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"My good friends in AA and of AA. I feel I would be very remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to welcome you here to Cleveland not only to this meeting but those that have already transpired. I hope very much that the presence of so many people and the words that you have heard will prove an inspiration to you - not only to you, but may you be able to impart that inspiration to the boys and girls back home who were not fortunate enough to be able to come. In other words, we hope that your visit here has been both enjoyable and profitable."

"I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing that I did a number of years ago, played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things.

We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this

time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief.

"But there are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis; one is the simplicity of our Program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual AA work. Our 12 Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words love and service. We understand what love is and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

"Let us also remember to guard that erring member - the tongue - and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance."

"And one more thing; none of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to have done numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get the degree of smug complacency so that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers. Thank you very much."

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SPONSORSHIP

"I am one who believes that my first sponsor saved my life. I know today, intellectually speaking, that it was God working through the program and the people, along with all the other tools, but in the beginning it was he who personally carried the message to me. And even though he had a busy life with a successful business, a wife and 3-year-old daughter, he still gave me his most valuable assets, his time and his experience, because he knew my life depended on it, and his too. I arrived with that typical fear of everyone so in essence, I selected him to be the one and only one man I would trust, not so much that I wanted to, but having hit bottom, it seemed like I had no choice.

In the early days, after many experiences of calling him with my "urgent matter of the day", I realized that a first sponsor could be a tape-recorder. Because it occurred to me that I could already imagine what he was going to say when I called him. It would be something like, "It's really important that you keep it really simple right now, especially in your head. Read something out of the book or go to a meeting and definitely ask God to direct your thinking". Once he even told me to ask God to "help me not think unless it was beneficial to me or someone else". He had said it so many times that it was slowly becoming a part of my own thinking. The solution he had to share was actually working in my life and my own mind!

He always seemed to know what to say, giving me direction on what to do to get out of myself and therefore out of the troubled feeling I was experiencing at the moment. He would suggest I read a passage in the AA big book, sometimes a story



and very often the Step 3 text. He would remind me that self is the problem and God is the answer. I think more than any other passage, he'd have me read starting with the paragraph on page 62 that starts with, "Selfishness and self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles." through the 3rd step prayer and remind myself of that decision I had made to move forward and let God be the director. I asked him later how he knew what I should read and he laughed and said he had no idea, he just knew that ANYTHING I read from our book would be better than whatever I was obsessing on at the moment! How wise sponsors can be!

He led by example too. As a child I somehow detected a principle from my parents that I should "do as they said, not as they did" but my sponsor said it completely different. He encouraged me to not only listen, but to actually watch him too. That was different. He was a living example of how the program could keep me sober. At one point later in my first year, I was feeling good and things were progressing in the right direction but I still had that feeling that it could end at any time if I drank again.

After a few years of sobriety, I had an experience that describes exactly what my sponsor did for me. I had taken my family on a vacation to Yosemite. My son was young and had the idea of rock climbing in his head. He had never done it before but was excited to try. We went to an area near one of the large waterfalls and started to climb up. We only got part way up and he began to slow. We had gone pretty high but there were still people ahead of us and he seemed like he wanted to go further but was afraid. The higher we climbed the noisier it was from the falls and the rocks were all wet, so from a child's perspective it seemed more dangerous.

I asked him if he wanted to go higher and he said yes, but that he was afraid. I told him that if he would take my hand, I would lead him and show him exactly where to place his foot on each step and that together we could climb to the top.

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We made it to the top and it wasn't until later that I realized that what I had done for him is exactly what my first sponsor had done for me. He knew the way to stay sober and he walked with me step by step making sure I found the way and just as he promised, I found what he had found, a way to stay sober and reasonably comfortable one day at a time. He could show me the way because he had already been down the same path!

Eventually we went through all 12 steps together and he encouraged me to begin working with newcomers as he had worked with me so I could keep growing and especially so I could keep my own sobriety. I have since taken others through the steps and they too have found the same answer that works for alcoholic who has the courage to stay, and thoroughly follow the path.

-anonymous

Sponsorship-Fun, Exciting, A Real Pleasure

So, why would you want to sponsor? For starters, I think it's fun! And it's always a real privilege and an honor to be asked to share my "experience, strength, and hope" with a newcomer. Nothing is more exciting than watching another alcoholic wake up, and come to life, and feel some hope, and begin to grow, and become useful again! It's an experience you don't want to miss.

Listening to a newcomer's concerns, and fears, and utter confusion takes me right back to where I came from, which makes my own sobriety stronger, and makes me more grateful each time. Sponsoring is not rocket science. You can do it!

If you are sober, and if you have worked the steps with a sponsor yourself, you're ready to lead the way for someone who is still lost. It's a real pleasure. It's a perfect way to pay back the person who helped you find the path. And it's a way of taking out a little insurance on your own sobriety. Besides, it's fun!

-Peggy Z, Los Gatos

My First Sponsor

When I entered the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous in November 1989, I did so because I was afraid I would not be able to stop drinking and I had been convinced that members of AA had found an answer to that very problem. What I did not realize was that I would not only find a solution to that initial problem but I would also find a solution to my much

larger problem, living life sober. In retrospect, no one has been more influential in my realizing this incredible gift than my first sponsor, Jennie.

I was moved to ask her to sponsor me because she had so much of what I wanted: dignity, self-respect, the respect of others, and confidence. All traits, I later learned, she had earned as a result of her deep faith in a Higher Power. She shared her faith in a way that made sense to me at the time – it was practical, tangible, and obviously working in her daily life. In time, and after a lot of hours spent together attending meetings, going to lunch with other women, walking, and reading and working the steps, I came to trust her in a way that I had never trusted another human being.

