



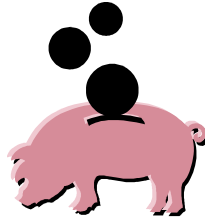
# Santa Clara County Monthly Intergroup Newsletter

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## New Wrinkle on Maintaining Group Bank Accounts



New U.S. federal government regulations may mean that organizations, including AA groups, will be required to produce more detailed information about themselves to their banks. In one instance, an AA group in California was notified by its bank that it had to bring in a copy of the group's charter and bylaws.

A member of the group brought copies of the AA Preamble and the Twelve Traditions to a meeting with a bank officer. The AA member explained the nature of the Fellowship to the officer, who then accepted the Preamble as the group's charter and the Traditions as its bylaws.

AA groups are more and more frequently being asked to supply an ID number to a bank when opening a checking or savings account, whether or not it is interest-bearing.

Many groups have asked GSO if they can use its ID number. They cannot. A group must obtain its own ID number, a relatively simple process, which often can be done by phone. The first step is to obtain a "Federal ID Number." Each group must file form SS-4, "Application for Employer Identification Number, (EIN)." To obtain the form, call your local Social Security or IRS office. An EIN can also be obtained by calling the IRS at (800) 829-4933. You can also access the IRS Web site and download the form at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Another issue is tax-exempt status. An AA group is not automatically a nonprofit or charitable entity, nor can it be included in GSO's tax-exempt status. (Your GSO is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the code.)

In fact, very few groups undertake the process of becoming a nonprofit organization recognized by the state and federal government. For more information, obtain IRS form, Publication 557, "Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organizations."

If your group then decides it wants tax-exempt status, contact the IRS for Package 1023, "Application for Recognition of Exemption," under section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code. You will also need Form 8718, "User Fee for Exempt Organization Letter Request." An accountant or tax lawyer can be helpful in dealing with the rigorous reporting that may be required.

These topics and more are covered in detail in the Finance Guidelines (MG-15), which are available by mail from the General Service Office and online at [http://www.aa.org/en\\_pdfs/mg-15\\_finance.pdf](http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/mg-15_finance.pdf).

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## The AA Torch

Not one of us is given a torch big enough to lead the drunks of the world out of the darkness and into the light. Instead, each of us has been given a candle that burns for a short flame. If we stand outshine the great- and bicker and candle so that each our own little holics of the world in darkness—and while with a flickering together, the light will est torch. If we argue blow at each other's of us starts shielding flame, then the alcohol will continue to suffer so will we.



*The above was shared by an AA Trustee at the 1995 General Service Conference*

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## H&I Early On

I was asked to write an article about the Hospital and Institution Committee as I knew it in my early sobriety. I will always be grateful for that opportunity as one of the most beneficial activities I encountered during my early AA life.

At the encouragement of Bill V around and about 1966 I was introduced to H&I and one of the first realizations I had in becoming involved in that service was that I was thinking of others and not always of myself.

One of the images that comes to mind was a weekly visit to a locked ward at the Veterans Administration Hospital for alcoholics in Menlo Park. This visit was on a stormy night and as we approached the entrance door a face of a man was pressed against the glass looking to see if we would be coming out on that stormy night. When the door was opened he said "Oh, I thought maybe you weren't coming" and his next words were "Thank God you're here". That was an experience in early 1967. I will never forget that night and how the words WE ARE RESPONSIBLE had a meaning.

There are so many great experiences that I recall when I was active in the service of H&I from 1966 to 1980. So many friendships were formed. I had many positions during those great years, learning as I went along. From 1973 -1977 I was elected General Chairman of H&I of Northern California. Two very special people preceded me and taught me many good lessons. Maybe some of you remember Kim M. and George R. They were very dedicated in doing the work.

Another fellow that came after me was Joe C, who also was very active for many years. I could name a lot more great guys that had a love for H&I work who shared their experience and strength with me.

Our existing "Pink Can" was born by the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee.

In 1942 at San Quentin, Clinton Duffy, the warden at that time realized that most inmates were incarcerated due to alcoholism. He contacted Warren T. from Richmond and along with an inmate by the name of Ricardo, held the first successful AA institution meeting. This was also in 1942.

