



### Topics Upcoming & Deadlines

April	Sunshine & Showers – Rain in Life	Due 3/19/14
	Step Four: Searching & Fearless Moral Inventory of Selves	
May:	Forgiveness vs. Holding Resentments	Due 4/16/14
	Step Five: Admitted Wrongs to God /Ourselves/Another Human Being	
June	Not a Glum Lot – Joy in Sobriety	Due 5/21/14
	Step Six: Ready to Remove Defects of Character	

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## THE HISTORY BUFF

I recently assumed the role as the Archivist for Intergroup; my first order of business was to learn what an archivist is and does. I turned to a trusted source, the dictionary, for the following definition “a person who maintains and is in charge of archives.” The next question seems obvious, what are archives? According to the same source, “archives are a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people.”

It strikes me that when considering the archives for AA in Santa Clara County it is the information about the people that is most relevant. While it is interesting to learn where we met and for how long, it is the people that have carried the message since 1946 to suffering alcoholics in this Valley.

Days after assuming this new role, I received a message that Dave Q. called and had “stuff” for Central Office. Well, Dave and I had a very nice conversation this morning. He got sober in February of 1984 and recalls living in his van in the parking lot of the Alano Club of San Jose for approximately 6 months. Dave became active almost immediately. He was named the “historian” and served from 1984 – 1987 on the archives committee that was independent of Intergroup or General Service. He recollected that because

he was newly sober and others on the committee did not feel it was appropriate to give someone with little sobriety the title of archivist, thus he was called an “historian.” Others serving on the committee with him were Johnny O., Al E., and Bud T. He recalled fond memories of the group’s efforts to collect valuable documents, photos, letters, and other information about the history of AA in the Valley, much of which is contained in the book, “The Roots of AA in Santa Clara County.” Copies of this book are available at Central Office.

Dave Q. left the Valley in 1987 relocating to Sonora. He has since moved to the East Coast and now resides in Baltimore, Maryland. Along the way, he has carried many boxes with him and recently opened a box that contains many items he had collected when serving as the historian.

Upon opening the subject box, Dave was surprised to find documents relating to AA in Santa Clara County, as he thought he had turned it all over when he left the Valley nearly 30 years ago. He called our Central Office and we have arranged for him to send us the box. I am anxious to receive it and get another glimpse into our rich history.

Some may question the importance or relevance of collecting and preserving historical documents related

to the AA in the Valley. As we are promised in our personal recovery, our pasts can be our best teachers and definitely one of our greatest assets. As a prominent Canadian archivist noted, “the past is always relevant to the present, informing our views, answering our questions, and pointing us in the right direction.”

For me, there is also another great, simple benefit; the review of our history always infuses me with a strong sense of gratitude for all the people that came before me and those who were in attendance at my first meetings ready and waiting to deliver a much needed message of hope. We have much to learn and celebrate!

Annie K.

## Early blooms in February ...



## BACK TO BASICS AND TURNING IT OVER

Back to Basics and the Third Step -- Turning It Over. They really do go together. And for April we'll be looking at the Fourth Step, which is what I need to prepare for to meet with my sponsor next week. Meanwhile, I'll work on this combination of topics. Back to Basics.

What was I doing at the beginning of my sobriety that was working for me, and that I need to repeat in my life now? Nothing, really. In my first year I was hiding out in meetings so I wouldn't have to face being home with the man I'd married five years earlier, still thinking I loved him, and not understanding why I was so miserable. I was NOT working the steps in the beginning of my sobriety; I was just skating around the rink, hoping I'd "get it" somehow.

My sponsor told me I'd have to ditch the idea of pursuing someone else at this stage (I thought I could just "change horses in mid-stream" since I was an alcoholic) because sobriety was the most important thing in my life. It would be best to concentrate on AA and take care of the business at hand, being SOBER. If I didn't want to be married, I had to do something about that, too. This resulted in my doing "90 meetings in 90 days" and that was the launch of digging into AA. At the beginning of April in 1988, my husband kicked me out of the house just before my one-year anniversary, and I finally had to realize that it was necessary to WORK the program. My sponsor nurtured me through that second year, keeping other men at bay and forcing me to

complete my Fourth Step. I'll always be grateful for her care through that "getting real" year, and when I was ready for a relationship I was glad she'd brought me to that point.

Turning it over is using a God box effectively. When in doubt, let God have it. Write down your cares and woes and groaning and moaning and cussing and wailing, and tell Him all about it. Doesn't matter how long it is, in fact, the longer the letter, the better you'll feel. And it can be a SHE, too, or an IT – it really has no gender.