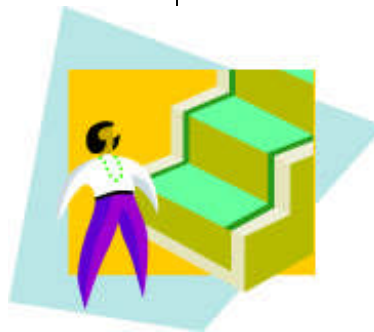
Probably due to the close to 50 years that separate us and our strong personalities, we had fierce disagreements at points. More often than not, these were over choices I made. Yet, we never doubted our love and acceptance of one another. First hand, I learned the meaning of love, that I was lovable, and that I was extremely capable of loving.

As Jennie advanced in years, I had the unparalleled opportunity to give back to the woman who so freely shared herself with me. In moments of fear, loneliness, and confusion, I assured her, with courage and strength, that "everything is okay". My message was resolute and genuine as I had come to know my Higher Power as she had once known hers.

Because of ill memory and health problems, she is living with her family in So. California, but to this day, our phone conversations pivot around a central theme – how wonderful life is here and now. She will ask, "what are you doing?" I have learned to reply, "talking to you and that's not so bad." Our conversations end with her promise of coming home soon and I, of course, assure her that I am waiting.

To Jennie I will forever be grateful that she started me on my journey to seek knowledge of and faith in my Higher Power. Because of how generously she shared her experience, strength, and hope, I found an answer to my living problem and have been blessed to walk with others as they make a similar journey into a new way of life.

Annie K, Santa Clara



SPONSORSHIP- HOW I DO IT

Sponsorship has been the most important action I have taken in the recovery process. I have made a great many mistakes. But also have learned the most about myself and gained the greatest insight into the twelve steps by guiding another man through our spiritual program. This has been a priority as nothing could be more important than when another person asks you to help save their life.

I never say no to anyone that asks me to sponsor them, but I have had a great many people say that they would rather find someone else after our first appointment. After I am asked, I suggest that we meet for a long meeting so that I can make clear to the new man my expectations. I make it very clear that I am not right for everyone, and that if after hearing what I am going to require he would rather not go forward, I "will not take it personally" if he decides to ask another man.

I am going to ask him to buy a calendar and a notebook where he will record his assignments, and where he can keep notes. These notes will help him when he becomes a sponsor which I am going to expect him to do after he has completed step ten. I have found that if you want to sponsor, go where there are wet drunks like recovery houses. Sponsorship is especially important for people that have relapsed.

He will call me for thirty one days consecutively and mark on his calendar when he has called. If he misses a day, he will start over at day one. He will go to ninety meetings in ninety days, and record his meeting attendance in his calendar. He will begin studying the Doctor's Opinion, and write out in layman's term's definitions of the allergy of the body and the obsession of the mind. I will suggest outside reading for describing the allergy, but this will be the only time we do not use the Big Book and the 12+12 for reference. His goal will be a verbal understanding of the disease concept of alcoholism which could be easily understood by another drunk. Our goal here is for him to be of maximum service to any new drunk that comes into a meeting by describing clearly and easily the focus of our fellowship. This period of study may take as long as three weeks to a month. We will not move forward to the steps until he has mastered the disease concept.

The first three steps will include study of the step in the 12+12, and then identifying where Bill W took the steps in the first chapter of the Big Book. Also, there will be essays not longer than a page for the first two steps. The topics will be



"How Did Alcohol affect My Life", "My Concept of a Higher Power". The subject of insanity will be limited to the section of the Big Book ending on page #37. He will memorize the third step prayer, and we will take the step together.

After we have taken step three, I will draw three lines down a yellow legal pad of paper making four columns. He will mark the columns "who am I mad at"; "why"; "how does this affect me", and finally "my part". The Big book talks about immediate action on our inventory. I arbitrarily define immediate as 48 hours. After we have taken step three, he has 48 hours to begin going down (down always, never across) the first column. When this is finished, he goes down the second column, and comes back to see me after one week. We do not discuss what he has written, but will go over any questions he may have. The second week he does columns three (drawing heavily on the suggestions on page #65), and four. The next week he turns the page and writes out his fears, and why he has them. The final week he does his sex inventory making certain that he follows the specific instructions in the Big Book. He will meet with me each week to check his progress, and to answer any questions. The inventory takes four weeks.

For step five he reads to me what he has written, and identifies his most grievous character defects. If this is troublesome, I will try to guide him. Immediately after he has taken step five, he goes to a quiet place for an hour by himself, and does steps six and seven. He next prepares a list of people he has harmed, and we go over it thoroughly. After he has made two direct amends, he and I will read the tenth step in the 12+12 for thirty one consecutive days. If either of us misses a day, we start over together until we both reach our goal. All during this process, he has been trained in meditation, and has been praying and meditating on a daily basis.

He is now ready to sponsor. He knows what to do, and has something to give away. During this whole process, I have done none of the work. The most important thing I have done is be quiet, and listen carefully. I talk little. I have been a guide using our literature as reference. The miracle of our program is that the twelve steps free us from the compulsion to drink, one day at a time. They have great power, and allow very sick people to lead joyous and purposeful lives.

