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April—Fourth Step, Fourth Tradition, and Fourth Concept

Concept IV *Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge*

In this Concept, AA provides that all groups within AA should be given a right to participate in the affairs of AA. This Concept provides not only that groups of alcoholics be permitted to participate, but also that staffs that include non-alcoholics should also be permitted the right to vote in proportion to the responsibility they discharge. This ensures that every skilled element needed to make informed decision have a right to participate and provides a voice for people with knowledge of how things operate day-to-day.

Concept IV

Ask Bill—Excerpted from the proposal delivered by Bill at the closing of the 10th General Service Conference, this is of great historical significance as it was the first time that Bill had spoken to the Fellowship on the subject of the Twelve Concepts.

Now, then, there is another traditional principle, the source of another essay here called the principle of participation. Our whole lives have been wrecked, often from childhood, because we have not been participants. There had been too much of the parental thing, too much of the wrong kind of the parental thing, we always wanted to belong, we always wanted to participate; and there is going to be a constant tendency, which we must always forefend against, and that is to place in our

service structure any group, A.A. as a whole, the Conference, the Board of Trustees, committees, executives -- to place any of these people in absolutely unqualified authority, one over the other. This is an institutional, a military, set-up — and God knows we drunks have rejected institutions and this kind of authority, for our purpose, haven't we?

So, therefore, how, as a practical matter, are we going to express this participation. Right here in this conference it's burned in; in Article XII you'll see this statement in the Conference Charter: nobody is to be set in utter authority over anybody else. How do we prevent this?

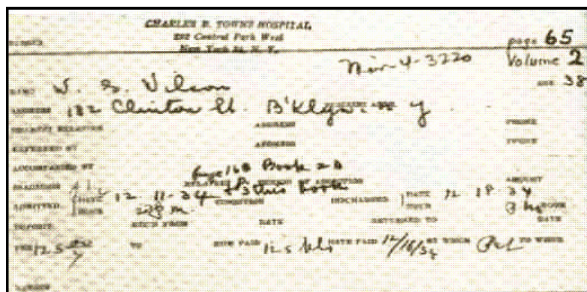
So, therefore, how, as a practical matter, are we going to express this participation. Right here in this conference it's burned in; in Article XII you'll see this statement in the Conference Charter: nobody is to The Trustees here, and the headquarters people here, are in a great minority over you people. You have the ultimate authority over us. And you say, well these folks are nicely incorporated, and we ain't; and they have the dough legally, so have we got it? Sure, you got it. You can go home and shut the dough off, can't you? You've got the ultimate authority but -- we've got some delegated authority. Now when you get in this Conference, you find that the Trustees, and the Directors and the staffs have votes.

And many of you say, why is it; we represent the groups; why the hell shouldn't we tell these people? Why should they utter one yip while we're doing it? Oh, we'll let 'em yip, but not vote. Well, you see, right there we get from the institutional

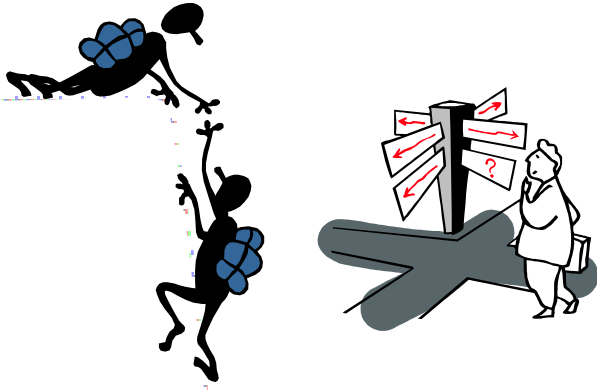
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The afternoon of December 11th, 1934, at the age of 39, Bill Wilson staggered up the steps and through the doors of Charles R. Towns Hospital, 293 Central Park West, NY, NY for the last time as an inebriated drunk, waving his last bottle of beer at Dr. "Silky" Silkworth as he was met in the hall. He had been there three times previously to dry out. Bill was admitted at 2:10 pm, and so began the history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Sobriety. From that moment Bill never took another drink of alcohol. That beginning is recorded for all time on this piece of paper.



