



Sobriety and the Holidays

During the latter stages of my drinking, the holiday season turned into a very difficult time for me. My extended family and some close friends would always gather for a holiday dinner on both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Increasingly, as the years passed, my actions became more and more disastrous, totally ruining the holidays for everyone. I would remember very little, if any, of what happened because I would be totally in a blackout. Afterwards, the reaction from particularly my wife and son, but also from my extended family, was disconcerting, to say the least. It was this situation after Christmas 1976 that contributed to my first feeble attempts at attending AA to hopefully "control" my drinking. Fortunately, probably in spite of myself, I discovered the true meaning of alcoholism and accepted the fact that I was an alcoholic. By working the program, I got sober toward the end of January

1977.

When Thanksgiving 1977 approached, all the memories of past holidays swamped me. I became terribly concerned that my old habits might return when I was exposed to my extended family at a dinner where drinking occurred. (Some

attend a gathering where there was drinking, I could remain sober as long as I was faithfully working my program on a daily basis. So, as the holiday season approached, I increased my attendance at AA meetings, and I extended my efforts to be of service to others. I thus survived the holiday season unscathed.



Now, even after many years of sobriety, memories of past holidays (both good and bad) tend to flood my consciousness and make me uncomfortable. But I

members of my extended family were heavy drinkers, but none appeared to be alcoholic.) But I relied on what I had been taught by my sponsor and friends in AA. I had learned by practice that if I had a good reason to

continue to work my program and realize that I can sustain my sobriety through difficult times as long as I do my best to maintain my spiritual condition by seriously working the program.

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TOO MUCH TO DO AT CHRISTMAS?

There is much about Christmas that brings out the worst in me. I tend to think I am not up to what needs to be done. There is so too much to do. Christmas gifts need to be purchased, cards written and sent. Employer Christmas parties are yet another chore. I see enough of those people at work!. And the workload at work always seem to increase just before Christmas. It seems impossible to do all that needs to be done. I tend to freeze

up and do nothing.

This is my keen alcoholic mind at work again. My negative perceptions of the season are exaggerations of what is going on. I have found that if I practice the program then this season is very different. If I say some prayers and try to be in service to God and those around me the picture changes.

When I try to be of service to those at work, the workload does not seem so onerous anymore. I will get done what I get

done just as long as I start doing. Gift giving is a chance to think about others. I find myself trying to imagine what people different from myself will like. This frees me of the bondage of self. After first resisting the Christmas season I start to like the fact that I have been prodded to think of others.

Mark R, San Jose

I LOVE THE HOLIDAYS

The way I stay sober during the holidays is exactly the same way I stay sober on any other day: I don't drink alcohol.

It doesn't matter if I'm at a holiday party, or if I'm at a fancy dinner, or if the extended family is visiting and pushing all my buttons. What I do is start the day by saying some prayers and asking for another day of sobriety. I ask that God direct my thinking, that it be devoid of self-pity, self-centeredness, and dishonesty. I ask that God put me on a path of whatever direction and purpose God wants.

And then I go about my day, which usually means I go to a

noon A.A. meeting. I really like noon meetings on holidays - many times they are less well attended than usual. I have been to noon meetings on Christmas Day with only one other person, and it was a wonderful meeting. Occasionally I have taken an A.A. meeting into the county jail on New Year's Eve. That's a great experience, because none of the jail staff or inmates are expecting anybody to actually show up. I still get home in time for a sober New Year's Eve celebration. When I was drinking, holidays weren't much different from other days either: I would drink. If there were extra people around, like that extended family, I would probably make extra efforts to make sure

they didn't notice how much I was drinking. So I'd probably keep my glass in the kitchen, and just make sure to go in there frequently for a few more sips. It's so much easier to not have to hide such behaviors anymore.

If I'm driving around during the day, I probably listen to some A.A. speaker on tape or CD. I've done that for all of my 16 years and have found it extremely helpful. It's like a meeting between meetings. Then at the end of the day, I try to remember to say a "Thank you for another day of sobriety" prayer. That's about it. I love the holidays!