Herman K. one of our early founders of AA in the Santa Clara Valley attended those first meetings at San Quentin and Ricardo is mentioned frequently in the early history of H&I in the valley.

These are just a few of my thoughts as I remember in the 1960's and 70's. The committee of today was formed on a lot of years of experience (about 65) and continues to grow .

In closing I would like to pass on the message. Contact your H&I representative for information about doing some service. It gave me so much and the rewards are so great and without a doubt helped me to stay sober. I owe it a lot.

Jerry G,  
Santa Clara

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## The Courts and Alcoholics Anonymous

The year 1994 marked the beginning of the Drug Treatment Courts in Santa Clara

County. The Judges of the Superior Court committed the courts resources to the creation of a special treatment court that would address the emerging issue of substance abuse treatment with criminal justice case processing. This bold step led to the creation of one of the largest and most successful treatment courts in California and the United States.

Initially as a pilot project, the Drug Treatment Court was conducted by two judges on a part time basis, but proved to be so successful that in 1999 it was expanded. I was pleased to be the first Superior Court Judge assigned to this new effort. Today six judges work full time at the Criminal Courts Annex located at 115 Terraine St. in San Jose. The courts individualized treatment plan for each defendant is incorporated into a grant of probation that avoids the need for further jail or prison time. The treatment courts program requires a one year commitment with various levels of treatment available including residential and outpatient treatment as well as sober living homes. Participants are subject to random testing, probation supervision and frequent court reviews.

Early in its formation, treatment court judges saw the opportunity as community leaders to bring various agencies and community groups together to focus on this community problem. Fundamental to the success of the participant's year long program was participation in twelve step recovery or peer support groups. Judges learned that long term recovery was a process that needed to continue beyond the initial treatment phase through active participation in groups like Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alcoholics Anonymous has historically played an important role in cooperating with community programs and carrying the message of recovery to criminal offenders.

The year 1942 is considered a landmark when AA members from San Francisco brought the first AA meeting into San Quentin prison at the request of Warden Clinton T. Duffy. The importance of this event and the principle of cooperation instead of affiliation are fully described in General Service Office publication:

AA GUIDELINES, Cooperating with Courts D.W.I. and Similar Programs. Judges in Santa Clara County have

from time to time been provided with copies of this publication so that they may begin to understand the AA Traditions as well as the concept of cooperation instead of affiliation. These Guidelines discuss other areas of concern that frequently arise in cooperating with the courts. On the subject of required attendance at meetings;

*"All of us sober in AA know that to get well we really had to want it for ourselves—eventually, if not at first. We could not stay sober for ourselves – eventually, if not at first. We could not stay sober just because we were "required" to, or for anybody else. Yet, in a real sense, every AA member is at first "sentenced" to AA, either by their employer, family, friends, doctor, or by their own inner suffering. In AA, we are not concerned about who or what sends an alcoholic to us. Our responsibility is to show AA as a way of life, so that newcomers who need it might want it."*

The subject of "Court Cards" is also addressed;

*"It is important for the judge to understand that attendance at AA meetings does not guarantee anybody's future sobriety. Nevertheless some judges require legal, written proof that of that offenders have attended a certain number of meetings. Often, when the court-ordered newcomer attends an AA meeting, the group secretary is happy to sign their first name, or to initial a slip furnished by the court saying so-and-so was at the meeting on a particular date. All involved recognized that neither the group nor the members are 'bound' in any way by the signature, nor does this courtesy signify affiliation of the group with any other program. It simply illustrates cooperation."*

A review of this AA GUIDELINES is worthwhile to fully understand to the relationship of the Traditions with the concept of cooperating with the courts. The Treatment Courts in Santa Clara County have benefited greatly from the contribution of AA Groups, H & I, and other committees who have for many years carried the message to those who suffer from alcoholism. The success of Treatment Courts is demonstrated by the cost savings. One Judicial Counsel study in California showed that over 650,000 jail or prison days were avoided with averted costs of \$42 million. However, this pales in comparison however when one considers the number of lives that have been saved as a result of those who found their way to recovery through the courts. So, while the coercive force of the Courts may have triggered that first step, it was the hand of AA that reached out, welcomed alcoholics, and led them on the road to recovery, and for that I am grateful.