Are We Really Serving The Newcomer?

Auntie Alkie has received mail covering a lot of questions from newcomers. Not just about not drinking but about AA and the way we are organized. As I research AA history I have come across several references to

Meetings for Beginners.

In Cleveland some of the first members held Beginner's meetings that were a four part "course" or "class" about AA and the steps. New members didn't attend regular AA meetings until they had gone through the four weekly sessions.

The discussion on the steps was as follows:

Week One---The admission, Step No. 1.

Week Two---The spiritual phase, Steps 2,3,5,6,7, and 11.

Week Three--The inventory and restitution, Steps No. 4, 8, 9 and 10.

Week Four---The active work, which is Step No. 12.

Since today we have General Service and Traditions as well as the steps it would be good to add this information. Sponsors and other members attended the meetings but the main purpose of the meetings was to carry the message to the newcomer.

Are any of you out there interested in forming a group like this? We could have different members explain different steps and traditions and explain about General Service. Newcomers could still go to any meeting they wanted to go to but it would give them a foundation that is too often overlooked. When this happens it often leads to resentment and misunderstandings; the very things that often drive us to drink.

If you are interested in starting this service for newcomers, please call Central Office or email office@asaanjose.org All the details can be determined if there are enough people willing to participate.

Thanks, Auntie Alkie

Archive Memories

In the archives article in the monthly Intergroup Newsletter, March 2006, there was mention of the first Alano Club originated in Santa Clara County, above the Padre Theater. The article brought back so many happy memories for me. I was 12 or 13 at the time the club opened and I spent a lot of time at the club. When the club opened in 1950 Harold B. ran the snack counter and was responsible for running things smoothly. When the club moved to Almaden, he moved with it. He came to AA in 1948 and with the help of the District Attorney he opened the first sobriety house in California.

He brought alcoholics from the street who had nowhere to go and helped them find jobs and sobriety. He showed up at the jails when men were being related on charges of drunk and disorderly or other alcohol related charges. He went to Agnew State Hospital to 12 step the men and offer them a place to live when they were released after being de-toxed from alcohol. He planted a lot of seeds on how to succeed in sobriety. He helped a lot of people as he shared his experience, strength and hope. He once again lost his battle with this dreaded disease called alcoholism in 1964. He died in 1966 from a malignant brain tumor. What led up to his relapse is another story, but I will always be grateful and proud of my father. Proud that he was so compassionate, kind and loving. He might not have done so well in staying sober but he left a legacy for us by showing our family another way to live.

I have a sister with 34 years of sobriety. My husband & I have 28 years and my daughter has 14 years. Many of our family members learned without having to pick up a drink. We all have been blessed in so many ways.

I thank Alcoholics Anonymous, my beautiful mother who always worked so hard to make sure every alcoholic who came to our home had a nice hot meal and a safe, warm bed. I thank my wonderful father for all that he did while he was sober. Most of all, I thank God, my Higher Power, that there's always a meeting in whatever town you go to, and maybe even an Alano Club over some other theater where you can sit down, have a cup of coffee and share your experience, strength and hope with each other.

Mary S.



Ask Auntie Alkie

Dear Auntie Alkie,

If AA is a program of ego deflation, why do we clap for people at meetings? Mary L.

Dear Mary,

In some parts of the country they don't clap after people share. The custom here has been that at most meetings we do. I think it is less about ego than about enthusiasm, identification and encouragement. We even clap for announcements and I have missed it when I've traveled around the country sometimes! Ego deflation has more to do with coming to the realization that we are God's instruments, not God!

Dear Auntie Alkie,

If a chairperson is sharing their experience, strength and hope, which is part of their 12th Step practice, why do secretaries say, "Let's thank Jim for a good meeting."?

George M.

Dear George,

I think it may just be a custom of courtesy.. I have never heard "Let's criticize Jim for leading a lousy meeting!" A "good" meeting really depends on my attitude! Personally, I think the chairperson should thank the group & the secretary for the chance to "pass it on!"

