

## MEETING OF THE MONTH

### WINCHESTER FELLOWSHIP

7:30 p.m. Sunday - Traditions Study  
 7:00 p.m. Monday - Joy of Living (chip)  
 8:00 p.m. Tuesday - Moonlight Group  
 8:00 Wednesday - Just a Suggestion BB Study  
 8:00 p.m. Thursday - Young Peoples Group (candlelight)  
 7:00 p.m. Friday - Friday Night Discussion Group (chip)  
 6:00 p.m. Saturday - Speaker Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. Saturday - Saturday Night Discussion  
 10:00 p.m. Saturday - Candlelight Group

**May 1952** - The first meeting in the City of Santa Clara was at Bethany Lutheran Church (later renamed Our Savior's Lutheran Church) on Winchester Blvd. In 1956 the group moved to 1380 Madison Avenue. No indication when they moved back to Winchester.

**September 1964** - Moonlight Group listed in directory

**1966** - Single Persons Group met at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, for about a year.

**August 1973** - Midday Womens Group had been meeting Mondays at noon, now meeting at St. Mark's

**August 1973** - Santa Clara Friday Night Group

**January 1974** - Saturday Night Discussion Group

**March 1975** - Young Adults Group

**January 1980** - Joy of Living group began the second half of 1979

**July 1981** - Candlelight Group

**1992 - 1993** - The groups listed above joined together to form the Winchester Fellowship Group. The rents were not being paid in a timely manner and the church threatened to evict all AA groups. It took two more years to come to a group conscience on the bylaws that guide this Fellowship.

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*"Willingness allows you to create positive change."*



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**The COIN Team**  
**Editor Toni F.**

**Upcoming COIN Deadline**

July 2019 Issue: June 19th Topics: Step Seven, Tradition Seven,  
Seventh Principle - Humility

Please email all submissions to [coin@asaanjose.org](mailto:coin@asaanjose.org).

## Turning Willpower into Willingness

I've been in seven different treatment facilities, seven different times. I've been hospitalized about ten times for overdoses, concussions, surgeries, and injuries I sustained from being in the throes of my disease. I've been in jail about a half dozen times. This was all within four years. Any "normal" human being would have said "Enough is enough" long ago. That's what separates us alcoholics from what we respectfully refer to as the "normies." Anyone or anything that stands in the way of our drinking or using will be left behind in the trail of destruction we've created. I've been told many times that I "just don't know when to stop."

Yet here I stand today, alive and well. I work my program to the very best of my ability. I have a sponsor, work my Steps, attend meetings almost daily, welcome every newcomer I meet, talk to my Higher Power every day... I even have a secretary position. Talk to some of the people closest to me and they might even tell you I'm doing better than I ever have in my life, even before my drinking and using. As I continue to clear the wreckage of my past and look back on all the horrible, unspeakable acts I committed and all the places my disease took me to, I can't help but ask myself what's changed? Why did I have to cause so much pain and suffering to myself and everyone around me? How come my bottom had to be so low? Why couldn't I have had that crucial spiritual awakening the Big Book talks about before all this damage?

The answer is a lot simpler than you might think: I became willing. I became willing to let go of the drugs and alcohol, the "friends" I had, and the lifestyle I had grown so accustomed to living. Looking back on everything, I realize I didn't have

to hit such a low bottom to get it. In the first rehab facility I was in, I learned how you can choose to lift your bottom up closer to you so you don't need to fall so far before you begin your journey in recovery. I understand (now) what they meant by this. I could have chosen right then and there that I had lost enough already, and I would have prevented a lot of my wreckage. Ultimately, I had to decide that I was ready; I was gonna try this recovery thing. I deployed the most powerful tool I had, willpower.

I had such high hopes. I learned so much in my rehab about my disease that I just knew I'd be able to handle anything that came my way. That was it – self-knowledge was the answer. Unfortunately, I was only able to stay clean and sober about two months. This process repeated itself over and over again for the next few years.