Billy "D", San Jose

SPONSORSHIP—Important in Life and Sobriety

I'm George, and I'm an alcoholic. To me sponsorship is very important in my life and sobriety. Having a sponsor was the foundation and instrumental to my sobriety. I would not have been successful without him. He is the one I would go to for guidance with the problems I face today pertaining to family, myself, my character defects, and my sobriety. Am I attending enough meetings, am I working the steps, am I working with other alcoholics?

My advice to the newcomer to the program: get yourself a sponsor, work the steps, go to meetings. I'm sure you will be grateful to your sponsor for showing you the path to your success in AA. Get yourself a sponsor. Do not work the program by yourself. It doesn't work that way.

I'm grateful for my sponsor for his role in helping me toward my recovery. "ONE DAY AT A TIME"

George B, San Jos



SPONSORSHIP INVENTORY-

If you are not currently sponsoring anyone and you are not sure why no one has asked you to be a sponsor, ask yourself these questions:

1. Have I done the 12 Steps with a sponsor?
2. How often am I attending AA meetings?
3. At meetings do I introduce myself to newcomers and do I have a monthly commitment to attend a jail, detox or psychiatric facility meeting?

If your answer to Question 1 is "Yes", you are qualified to be a sponsor.

If your answers to Questions 2, 3 and 4 are: "Not often enough", "No", and "No", you will begin to understand why no one has asked you to be a sponsor.

Brian M., San Jose

SPONSORSHIP—A TWO WAY STREET

Very early on in sobriety, I concluded that sponsorship was a two-way street. My sponsor provided insight into my (daily) problems, a different perspective on life, and tried to keep me on track with the steps and the program. I needed a lot of help with the latter as I felt my entire life had been turned topsy-turvy. I felt everything I had learned up to my bottom was now wrong.

At that time, I wasn't sure what service I was providing to her in return. But I now realize I have reaped as many rewards from sponsoring as from being sponsored.

No matter the length of time I have worked with someone, I have been forced out of self, to reach out to another person, to take a chance to love someone (without expectation of return).

Several years ago, I was going over the First Step with a new sponsee. I don't know what she got out of the experience, but I realized how much I loved AA! Up to that point, I guess I hadn't thought about it. That was just one of the gifts I received from sponsoring.

My current sponsees continue to teach me about my own character defects. The latest thought I have received is how we alcoholics carry our isolation with us. No matter where I am, I can wrap my isolation around me and be lonely and afraid. I have to continually look for the similarities so I can be part of! This can happen in a meeting, on a bus, at a picnic.

Thank you, AA, for a chance to grow spiritually and mentally. And for a chance to rediscover my heart!

Toni K., Milpitas



ON SPONSORSHIP

Most of my experience with sponsorship in the AA program has been as a sponsee. Through the years, I've had several sponsors. All have been good, experienced and beneficial for me. Some have died; some moved away from the area where I was living. I even fired one. But they've all certainly been well-intended with my best interests uppermost. If there were any shortcomings in the relationship, it was my doing and mostly due to my underutilization of the sponsor's abilities and knowledge of the Steps.

I think the most explicit example I can give of a sponsor's help came about in regards to the Fourth and Fifth Steps of AA. When I came back to AA in September of 1999, I was fortunate that the man who had been my grandsponsor when I consciously walked away from the Program, agreed to be my sponsor in my new recovery. After about two months of sobriety, he asked me "What step are you on?" and I gave him a long-winded answer that centered around Step Three. Finally, after listening to me expound for fifteen to twenty minutes, he interrupted me by saying, "You know you're on Step Three when you're ready to do Step Four." This gentle prodding got me into the Fourth Step. Now, this was the fourth Fourth Step I'd undertaken over a sporadic period of twenty years of being in and out of AA. However, what was different this time was the very mechanical, specific instruction the sponsor gave me of first writing a list of everyone I'd ever know going back to the beginning of time as I knew it as best I could recall them. This took several sittings. Once I had this list of acquaintances through the history of my life, the sponsor had me indicate those I had resentments against. This was pretty extensive. What was interesting is that up to this point I would not have put "resentments" as my biggest problem or issue. After I was able to stand back and look at the list of all those I had resentments against I came to the realization that any one of them could have been prevented or resolved by an action on my part. Most of them simply came about by a "sin of omission" by me. Usually what happened was that someone went out of their way to do something for me that I didn't acknowledge and I was oblivious to due to my own self-centeredness. My lack of response caused a resentment on their part and as the Big Book says, "we stepped on the toes of our fellows and they retaliated."

So, what was really different about this Fourth Step list was that it enabled me to see the totality of my character defects—pride, ego, selfishness, self-centeredness—in their various forms. It was the tangible completeness of seeing it on paper

that was so beneficial. Later, when I went to do my Eighth and Ninth Steps the Fourth Step list was the starting point. However, I must emphasize that here the sponsor was even more invaluable. Many on my "Resentment List" were from my experience in the business world. Thankfully, I went over this with the sponsor before tilting at windmills and trying to rectify past business relationships. Here, the sponsor's sage advice was, "most of these are just office politics; focus on the family." He was absolutely right. I needed to work on the relationships within my immediate family, especially with my wife. The fact that I was still married was an utter miracle and I had much to make up for in this regard. This is where the effort was needed and the sponsor saw it more clearly than I did.

Another intriguing point: when I was doing the Fifth Step with my sponsor and had completed my monologue that he patiently and sympathetically listened to, he immediately jumped to the Eleventh and Twelfth steps. He was very big on meditation and service. I asked him why he wanted to talk about these and not steps Six and Seven. His response was that Eleven and Twelve, especially Twelve, reminded him of the humanness of the Program of AA. A common problem and common solution. An end to our "terminal uniqueness."