So when I met the man who twinkled at me across the tables at the Red Cross meeting in Los Gatos, and my heart palpitated and I swooned at the sound of his voice at the podium, I knew I was in trouble when he asked for my phone number. We went to dinner – he wanted Italian, I wanted French, we went Italian -- and I realized he was very full of himself and this would probably go nowhere fast, since there was not a crumb of easy conversation between us. He called me again the next day and we talked and in jest (oh sure), he called me a b\_\_\_\_\_ and I told him, "If you ever use that word again on me, or anyone I know, don't bother calling again." He backedpedaled pretty quickly on that, and never used it on me or anyone (within my range) in the next sixteen years. I lived with a verbally abusive husband once, and I was not going to do it again. When my kids met him, they immediately fell for him. ("Oh, Mom, this guy is GREAT!") When my folks met him, they looked askance the first

time, and then they learned to adore him. He had that way about him.

When he proposed a month later, I told him I'd think about it and let him know later. He asked, "When?" I told him to wait a week, and then I put his name in my God box. "God, I don't know why you've sent me this man, and I've picked a couple of doozies before. If I'm supposed to marry him, please let me know." What was the sign? I didn't exactly HAVE a sign; what I got was the good wishes of a lot of people in the program who respected and loved him, and they thought he was making the right decision in choosing ME, as well as my choosing HIM. The following Friday I told him I was smitten with him, and I did want to marry him.

We decided on his birthday for our wedding date -- 12/24/89 -- and he rented a house in Tahoe, arranged the service time with the "Love Chapel" there, rented a limo and made reservations for dinner afterwards at a restaurant. I WAS impressed. We took my daughters, his son (and my daughter's boyfriend at the time,) for that week over Christmas, had a lovely and corny wedding service (with fake flowers, canned music, and a movie of the whole thing.) We went back to the house, watched movies and spent a week eating, sleeping, and sight-seeing. No snow. Oh, well.

We had a wonderful, turbulent marriage for sixteen years beginning that Christmas in 1989. The turbulence was only because life happened, not that we didn't get along. He got sick,

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## STORIES WANTED

**NOTICE:** What's your favorite meeting? Why not write about it? Submit your story and a picture of its location (without faces of any members) to: [coin@aasanjose.org](mailto:coin@aasanjose.org). Or if you need help, call Fran, our editor, at 408-421-3941.

**NOTICE:** Do you know of any KID-FRIENDLY meetings? Let us know and we will print a list of them. If the list becomes substantial, perhaps it can become incorporated into our meeting directory. Let us know at [coin@aasanjose.org](mailto:coin@aasanjose.org).

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we spent more money than we made, we went bankrupt, he got better, then he got sick again, and I got into Al-Anon because what I'd heard was I needed to take care of myself, not try to fix or improve him, or help him get well, whatever. I needed to get to know myself. So almost at sixty, I started the process. Now here I am, working on me again. Since he passed away in December of 2005, it's been more learning than I really ever hoped to get. And I am glad of it. Don taught me gentleness, kindness, understanding. He was SUCH a good listener. Together we made a good team. I was so frightened when he died AND both parents died (they were "supposed to be there" when my husband died...)

that I would end up alone and lonely. That is NOT the case today.

Now I'm in my last marriage, and I still find ways to better myself, and to stay out of my husband's stuff. Let go and Let God. I believe that God is taking care of me, as well as my husband. All through my sobriety He has taken care of me. I still sponsor women, chair meetings when asked, go to five to seven meetings a week, work on the newsletter, go to Elmwood once a month, serve as Intergroup Rep for a meeting, do other service work, and I meet with my sponsor regularly. I'm so glad I'm an alcoholic.

This week God has proven it to me

again. I've been worried while I have been preparing to find the job that I really want (versus the one that attaches itself to me) that the money is running out. I think I am doing things – for the first time -- in the right order by FIRST getting training for a new job, and then looking for the right place to work. Today I called two places to lessen monthly payments, then I made an appointment to help me gain an additional income by applying for my own social security benefits instead of using my late husband's. I'm old enough now to make the choice I can at this age. Sixty-Nine and still kicking!

F.U. (no joke.)