It wasn't until I learned that there is a major difference between *willpower* and *willingness* that I was able to get a real grip on my recovery. The actual definition of willingness is the quality or state of being prepared to do something. Those first few years, I wasn't prepared to do anything. Like I mentioned, I figured that since now I knew what my problem was, I'd be able to stay strong. I have a disease. I can't will my disease away any more than a cancer victim can will away their cancer. What I had to do was be willing to do whatever it takes to stay clean and sober. I have to embrace my recovery and fight for it with the same determination and fervor I had when seeking my next fix. Today, I practice showing my willingness by taking suggestions from people with more time than me, listening to good advice, and staying open-minded.

- Jessica B.

*Reprinted from June 2016 issue*

## Step Six: Defect and Shortcomings A Lot of Credibility Leads to Integrity

Sometimes the wording used in The Big Book and in The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions mean something different to individuals often based on how they evolved with respect to religion, agnosticism, atheism and other developmental histories. This may be confusing to many of us, especially Step Six in the 12X12 as it talks of God removing these defects of character the way God removed the obsession to drink. In simple terms I try to word the Step Six process in a way anyone can understand it and my goal is not to offend anyone by being over simplistic but just about all of our actions and behaviors stem from our thinking and if our thinking is of a fearful nature, we are bound to make bad decisions in an effort to defend ourselves.

The defects we identify in the step four inventory, disclose in step five and address in step six, are biproducts of our fears and insecurities and are of a spiritual nature as in our inner self. The shortcomings we address in step seven are of a material nature (actions and behaviors) that result from those fears and insecurities. If, in the program, we discover a defect of character and address it properly the short coming diminishes and becomes irrelevant. A simpler way I try to describe this process is as follows: Suppose you purchased a new car and drove off the lot and as you reached the first stop sign you hit the brakes, the car slowed down but did not stop as it should and drifted out into the intersection. You then returned to the car lot and explained what happened, they checked it out and discovered that the wrong brakes were installed at the factory. They agreed to correct the mistake. This time when you drove away and approached the stop sign the car stopped as it was supposed to, and it also stopped at every other stop sign or red light. Once the defect was identified and correct-

ed, the short coming went away.

I look at defects as the unseen part of our makeup such as: thoughts, motives, fears, feelings, ego, conscience, and so on. I look at shortcomings as the results of those inner thoughts and feelings such as: gossip, lying, verbal abuse, cheating, theft, neglect, and so on. In step four we identified our defects of character (fear and insecurity) and in step five we owned and exposed them. In Step Six and Seven we start to replace our selfish and shameful thoughts and motives with unselfish habits and deeds. There's no need to overcomplicate the process.

As we begin to stay on the unselfish side of the behavioral ledger, we begin to establish a new track record and if all our motives are of an unselfish spirit, we start to establish some credibility, which, in time, leads to integrity. If individuals employ the dynamics I described in Step Six and Seven, he/she will be a different person, in Spirit, when they reach the ninth step and it will make it much easier to make amends backed up by a mountain of integrity.

The steps of the program are numbered in order, for a reason and if a person is struggling with one of these steps it might be wise to backup and be sure that they didn't skimp on an earlier step or leave out something important. If an Alcoholic has a desire to live a happy and useful life, the steps of the program are a pathway to achieve that goal provided they stick with the plan. Not everything will go our way in the beginning but, if we persist, in time things will go exceptionally well. In the words of Preacher Roe: "Sometimes you eat the Bear, Sometimes the Bear eats you". I say, "Perseverance will always eat the Bear"!

- Rick R.

## Step Six

This used to be known as the lost step - the step that separated the "men from the boys." The first time I did the 6th step, I was just told after completing the 6th step, to go home and pray about step 6 - about when I would be ready to have my defects of character removed. Would it be all at once or one at a time? I had fears, anxieties, resentments, and more and wished, with all my being, to have them all removed instantly. However, I came to realize, with help from my sponsor, that God would remove them as I became ready **NOT** automatically, all at once. So how was I to know when I'm ready to give up what I had come to depend on?

I came to realize my path was my own individual path in my own time and not in anyone else's time and that my readiness would require a continuation of humility. Actually, an increasing humility attained by working the first five steps would require a willingness to keep on keeping on. This was rather mind boggling to say the least and it included giving up my ego; really meaning I would truly need to seek God's will not my own. "Being entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character" meant since I also had less fear through the first five steps, that I would be free to be me, in God's time. This was scary inasmuch as my defects were my excuse "cuz that's the way I am."