*Peter L
San Jose*

A SOBER CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the hall
Not a member was stirring, nor sought alcohol
Coffee and cookies were set out with care;
More AA members soon would be there
Each grateful member with not trace of vanity
Gave thanks to the Power that restores us to sanity

The leader of the meeting, like all who missions
Assigned Chapter Five and the Twelve Traditions
When outside the hall there arose such a clatter
We sprang from our chairs to see what was the matter
In parking a car some bumpers were hit
The man who did wrong did promptly admit

And so to our grateful eyes did appear
Our famous guest speaker, loved far and near

More rapid than eagles the members then came
He hugged them and kissed them and called them by name

Hi, Rose, yo, Johnny, God love you, Harry
Jill and Claire and birthday boy Larry

Again we all settled, ready to share
The chair of the meeting led the Serenity Prayer
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky
So up to sobriety the embers they flew
With Twelve Steps to follow, Twelve Traditions too.

The Seventh Tradition inevitably came
The leader then called on our speaker by name
He wore his red suit, a fur cap but no tie
But soon let us know with a wink of his eye
That Christmas for us, we must learn to think
Means staying away from the very first drink

A bundle of joys he told us we'd find
"Read the Big Book for true peace of mind"
At the end of the meeting he started the prayer
And gave us the word: "continue to share"
But I heard him exclaim as he picked up his pack
"Don't ever forget to keep coming back!"

A friend who's been sober quite a while recently moved and just wrote me that she "hadn't gotten into the routine of regular meetings" as yet. Her remark reminded me of all the newcomers I've heard over the years who blamed their "slips" on "I quit going to meetings." It also reminded me of the following vignette:

A member of a certain AA meeting, who previously had been attending regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, another member decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The visitor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his old friend's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited.

The visitor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the member was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the visitor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery wake-up call. You'll see me at the next AA meeting."



THE BEST GIFT EVER

When the Holidays come around I often think about AA giving me the best gift ever: my life. I got sober in February 1995. Up to that point I figured I'd die a drunk. There was absolutely no way I thought I could stay sober. I tried many times. I'd even gone to AA for a few years. I stayed "dry" for that time. I didn't do the steps, didn't really have a sponsor, didn't do anything anyone suggested and on and on. I finally landed in jail and in the back of my mind I felt some relief, like this might be it.

I knew I could stay sober in jail but I was terrified I'd start drinking as soon as I was released. I needed to figure out a way to do that. I remembered when I'd gone to AA I didn't drink. Oddly enough

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there was a Big Book in my jail cell. I opened it and saw these two sentences on page 45: "Well, that's exactly what this book is about. Its main object is to enable you to find a Power greater than yourself which will solve your problem". A light went on when I read that. I

had never asked anyone for help much less God. I decided what did I have to lose? I knelt down and said a simple prayer asking for help. Something hap-

pened at that point and I changed. I started going to AA meetings in jail and listening for the similarities – not the differences. At one of the meetings an H&I guy said, "if you don't go to a meeting the day you get released you'll drink again". That made a huge impression on

me.

The day I got released I went to a meeting. I also asked the H&I man that I met at the jail meetings to be my sponsor. We started working the steps. I worked at being honest and doing the right things. Over the past 13 years my life has changed completely. I went back to school, changed professions and got remarried. I am a totally different person now than I was in 1995. I go to the jail now and do H&I meetings. It's important for me because I sat where the inmates sit when they attend the meetings. My message to them is, if I can do it so can you. AA gave me life back and reintroduced me to my God.

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AA Thought for the Day

(courtesy AAOnline.net)

The Gift

**None of us can ever fathom the glories and
the uncharted regions of the universe.**

But we can live on earth and love one another.