## CHEYENNE'S CORNER

# W

Willing  
Willing  
Willing  
Willing

to admit I need help  
to admit Help is available for me  
to accept Higher HELP  
to look at my part in my past

# H

Honest  
Honest  
Honest  
Honest

sharing of personal inventory out loud with someone else  
preparation for Higher HELP's Process  
surrender to Higher HELP's Process  
preparation for my footwork in the Process

# O

Open-minded  
Open-minded  
Open-minded  
Open-minded

to effects of damage I caused to others  
to spot-checks of myself & immediate adjusts of my behavior  
to staying actively connected with Higher HELP  
to helping others seeking Help

## MARCH 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 2014 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	April 2014 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					1  SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP 10am, Central Office  ARCHIVES WORK DAY 11:15am, Central Office
2	3	4  SCCYPAA MEETING 6:30pm	5  PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30 PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm OUTREACH MTG: 5:45pm Central Office INTERGROUP MTG: 7:30pm	6	7	8  PI/CPC Workshop 10am, Central Office
9  Move your clock FORWARD one hour.	10	11	12  NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING 7:30pm	13	14	15  DIVERTER/12TH STEPPERS WORKSHOP 10am, Central Office
16	17  BRIDGING THE GAP 7:00pm, Hamilton & Leigh	18  SO COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25  H & I Committee 7:00pm 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	26	27	28	29

### LOCAL EVENTS

- Mar 15** Agenda Topics Workshop 2014, 12PM-3PM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose
- Mar 15** Saturday Nite Live St. Patrick's Day Potluck, 3:30PM-6:00PM, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose
- Mar 21-23** NCCAA 67th Annual Spring Conference, San Ramon Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Dr., San Ramon
- Mar 22** 7th Annual Chili Cook-off, 12 noon - 3PM, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose
- Mar 28** Saturday Nite Live Open Mic Night, 9:30PM-11:30PM, 1388 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose
- Apr 12** Serenity First Fellowship Spring Dance, 8:30PM-11:30PM, 304 N. 6th St. at Julian, San Jose
- Sept TBD** 28th Annual Old-Timers Meeting, Date and Time TBD, St. Martin of Tours, San Jose
- Oct 4** 7th Annual Take Your Sponsor To Brunch, 11AM-2PM, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

### CALIFORNIA EVENTS

- May 2-4** 43rd Annual H&I Conference, Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave., Chico
- Jun 5-8** A.A. Desert Pow Wow, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort, Indian Wells, [www.desertpowwow.com](http://www.desertpowwow.com)

### EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE

- Apr 18-20** Celebrate Sobriety 2014, Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver, Canada, [celebratesobriety.ca](http://celebratesobriety.ca)
- May 1-4** Coeur d'Alene, 3rd Annual CDA Convention, Coeur d'Alene Resort Hotel, Coeur d'Alene, ID, [www.cdaconvention.org](http://www.cdaconvention.org)

## APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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20	21 BRIDGING THE GAP 7:00pm, Hamilton & Leigh	22 H & I Committee 7:00pm 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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 February 2014

Daytime at Central Office.....**327**

Daytime 12 Step Calls.....3

*(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  
Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

### MEETING CHANGES

#### NEW

**Sunday 11th Step:** Sun., 7:30AM, South County Fellowship, Friendly Inn, 17666 Crest Ave., Morgan Hill.

**Rule #62 Men's Meeting:** 6:00PM, Thurs., St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave., San Jose.

**Completely Out of Context:** Wed., 6PM, DeFrank Center, 938 The Alameda, San Jose.

**Knocking on Heaven's Door:** Sat., 4PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Group, 1600 Dell Ave., Campbell.

#### CHANGED

**Rincon Avenue Weekday Meetings:** Mon.-Fri., 4PM, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 41 W. Rincon Ave, St. Lawrence Hall, Campbell. Men's Basic Book Study- 8PM Thursdays and Men's Basic Step Study - 8PM Tuesdays, All 4PM meetings, are moving to St. Edwards/Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 15040 Union Ave., San Jose (near 85 & Union Ave.). *Meetings will start there on January 6, 2014.*

**Primary Purpose Group-Beginners Big Book Workshop:** Morgan Hill Bible Church, 15055 Monterey Rd. (behind the church), Morgan Hill.

**The Family After:** Wed., 12 noon, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 81 N. 2nd Str., San Jose. Day has changed to Thursday.

**South County District 40 GSR Meeting:** 3rd Tues. monthly, Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 N. 2nd. Str., San Jose. Meeting has moved to the First Congregational Church of Christ, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, San Jose.