Was I ready for the growth and development of my spiritual self? What would God's procedure for me be? Would this happen one by one as I became ready, or

would I experience a sudden spiritual awakening I would lose them all at once. The thought of it was so scary; to suddenly become a new and different person! Would I even realize it when this process took effect? Well, as I quit pondering it, my process took effect. By God's grace he helped me get rid of the worst, first. He gave me the continued willingness to follow through in acceptance of his will for me thru this process.

Over the years it has come to my attention that this is a rolling step for me. At meetings as people have shared, I have been hit with thoughts such as "oh no!...I'm that way too." Or, sitting at a red light on Monterey Highway a character defect came suddenly to mind that I had never even been aware of before in me until that moment in time.

God doesn't take away but that he replaces with something better like giving me the 12 steps to maintaining sobriety and the gift of altruism in passing them on to the ladies he brings to my kitchen table.

- Danette G.



### LOCAL EVENTS

June 7-9	NCCAA 72nd Annual Summer Conference, Rocklin, CA <a href="http://www.norcalaa.org">www.norcalaa.org</a>
June 8	Grand Opening Café Gratitude/ Alano Club West Celebrates AA 2pm to 6pm
June 9	16th Annual Language of the Heart Women's AA Brunch, Holiday Inn, Dublin, CA
June 16	"I am Responsible" - A play for Founders Day at the Historic Hoover Theatre: 1pm and 6pm
July 19-21	4th Annual Unity & Service Conference, Concord Hilton
June 29	Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Traditions Workshop, 1-5 pm, 1075 Space Park Way, MV
August 25	Unity Day, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Exp. San Jose, 1 p.m to 8 pm

## Willingness

I find the topic of willingness to be like the onion analogy. When I first walked into the rooms on 12/19/15, my willingness was simply to attend an AA meeting. As time progressed that willingness increased. Well, if I'm really honest, as time and pain increased my willingness to do the next right thing increased. I became willing to do things in those early months that didn't make any sense to this lying, cheating, ass of an alcoholic. Things like doing an extensive 4th step and an extensive and complete 5th step. I became willing in that first year to do a painful 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th step. I remember when I was asked to sponsor for the first time I was willing. The second time I really didn't want to sponsor that guy but I was willing. I remember when I was asked to secretary, do coffee, be of service, did I want to? Hell no, but I was willing. I learned through often painful experience that willingness would invariably allow the love and light of my loving God to so fully engulf my life, with beauty and blessings. I would be a fool to be unwilling.

Being willing, though sometimes scary, has always brought unbelievable and unforeseeable blessings into my life. Before I walked into Elmwood on 2/1/19, I had no idea that being willing would mean I would have to face fears I hadn't faced before. I had no idea willingness would mean I would have to interact with people I had ever and would never have interacted with before. I had no idea that being willing to do God's work, being willing to carry the message, our message, a message of love, a message of hope would put me in direct conflict with drug and alcohol peddlers. I had no idea that being will-

ing to trust my loving HP and continue to carry the message in the face of that treat and my fear would help men struggling and bring me closer to God.

I had no idea that willingness would bring me 14 sponsees in the last three and a half months. These guys have struggles with drugs like meth, crack and heroin; drugs I never had experience with or an understanding of. Yet willingness allowed me to see the similarities and walk them through the steps. Willingness to be of service to carry the message and have our daily 12 x 12 meeting has allowed me to see how blessed I am. How God has fully completely and totally loved, guided, adored and taken care of me. I think it's important to distinguish that I (Rahul A) didn't have the strength our courage or willingness that I (Rahul A) never had it. That allowing my HP to be my guide, my source of strength, my source of love, that has allowed me (Rahul A) to do the 12 step work I get to do in here.

As I finish this article, I am so, so thankful for Louisa and Toni's willingness to convert my chicken scratch hand written in pencil articles to Word docs and publish them. Thank you both for your service. Thank you AA for your continued willingness to teach this selfish alcoholic how to live. I read this in our 12 x 12 study this morning and I'm so grateful for it. Tradition 3, page 141, second paragraph. Thank God my sponsor and AA honored that tradition and taught me to honor it and was willing to take me, a broken man, through the steps. I am so, so grateful for the beautiful life AA and God have given me.

- Rahul A.