**We can let in the beginnings of
concern, compassion, consideration,
and watch ourselves grow.**

**With the tools and guideposts of Alcoholics Anonymous,
we can learn a little of this precious gift --
our gateway to human spirituality.**

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

“...I’ll be home for Christmas...” as the song goes but it made me want to “go home” and that’s all I’ve ever wanted to be at home no matter where I was. I was sober for about 14 years raising my two sons alone and I felt a yearning to go home, back to Michigan for Christmas. I’d forgotten that growing up with two alcoholic parents Christmases were not exactly the most fun or memorable. Nonetheless, I decided to drive back to Michigan with my two sons for Christmas. It was quite a journey! First off, in Lincoln, Nebraska (at 12 degrees) the heater in my car broke and the rest of the journey to Michigan was very cold! So from Lincoln to Michigan I drove without a heater. I remember having to scrape off the ice and frost on the inside of the window. The boys kept warm with blankets in the back and we made an adventure out of it.

Once I got to Michigan I had the heater fixed and thought I was good to go once that was taken care of. My spiritual life was relatively new as I had just had a spiritual conversion experience two years prior so I just trusted that everything would be okay. Christmas with my parents was so-so even if they had been sober for a few years longer than me — without the benefits of our beautiful program. I felt somewhat disappointed that being ‘home’ was not all it was cracked up to be or what I had hoped it would be.

I was eager to get back to California so I decided to head west again right before New Years. I made it to Iowa when my car started to slow down and seemed to lose power. I didn’t know what to do. Of course I prayed

and pulled over to spend the night, New Year’s Eve in Iowa. I called a friend in South Dakota and she recommended to stop by to see her cousin in Sydney, Nebraska to see if he could help me, if my car made it to Nebraska that is. So on New Year’s Day, I and my sons took off to hopefully make it to Nebraska. It was slow going as my car didn’t go any faster than 40-50 miles per hour. Somehow I made it Sydney Nebraska and called my friend’s cousin. He was happy to hear from me and invited me right away to his place. As it turned out he was a priest and went to Al-Anon. He suggested we go outside of town to his friend’s house who was a mechanic to see if he could help. We went to his friend’s house and I was introduced to the man’s wife. The mechanic took my car into town after he looked at my car to look for a part. I and my boys stayed at the house with his wife and visited. As we visited it turned out she was in

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Al-Anon. We began to talk program and before you know it her husband was back with my car — all fixed! He put a little box on top of the table and told me that he knew the auto store owner who let him into the

shop and there *just happened* to be just one part that fit my car. It turns out the car had a cracked distributor cap which evidently happened with all the snow and slush on the roads. I thanked them and thanked God for helping us and we were off once more, to California.

We were approaching Salt Lake City when in the lane heading east there was about a 30 car pile-up from the conditions of the road. We inched along and I prayed as I drove. We made it to Nevada when all of a sudden it

began to snow like crazy. I couldn’t see the road. I began to pray and asked the boys to pray too. Pretty soon, the snow was barely falling and I could see the road. We spent the night at the next town before the weather got bad again. I made it back to California once more — safe but a little crazy at times.

What all this told me then and even now as I reflect is that “God does for me what I can’t do for myself” no matter where I go or what I do. I also realize that the journey itself may be better than the end result of the journey. I also learned that I am stronger and braver than I realized and that I was making memories for me and my boys. Throughout all of the obstacles I didn’t have to drink nor did I even think of it! I discovered that the journey “home” is actually me learning how to be at home within myself, no matter where I am and that God is constantly revealing more to me every day. Isn’t the journey of sobriety just the best???

Linda W. ,San Jose

OUR 7TH TRADITION MONEY AT WORK

U.S.A./ Canadian fellowship; Carry the AA message through the General Service Office in New York

I had 16 years of continuous sobriety when I returned to Latvia in 1998. I was born in Riga in 1941 and due to the war, my father, mother and I left Latvia in September of 1944. After the war we were fortunate enough to immigrate to the U.S.A. and arrived in New York harbor in late October of 1949. Except for a few years on the East Coast, I lived primarily in the San Francisco Bay Area. A geographic in 1979 put me in Gresham, Oregon, where after a couple of heavy drinking years I hit my bottom. A few months prior to seeking help I had met someone that was an AA member. She had just received a 5 year sobriety medallion and was sharing this with a friend of mine. Her eyes were clear and shiny and she was absolutely happy and alive. I stood there wanting a drink. I remember thinking that if someone like she could admit to an alcohol problem maybe it was OK for me to do that too.