I currently sponsor a member of the Program. He's been an ideal sponsee and recently celebrated four years of sobriety. When he went through his Fifth Step with me, the element of humanness came through loud and clear. I remember thinking how understandable were all the things that were bothering him and that he needed to share. To me there was nothing shocking about any of it. What I had done seemed much worse. Then I remembered that old line, "Humility is not making comparisons." Something else my sponsor taught me.

Vince, San Jose



EVERYBODY NEEDS A SPONSOR

Everybody in the Program needs a sponsor. In my 27 years of sobriety I have been blessed with three sponsors that I feel have been extremely good sponsors, Poz, Dick H., and my present sponsor. But it's the eight years between Dick's death and my finally getting my present sponsor that I want to comment on. During this time, when I would get a new sponsee, he would invariably ask: "Who is your sponsor, Milt?" The question would give me goose bumps, and believe it or not,

make me blush! After all, I was trying to deal with myself while neglecting the foundation drilled into me when my alcoholism poured me into AA. I was told: go to meetings, read the Big Book, and get a sponsor! So life shows up, two sponsors go to the Big Meeting in the Sky, and with time in recovery, I revert to my typical behavior. The committee inside my head takes over, says, "Milt, you sponsor lots of guys, you have lots of service time, you must even have a shot at the AA hall of fame. You can do it all by yourself!" Wrong, Wrong. The way to lose it.

I have always prided myself with keeping the basics of the Program: the Big Book, the Higher Power, and the people. After eight years of not having that one person to bear my soul to, that one person that was truly there for me and did not judge me, I realized that I wasn't walking like I was talking. I was going backwards in recovery, and I knew where that would lead.

At my home group I saw a friend who had been with the group since my first meeting and was still here. I told him that whether you like it or not, you are my new sponsor. He smiled and said, "O.K. Milt". What a relief it was to get back on the solid AA beam again. Everything that we do in AA is suggested. So I am suggesting to you, if you don't have a sponsor, get one. If you haven't talked to your sponsor in a while, make that call. And if you're not sure, or don't know what to do, check with your Higher Power, he still works in mysterious ways.

Milt B., San Jose

Do you know how many times the word sponsor or sponsorship appears in the first 164 pages of the Big Book?



Answer on page 13 (Calendar Page)

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

From the March, 2008, AAGrapevine

I sobered up as a teenager and my experiences with sponsorship have been a little off the beaten path. Like many who sobered up young, I know what it's like to be the youngest person in the room and have the most time sober, yet still be considered "inexperienced." As a result, most of my sponsorship experience has been with very young women, as young as thirteen years old. They were the only ones who would give me a real chance. Thank God I found these girls and could carry the AA message to them. They have saved my life.

Since most of the girls I've sponsored were under eighteen when I began sponsoring them, I was presented with a number of unique challenges. Perhaps the most troubling of these challenges had to do with sex. In my experience, AA is not always a safe place for a young woman. I have seen "thirteenth stepping" and, unfortunately, sometimes serious predatory behavior in meetings. I experienced these things firsthand, as an underaged member of AA. A number of men were sexually inappropriate toward me, despite the fact that I was only sixteen.

I am not saying that only men are capable of that kind of behavior, or that all men in AA are creepy. In fact, there were plenty of men who helped keep me out of harm's way. My AA "dads" were just as vital to my recovery as the women in the program. From the men in AA, I learned how to interact with men without manipulating or trying to get something out of them. I carried what I learned from these men into all aspects of my life.

I learned to stick to familiar meetings, where people looked out for me. I was told not to get into a car with men I didn't know and not to go over to someone's house by myself. This might seem obvious, but I didn't make it to AA at sixteen years of age as a result of my impeccable judgment and solid boundaries. I didn't know that I couldn't trust someone just because I met them in a meeting. I had to be taught these things.

My first sponsee was a thirteen-year-old girl; I twelfth-stepped her at the request of her school counselor. She used to call me, upset because some guy she thought she could trust had come on to her- often someone over twice her age. I hated to tell her that she wasn't always safe in AA, but it was the harsh truth. I did my best to look out for her and keep her safe, as was done for me.

Many told me that it was not my job to look after her. I knew I wasn't her chaperone. We don't do that in AA—which I made quite clear to her mother. Still, as a human being, I couldn't help feeling morally obligated to intervene when I could. It is one thing to take a "not my business" approach to thirteenth stepping when it's a matter of interfering with someone's recovery (which I still don't like), but this was illegal and possibly abusive. I made that fact known (loudly) to any individual who acted inappropriately. It was particularly difficult when she had a few years of sobriety but was only sixteen. People didn't view her as a newcomer, because she wasn't. But that didn't mean that she wasn't still a minor.

Through many painful learning experiences, I tried to help her take inventory and change her behavior to be less inviting to such advances. It was trial and error for me as well—I had to learn what was and what was not appropriate for me to do as her sponsor. I wasn't alone in feeling protective of her. There were a number of people who looked out for her safety within the rooms of AA.

She was the first of many young women I have had the gift of working with and this issue has come up with many of them. But whenever I sought guidance from people in AA, the answers were all over the board. Some members quoted, "We do not want to be the arbiter of anyone's sex conduct" and "progress not perfection," in defense of an individual's behavior, telling me to stay out of it. On the other hand vigilantes threatened to beat up men they saw doing this. It all seemed wrong. So what was I supposed to do when I found out that a thirty-year old AA member has pressured my fifteen-year-old grand-sponsee into sex? I was not interested in following people around to see what they were doing in their private lives, but I couldn't ignore what was happening right in front of me.