Larry T. San Jose

**AA Members Share Their Experience with Hospitals & Institutions**



When I first came to AA in September of 1971 my sponsor and others told me that service would help me to stay sober. So I got busy and helped set up meetings, became a secretary, gave rides to meetings and later became a GSR rep, an Intergroup rep and even an Alateen sponsor. In talking with my friend Doris G. one day she asked me to go out to the women's jail at Elmwood with her on the second Friday of the month. I thought I would try and see how it went and over 25 years later I am still going on the second Friday. It grows on you and I always feel so good after we leave and the women are so thankful and happy to be able to come to the meeting. No matter how I feel before I go, afterwards I am always grateful and so glad that I went. The women seem to be relaxed and always thank us for the meeting. To me it seems like such a small thing to take them a meeting and that we should thank them for coming and showing us that alcohol will take us places we don't want to go. I especially notice the pregnant women in their maternity smocks and I pray that they hear the message and that the disease will not be passed on to the next generation.

On a personal note my daughter just celebrated 6 years of sobriety last month and has never seen her mother or father drink alcohol.

H & I work is the most rewarding of any service work I have done over the years. Give it a try and see for yourself.

Donna S. San Jose

Going to Elmwood to take AA meetings to the women inmates has been one of the highlights of my service in recovery. I almost always leave with a feeling of excitement, gratitude and hope, that some of these ladies will want to change their lives and choose AA as a path to recovery.

Recently I talked to two former inmates at a meeting and they asked how they could carry the message back to the women at Elmwood. It doesn't get much better than that!

Another of the gifts I receive from this service is it allows me to hang out with old AA friends on a regular basis as they also bring the message inside.

Gerry L. San Jose

**What AA Means To Me**

What AA means to me is that H & I brings meetings to our jail, once a week. Those men and women restore hope back in my life each week, while I wait for the outcome of court, dates and what happens in my future.

AA fellowship shows up every week. That is pure hope for me. Some day's court takes the hope out, AA puts it back in. They bring a message of hope, choice, and freedom from within.

AA is all about choices and hope. The fellowship shows up every week with a message of a new way to live a life free of jails and institutions. The men and I that show up have a positive support to look forward to. We thank you men for showing up each and every week.

The choices we make today reflect our future and freedom. AA fellowship puts hope back in my life each week knowing they will show up with a message of how to live free from my addictions. I depend on the fellowship for my growth in AA today. I have a new hope.

AA means hope in my life each week. These men show me a different way to live. I look forward to that hour of freedom. My heart enjoys when I am able to share my growth through the fellowship. Each week, they put choice back in my live, giving me that chance to show up to the meeting.

Ricky K, (From the San Jose Jail)



**Thought to Ponder .**

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**Take a walk with God.  
He will meet you at the  
Steps.**

**S T E P = Something That  
Enhances Peace.**

The Faithful Few

When the meeting's called to order,  
and you look about the room  
You're sure to see some faces  
that from out of the shadows loom  
That are always at the meetings,  
and stay till it is through  
The ones that I would mention,  
are the Always Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant chairs,  
as they are always on the spot  
No matter what's the weather,  
Though it may be awful hot;  
It may be dark and rainy,  
but they are tried and true;  
The ones that you rely on,  
are the Always Faithful Few

There's lots of worthy members  
Who will come when in the mood;  
When everything's convenient,  
They come to do some good  
They're a factor in the order  
and are necessary too  
But the ones who never fail us  
Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not that these faithful,  
With shoulder at the wheel  
Keep the order moving onward without a halt of reel  
What would be the fate of others  
Who have so much to do?  
They surely would go under,  
but for the Always Faithful Few.