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I'm the secretary of a meeting and I asked an addict to chair the meeting. After the meeting several people came up to me and said I should only have alcoholics chair the meeting. This person has a good program and has worked the steps around her addiction and has been clean a long time. Why did they say that?

Alice C.

Dear Alice,

At AA meetings we share our **experience**, strength and hope. We tell what it was like, what happened and what it is like now. If the chairperson is not an alcoholic they have no **experience** to share. If they are alcoholic and also addicts they need to talk about alcoholism and their recovery from active alcoholism. Many people today have drugs other than alcohol as part of their story but they need only refer to it briefly the way they might say "I lived in Salt Lake City for 3 months". The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking!

Dear Auntie Alkie,

I was at a meeting last week and they kept talking about Eskimos. What do they mean by that?

Confused in Cupertino

Dear Confused,

This is one of my favorite AA stories. The version I learned was about

two gold prospectors in Alaska. They met up about every 6 months when they went into town for supplies. In spite of the fact that they were very different in

temperament they were good friends. One guy was very negative and the other had faith in a Higher Power and lived in serenity most of the time.

Months passed and the negative guy didn't show up to get his supplies. Six more months went by and he finally showed up. His friend was so glad to see him. "Where have you been? I was so worried about you.."

"You'll never believe what happened. I was out in the wilderness and a blizzard came up. My dogs were going in circles and I knew we were all going to die out there. I tried to make a shelter for us but it wasn't very helpful. Time went on and I got more and more hopeless. Then I thought about you and how you are always talking about this Higher Power. So I said: God if you exist, get me out of this and I will trust you forever"

"Wow", said his friend, "How great is that? Now you have a power greater than yourself"

"No way"

"What do you mean? God got you out of it, didn't he? You're here!"

"Oh no, some Eskimo came along and led me out!"

We often call the people who carried the message to us our "Eskimos". Who are your Eskimos? Have you been an Eskimo? Sometimes we don't know it until years later.

What is your experience? Drop a note to the newsletter by snail mail or by email of-
fice@aaanjanose.org. and we can include some stories in future newsletters.



Dear Auntie Alkie,

Why are there still so many people with 20, 30, 40 years of sobriety still going to meetings? After all this time do they still need meetings?

Wondering in Los Altos

Dear Wondering,

There are several reasons why people keep coming to meetings. One is gratitude for all they have been given so freely and the responsibility to give back. Another is that they are still learning. One is to show that the program works no matter how long it is and another is that it makes them feel good! We make close and wonderful friendships in AA and maybe the best reason is that if you don't show up, you won't know "the rest of the story"!

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

The intent and purpose of this step is plain. All alcoholics have a definite need for a good self-analysis-a sort of self-appraisal. Other people have certainly analyzed us, appraised us, criticized us and even judged us. It might be a good idea to judge ourselves, calmly and honestly.

From the Big Book Step 4 p64:

"Though our decision was vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions."

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

- Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
- Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
- Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
- Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
- Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths – his lengths, not mine – to stay sober?
- Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

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idea to the corporate idea. And in the corporate business world, there is participation in these levels. Can you imagine - how much stock would you buy in General Motors if you knew the president and half the board of directors couldn't get into a meeting because they were on the payroll? Or could just come in and listen to the out-of-town directors? You'd want these people's opinions registered. And they can't really belong unless they vote. This we have found out by the hardest kind of experience. So therefore, the essay here on participation deals with the principle that any A.A. servant in any top echelon of service, regardless of whether they're paid, unpaid, volunteer or what, shall be entitled to reasonable voting privileges in accordance with their responsibility.

And you good politicians are going to say, but these people here hold a balance of power. Well, we qualified that in one way. We'll take the balance of power away from them when it comes to qualifications for their own jobs or voting in approval of their own actions. But the bulk of the work of this Conference has to do with plans and policy for the future. So supposing that among you Delegates there is a split. And supposing these people come in and vote, which, by the way, they seldom do as a bloc, and they swing it one way or the other on matters of future policy and planning; well, after all, why shouldn't they? Are they any less competent than the rest of us? Of course not. Besides these technical considerations, there is this deep need in us to belong, to participate. And you can only participate on the basis of equality -- and one token of this is voting equality. At first blush, you won't like the idea. But you'll have a chance to think about it.