In a couple of months when I was ready I phoned the central AA office in Portland and they told me where a meeting close to my home was located. I attended the Friday meeting for two months and kept on drinking. Finally someone suggested I get a "Big Book". When I started to read I could not put the book down. I read a couple of the stories and then I read The Doctors Opinion. I knew that every word of it was about me and I was scared. The question then became what now. The answers were in the book. I found a sponsor and was on my way to recovery. The book "Alcoholics Anonymous" was central to my recovery. I experienced the power of what was written on those pages.

Upon arrival in Latvia I started to attend the then central AA meeting in Riga. I learned that AA had been brought to Latvia in 1988 by a Latvian/Canadian Lutheran minister who him-

self was a member of AA. His contacting the AA General Service Office (GSO) in New York resulted in communication with the budding fellowship in Latvia.

A Latvian doctor who specialized in addiction treatment brought two suffering alcoholics together and as more joined them, the first Latvian language and Russian language Alcohol Anonymous groups were formed. The Latvian group received the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions on a typewritten page. The first meetings were spent trying to figure out what the steps meant. The traditions at that time were put aside as it was thought they were probably relevant to the Western countries and not to Latvia.

It is not clear to me who translated the AA booklet "44Questions", but it was the first printed AA literature in Latvian sent in 1992 by the G.S.O. This was followed by the book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions". The translation was done by the doctor who started the first meeting. He made the translation from Russian to Latvian and in 1993 the GSO had it printed and again sent as a gift from the fellowship of the USA/Canada. Because very few Latvians at that time spoke or wrote in English it was a slow process to communicate with the GSO. At some point the GSO started to communicate in Latvian. They had obtained the services of a translator. I was very impressed that the GSO would go to that much trouble for a fellowship that was 100 or so members.

When I arrived in March of 1998 there were already 23 groups with approx 400 members. The fellowship was making preparations to celebrate its 10th year anniversary that November. There were 3 treatment centers that had received "Minnesota Program" training in the U.S.A. There was some 12 Step work being done with the limited amount of AA literature available. I discovered there was no "Big Book" in

Latvian. I could not imagine getting sober without it. Even though most Latvians spoke Russian they found it difficult to read the Russian AA literature. I was approached by a member who on his own was translating the "Big Book" in Latvian. He was using the Russian and German texts. I, of course, agreed to get involved and a literature committee was formed. It consisted of two teachers, a poet who had received his degree in linguistics and me. Even though I spoke Latvian, my Latvian grammar was at a 3rd or 4th grade reading and writing level. I could however contribute my knowledge of English and my experience with the "Big Book" as a means of getting sober. The poet's understanding of Latvian and some English resulted in a work that stayed true to the original message and was readable by the average Latvian. We then submitted the translation to the international desk at the U.S.A. General Service Office in New York. They then had the translation checked by their own translator to insure that the message had not been distorted and any changes that they made were reviewed by us.

OUR 7TH TRADITION MONEY AT WORK

The result is what I believe to be a very good translation. Once we had an approval of the translation we had to wait in line for funding. There were in addition 5 booklets that had been translated by the GSO. These were "The AA group", "Questions and answers on sponsorship", "Understanding anonymity", "If you are a professional", and "Is there an alcoholic in your life?" The book "Living sober", was also translated by our committee and followed the same process that the "Big Book" had. In June of 2005 we received 2,200 copies of the "Big Book" and the 5 booklets. These were again the gift of the USA/Canada fellowship.

Another aspect of the GSO support started at the 10 year celebration. A trustee, Richard B. from AA New York, arrived to help celebrate the event. I was asked to translate. On his visit he went to the place where the central AA meeting took place and met with the author of some of the correspondence. He found the fellowships office was located in the same rooms where meetings were held. He recommended that the fellowship separate the office from the meetings both financially and physically. I thought that probably someone else would take care of that. As it turned out someone else did separate the finances. In 1999, another visit from the GSO was in the form of Eva S., of the international desk. She was on her way to New York after visiting the Finnish fellowship but made a stop in Latvia. I met her at the airport and took her to a restaurant where there were some of the fellowships "old timers". We talked long into the night and again it was suggested to set up a separate AA office in Latvia. She gave us examples of what happened in other newly established fellowships and the ensuing problems. It was decided to try and set up a General Service Office and find a location separate from the meeting place. That December the groups were encouraged to send a represen-

tative to attend a group representatives meeting. Of the 27 groups 21 sent representatives. With a vote of 19 for, 1 against and 1 abstention I was elected as the new Latvian General Service Office manager, at no salary.