Author unknown

I DRANK.....GOT DRUNK.....AND THEN

I tasted.....didn't like .....felt different  
I sipped.....didn't like.....felt warm  
I drank.....tolerated the taste.....felt funny  
I drank....didn't care how it tasted.....didn't feel ugly  
I drank.....got silly.....didn't feel stupid  
I drank.....got drunk.....found Fantasy Island  
I drank.....got drunk.....found new friends  
I drank.....got drunk.....took risks  
I drank.....got drunk.....lost a husband  
I drank...got drunk...lost my children, and my friends  
I drank.....got drunk.....threw  
up.....drank more  
I drank.....got drunk.....threw up....drank  
more....FORGOT  
I drank.....got drunk.....went out to seek lower  
companions  
I drank.....got drunk.....became emotionally,  
physically, and spiritually bankrupt  
I drank.....got drunk.....became alone, I  
wanted to die  
I drank.....got drunk.....and died....  
.....on December 4, 1991, I believe I had my  
first Spiritual experience/awakening.

I found AA and you.....Today I don't have  
to drink, so I don't get drunk...And I can look in  
the mirror and tell that I love her  
woman I see, and tell that I love her  
I believe to- day, that the woman  
I see in the mirror is a reflection  
of in- ner beauty, intelli-  
gence, com- passion, and most of  
all



LOVE.....and I like you, am a child of  
GOD, and I will never have to be alone  
again.....

Patti V , San Jose

## STEPPING OUT IN SOBRIETY



### AA – A Metaphor for Life and Visa Versa

I have been sober for 27 years now, and I drank hard for 25 years before that. During my drinking years I was not too connected to life, but since sobering up, life has been in my face in many ways. It makes me marvel how the AA Program and certain portions of life are so alike.

Late in life, after having been sober for almost 20 years, I took up crew rowing as a hobby – not something the average person does. It was a great challenge, as was sobering up. To crew row, one must be in excellent physical and aerobic shape. To get and stay sober one must be in great spiritual shape and maintain as much serenity as possible.

After a few years I “graduated” to a single boat. That meant it was up to me alone to keep the boat going – as it is up to me alone to stay sober. Rowing a single is not an easy task. My boat is 27 feet long and only 14 inches wide at its widest spot. It has a round bottom. It is like a half-pipe with pinched points and the only thing that keeps it from turning over while rowing are the oars. The oars are like the Steps and a Sponsor. They keep me in balance.

When the water gets rough, as life gets rough, my oars slap the waves in different spots as I swing them forward for the next stroke. This makes the boat very unstable. This is just like life – when it gets tough and rough, we need dig into ourselves spiritually and maintain a cool head to keep from “turning over.”

When I have been rowing a long time and I want to quit, I tell myself, “I can do another 100 meters, I can do another 100 meters.” When life gets tough I tell myself I can do, “one more day” without drinking.

When I am out on the water and I look at the surrounding hills and sky and see the absolute beauty of it, I see God at work. It fills me with serenity in the midst of grueling work, and it makes doing life that much easier.

Life and AA are indeed a metaphor for one another. We just have to see the beauty in it. We just have to see God’s ordered world.

JPO

Intergroup Representative

### Archives

1. In April of 1939 the book Alcoholics Anonymous was published. Bill had given \$500 to the printer, Mr. Blackwell, to print the book with the understanding that they would buy the books out of the warehouse. Bill and the early members were trying to consider ways and means of getting the book into circulation. Bill said that "most cheering of all, Mr. Edward Blackwell said he had no intention of turning our book over to an outside publisher". Mr. Blackwell saw us through for a long while. He held our books in a warehouse until we were able to sell the first 5,000.

2. On April 16, 1973 Dr. John Norris, non-alcoholic chairman of the AA Central Service Board, made a presentation of the one-millionth copy of the Big Book to President Nixon in the oval office. There is a picture of this presentation on display at Central Office. Some think Mr. Nixon should have read the book.

3. In April of 1943, Dave D. from Palo Alto wrote a long letter to Bill W. thanking him for AA and informing him, "that our little Palo Alto group is making fine progress both in numbers and in spiritual growth". He invited Bill to visit us. The letter was answered by Bill's secretary saying that Bill is tied up with pressing matters but that his next trip is planned for the West Coast. Copies of these letters are on display in the archives corner at Central Office. They can be found in "The Roots of AA in Santa Clara County".

**Telephone Calls Received During March**

Alcoholics  
Anonymous ...  
How may we help you?