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D, Campbell
2 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Bld. at Tulip, SC	3	4 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, SJ	5 OUTREACH MEETING: 6-4:55pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm, Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	6	7	8 SCCPAA BUS MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, Los Gatos
9	10	11	12 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church 583 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	13	14	15 DIVERTER/12 <sup>TH</sup> STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
16 FOUNDERS' DAY Play: "I am Responsible" 1pm and 6 pm	17 BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, SJ	18 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	19	20	21	22 SCCPAA BUSINESS MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, 16330 Los Gatos Bvd.
23/30	24	25 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	26	27	28	29

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 5j	3 OUTREACH MEETING: 6:45pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., 5j	4 Central Office Closed	5	6 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
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# MEETING CHANGES

## NEW MEETINGS

None

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Big Book Study  
Now meets @  
Saturday, 8:15 PM  
We Care Group  
Mt. Olive Church  
1989 E. Calaveras, Milpitas

## CLOSED MEETINGS

Solutions for Gay Women  
Thursday, 7:30 PM  
First Congregational Church  
1980 Hamilton & Leigh, Campbell

Living the Principles  
Sunday, Noon  
Cornerstone Fellowship Group  
1600 Dell Ave., Campbell  
Big Book Study

12 & 12 Women's Discussion  
Wednesday, 6 PM  
Leverton Masonic Center  
380 W. Dunne Ave.  
Morgan Hill



## May 2019 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office....228

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....3

(Evening 12-Step call information is not available.)

The Central Office website  
receives an average of  
15,000 hits each month!

**I AM RESPONSIBLE...**

**WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE,**

**REACHES OUT FOR HELP,**

**I WANT THE HAND OF AA**

**ALWAYS TO BE THERE.**

**AND FOR THAT:**

**I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

To all the members and groups who support us,

**WE THANK YOU!**



## Birthday Contributions

Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributor	Birthday
Doug W.	32	Mike D.	04/22/1987
Sheryl G.	34	Sheryl G.	04/30/1985
Kate D.	13	Carol B.	05/01/2006
Larry T.	54	Larry T.	05/05/1965
Anne S.	7	Carol B.	05/29/2012

## *140 Years of Sobriety!*

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

### In Memoriam

Wesley (Wes) Davis,  
 Date of Birth - 12/23/1946  
 Sobriety Date - 2/15/2001

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## INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

### May 1, 2019

- Frances, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The reading of Definition of Intergroup (Cheryl C.) was followed by The Twelve Traditions (John K.).
- New Intergroup Reps: (New IG Rep meeting tonight by Alt Chair Jaye S. - Thanks!)
  - John K., Cup of Coffee, Fair Ave Fellowship, Monday, 9:00 am, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose,
  - Cheryl C., Truly Happy Hour Friday, 4:00 pm, Good Sam Episcopal Church, 15040 Union Ave
- Visitors:  
Jeff B.
- Birthdays:
  - Christina, 4/25, 4 years
  - Robbie, 4/9, 11 years
  - Anthony, 4/14, 10 years
  - Bruce, 4/26, 36 years
  - Cheryl, 4/28, 6 years
  - Tom, 4/13, 2 years
- Observation of 7th Tradition - \$80 tonight (Mary, treasurer)
- Corrections or Additions to the Agenda or Minutes – (none)
- Tonight's Voting Member Count is 39

### Reports

#### Intergroup Chair – Frances

- Thanks to Paul for the setting up the PA system and to Michelle for the coffee.

#### Central Service Board (CSB) – Gloria V.

- CSB met Saturday after the Chili Cookoff. Remind your groups about enrolling in the Constant Contact list (on Central Office website, [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org)) in order that our membership can receive a survey for services desired by AA membership. Discussed prudent reserve amount and human resources policies.

#### Central Office – Bruce K.

- Our webmistress, Priya, has put a link on our website to the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. Simply click on it and get all the available information. Registration forms will be mailed to Central Office in August but you will also be able to register by clicking on the link on or about September 9.
- We've made a minor change to our insurance premiums for your groups. The cost will be \$25 for each meeting up to 10, and \$10 for each meeting over 10.
- Tickets are also available at Central Office for the Founders' Day play, "I Am Responsible." There are only two performances and only 200 seats per performance, so I hope you'll get your tickets sooner rather than later.
- Question:s:
  - Are there tickets online? No. The only payments online are for donations.