Eva also told us about a new idea and that was "country to country sponsorship". She said that I should contact the fellowship of United Kingdom. I did so and was invited to attend the 2001 European Service meeting. The topic of that meeting was "building a structure to carry the message" There were 20 European country fellowships represented. The United Kingdom fellowship paid my way. At the meeting I asked for a country sponsor and Germany answered the request. They had already sponsored Poland, but their delegate to the meeting said she would bring this up at their next board meeting. I told her we were able to cover the cost of office rent but could not equip the office with a telephone answering machine, computer and copy machine. After several months we found an office space we could afford and soon after that the fellowship was advised that funds would be transferred into our bank account.

We now had an office with a national telephone number to receive requests for help. We also received an invitation to visit Ireland's semi-annual Board meeting as observers as well as to attend the German Board meeting.

The Latvian fellowship today has 38 Latvian language and 7 Russian language A.A. groups. The approximate membership is 800-1000. This year we placed an order for \$1,800.00 worth of literature with the New York GSO, celebrated our 20 year anniversary and sent a delegate to the 20th World Service Meeting held this year in New York. We paid our delegate fee of \$1,100.00 with the remainder of the \$4,400.00 cost being picked up by

the GSO, in New York. There are 220 countries in the world, 180 have an AA fellowship and 36 had sent a total of 61 delegates to the World Service Meeting. The wealthier countries contribute more than the delegate fee to help offset the short fall of the actual cost of the meeting. The theme of this years meeting was "Service-gratitude in action".

I found out that the USA/Canadian fellowship had in some way supported all of these countries. Since the need for literature is so great an international literature fund has been established allowing all countries to contribute and take part in "letting literature also carry the message".

The message is being passed on in a variety of ways and some of the ways to support this work are the contributions to the GSO in New York, international literature fund and where possible "country sponsorship". It still boils down to our responsibility pledge which can be found on our AA booklets "I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible".

Uldis D.

What's Going on in General Service?

Every month for awhile now, I've tried to answer the above question AND to provide the readers with some better understanding of the entity known in Alcoholics Anonymous as: "General Service"

With our Area Election Assembly over, and our newly elected Area Officers waiting in the wings to Serve all of you, this is a great time to take action in your Home Group and if you don't already have a G.S.R. (General Service Representative)...well...GET ONE! Better yet, if you're

still reading this column and you are not currently involved in General Service....GET INVOLVED YOURSELF!

My term as District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) for District 04, Santa Clara County North, will soon be over, as we elected new Officers ourselves on November 12th, and though, I am writing this article, my last article, and we have yet to elect those folks until tomorrow, I am full of excitement for those yet to take over in District 04! I am

also excited to see where my own Service Journey lands next!

We are a group of Drunks that are given the gift of a Three Sided Triangle: Recovery, Unity and Service. In order to stay sober on a daily basis, it's been taught to me that we must nurture all three sides; I've been blessed to be of Service to Santa Clara County in this regard and thank all of you for reading the COIN's General Service article and for reinforcing my Recovery each month, by having been asked to write it...

April A DCMC District 04, General Service

ARCHIVES

Bill quotes a doggerel in his story in the Big Book as follows:

"Here lies a Hampshire Grenadier,
Who caught his death Drinking cold small beer.
A good soldier is ne'er forgot
Whether he dieth by musket Or by pot."

A footnote in "Pass It On" tells us how the epitaph actually reads:

"Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier,
Who caught his death by drinking cold small Beer.
Soldiers be wise from his untimely fall.
And when yere hot, drink Strong or none at all.
An honest Soldier never is forgot,
Whether he die by Musket or by Pot." (pg. 61)

For our purposes, we seem to have grown most fond of Bill's version.