We are taught in AA to take our own inventory. I didn't want to excuse any young woman from taking responsibility for herself. To do so would rob her of an opportunity to grow and change. On the other hand, our society has laws that clearly spell out that it is an adult's responsibility to not harm a child, no matter what the child does. Ultimately, I convinced the fifteen-year-old to tell her dad what had happened. I felt it was the responsible thing to do. Her father made the decision about whether or not to involve the police, as was his right.

I have stumbled my way through many sticky situations without any real guidelines. Finally, I have come to a point where I feel I can handle these situations without so much confusion and self-doubt. I have figured out what I am comfortable with and what feels right according to AA Traditions and principles. However, that doesn't mean that it's easy. I cringe each time I tell a young woman to be wary - even of men in AA. I wish I could tell them that they are safe here, that the realities of the outside world don't exist in our Fellowship. Unfortunately, this has not been my experience.

In my home group, we work hard to make the group a safe place for all. I have seen our group react quickly and effectively when an underage or new woman is targeted. Thirteenth stepping and keeping underage members safe has been a topic in business meetings. Group officers take responsibility for stepping in if someone exhibits predatory behavior at a meeting. It is amazing how safe a group can be when the *group* addresses these things rather than individual members. When we talk about it openly and share responsibility, people listen. Our Fellowship is not shielded from the outside world—new situations will arise. I hope I am provided with the experience, strength and hope to navigate my way through. *Anonymous*

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Sponsorship

A sponsor is simply a sober alcoholic who can help solve only one problem: how to stay sober.

And the sponsor has only one tool to use -- personal experience, not scientific wisdom.

Sponsors have *been* there, and they often have more concern, hope, compassion, and confidence for us than we have for ourselves.

They certainly have had more experience. Remembering their own condition, they reach out to help, not down.

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Thought to Ponder . . .

Don't look for a sponsor, listen for one.

Transcript Of Bill Wilson's Original Story

Here is something from the original draft of Bill's Story (written in spring of 1938) which I think many of us will find interesting: His kitchen table meeting with Ebby, the beginnings of Step 5 and many more treasures are to be found in this unfinished 35 page manuscript. The numerous spelling errors can be attributed to Ruth Hock as she quickly typed as Bill read from his yellow ledger sheet or whatever. This took place at 17 Williams Street, Newark, NJ, in March or April of 1938.

The story continues (see February COIN)

They were the sort of people, I see now, who really made America. But I had other ideas much bigger and better ones so I thought. I was to be of the war generation which dissipated the homely virtues, the hard earned savings, the pioneering tradition, and the incredible stamina of your parents Grandfather and mine. I too was ambitious, very ambitious, but very undisciplined. In spite of everyone's effort to correct that condition. I had a genius for evading, postponing or shirking those things which I did not like to do, but when thoroughly interested, everything I had was thrown into the pursuit of my objective. My will to succeed at special undertakings on which my heart were set was very great. There was a persistence, a patience, and a dogged obstinacy, that drove me on. My Grandfather used to love to argue with me with the object of convincing me of the impossibility of some venture or another in order to enjoy watching me tilt at the windmill he had erected. One day he said to me, "I have just been reading that no one in the world by an Australian can make and throw a boomerang. This spark struck tinder and everything and every activity was instantly laid aside until it could be demonstrated that he was mistaken. The woodbox was not filled, no school work was done, nor could I hardly be persuaded to eat or to go to bed. After a month or more of this thing a boomerang was constructed which I threw around the church steeple. On its return trip it went into transports of joy because it all but decapitated my Grandfather who stood near me. I presently left the country school and fared forth into the great world I had read about in books. My first journey took me only five miles to an adjoining town where I commenced to attend a seminary well known in our section of the state. Here competition was much more severe and I was challenged on all sides to do the seemingly impossible.

To be continued

What's Going on in General Service

Some of you may be asking...What is General Service??

General Service is the link in the chain of communication between the Members of Alcoholics Anonymous and A.A. as a Whole. *Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because, the Groups are on top and the Trustees, at the bottom. Bill W. wrote in Concept I: "The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our World Services..."*(The A.A. Service Manual, pg.S15)

All decisions made about Alcoholics Anonymous, whether it be our Literature or Policies, must come before the members of A.A.; therefore our Service Structure created what you might know as a General Service Representative or GSR. Your Home Groups have Service positions available for members to fill and represent *your* group at each of these entities:

H & I, InterGroup, BTG, PI/CPC, and hopefully, General Service (GSR).

Your GSR attends monthly District (County) meetings and some Assemblies per year to gain insightful information regarding Alcoholics Anonymous and brings the topics of discussion back their Home Groups, so that *your voices* and opinions regarding such topics will be heard! The GSR can be and should be an important part of your Home Groups service structure...GSO (the general service office in New York!) needs to hear what you all have to say! J

Have I sparked your interest?? Want to know a little bit more about General Service in Santa Clara County and Northern California (CNCA)?? Here are a few things that are going on around the County or Area, for you to visit General Service and hear more about what's going on in Alcoholics Anonymous:

Santa Clara County District General Service meetings:

1. North S. Clara County (District 04): 581 Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale (2nd Wednesday every month at 7:30pm)
2. South S. Clara County (District 40): 1420 Newport Avenue, San Jose (3rd Tuesday every month at 7:00pm)

All visitors and new GSR's are welcome~ Come say Hello to April or Raymudo!!