- Insurance needs? It is a Central Office policy, a business policy. Landlords often ask for evidence of insurance policy. It protects the landlord. There is a non-profit insurance policy. Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC) is the provider.
- About the financial report in the COIN, payroll appears to have an error? Two answers provided. It might be Intuit payment or having 3 pay cycles in a month (pay period is every two weeks).

**Website** – Priya (none)

**Digital Basket** (report delayed until later in the meeting)

**Activities Committee** – Carole R.

- Wonderful turnout for the Chili Cookoff. About 350 attended. There were \$4,786 pre-sales and at the event with \$2,767 in expenses. Tentatively, the net appears to be \$2,319. Envelopes are still coming into Carole. She will need to reconcile all the paperwork to get final results.
- Old Timers meeting will be August 31<sup>st</sup> from 1 – 3 pm at the Lincoln Glen Church. It is an amazing, fast-paced meeting which is entertaining and moving. Brings together the old and new timers.

**Twelfth Step** – (none)

**Day Time Office** – (none)

**Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator** – Carol B.

- Good evening – I am the Diverter Coordinator. Diverter Volunteers provide after-hours phone coverage for AA in Santa Clara County.
- When our Central Office is closed, incoming calls are diverted to a person who is on call. Diverter Volunteers provide after-hours phone coverage from 4:30 pm to 9:00 am Monday-Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. The sobriety requirement is 1 year; the service term is at least 1 year but many serve longer. Each diverter volunteer goes through a training workshop before assuming a diverter shift. The workshop is held the third Saturday of each month (this month it's May 18), 10:00 am at Central Office. In addition to the sobriety requirement, it is also important that the Diverter have a working knowledge of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions.
- Please encourage your group members to attend the diverter workshop to understand how this service helps the alcoholic who still suffers and note that Diverters can take their shift wherever they happen to be: at home, at a meeting, at dinner, or out of town. This is an easy way to help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer or a person with long sobriety who is struggling.
- In the past month, we had three shifts open, which were filled right away. Two were filled by current Diverters who had shifts on the fifth week of the month, which happens only four times a year. Those Diverters graciously agreed to add on a monthly shift in addition to their shifts in the fifth week of the month. The third shift was filled by our trusted editor of the COIN, Toni took the Diverter Training workshop April 20 and is now ready for her first shift this month.

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**Secretary Workshop – (none)****Outreach Committee – (none)****Newsletter Committee –Toni**

- The deadline for the May issue (topics: Step 5, Tradition 5, 5th principle of willingness) is May 15, 2019 (third Wednesday of the month). You can get the COIN via website, [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org). Anyone interested in writing should send stories on recovery to email [coin@aasanjose.org](mailto:coin@aasanjose.org).

**Old/Ongoing Business – (none)****New Business – Mary**

- Mary announced an increase in rent for Intergroup from \$50 to \$75 on the first Wednesday of the month. (Annually goes from \$600 to \$900). We are paid up until June. Intergroup contributions are \$92/month on average. Concerned about what will happen in 2020. Request to get additional Intergroup representatives, perhaps at the multiple meeting locations like Alano West and Cornerstone meetings.

**Digital Basket – Anne**

- Documents/screenshots at Central Office showing set ups for the digital basket. Also tied into our meeting guide, whether that meeting has a digital basket, special button, Vevmo for the meeting. Vevmo provides email with transaction history, 3 months at a time. QR code for phone, gives Vevmo for that meeting. Lots of developments!
- Questions:
  - Treasurer for the meetings? If a group has a bank account, it makes the process easier.
  - How many meetings are using the digital basket? About a dozen, but some are multiple group meetings.

**North County General Service (District 04) – (none)****South County General Service (District 40) - Scott (Alternate)**

- General Service Representatives are preparing for pre-conference assembly which will be mid-May this year. About 100% participation from both District 04 and District 40. Some topics being discussed are: (1) Whether to have a 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Big Book? (2) Update stories in the Big Book? (3) Do away with stories? (4) Revise the Chapter To the Wives?