**Fireside Big Book Study:** Tues, 8:15PM, San Jose Christian Reformed Church, 5150 Camden Ave., San Jose. Meeting has moved to Joint Ventures Churches, 6581 Camden Ave, San Jose.

#### NO LONGER MEETING

**As Bill Sees It:** Wed., 8:30PM, South County Fellowship, Friendly Inn, 17666 Crest Ave., Morgan Hill.

**Go with God:** Mon., 8PM, 586 N. 1st Street, #230, San Jose.

**Women's Meeting:** Sat., 4PM, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th Street, San Jose.

## Birthday Contributions

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT	YEARS	CONTRIBUTIONS	BIRTHDAY
Jon H.	7	Karla Y.	03/08/2007
Lilly G.	21	Lilly G.	02/20/1993
Sue H.	3	Carol B.	03/10/2011
Nancy S.	38	Mary Pat P.	02/18/1976
Corvus M.	19	Mary Pat P.	02/12/1995
Allegra R.	30	Mary Pat P.	02/03/1984
Larie S.	31	Mary Pat P.	01/18/1983
Domini C.	25	Mary Pat P. & Brian M.	02/21/1989
Kanaka S.	27	Kanaka S.	Unknown
David H.	6	Dominic B.	02/28/2008
Janie T.	46	Larry T., In Memorium	03/26/1967

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!! 253 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!!

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use the birthday forms at your Meeting or Central Office. Birthdays are listed in recognition of contributions made to Central Office on a member's behalf, be it by themselves or a friend, for a sobriety milestone and will be listed in this section (unless requested otherwise).

#### 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: February 5, 2014

- Gloria V., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by a Moment of Silence and the serenity prayer.
- Elise read the definition of Intergroup.
- Jim read the 12 traditions.
- New Intergroup Reps: Devin, Men's Single Problem Study – St. Marks; Chris, Truly Happy Hour – St. Edwards; Sandy; Bill, Veterans Alcohol North; Chris, St. Marks Thursday Night; Karen, Sisters in Sobriety – Milpitas; Jim, Bowers Fellowship – Sunday 11 am; Elise, Ferris and Spencer – Los Gatos 9 am; Stan, Get Well @ El Camino Hospital – Sunday, 8 pm; Chris, Palo Alto Men's – Tuesday, 8 pm
- Visitors : Bud; Carlos
- Birthdays: David, 22 years; Tom, 8 years; Bridgette, 5 years; Dennis, 30 years; Roman, 11 years; Barbara, 12 years; Tom, 7 years
- 7th tradition.
- Corrections or Additions to the Agenda
- Treasurers Report – next report will be in March, not January.
- Nights/Weekends Diverter – Coordinator Tommy O. has a new phone number: 408.963.3233
- Corrections or Additions to the previous month's minutes (None/Minutes approved)
- Larry announced the new PI chairperson, Chris L and provided his contact number
- Treasurer's Report – Gloria V., Intergroup chairperson announced that Joe B. will be the new Intergroup treasurer. Gloria asked if there was any opposition and there was none.
- 55 voting representatives in attendance

### REPORTS

**Intergroup Chair, Gloria V.** -- 28 members needed to pass any motions. Thank you Gavin for continuously making the coffee. Thank you Bruce for making copies of the agenda. As a reminder, please keep committee reports to 3 minutes; this includes service committee reports.

**Central Service Board, Mike W.** -- The board met on January 23rd and discussed revenue and expenses and discussed trends noticed. Mike explained the oversight responsibilities of Intergroup Central Service Board. During January, the outgoing Intergroup treasurer did a thorough inventory count of all the literature at the central service office. The inventory count was well within normal levels. Another responsibility of the Intergroup Service board is to evaluate the executive director and part of the review is to set goals and objectives for him to better serve the central office and the community. In January the board did a mid year performance review, and they are very happy with the progress on the mutually agreed upon objectives provided. One of the goals is to have a new and revised website to serve the community. Thanks to Leona and the support of Leona we have a new and improved website up and running. Thanks to Intergroup for contributing \$672 to Central Office.

**Central Office, Bruce** -- Pre-orders for the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book are still available at Central Office. We've had fewer than 60 pre-orders so far, so there's plenty left. Chuck G. has rotated out as Intergroup Central Office Archivist and Annie K. has agreed to take the position. She couldn't be here tonight, but we'll introduce her next month. She's working on forming a committee and will appreciate any volunteers to assist in preserving our history in Santa Clara County. I'll be attending the gathering of Northern California Central Office Managers in Sacramento on Friday, February 28th. Our very own Cory celebrated 22 years on February 4. And central office fairs well.