CNCA (Nor-Cal General Service) is having their **Pre-Conference Assembly!** Yup!! Mark your calendars now for a chance to come hear what ALL the GROUPS in Northern California have to say about all those Agenda Topics. Hopefully YOUR GSR is taking your thoughts to the Delegate, so she can bring it to the 58th Annual General Service Conference the last week of April.

ARCHIVES



In April of 1939 the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* was published. After long and heated arguments the price was set at \$3.50. The decision to take the book to the printer, Mr. Blackwell, was made based on a promise by *Readers Digest* to run an article on the book but after completion the *Digest* said they were no longer

interested. When the book was taken to the printer, the manuscript was a mess because of all the hands that had worked on it. The printer wanted the manuscript retyped but Henry convinced them to try to make do with what they had. Bill and company ran up a hotel bill beyond what they could pay while checking the galley proofs. Bill had to hit Charlie Towns for a loan.

In April of 1951 the first General Service conference met. This began a five-year experimental period linking AA's Trustees with the entire fellowship. Bill first took his plan for representing the groups to Boston. He said that those folks in Boston "knew politics as few of the rest of us did." They thought that the plan would work. When our Boston members tried to elect their representative at the assembly they were unable to get a two-thirds majority so they put all the names in a hat. "Out of that there was drawn a fine delegate." (AA Comes of Age pg. 217) Most of the delegates at the first General Service Conference in 1951 were elected by a two-thirds majority, only a few going to the hat. This five year experiment proved that our group conscience could safely serve as the sole authority for *Alcoholics Anonymous*.



CENTRAL OFFICE

COMING SOON—A NEW LOOK

As it is now scheduled, Central Office will get a makeover beginning the end of April. Our landlord, as part of our lease negotiations, has consented to remodel our offices, bringing them into the 21st century, or pretty close to the 21st century.

PLEASE SET ASIDE JUNE 21 for our Open House. We really would like you to join us in celebrating our new quarters, our terrific staff and volunteers, and the important work you have asked us to do and which you support with your contributions. (Incidentally, if you know of another AA event which conflicts with this date, please let us know right away.)

DID YOU KNOW that there is a motion before the upcoming General Service Conference to subsidize the Grapevine?

DID YOU KNOW that Grapevine subscriptions are dropping while costs continue to increase?

DID YOU KNOW that the Grapevine is also published in Spanish, as *La Viña*?

DID YOU KNOW that our current Grapevine (our "meeting in print") is as good or better than its ever been? It's really terrific.

DID YOU KNOW that a Grapevine subscription is only \$20 a year, that it makes a great gift, that it can be invaluable to newcomers and oldtimers alike?

We carry a few Grapevines in Central Office, but you can also order them online at www.aagrapevine.org. Please do.

Telephone Calls Received**During March**

Alcoholics
Anonymous ...
How may we help you?



Daytime at Central Office - 569

Daytime 12 Step Calls - 7

Evening and Weekend calls - 439

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

WHEN ANY ALCOHOLIC, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE. AND FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.

Groups contributing to your Central Office make it possible to provide telephone service and coverage so that someone is always available to the caller in need. We also have a listing in the white and yellow pages of the phone books for all the cities in Santa Clara County. **WE**

THANK YOU!

SPEAKER MEETINGS**Weekender Speaker Meeting**

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1735 Hecker Pass Road, Gilroy

Grapevine Speakers Meeting

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

San Tomas & Homestead, Santa Clara

Second Tradition Group of AA

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose

Saturday Night Speakers—8 p.m.

Alano Club of San Jose

1122 Fair Avenue, 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**Deleted**

Blackeagle Talking Circle, 1st Sat. of mo., 6:00PM, Sat. Nite Live Group,

Spiritual Awakening, Sat., 9:30AM, Los Gatos

449 Acceptance, Tues. noon, Sunnyvale

Road to Recovery, Fri. 8:00AM, Alano Club of San Jose

Saturday Nite Live, Fri, 6:00AM, Bascom at Stokes

Rigorous Honesty, Wed. 7:00PM, 850 Agnew Rd, Santa Clara

Changed

MID-PENINSULA ALANO CLUB has moved to 1130 Independence Ave., Mountain View. Call for meetings.

Early Monday Night, Mon. 7:00PM, address change to 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto

California Ave. Supper Club, Thurs, 6:00PM, address change to 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto

Design for Living, Tues., 6:00PM, San Jose, time changed to 8:00PM

Living With Others, Fri. 8:15PM, has moved to Almaden Hills United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose

Gay/Lesbian Big Book Discussion, Tues., 7:30PM, moved to St. Francis Episcopal Church, Whickam Rm., 1205 Pine, San Jose.

New

Noon Meeting, Tues., Thurs., Fri., Denny's at First & Alma

Natural High, Mon. 2:00PM, Downtown Alano Club, 99 W. Almaden

Saturday's Reflections, Sat., 9:00AM, Morgan Hill United Methodist Church, 17175 Monterey St., Morgan Hill

University Beginners, Wed. 5:00PM, University of Santa Clara, 500 El Camino Real, Benson Student Center, Rm 209

Big Book Study, Fri. 7:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose

Cup of Coffee Group, Tues—Fri . 9:00AM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave.