**Hospitals & Institutions – Judy**

- There is a conference this weekend. It is being held at McCormick Hall at the Salano County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$25. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 for new members at Leigh & Hamilton.
- Note that they are speeding up the screening process for Elmwood.

**Bridging the Gap – Christina, Intergroup liaison**

- Bridging the Gap introduces newly released inmates and inpatients to AA outside of

hospitals and institutions, especially for their first meeting. Bridging the Gap meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Monday at Hamilton & Leigh in Campbell. A number of positions are available.

**PI/CPC – Joey** (for Louisa)

- There was a table at Trans Day Visibility at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, on March 30 from 12:30 to 6 pm and the other table was at the Fit and Fun Fair at Columbia Middle School in Sunnyvale, on April 27 from 11 – 3 pm. On May 17 there will be a Santa Clara Seniors' Health and Wellness event on Fremont Street from 10 am – 1 pm (set up at 9 am).

**Sober and Free** – (none)

**SCCYPAA** – (none)

**Unity Day - Mary**

- Unity Day will be held in San Jose on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at Napredak Hall. It is a private facility with its own parking which we can use for our event. We need help for a variety of service opportunities: set up, clean up and everything in between! We discussed potential budget for the event with a target of \$5,500. We anticipated having Intergroup, District 04 and District 40 each contribute \$1800 each. (It had been \$1,500 each previously.) Other groups to contribute will be Alanon and H&I. We are having a barbeque and ice cream dessert.
- Motion and seconded: Have Intergroup contribute \$1,800 to Unity Day.
- Please take this to your groups and we will vote next month.
- Questions:
  - Logistics of how a contribution occurs? Intergroup's funds reside with Central Office which will write a check on our behalf.
  - Has there been Central Office Board response to this situation? It was voted on by CSB in their Saturday meeting and they agreed financially to support.
- Prudent reserve use was discussed. Previously the facility we used in Milpitas required a deposit and the prudent reserve was used to provide the deposit.
- Mary indicated that \$1,100 of the prudent reserve was already part of the calculations of our need for Unity Day. \$6,600 - \$1,100 was equal to the amount she referred to in her presentation of \$5,500 as the starting point for donations.
- Frances asked Mary to go to the Unity Day committee to get accurate numbers for Intergroup to discuss. Bruce wondered if there might be timing issues involved?
- The previous motion was withdrawn.
- New motion – not to exceed amount recommended by Unity Day committee at our next meeting.

**OPEN FORUM**

Carol B. Announced the 12 Tradition Workshop on Saturday, June 29 from 1-5 pm with Pat G. as facilitator. Request \$5 donation. Location 1075 Space Parkway, Mountain View at Santiago Villa Club House.

# *Unity Day*

*Passport To The Fourth Dimension*



## *Save The Date*

*When:*

*Sun Aug 25, 2019*

*1pm - 8pm*

*Where:*

*Napredak Hall*

*770 Montague Expy.*

*San Jose, CA 95131*

*With Al-Anon participation SCVAFG Intergroup*

The Santa Clara County Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous presents

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Service: The Third Legacy of Alcoholics Anonymous

Play Performance in celebration of FOUNDER'S DAY



A Journey through the powerful history of A.A.'s Third Legacy of Service — from the Big Book to A.A.'s coming of age at the 1955 General Service Conference in St. Louis.

**\$15 SUGGESTED DONATION**

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**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Profit & Loss (corrected)**  
 April 2019