Daytime calls—544

Daytime 12th Step calls - 3

Evening and Weekend calls - 444

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

**WHEN ANY ALCOHOLIC, ANYWHERE,  
REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE  
HAND OF A.A. 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!**

**ALANO CLUB WEST MEETINGS**

Are now being held at different locations, pending re-opening of the club. Please see their meeting schedule online at [www.alanowest.org](http://www.alanowest.org).

**Deleted -**

Big Book Discussion, Saturday, 5:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose

New Beginnings, Sunday, 3:00 PM, Freedom Fellowship, Moffett Central Shopping Center, 327 B Moffett Blvd., Mountain View

Sub "21", Friday, 8:15PM, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Willow Glen

Willow Glen AA, Friday, 8:00PM, St. Francis Church, Willow Glen

Freedom From Bondage, Thurs, 12:30PM, Unity Church, Morgan Hill

**Changed -**

Basic Big Book, Thursday 6PM, Alano Club West, now meeting at St. Francis Episcopal Church (basement), 1205 Pine, San Jose

In the Solution, Saturday 7:30AM, Alano Club West, now meeting at 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose

AA Topic Healing Circle (Women's), is now an OPEN meeting for men and women, with chips

Saturday Night Promises, Saturday, 7:00PM, new address at 1st Christian Church, 2890 Middlefield, Palo Alto

Basic AA Text Study, Tues., 7:00PM, Ujirani Resource Center, address changed to 591 King Rd, at Las Plumas

Happy Hour, Friday, 5:30PM, address changed to Willow Glen Baptist Church, Minnesota & Hicks

**New -**

Basic 12 & 12, Monday, 6:00AM, Dennys Rest., 1390 1st St., at Cline.

The Way Out Big Book Study, Friday, 7:30 PM, Pueblo de Dios Church, 3257 Payne Ave.

Open A.A., Wednesday, 7:15 PM, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave.

Mad Hatters, Tues., Noon, Saratoga Retirement Center, 14500 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga

**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 A.A.**

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**

United Presbyterian Church

Fremont & Hollenbeck, Sunnyvale

Saturday at 10 a.m.

## Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Lee C	unknown		unknown
Cathy C	unknown		unknown
Nancy S	31	Bill D.	02/17/1976
Albert V	36		03/01/1971
Skip W	3		03/08/2004
Bill D	25	Addnl cont The Colonel & Pat C	03/13/1982
Dave H	20	Dan & Sarah P	03/17/1987
June M	16	Sarah P	03/26/1991
Pat G	32	Pat C & The Colonel, Aileen B	04/01/1975
James M	17	Julie B	04/01/1990
Evelyn M	6	Aileen B	04/01/2001
Molly F	8	Sarah P	04/02/1999
Fran D	20	Aileen B	04/10/1987

### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

For a total of

**214 YEARS OF SOBRIETY**

and for a total contribution of **\$564.00**



The Birthday Plan has been a part of the A.A. Tradition since the 1955 Conference. Individual contributions help ensure that the A.A. message is carried from one member to another.

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please



# April 2007

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2	3	4 Intergroup Meeting	5	6	7 <i>Secretaries Workshop</i>
8	9	10	11 North County General Service	12	13	14 PI/CPC Workshop
15	16	17 South County General Service	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 H & I Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### LOCAL EVENTS

**April 27-29 San Jose:** 22nd Annual "Sober and Free" Conference, Hilton San Jose, 300 Almaden Blvd., [www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org).

**June 8-10 San Jose:** NCCAA, Parkside Hall, [www.nccaa.org](http://www.nccaa.org)

### EVENTS NEARBY

**April 21-22 Bakersfield, CA:** 34th Annual Golden Empire Roundup, Convention Center, [www.kernaa.org](http://www.kernaa.org)

**April 26-29 Los Angeles, CA:** ACYPAA XXXV "Commence Shoulder to Shoulder", [www.acypaa2007.org](http://www.acypaa2007.org).