**PI/CPC, Larry**-- Definition of the acronyms PI – Public Information and CPC – Cooperation with the Professional Community. Tonight we had an exciting committee meeting, several things in the works. Presentation on 2/25 at Santa Clara University – for one of their classes. Presentation on 2/27 at Project Homeless up in Sunnyvale.

**New PI chair was introduced: Chris** -- Potential presentations in March: San Jose State and Gilroy schools Please share with groups: PI/CPC training workshop is held 2nd Saturday each month, 10:00 am at Central Office. Our committee meets the first Wednesday each month at 6:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church before the Intergroup meeting.

**12 Step Committee, Bill D. Reporting for Tommy O.** -- If a meeting would like to have a 12-step workshop, Bill would be willing to meet right after a regular meeting. Let Bill know if any of your groups are interested. The monthly training workshop is held the third Saturday at Central Office at 10:00am. Suggested sobriety requirement: 6 months

**Daytime Coordinator, Mike M.** -- Shifts are full and they are doing well (Bruce).

**Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Tommy O.** -- Definition of Diverter. Stated the different shifts that diverters occupy: 9 am to 4:30 pm someone in the central office answers the phone. Outside those times, individual members volunteer for shifts that average about 3.5 hours once a month. Chuck G. the Tuesday coordinator is moving out of the area, so Gavin S. is going to take over as the new Tuesday coordinator.

The monthly training workshop is held the third Saturday at Central Office at 10:00 am

Please share with groups: There are 6 open diverter shifts. Suggested sobriety requirement: 1 year

**Outreach Committee, Jessica--Mary Pat reporting** -- 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. There is a particular need for daytime outreach in east and south San Jose. Please share with groups: We need volunteers, please bring flyers to your group! If interested contact Jessica by phone or email. Outreach Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:45 at Central Office. Orientation for new Outreach committee members is held at 7:00 before the Intergroup meeting.

**COIN, Fran** -- Writing an article for the Coin is one of the nicest ways for people to write out their resentment list or what they are happy or miserable about – particularly for the people you sponsor. March: Back to Basic; renew my sobriety foundation (or Step 3). April: Sunshine or Showers? There is rain in life and problems, how do you deal with them in Sobriety? (or Step 4). May: 5th step – Forgiveness Please encourage the people with great verbal stories to submit their experiences in writing so that we can all hear about it. Write stories or get your sponsee to write a story (in Word please, no Excel). Update any outdated information the COIN in a timely fashion to get it in time to print 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.** -- Robby was out of town, Gloria shared that he will have fliers: Yellow flier is the Calendar of Events for 2014 – please post, so people know where things are. Red Flier - Chili cook-Off – Saturday, March 22nd from 12 pm – 3 pm at Lincoln Glen Church – We need chili teams, cornbread teams. Need volunteers. \$60 for each chili team. There is a \$10 suggested donation. Auditions for the play “Olivia with a Twist” – See flier in the COIN – tryouts are Thursday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm and Saturday Feb. 15th at 1 pm at the Central Office.

**Communications Committee,** -- No report. No chair at this time

## NEW BUSINESS – NONE

## OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Last month we discussed putting together a committee to talk about what our service committees do and if we are serving as we should. There are 6 people lined up on this committee and we calling this committee the Service Committee Review Committee and we are going to start working this month and hope to finish it in March and report back in April. Also considering a committee called the Sunshine committee that takes meetings to elderly people and individuals who can't get out to meetings. If you have interest please contact Gloria the Intergroup Chair.

## OTHER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Unity Day – Chris T.** -- Gloria announced that Chris T. has stepped up to be the Unity Day liaison. **Chris T. – 408.425.1507** -- Unity Day Committee meetings start again in February – 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm at members home. Expect a report in March

**NCCAA, Dennis** -- NCCAA 67th annual spring conference in San Ramon, CA – March 21, 22, 23 2014. Pre Registration is \$10 or \$15 at the conference. See Flier in the COIN. [www.NCCAA.org](http://www.NCCAA.org)

**Hospitals and Institutions, Judith L-G** -- Jim reporting in place of Judith. New Facility: Crestwood Behavioral Center – Tuesdays at 7:45 pm, no clearance, 6 months sobriety. Elmwood Men's Jail – need more men. Salinas Valley State Prison can use 40 Men or Women are needed, clearance is required. Please see the H&I report – contact Judith with any questions. 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. Next meeting is January 28th

**Bridging the Gap, Cindy** -- Definition of Bridging the Gap. Looking for female presenters to go into the jails, as well as men and women Spanish-speaking members. Always looking for group reps! Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Avenue (Hamilton & Leigh), San Jose. Orientation at 6:45 pm.