One more idea: There came to this country some hundred years ago a French Baron whose family and himself had been wracked by the French revolution. De Toqueville. And he was a worshipful admirer of democracy. And in those days democracy seemed to be mostly expressed in people's minds by votes of simple majorities. And he was a worshipful admirer of the spirit of democracy as expressed by the power of a majority to govern. "But", said de Toqueville, "a majority can be ignorant, it can be brutal, it can be tyrannous -- and we have seen it. Therefore, unless you most carefully protect a minority, large or small, make sure that minority opinions are voiced, make sure that minorities have unusual rights, you're democracy is never going to work and its spirit will die." This was de Toqueville's prediction and, considering today's times, is it strange that he is not widely read now?

That is why in this Conference we try to get a unanimous consent while we can; this is why we say the Conference can mandate the Board of Trustees on a two-thirds vote. But we have said more here. We have said that any Delegate, any Trustee, any staff member, any service director, -- any board, committee or whatever --- that wherever there is a minority, it shall always be the right of this minority to file a minority report so that their views are held up clearly. And if in the opinion of any such minority, even a minority of one, if the majority is about to hastily or angrily do something which could be to the detriment of Alcoholics Anonymous, the serious detriment, it is not only their right to file a minority appeal, it is their duty.

So, like de Toqueville, neither you nor I want either the tyranny or the majority, nor the tyranny of the small minority. And steps have been taken here to balance up these relations.

For Concept IV, the checklist questions are:

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?



Tom J.

Sobriety date : 1/25/55

Tom J. went to chair the "Big Meeting In The Sky" on 3/09/06. He had just over 51 years of continuous sobriety. Those who knew him remember a gentle man with a sparkle in his eye. Around St. Paddy's day each year you could talk him into singing "Danny Boy" right after one of his favorite noon meetings at the Acceptance Group on Sandia in Sunnyvale. Tom always said this litany when he was called on at a meeting: "I don't put my life in danger, lose time from my job, lose time from things I enjoy, lose time from my family and I don't throw up anymore."

In keeping with our spirit of humility, his nickname was "Throw up Tom". He would say that his biggest fear was that he would get sick and throw up and blow his story!

Well, he got the flu about 3 or 4 years ago and had to own up to it to the Group!

His home group was the Mountain View Group on Saturday night at St. Tim's. Tom was one of those people who left his footprints on your heart. *Frank N.*

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE—FIRST PAGE

This is the time of year that your General Service Representative will take your group's conscience on agenda items to our Area Delegate, Francisco, at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Napa on April 7-8.

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- Change the word "donation" to "contribution" in the pamphlet, _____
- Retire the pamphlet, "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic"
- Write a book that chronicles the second 25 years of Alcoholics Anonymous
- Develop a pamphlet that explains the difference between Religion and Spirituality

Perhaps your GSR has brought some of these items to your group for discussion. If your group doesn't have a GSR, volunteer for the job! It enables us to see AA as a whole.

TO BE CONTINUED



59th Annual NCCAA Conference held in San Ramon, CA., on March 10, 11, 12th.

The first NCCAA Conference was held at a time when there were very few groups in Northern California, approximately 45. Members wanted to gather together in fellowship, to share ideas and meet others from Northern California. The members meeting at an organized Conference was also in keeping with the statement on page 17 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, "The tremendous fact for every one of us is that we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out on which we can JOIN in brotherly and harmonious action."

Attending these conferences can be extremely educational, as well as a wonderful way to meet newcomers, oldtimers have fun and enjoy the fellowship. Each Conference program is filled with exceptional Speaker meetings, marathon meetings,

panels and workshops. These panels and workshops vary and in the past have included General Service panels, explaining the history and purpose of General Service, or a Hospitals and Institutions Panel explaining the purpose of H&I and the pamphlets that guide H&I volunteers.