Something Better, Mon. 8:00PM, 22 Quimby Rd., San Jose

Recovery Ryders, Thurs 8:00PM, 22 Quimby Rd. San Jose

In Memoriam

Dorothy S., Morgan Hill, 42 Years

Art C., Sunnyvale, 15 years

Joe P, 52 years

Marilyn M, Campbell, 19 years

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Jerry R.	19		unknown
Corvus M.	13	Rita M., Mary Pat P,	02/12/1995
Nancy S.	32	Rita M.	02/17/1976
Jim B.	32	Rita M.	02/21/1976
Domini	19	Rita M., Mary Pat P., Bernadette P	02/21/1989
Jan C.	27	Rita M.	02/24/1981
Mike R.	25	Anna C., Mary Pat P.	03/01/1983
Sue S.		IN MEMORIAM Pat C.	03/02/1974
Jack H.		IN MEMORIAM The Colonel & Pat C.	03/06/1958
Joe B.	25	The Colonel & Pat C., Bernadette P	03/06/1983
Allie M.	20	Scarlett B., Bernadette P.	03/08/1988
Cheryl F	25	Bernadette P	3/26/1983
Jackie C.	25	Anna C., Mary Pat P.,	03/10/1983
Mary S-M	18	Rita M., Mary Pat P.,	03/11/1990
Lynn S.	21	Pat C.	03/11/1987
Bill D.	26	Addnl Cont., Rita M., The Colonel & Pat C., Mary Pat P., Bernadette P	03/13/1982
T. Scott L.	27		03/14/1981
Kathy H	6	Addnl Cont., Mary Pat P.	03/21/2002
Marsha L	28	Pat C., Bernadette P,	03/22/1980
Rose G	18	Mary Pat P.	03/26/1990
Karen C.	12		03/29/1996
Julie W.	2	Pat Chambers	03/31/2006



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

420 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Secretary's Workshop 10:00AM Central Office</i>
4	5	6	7 <i>PI Comm. 6:00PM Outreach Comm. Mtg. 6:15PM Intergroup Meeting 8:00PM</i>	8	9	10 <i>PI/CPC Work- shop, 10:00AM Central Office</i>
11	12	13	14 <i>North County General Service 7:30PM</i>	15	16	17 <i>Archives Work Day 10:00AM Central Office</i>
18	19	20 <i>South County General Service 7:00PM</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>H & I Meeting 7:00PM</i>	28	29	30	31

EVENTS IN & AROUND CALIFORNIA

May 16-18, **TRI-STATE ROUNDUP** Laughlin, NV.

May 20-23, **SENIORS IN SOBRIETY**, Long Beach

May 23-25, **GOLDEN EMPIRE ROUNDUP**, Bakersfield

NATIONAL EVENTS

July 3-6, **50TH ICYPAA CONFERENCE**

Oklahoma City, OK

Aug. 29-31, **PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM**

Spokane WA

NCCAA

61st ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 18-20

San Ramon, CA

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ON PAGE 7

Number of times Sponsor appears in the first 164 pages of the Big BookNone

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

April 2, 2008

- Bill, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:01 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Kevin read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 44 voting representatives and 12 visitors in attendance.
- Liz B. read the Twelve Traditions.
- No corrections to the agenda.
- No corrections to the previous month's minutes.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	03/05/08	\$91.50	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions:	03/05/08	\$80.00	
Refreshments:	03/05/08	\$15.00	
Rent for 2 nd Quarter		\$90.00	
Balance:	04/01/08	\$66.50	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
- Birthdays: Bill 26 yrs, Larry 17 yrs, David 20 yrs, Maxine 20 yrs, Kathy 6 yrs, Mike 23 yrs, Rina 3 yrs, Peter 3 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Justin - SCCYPAA: Sock Hop on April 25th at the Los Gatos Masonic Hall, 131 East Main St. Speaker meeting at 7:30pm and dance afterwards.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D.
 - Asking for volunteers to join the inventory committee.
 - 4 new Intergroup reps attended the meeting.
2. Central Service Board – No report.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - Mentioned one of the conference agenda items is subsidizing the Grapevine. This is a great publication, so please consider a subscription.
 - Office remodeling will be done by the end of April. Open House on June 21.
 - Funds coming into C.O. will be \$2500 in the red for 2007. 7th tradition contributions to Central Office are very important.
4. PI/CPC – Jennifer G.
 - April/May- 8 presentations scheduled.
 - Committee is looking for speakers with a minimum 6 months sobriety and a working knowledge of the 12 steps.
 - Monthly meeting- 1st Wednesday, 6pm at St. Timothy's in Mtn View. Training at Central Office 2nd Saturday.
5. Twelfth Step Committee – Maxine
 - Daytime – Bruce K. Shift available: Wednesday 2:00 to 4:30 pm
 - Nights and Weekends – Shifts available: Monday, week 1: 6am to 9am and 4:30 to 7pm. Wednesday, week 4: 6am to 9am. Thursday, week 1: 7am to 9am. Friday, week 5: 6am to 9am and 7pm to midnight.
6. Outreach Committee – No report.
7. Newsletter – Bernadette P.
 - Upcoming topics:
 - *June*: Favorite story from the Big Book and why. (submit by May 10)
 - *July*: Freedom from Bondage; resentments, recovery. (submit by June 10)
 - *August*: We are not a glum lot: joy, happiness, fun (share fun AA stories, jokes) (submit by July 10)
 - *September*: Surrender, serenity, spirituality (submit by August 10)
 - Send Bernadette to comproulx@aol.com or to Central Office.