**North County General Service, Eric.** -- At our last district meeting, Distric 04 conducted its biennial district inventory to determine how well the district is fulfilling its primary purpose: to help the alcoholic recover through AA's suggested twelve steps of recovery. Every GSR in attendance participated in the inventory, and district officers are now reviewing notes to determine what, if anything, can be improved. We also passed a budget, which included additional expenses to support Bridging the Gap and Archives and support for district committee members to travel to assemblies, to fall more in line with Tradition 7 and support our trusted servants. At this upcoming meeting, it is possible we may be voting on the motion to remove four words from page 117 of the 12 and 12. By February 14, we expect to have a finalized list of the Agenda Topics, which are matters of discussion that affect AA as a whole. Thanks for letting me be of service . . . Eric L.

**South County General Service, Larry** -- Met at their new location, First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Avenue (Hamilton & Leigh), San Jose. Many new GSR's, busy introducing them to what we do in General Service. Busy time of year as Eric stated. Agenda Topics are coming out. GSR will be introducing some agenda topics to the group, and getting group conscious and then what the GSR does is bring that feedback to the delegate at the area assembly in Monterey. If you're interested ask your GSR! Central office has additional copies of the agenda topics, please call. PRAASA is March 7, 8, 9 in San Diego. Agenda Topics Workshop – March 15th from 12 pm to 3 pm at the Fair Avenue Fellowship.

**SCCYPAA, Jeff** -- Santa Clara County Young Peoples in Alcoholics Anonymous. Comedy Show at the Masonic Hall on January 25th was a huge success. 1st Annual Drag Show – Saturday, Feb. 8th at the Masonic Hall, 7 pm, suggested \$10 donation.

## OPEN FORUM

- Dan announced last event at the current Saturday Nite Live location: Valentines Day Dance, Feb. 15th at 9:30 pm, suggestion \$5 donation. New Saturday Nite Live location: Union and Bascom intersection: Maple Leaf Plaza, address coming. Moving there April 1st.
- Laura, Free to Be Me; closed women's meeting, 7:30 pm Tuesdays – been around for 20 years, we need support. Meet in the back of the church in the Wickem Room. Babysitting available!! Please see the fliers.
- Bruce – if you want something in the COIN, online or posted at central office please send the fliers/information to central office. Central office will even make copies, they are here to help. Reminder about [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) - lots of information.
- Mary – meeting format change – Mondays at 4 pm, Union and Bascom; alternating one week step, one tradition and so on.
- Clean Up announcement – Gavin needs help with the coffee.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm*

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Profit & Loss

February 2014

	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Feb 13</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
3030 · Contributions-General	9,838.14	7,299.26
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	265.00	0.00
8010 · Literature Sales	4,906.61	5,048.60
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	523.00	604.50
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	15.00
Total Income	<u>15,537.75</u>	<u>12,967.36</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold		
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,516.30	3,596.76
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	66.78	35.36
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,583.08</u>	<u>3,632.12</u>
Total COGS	<u>3,583.08</u>	<u>3,632.12</u>
Gross Profit	11,954.67	9,335.24
Expense		
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	0.00	2,200.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	175.00	1,700.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	45.08	79.07
6160 · Copier Expense	144.18	0.00
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	85.33	179.92
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	1,469.90	262.55
6245 · Internet Access Charges	60.00	29.95
6320 · Newsletter Expense	66.78	0.00
6330 · Office Expense	113.14	0.00
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00
6380 · Payroll Taxes	715.81	744.86
6410 · Postage	41.35	5.32
6430 · PI/CPC	0.00	150.00
6480 · Rent	2,153.90	2,090.55
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,021.38	6,762.36
6560 · Payroll Expenses	100.98	90.81
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	200.00
7050 · Telephone	155.44	152.11
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	126.79	0.00
Total Expense	<u>12,675.06</u>	<u>14,647.50</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-720.39	-5,312.26
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
8030 · Interest Income	24.06	29.95
Total Other Income	<u>24.06</u>	<u>29.95</u>
Net Other Income	<u>24.06</u>	<u>29.95</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-696.33</u></u>	<u><u>-5,282.31</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