**April 27-29 Sacramento, CA:** 27th Annual Woman to Woman Conference of A.A., Holiday Inn, 916-289-8580

**Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Los Angeles, CA:** ICYPAA Conference, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, [www.49thICYPAA.org](http://www.49thICYPAA.org)

**Aug. 31-Sept. 2 Monterey, CA:** Monterey Bay Area Roundup, Conference Center, [www.mbar.org](http://www.mbar.org)

**Oct. 19-21 Santa Clarita, CA:** 4th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Convention of A.A., [www.scvaaconvention.org](http://www.scvaaconvention.org)

### OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

**May 8-11 Sedona AZ:** Seniors in Sobriety, Contact: [WCGould@aol.com](mailto:WCGould@aol.com) or [11203.jfs@earthlink.net](mailto:11203.jfs@earthlink.net)

**June 8-10 Pahrump, NV:** Sober Fun in the Old West, Nugget Hotel, email Kay at [nobbycat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobbycat@sbcglobal.net)

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

**April 6-8 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada:** 36th Annual North Shore Roundup. [www.northshoreroundup.com](http://www.northshoreroundup.com)

**April 27-29 Kailua-Kona, Hawaii:** 19th Annual Big Island Bash. [www.bigislandbash.com](http://www.bigislandbash.com)

*Also, check the GSO website at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for a full listing of gatherings in the United States and around the world.*

### IN MEMORIAM

Eric C

Fr. Ron W

Dan O'C

Steve G

Jeff S

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

### MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

April 4, 2007

- Bill, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:02 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Juliana read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- Of the 46 people in attendance, 35 were voting representatives, 6 were new reps.
- Michael read the Twelve Traditions.
- One correction to the agenda: Under New Business, Chuck will make a presentation regarding the prudent reserve.
- One correction to the pervious month's minutes: Dennis made a report on the upcoming NCCAA conference in Foster City, CA.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	3/07/07	\$192.00	Prudent Reserve \$90.00
Contributions:	3/07/07	\$ 53.00	
Refreshments:	3/07/07	\$ 19.00	
Rent to July 1 <sup>st</sup>	paid	\$ 90.00	
Balance:	4/04/07	\$136.00	Prudent Reserve \$90.00
- Birthdays: Marina 2 yrs, Maxine 19 yrs, Mike W. 22 yrs, Michael 3 yrs, Pete 2 yrs, Brian 3 yrs, Bill 25 yrs, Kathy 5 yrs.

#### Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D. No report
2. Central Service Board – Robbie R.

March income ahead for the year, still behind from last year. A motion is before the Conference meeting in May on whether to eliminate the discount on purchases in bulk and to charge for shipping. This would increase the price of books. The Board would appreciate input from the groups on whether contributions could continue or increase if book prices were increased. Prudent Reserve is set at 6 months, but not yet there.
3. Central Office – Bruce
  - Newsletter is now on line; March is there and April will be coming. Archives of past newsletters will be set-up.
  - Encourage all to get involved in the Activities Committee.
4. PI/CPC – Peter for Darcy A.
  - Continue to have strong number of presentations requested and done
  - Health fairs coming up in next couple months.
  - Handout listing high schools in county that have received Big Books.
  - Wanted to reassure that the committee only receives funds from Intergroup.
  - Reaching out to groups to donate Big Book (4<sup>th</sup> edition, hard back, new.) Box under the archive table in Central Office set-up to accept Big Books.
5. Twelfth Step Committee –
  - Daytime – Bruce – no report
  - Nights and Weekends – Maxine – Daily coordinators doing a great job filling in shifts! Open diverter shifts available. Contact Maxine or Central Office.
6. Outreach Committee – Sally D.
  - Continuing to find meetings that do not have representatives to Intergroup or do not exist.
  - Committee meeting: 6:15 pm at Central Office 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.
7. Newsletter – Rose W.

Bernadette is doing an awesome job getting new material for the newsletter. Next month will feature PI/PCP

#### 8. Other Service Committee Reports

- Unity Day – Jerry for Tom K
  - 2006 final financial report: Beginning balance- \$286.50; Total income- \$3411.50; Total expenses- \$2855.53; Balance to carry over to 2007- \$555.67
  - Dick S. – Chair; Robert – Treasurer; Peter – Secretary.
  - Unity Day - August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Milpitas Community Center
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> first meeting held at Harry's Hofbrau. Second meeting April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm held at Harry's Hofbrau on Saratoga Avenue.
- Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Dennis Conference in Foster City a great success, standing room only. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, San Jose, Parkside Hall in the Tech Museum.
- Hospitals & Institutions – Paul C.
  - Flyer listing meetings and requirements handed out.
  - \$3129 contributed in the month of February.
  - We are guests; please do not show up without notifying the proper authorities.
  - H&I brings meetings only to “closed” institutions.
- Bridging the Gap – no report
- North County – Jeanne H.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30.
  - Pre-conference Assembly at Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah, April 14-15.
- South County – Erica
  - Motion to share information between District 40 and 15, 16, 17.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