	Apr 19	Apr 18	Jan - Apr 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
3030 · Contributions -General	16,064.99	17,451.47	62,767.57
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	775.00	1,250.00	800.00
8010 · Literature Sales	4,383.55	3,493.65	16,807.91
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	297.80	464.50	1,726.80
8050 · Activities Committee	600.00	0.00	910.00
8055 · Central Office Events	195.00	380.00	360.00
8060 · Newsletter	434.19	407.20	1,449.49
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,750.53</b>	<b>23,446.82</b>	<b>84,821.77</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,968.87	2,902.47	15,198.04
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,968.87</b>	<b>2,902.47</b>	<b>15,198.04</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,781.66</b>	<b>20,544.35</b>	<b>69,623.73</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6015 · Activities Committee Expense	1,750.00	0.00	2,400.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	1,500.00	1,375.00
6140 · Conferences	0.00	0.00	30.00
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	1,199.25
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	160.25
6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	600.59	552.52	2,402.36
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	1,506.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	494.90	401.16	2,126.19
6330 · Office Expense	3,402.54	2,311.93	8,363.74
6380 · Payroll Taxes	712.65	710.60	3,197.66
6480 · Rent	3,384.50	3,361.50	13,538.00
6540 · Salaries - Office	9,302.47	9,480.76	37,143.96
6560 · Payroll Expenses	128.47	128.49	570.98
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,776.12</b>	<b>18,446.96</b>	<b>74,013.39</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-994.46</b>	<b>2,097.39</b>	<b>-4,389.66</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
8025 · Rebate	65.31	21.00	132.17
8030 · Interest Income	52.01	68.60	340.14
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>117.32</b>	<b>89.60</b>	<b>472.31</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>117.32</b>	<b>89.60</b>	<b>472.31</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-877.14</b>	<b>2,186.99</b>	<b>-3,917.35</b>

## INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

## Profit &amp; Loss

May 31, 2019

		May 19	May 18	Jan - May 19
	<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
	<b>Income</b>			
	3030 · Contributions-General	11,777.29	14,537.43	74,544.86
	3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	2,110.00	2,525.00	2,910.00
	8010 · Literature Sales	5,254.64	4,619.22	22,062.55
	8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	352.50	401.50	2,079.30
	8050 · Activities Committee	4,264.76	0.00	5,174.76
	8055 · Central Office Events	345.00	1,820.00	705.00
	8060 · Newsletter	421.26	195.80	1,870.75
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,525.45</b>	<b>24,098.95</b>	<b>109,347.22</b>
	<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
	5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,373.48	4,121.22	19,571.52
	<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>4,373.48</b>	<b>4,121.22</b>	<b>19,571.52</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>20,151.97</b>	<b>19,977.73</b>	<b>89,775.70</b>
	<b>Expense</b>			
	6015 · Activities Committee Expense	392.33	0.00	2,792.33
	6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	600.00	0.00	1,975.00
	6140 · Conferences	0.00	1,576.18	30.00
	6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	1,199.25
	6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	160.25
	6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	662.71	600.59	3,065.07
	6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	1,506.00
	6240 · Employee HRA Plan	0.00	345.00	2,126.19
	6330 · Office Expense	999.93	2,247.93	9,363.67
	6380 · Payroll Taxes	760.60	720.22	3,958.26
	6480 · Rent	217.00	3,361.50	13,755.00
	6540 · Salaries - Office	8,395.24	8,397.46	45,539.20
	6560 · Payroll Expenses	128.52	128.51	699.50
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,156.33</b>	<b>17,377.39</b>	<b>86,169.72</b>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>7,995.64</b>	<b>2,600.34</b>	<b>3,605.98</b>
	<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
	<b>Other Income</b>			
	8025 · Rebate	0.00	32.24	132.17
	8030 · Interest Income	225.44	118.45	565.58
	<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>225.44</b>	<b>150.69</b>	<b>697.75</b>
	<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>225.44</b>	<b>150.69</b>	<b>697.75</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8,221.08</b>	<b>2,751.03</b>	<b>4,303.73</b>

## INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

## Balance Sheet

As of May 2019

		May 31, 19
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
1000 · Prudent Reserve		
	1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.49%, 08/12/19)	18,168.38
	1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .7%, 02/05/19)	16,905.34
	1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .7%, 4/29/19)	15,332.60
	1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/20)	20,494.96
	1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ .6%, 8/8/19)	15,319.35
	1031 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 9158 (20 Mo. @ 1.98%, 11/7/19)	13,508.55
	<b>Total 1000 · Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>99,729.18</b>
	1010 · Petty Cash	574.37
	1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	31,254.82
	<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>131,558.37</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
	1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-817.95
	<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-817.95</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
	1250 · Literature Inventory	21,489.92
	1310 · Prepaid Insurance	4,365.50
	13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
	1499 · Undeposited Funds	2,931.00
	<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>28,786.41</b>
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>159,526.83</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
	1630 · Office Equipment	26,982.05
	1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	6,039.78
	1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-25,352.59
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>7,669.24</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
	1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
	<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>1,993.85</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>169,189.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Credit Cards</b>		
	2075 · American Express	6,235.21
	<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>6,235.21</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
	2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	930.74
	2340 · Accrued Vacation	7,456.09
	2600 · Unity Day	3,471.28
	<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>11,858.11</b>
	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>18,093.32</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,093.32</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
	3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
	3900 · Unrestricted Funds	158,497.54
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,303.73</b>
	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>151,096.60</b>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>169,189.92</b>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions**  
 May 2019