February 2014

	<u>Jan - Feb 14</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
3030 · Contributions-General	31,216.78
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	465.00
8010 · Literature Sales	10,381.08
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,610.50
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	45.00
Total Income	<u>43,718.36</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	7,383.28
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	658.04
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	8.40
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>8,049.72</u>
Total COGS	<u>8,049.72</u>
Gross Profit	35,668.64
Expense	
6010 · Alarm Service	207.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	0.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	175.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	172.66
6160 · Copier Expense	194.34
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	170.66
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	1,889.80
6245 · Internet Access Charges	429.60
6320 · Newsletter Expense	277.97
6330 · Office Expense	185.56
6370 · Office Paper Supply	115.01
6380 · Payroll Taxes	1,651.89
6410 · Postage	344.89
6430 · PI/CPC	46.51
6480 · Rent	4,244.45
6540 · Salaries - Office	14,540.01
6560 · Payroll Expenses	250.50
6600 · Signing Services	400.00
7050 · Telephone	311.06
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	126.79
Total Expense	<u>25,733.70</u>
Net Ordinary Income	9,934.94
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
8030 · Interest Income	35.81
Total Other Income	<u>35.81</u>
Net Other Income	<u>35.81</u>
Net Income	<u><u>9,970.75</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2014

Feb 28, 14

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 - PettyCash	129.60
1020 - First Republic Bank (Checking account)	20,920.09
1021 - First Republic Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .1%, 08/12/2013)	17,562.96
1023 - First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ .1%, 02/05/2014)	16,452.65
1025 - First Republic Bank CD 7266 (12 Mos. CD @ .1%, 01/06/2014)	20,100.27
1026 - First Republic Bank CD 7619 (12 Mos. CD @ .45%, 06/21/2014)	15,043.29
1027 - First Republic Bank CD 7681 (9 Mo. CD @ .5%, 01.29/14)	15,060.96
Total Checking/Savings	105,269.82
Accounts Receivable	
1110 - Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,649.64
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,649.64
Other Current Assets	
1250 - Literature Inventory	22,773.92
1310 - Prepaid Insurance	2,659.31
1499 - Undeposited Funds	1,535.59
Total Other Current Assets	26,968.82
Total Current Assets	130,589.00
Fixed Assets	
1630 - Office Equipment	30,259.02
1640 - Office Furnishings - Asset	7,507.80
1641 - Less Accumulated Depreciation	-34,699.97
1680 - Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 - Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
Total Fixed Assets	3,066.85
Other Assets	
1860 - Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>135,649.70</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 - Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	1,057.36
2600 - UnityDay	1,602.03
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,659.39
Total Current Liabilities	2,659.39
Total Liabilities	2,659.39
Equity	
2740 - Temporarily Restricted Funds	10,842.08
3900 - Unrestricted Funds	112,177.48
Net Income	9,970.75
Total Equity	132,990.31
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>135,649.70</b>

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Group Contributions

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	<u>Feb 14</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 14</u>		<u>Feb 14</u>
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	350.00	LGBTQ Gay & Lesbian Topic Disc 516 (Sat.)	78.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	490.00	490.00	Liquor W as But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	105.00
1 INV One Dayat a Time 70903	2,000.00	2,000.00	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00
1 INV SaturdayNite Live Group 70905	70.00	140.00	Los Gatos TuesdayNight 110 (Tues.)	0.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	910.00	910.00	Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	652.40
1 INV South CountyFellowship 70954	300.00	600.00	Men's Single Problem StudyGp 220 (Thur.)	0.00
1 INV W inchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	25.00	MiddayW omen's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00
B.F.E.	597.16	597.16	Mondayat a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	101.00	Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	100.00	100.00	NewNooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00	NewSteps for Living 20 (Sun.)	447.30
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	120.00	120.00	Newcomers, Oldtimers (W omen) 769 (Sat.)	101.39
Big Book StudyMlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	20.00	No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00
BirthdayContribution 00951	261.00	944.00	Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	0.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	438.73	Personal 00911	7.38
Cambrian SaturdayNight (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	688.00	Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	141.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	506.00	506.00	RecoveryRoulette 326 (Thurs.)	0.00
Chip W inners (Chips) 168 (W ed.)	0.00	222.31	Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	100.00	Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00
District 40	0.00	165.20	SerenitySpeaker Meeting 533 (Sun)	292.50
EarlyTuesdayGroup 119 (Tues.)	0.00	471.10	Sisters in Sobriety 548 (Thur.)	0.00
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	150.00	Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	100.00
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	105.00	105.00	Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	100.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	156.80	Sober Thoughts 499 (W ed.)	140.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00	700.00	Societyof the Second Chance 305 (Tues.)	0.00
FridayBig Book Study 702 (Fri)	210.00	210.00	Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	408.25	853.52	Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00
G Third Tradition W omen's Gp, The 70979	0.00	622.23	Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00
G W est ValleyFellowship 70942	161.00	161.00	Sundowner's Dinner Mtg (Chips) 768 (W ed.)	100.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	90.30	TuesdayNight HappyHour 796	0.00
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	0.00	98.00	TuesdayNight Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	347.00
GayAlcoholics Living/Sobriety742 (W ed.)	102.26	102.26	Unknown	0.00
GayMen & W omen Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	640.00	Up the Creek-DailyReflections 745 (Tue.)	0.00
GayReflections on the Solution 841(W ed.)	0.00	60.00	W aves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	0.00
Get Up and Go (W omen) 187 (Sat.)	560.00	560.00	W omen's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00
HappyDestiny(W omen) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	874.00	W omen's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00
Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	68.00	68.00	W omen to W omen 704 (Sat.)	0.00
High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00		
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	36.81		<b>9,838.14</b>
Inspiration Big Book 195 (W ed.)	0.00	192.08		
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	627.00		
Ladies Amethyst AA StudyGroup 749 (W ed.)	191.50	191.50		
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	66.00	144.00		