The next Conference will be held in Sacramento on July 7,8,9. Of special interest at this Conference will be an H&I Panel with Jim Estelle and Geane Woodford. Jim Estelle held the non-alcoholic Class A Trustee position for 9 years and 6 years as Chairman for the General Service Board. Geane Woodford, past Warden at San Quentin Prison, is currently non-alcoholic Class A Trustee and Director of the Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the State of California.

These Conferences can be very educational and indeed are great fun and a wonderful opportunity to meet members from all over Northern California. See you in Sacramento!

Love and Service,

Randy S.H&I - Region 70 Chair, and

NCC Conference Coordinator

JACK H.

He was known for living with "gusto" and encouraging others to do the same! On March 24, 2006 Jack Holt left us to be the main speaker at the "Big Meeting." Anyone who encountered Jack over the years came away with a little bit more enthusiasm and a little more confidence that they, too, could get and stay sober. He was a tireless 12 stepper and had a million stories about the early days when he would just throw a guy over his shoulder and take him home to Alice! We all loved hearing about "Petey" his alcoholic parakeet, who had to get sober when Jack did and the guy he put in the bathtub to soak who was foaming at the mouth when Jack checked on him. After breaking all the speed laws he got the guy to the ER and found out he had just swallowed a bottle of shampoo! Jack was a loving sponsor, friend, husband, father and an incredible example of the program in action!

His sobriety date was: 3/06/1958

A Memorial Service was held on

April 8 at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

It was an amazing example of the difference that one person can make in the lives of so many people!

Secretaries Please Read To Your Group!

Can you spare a few hours each month to take calls from people who really need our help? You would be a great fit for one of the **diverter** shifts. Call Central Office to volunteer.

From Intergroup Central Office

Secretaries, please be sure you have given your address to Central Office so you will receive updates, notices, and the newsletter. Please make a note in your meeting book so the next secretary will follow up.

**This is the only
way we can
communicate
with AA members
in Santa Clara
County!**

The **Secretary's Workshop** is held the first Saturday of each month at Central Office—10:00 a.m. New or experienced, young or old, this is an excellent way to hone your skills and stay in touch with Central Office. Call for more information—374-8511.

Bridging the Gap—an AA service committee. Its mission is to provide a contact for people from institutions with their first outside meeting. Meets first Tuesday at First Congregational Church — 7 p.m.

Central Office is in need of **12 Step volunteers**. 6 months sobriety required.

Public Information & Cooperation With the Professional Community—monthly training meeting 2nd Saturday at Central Office—10 a.m.

April Birthdays

Birthday Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Date
Jackie C		Diane E.	UNKNOWN
Diane E.	1 1/2		09/6/2004
Philomena B.	15		11/28/1990
Mike O.	22		12/30/1983
Lee C.	21		12/24/1984
Konrad B.	20		01/10/1986
Cathy C.	19	Lee C.	02/16/1987
Sheila M.	33		02/19/1973
Jerry R.	17		02/21/1989
Curtis H.	18		02/22/1988
Albert B	35		03/01/1971
Sue S.		Pat C. IN MEMORIUM	03/02/1974
Rebecca S.	25		03/03/1981
Melissa A.	10	Kathy	03/03/1996
Jack H.	48	Gene M. & Pat C. IN MEMORIUM	03/06/1958
Bill D.	24		03/13/1982
Dick S.	15		03/12/1991

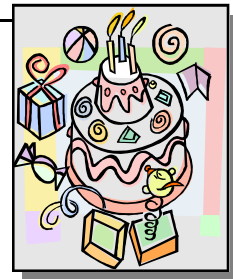


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for a total of

YEARS of Sobriety

and for total contributions of



In Memoriam –Fred Morales passed away on 2/9/06 with 21 years of sobriety. .