- New logo created for newsletter.
- 8. Activities Committee – No report
- 9. Other Service Committee Reports
 - Unity Day – Peter
 - Committee meeting: 2nd Tuesday, April 8, 6pm at Harry's Hofbrau. All are welcome.
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Dennis F.
 - Next conference in June.
 - Hospitals & Institutions – Paul C.
 - Flyer handed out with facilities in need of meeting secretaries.
 - Contact H&I chair Robert or attend monthly H&I meeting if interested in doing service. 2 year commitment.
 - Be sure to pass pink cans at meetings separately from meeting 7th tradition.
 - Bridging the Gap –Bill M.
 - Working with members in Elmwood-RCP II program.
 - In need of volunteers to make presentations and drive people to meetings.
 - North County – Jeanne H.
 - April 12 & 13 pre-conference in Antioch.
 - South County – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

OPEN FORUM – none

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Profit & Loss
March 2008

	<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>Mar 07</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	6,786.81	6,316.80	29,596.05
8010 · Literature Sales	4,136.36	5,278.65	14,423.52
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	925.00	1,103.75	3,283.25
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	40.00	15.00	75.00
Total Income	<u>11,888.17</u>	<u>12,714.20</u>	<u>47,377.82</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,911.70	3,439.81	10,230.94
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	675.25	610.36	981.87
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,586.95</u>	<u>4,050.17</u>	<u>11,212.81</u>
Total COGS	<u>3,586.95</u>	<u>4,050.17</u>	<u>11,212.81</u>
Gross Profit	8,301.22	8,664.03	36,165.01
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	177.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	173.04	117.76	1,554.25
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	3.25	0.00
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	26.74	77.65	196.49
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	371.07	0.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	25.00	96.27	25.00
6160 · Copier Expense	171.04	124.98	375.46
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	1,363.25	0.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	-5.98
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	1,248.00	-547.84	1,372.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	1,319.79	903.59	2,709.37
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	59.85
6330 · Office Expense	709.93	424.40	2,017.74
6360 · Archives (Archives)	41.22	0.00	41.22
6380 · Payroll Taxes	534.98	540.84	1,896.22
6410 · Postage	181.65	320.00	589.57
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	6,841.80
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,281.79	6,287.41	18,746.13
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	0.00	400.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	60.00	10.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	267.18	304.93	862.32
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.07
Total Expense	<u>13,540.91</u>	<u>12,698.11</u>	<u>37,918.37</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-5,239.69	-4,034.08	-1,753.36
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	52.40	366.66	506.84
8050 · Activities Committee	243.17	0.00	243.17
Total Other Income	<u>295.57</u>	<u>366.66</u>	<u>750.01</u>
Net Other Income	<u>295.57</u>	<u>366.66</u>	<u>750.01</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-4,944.12</u></u>	<u><u>-3,667.42</u></u>	<u><u>-1,003.35</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2008

	Mar 31, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	6,552.75
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 3202 (4 Mo. Liquid CD @ 4.11%, 06/04/2008)	15,051.37 *
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 3210 (6 Mos. CD @ 3.39%, 08/04/2008)	20,056.50 *
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 3.44%, 02/04/2009)	15,043.00 *
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	438.42
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	29,449.01 *
Total Checking/Savings	86,816.05
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-704.38
Total Accounts Receivable	-704.38
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	16,111.32
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	491.75
Total Other Current Assets	16,603.07
Total Current Assets	102,714.74
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,796.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-13,373.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-147.00
Total Fixed Assets	18,773.86
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	123,482.45
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	1,418.73
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,418.73
Total Current Liabilities	1,418.73
Total Liabilities	1,418.73
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	18,773.86
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	104,293.21
Net Income	-1,003.35
Total Equity	122,063.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	123,482.45

* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: **\$79,599.88**
This represents over 6 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months. **Thank you.**

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
March 2008

	<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 08</u>
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	70.00	210.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	276.49
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	224.00	915.60
1 INV R and B Group 70972	222.62	878.77
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	203.52	397.80
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	828.06
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	63.84
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	175.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	520.45	520.45
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	350.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	220.78
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	224.00
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	383.09	383.09
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	90.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	175.00
Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106 (Tues.)	280.00	280.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	65.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	498.00	1,436.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	161.53	161.53
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	350.00	700.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	155.40
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	229.17
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	147.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	212.49
Early Bird 244 (Thur.)	141.40	141.40
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	222.60
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	0.00	35.68
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	100.00	100.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	517.78
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	300.00	300.00
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	133.33
G South County Fellowship 70954	175.00	700.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	400.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	404.67	1,154.63
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	560.00
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	75.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00
Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	0.00	200.90
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	238.00
Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	350.00
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	413.00
H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	384.00	384.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	373.10
Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	88.00	88.00
High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	181.00
Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Intergroup Council 80909	62.00	62.00
Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	301.70	301.70

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
March 2008

	<u>Mar 08</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 08</u>
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	210.00	315.00
Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	105.00	105.00
Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	84.00	84.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	120.00
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	70.00	70.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	165.05	165.05
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	248.50	598.50
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,482.00
Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.)	0.00	630.00
Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	100.00	100.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	245.00	245.00
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	60.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	490.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	427.85
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	279.30
Personal 00911	24.18	47.56
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	106.40
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	198.80
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	0.00	200.10
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
South Valley Group (267)	0.00	154.00
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	200.00
Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	184.10	184.10
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	315.00
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	20.00	140.00
Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	110.00
Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	0.00	61.00
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	96.00	96.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,351.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	150.00
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	362.58
Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	315.00	682.23
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	107.00
TOTAL	<u>6,786.81</u>	<u>29,596.05</u>