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1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	217.65
B.F.E.	166.35
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	320.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	25.00
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Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	101.39
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	469.92
Birthday Contribution 00951	161.18
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Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	141.00
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Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	420.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	1,856.43
District 40	292.50
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	123.87
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	100.00
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	100.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	140.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	179.00
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	309.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	599.49
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Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.)	100.21
Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	50.00
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841 (Wed.)	308.00
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	515.69
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	104.00
Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	252.00
High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	<u>31,246.78</u>
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SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP PRESENTS

# 7th Annual Chili Cook-off

Saturday, March 22nd

12 noon - 3pm

Lincoln Glen Church

2700 Booksin Ave San Jose



## **\$ 10 DONATION SUGGESTED**

- 12-1 PM Chili Tasting & Judging
- 1-2 pm Chili & Cornbread Feast
- 2-3pm AA Speaker Meeting

~ It's a Heated Competition

~ Judging allowed here

~ Home Group bragging rights at stake



Think your Chili is hot enough to win?

\* Create a team for your home group \* Make new friends \* Volunteer

Volunteer Crews needed: Coffee, Dessert, Cornbread, Set-up, Clean-up,

**For more information on how to register your Chili Team or  
to volunteer contact Robby W 408.373.2465**

SATURDAY NITE LIVE

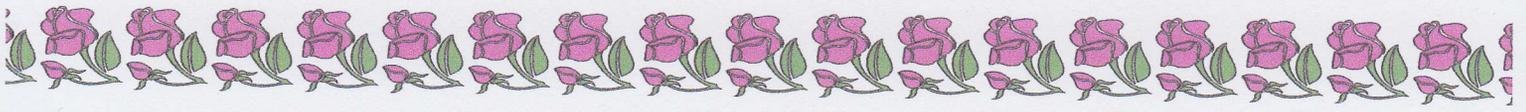
# St. Patrick's Day



POTLUCK

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 15TH  
3:30-6PM**

**SATURDAY NITE LIVE GROUP**  
1388 SOUTH BASCOM AVE @ STOKES ST., SAN JOSE CA 95128



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FELLOWSHIP  
ANNOUNCES

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APRIL 12, 2014  
~SPRING DANCE~

~“D J”~

~“RAFFLE”~

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8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

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304 – North 6<sup>th</sup> St.@ Julian

“Downtown” - San Jose

~\$5.00 /Donation~Per Person~



## **GODSPEED, CORY**

This is hard.

After five years of outstanding service to Central Office and our Fellowship, we're saying "good-bye" to our much loved and much appreciated Cory. And, while we understand that this is necessary for her, that she must advance her career by moving on, we sure would like to keep her.

Cory brought many talents to her work here in Central Office. Her office skills were superior, her artistic eye was so valuable, and her dedication was a constant. With all that, maybe her greatest gift was the way she welcomed, served, and treated all of us. Everyone walking in the door was treated with dignity and respect – and a heart full of love. She served us truly, in the A.A. way. That's as good as it gets.

So, Cory, thank you a thousand times. We wish you Godspeed and great success in your new career and in your life. And you know we're solidly with you as we "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny" together.

But this is really hard.