	May 19	Jan - May 19
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	350.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70969	558.36	1,109.11
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,260.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	442.00	1,247.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,945.78	6,730.61
1 INV Rand B Group 70972	0.00	1,856.15
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	0.00	450.00
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	420.00	420.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	2,100.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	0.00	1,535.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	695.91
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Th)	0.00	572.16
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	602.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	66.60	322.50
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	287.00
Big Book 103 (Thurs.) 455	0.00	364.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	67.20
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	86.00	998.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	1,434.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	976.45
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	273.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	85.69
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	254.80
Conscious Contact Mediation Grp LG 6	300.00	300.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	70.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	227.50
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	322.48
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,082.16
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	182.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	167.00
Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tues.)	0.00	368.04
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	319.38
G 10 10 Group 70951	0.00	1,784.95
G 4@4 Group 70925	1,400.00	1,400.00
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	0.00	659.74
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70906	200.00	1,000.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	286.07	730.54
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	115.50

	May 19	Jan - May 19
G Morgan Hill Women's Fellowship (943)	0.00	146.68
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	280.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	2,104.45
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	452.48	2,542.19
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	722.41
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (M)	0.00	192.50
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	0.00	60.00
Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	65.00
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	159.64
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	670.00	1,952.40
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	275.10
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	1,190.00
Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (Mon.)	0.00	659.40
Higher Power Hr BB (Chips) 871 (Thur.)	0.00	705.85
HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	268.00
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	394.10
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (V)	0.00	281.59
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	106.40
LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	0.00	322.38
Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	0.00	124.00
Living with Others (Chips) 319 (Fri.)	0.00	210.00
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	522.85
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	402.80
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	525.00
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	50.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	35.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun)	0.00	456.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	525.00
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	622.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	200.00	200.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thu)	0.00	1,292.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	445.85
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	119.00
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	213.63	449.28
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	22.36
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (S)	0.00	102.20
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	500.91

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**Group Contributions**  
 May 2019

	May 19	Jan - May 19
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	330.00
Old West Meeting 697 (Fri)	0.00	100.00
One Big Tent (Wednesday) 537	0.00	35.00
Open AA Tues. (00794)	0.00	300.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (W	0.00	1,400.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	0.00	681.00
Personal 00911	0.00	1,391.94
Plaza Del Rey Group (Sun) 052	528.00	528.00
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	152.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	185.50
Raffle Meeting (Thurs.) 531	0.00	267.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	388.16
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	1,050.00	1,050.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	487.43
Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	0.00	443.99
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	877.50
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	730.76
Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	0.00	151.05
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon	0.00	890.00
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	166.60
Sober and Free Convention 70928	123.00	123.00
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	0.00	250.00
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	364.00	364.00
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues	0.00	200.00
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (M	0.00	244.30
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	154.87	545.83
Spiritual Progress 8 (Sun.)	0.00	1,275.00
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	440.50	440.50
Step Along (Women) 638 (Wed.)	0.00	438.24
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	152.65
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	560.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	50.00
Survivors (The) Step Study 331 (Wed.)	100.80	161.70
The Promises 686 (Mon.)	200.00	200.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur	0.00	143.40
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	165.20	611.80
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	657.03
Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tue	0.00	17.00

	May 19	Jan - May 19
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	317.00
Unknown	850.00	1,705.24
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	0.00	309.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	0.00	364.00
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	40.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	15.00	296.00
What's Happening Today 552 (Thur.)	0.00	267.40
When All Else Fails 047 (Sat.)	245.00	245.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	191.50
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	963.13
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	345.00
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	379.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,777.29</b>	<b>74,544.86</b>

## THERE IS A SOLUTION



There is a solution. Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the process requires for its successful consummation. But we saw that it really worked in others, and we had come to believe in the hopelessness and futility of life as we had been living it. When, therefore, we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

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