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Second Tradition Group

First Covenant Church

790 Coe Avenue (Willow Glen section)

April 1 Gino H from San Jose, CA

April 8 Brigitte R from Gaithersburg, MD

Apr 22 Robert C from Pacific Palisades, CA

Apr 29 Vince Y from Pasadena, CA

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

April 5, 2006

- Xavier, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8 pm, followed by A Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Dave read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 46 people attending.
- Lester read the Twelve Traditions.
- There were no corrections/additions to the agenda.
- There were no corrections to the previous month's minutes.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	03/01/06	99.65	Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
Contributions:	03/01/06	51.00	
Refreshments:	03/01/06	19.14	
Rent is paid to:	07/01/06	99.00	
Balance:	04/01/06	41.51	Prudent Reserve: \$90.00
- Announcements: none
- Birthdays: Tim, 3yrs; Kathy, 4yrs; Bill D., 24yrs; Gail W., 29yrs; Mike, 6yrs; Gloria, 90 days; Maxine, 18years.

Reports:

1. Intergroup Chair – Xavier
 - a. Reported that he visited a group at Church of the Chimes that was listed in the meeting guide to find that it had closed. There was also a newcomer who had come to the meeting. Xavier took him to another meeting at Santa Theresa Hospital. This points up the importance of getting updated information about individual groups so that newcomers do not show up at non-existent meetings.
 - b. Diverter workers need 1 year of sobriety, and 12 steppers need to have 6 months sobriety. Bruce volunteered to bring a diverter packet to the meeting next month so that people could look it over.
2. Central Service Board – Mary Pat
 - a. The board met last week and established a policy to reimburse staff for out-of-pocket health insurance premiums. This will be done on an annual basis, and does not include co-payments or other health expenses.
 - b. The board is continuing to define goals for this year.
 - c. Tax preparer is done, and things look ok.
3. Central Office – Bruce
 - a. Expenses are higher this year than last year at this time. Contributions and book/literature sales are fine, but accounting and legal fees are up.
 - b. Bruce will attend the annual Central Office Managers Conference this year, which will be held in Akron, Ohio. Because of Chuck's interest in and service in building our historical archives, the board has asked Bruce to take him along this year. They will visit Dr. Bob's house and attend "the first meeting" in the schoolhouse.
 - c. Bruce confirmed the new health insurance policy, saying that because CO has only one full time staff, and three part-time staff, this is the most cost effective way to offer health benefits.
 - d. The copier has expired. It requires at least \$2,200 in parts just to get it working, and the service contract has run out. The board approved buying a new Konica 920 for about \$21,000, along with a service contract. Funds for the new copier will come out of prudent reserve.
 - e. Printing the meeting guide will actually be less expensive to print on the new copier than with a printing company. The new copier will be able to handle the job efficiently, so CO will produce the meeting guide from now on.
 - f. There is no newsletter tonight because of lack of a copier. Xerox was late in delivering a demo copier and a trainer. The newsletter will go out tomorrow or Friday.

- g. The new printer will need a dedicated 220v line. CO is looking for an AA member who is a licensed electrician to install the line before going outside.
 - h. CO needs a fresh coat of paint. Volunteers are needed to paint two rooms sometime in May. Food and music is being offered as an incentive.
 - i. Pat G., who is sick tonight, asked Bruce to propose a Founder's Day Celebration on June 10. The group discussed it, and remembered that no one came to the last one we had, so the idea was dropped.
4. PI/CPC – Francisco
- a. The committee made presentations at Fisher Middle School and St. Justin Middle School. Both were very well received. Francisco read e-mails that expressed sincere and moving appreciation for the presentations.
 - b. On April 10, PI/CPC is making a presentation to a SJSU fraternity house, at their request.
 - c. The Book Committee delivered 18 sets of books for placement in each of the San Jose libraries as part of their collections.
 - d. The start-up cost of setting up literature racks and putting books in each library or high school is about \$60. Francisco wondered if the Book Committee could be given a budget for this, and if so, how much. He will submit a proposal to IG next month. Individual groups who maintain the literature in the libraries would expend only about \$5 per month.
 - e. The committee is sending letters to DUI classes, based on a template approved by GSO saying who we are and what we do.
5. Twelfth Step Committee
- a. Daytime – Bruce for Kevin. Two shifts are available: Monday from 11:30am-2pm; and Thursday from 2pm- 4:30pm.
 - b. Nights and Weekends – Joyce. Five shifts are available: Monday, 6am-9am; Wednesday, 6am-9am; Thursday, 7pm-10pm; Friday, 4:30pm-7pm; and the 1st Saturday, midnight to 6am. Joyce's phone number is (408) 699-4489.
6. Outreach Committee – Paul C.
- a. This committee needs new members to go to meetings with which IG has lost contact. Packets are delivered to meetings visited that contain an invitation to IG, a brochure describing IG and what IG does, and a meeting information update form, for secretary and elder statesman information.
 - b. Intergroup reps may only represent one group for voting purposes, but information update forms are intended for each meeting (for groups that have five meetings per week) so that all secretary information is current.
7. Newsletter – No Report
8. Other Service Committee Reports
- Unity Day: No Report
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous: Dennis reported that the March conference was great and the next one is in Sacramento in July.
 - Hospitals and Institutions: No Report
 - Bridging the Gap: No Report
 - North County General Service: April reported that with the Pre-Assembly Conference taking place this month, this is a very active time for General Service. The conference is on April 8 & 9 in Napa. More next month.
 - South County General Service: Bill M. reported the same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