##### Activities Committee – Bruce

- This committee would serve the 1<sup>st</sup> tradition of “unity.” At this moment, only have Unity Day, would be nice to see other activities available. Propose creation of Activities Committee.
- Discussion
- Committee formed; time and date for 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting will be announced. Will initially meet at Central Office.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

##### Prudent Reserve - Chuck

- Currently matching rent for quarter; is \$90 enough?
- Per month - \$50-60 income, \$20 refreshments.
- Chuck to come to next month meeting with an estimate how much it would cost to move the meeting, if necessary.
- Table until next May meeting.

#### OPEN FORUM – none

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy H.

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
March 2007

	<u>Mar 07</u>	<u>Mar 06</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 07</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
3030 · Contributions-General	6,316.80	8,302.98	35,329.52
8010 · Literature Sales	5,278.65	7,151.36	16,896.93
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,103.75	0.00	3,200.72
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	15.00	105.00	80.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>12,714.20</u>	<u>15,559.34</u>	<u>55,507.17</u>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold (Excl. Mtg. Dir. after 6/1/06)	3,439.81	4,596.74	11,201.76
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories (After 6/1/06)	610.36	0.00	1,242.79
<b>Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<u>4,050.17</u>	<u>4,596.74</u>	<u>12,444.55</u>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>4,050.17</u>	<u>4,596.74</u>	<u>12,444.55</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	8,664.03	10,962.60	43,062.62
<b>Expense</b>			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	177.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	117.76	422.89	1,828.91
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	3.25	0.00	3.25
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	77.65	0.00	246.09
6120 · Computer Expenses	371.07	124.00	849.35
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	96.27	1,069.40	96.27
6160 · Copier Expense	124.98	66.49	314.85
6190 · Depreciation Expense	1,363.25	243.25	1,363.25
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	-547.84	1,072.75	319.16
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	903.59	0.00	2,240.33
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	59.85
6330 · Office Expense	424.40	509.74	1,273.61
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	62.87	0.00
6360 · Archives (Archives)	0.00	0.00	-100.00
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	179.85	0.00
6380 · Payroll Taxes	540.84	581.14	1,834.46
6410 · Postage	320.00	392.77	858.70
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,217.25	6,778.45
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,287.41	6,387.28	19,042.25
6600 · Signing Services	0.00	200.00	400.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	10.00	60.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	304.93	21.25	943.89
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	0.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>12,698.11</u>	<u>13,630.88</u>	<u>38,590.17</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-4,034.08	-2,668.28	4,472.45
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
8030 · Interest Income	366.66	308.27	728.04
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>366.66</u>	<u>308.27</u>	<u>728.04</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	366.66	308.27	728.04
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-3,667.42</u></u>	<u><u>-2,360.01</u></u>	<u><u>5,200.49</u></u>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2007

	<u>Mar 31, 07</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	7,712.79
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (8 mo. CD @ 4.79%, 9/24/07)	30,219.76
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 3.39%, 2/28/07)	14,787.80
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	21,412.75
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>74,358.10</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,138.73
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>-1,138.73</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1250 · Literature Inventory	15,916.90
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,191.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>17,107.90</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	90,327.27
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1630 · Office Equipment	38,150.80
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-18,217.25
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-137.25
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>22,294.14</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>1,993.85</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>114,615.26</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	1,591.17
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,591.17</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,591.17</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,591.17
<b>Equity</b>	
2740 · Unrestricted Funds	95,777.91
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	0.06
3900 · Retained Earnings	12,045.63
Net Income	5,200.49
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>113,024.09</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>114,615.26</u></u>

<p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: <b>\$66,420.31</b> This represents 5.37 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months operating expenses.</p>
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