OPEN FORUM – NONE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Profit & Loss
March 2006

	Mar 06	Mar 05	Jan - Mar 06
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	8,302.98	8,486.59	34,552.88
4999 · Uncategorized Income	0.00	3.50	0.00
8010 · Literature Sales	7,151.36	6,076.68	19,267.71
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	105.00	15.00	450.00
Total Income	15,559.34	14,581.77	54,270.59
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold (Excl. Mtg. Dir. after 6/1/06)	4,596.74	4,400.73	12,840.75
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	-45.32	0.00
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,596.74	4,355.41	12,840.75
9010 · Literature Purchases	0.00	993.68	0.00
9040 · Literature Inv Adjustment	0.00	-64.77	0.00
Total COGS	4,596.74	5,284.32	12,840.75
Gross Profit	10,962.60	9,297.45	41,429.84
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	177.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	422.89	528.94	3,649.09
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	3.25	0.00
6120 · Computer Expenses	124.00	-713.95	274.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	1,069.40	0.00	1,352.65
6160 · Copier Expense	66.49	736.67	66.49
6190 · Depreciation Expense	243.25	419.00	243.25
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	1,072.75	-178.48	1,172.75
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	59.85
6280 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	-200.00	0.00
6330 · Office Expense	509.74	690.18	1,129.88
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	62.87	102.84	62.87
6370 · Office Paper Supply	179.85	398.11	179.85
6380 · Payroll Taxes	581.14	519.19	1,900.51
6410 · Postage	392.77	54.61	732.11
6480 · Rent	2,217.25	2,153.90	6,588.40
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,387.28	5,368.14	18,402.32
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	160.00	650.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	60.00	35.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	21.25	-21.75	447.05
7060 · Travel	0.00	16.81	0.00
Total Expense	13,630.88	10,092.41	37,148.07
Net Ordinary Income	-2,668.28	-794.96	4,281.77
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	308.27	241.72	617.73
Total Other Income	308.27	241.72	617.73
Net Other Income	308.27	241.72	617.73
Net Income	-2,360.01	-553.24	4,899.50

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2006

	<u>Mar 31, 06</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	13,254.26
1036 · Bank of America CD 5247 (10 mo CD @ 4.16%, 01/17/07)	12,163.67
1039 · Bank of America CD 5717 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,489.98
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (8 mo. CD @ 4.79%, 9/24/07)	14,504.56
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 3.39%, 2/28/07)	14,285.00
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	20,130.27
Total Checking/Savings	<u>89,052.74</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-229.31
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-229.31</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	17,158.76
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	125.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>17,283.76</u>
Total Current Assets	106,107.19
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	15,817.46
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-13,855.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-124.25
Total Fixed Assets	<u>4,336.05</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>112,437.09</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	1,365.95
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,365.95</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,365.95</u>
Total Liabilities	1,365.95
Equity	
2740 · Unrestricted Funds	95,777.91
3900 · Retained Earnings	10,393.73
Net Income	4,899.50
Total Equity	<u>111,071.14</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>112,437.09</u></u>