Willow Glen Group was formed on November 10, 1949 by Harvie W., Frank K., and George R. The following announcement was read before the collection:

The recovered alcoholics here tonight are no longer helpless, thanks to the power of this program. But millions still suffer as we did. If the help so freely given to us is to be available to every sick alcoholic on the day he asks for help, this group must sustain certain services beyond its own expense. Our Central Office and our New York Office are maintained by your contributions. They are the heart of our communication between each other and the alcoholic who still suffers. Traditionally,

AA Groups are self-supporting. We do not want other groups making this group's contribution.. We proudly impose an obligation on ourselves to pay our own way. As a responsible member, if you accept this principle, you may at this time share your strength and show your gratitude when the basket comes your way."

STAYING SOBER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

When I first came to AA I wasn't too successful at staying sober. After getting drunk a few more times I thought I needed more than just AA so I entered a 28-day treatment center. I received a great education and went to AA again as instructed. All went well for a while but then a day came when something happened that I didn't learn in treatment; how to say no when offered a drink.

It was the Friday before Thanksgiving and the company I worked at had an annual Thanksgiving Feast. Included in that feast was my favorite kind of beer and wine – free! I was sober 103 days and feeling good when a friend approached me with two beers and offered me one. In less than a second I had to answer, and it seemed to me like I only had two choices; yes, or shout “no I don't drink!” He knew I drank; I always drank and encouraged everyone else to. I wasn't comfortable saying I don't drink so I took the beer.

That started a series of six binges, each worse than the previous, with the last one finally bringing me to my bottom two months later after a 6-day binge. All because I didn't know how to answer the simple question, “would you like a drink?”

Today I know how to answer and I always share that story this time of year so hopefully someone else can learn from my trouble. Today the answer can even be yes, but “yes I'll have a soda”, or “yes I'd like bottled water.” I didn't realize everyone drinks! Prior to AA drinking only meant drinking alcohol to me.

I've also learned from hearing other people in meetings share their experiences. They shared about how to go to parties or family gatherings and not drink. Some shared that they would take their own soft drinks or water with them to be sure it was available. Some said they would take a sober friend along for support, or make a call if necessary to a sober friend

or sponsor during the event. Some would plan their way of escape by informing the host that they have somewhere to be, thus limiting their time at the party. I even heard someone say they take a “time out” where they slip away from the event to get their thinking and emotions in check – very wise!

Like most people, in early sobriety, my first time through the holidays was the most uncomfortable for me. I was taught a way out for each event that I thought I might have to drink at. Each time I had the thought of drinking, and successfully made it through sober, it got easier and easier for me.

-anonymous



Sober and Happy Holidays to All

MERRY CHRISTMAS THE A.A. WAY

'Twas the night before Christmas, we were all in the club,
Enjoying a meeting, instead of the pub.
The ashtrays were clean, and the coffee was made,
The Big Books were out and we all had prayed.
When out in the lot, there arose such a clatter,
We all jumped up to see what was the matter. The
Chair with his Big Book, and I with my smokes,
Headed outside to find these two blokes.
They came on inside and sat at the table; And said that they'd
chair, as soon as they're able. To start with, they said,
It's more than not drinking; It's doing your best to fix your sick thinking
. "Think, Think, Think!" and the slogans we used,
Help keep the newcomer from getting confused.
Step 1 is a start, they said we should know,
But after Step 2, we'll be all aglow.
We make a decision when we got to Step 3;
Step 4 was real tough, we all could agree.
Step 5 is the one where we let it all out,
And after Steps 6 and 7, we're left with no doubt.
When we got to Step 8, we made our list;
And then with Step 9, we have to persist.
After Step 9, the promises ring true;
We didn't just make that up, right out of the blue.
After that, it's on with the rest;
The things we must do, to be our best.
They put on their coats and got ready to leave;
A pretty good end, for this Christmas Eve.
As to their names, we only could guess;
Must have been Bill W. and Dr. Bob S.
The two men hopped into a '35 Ford;
And as they pulled out, one of them roared,
"We leave this message, for our sisters and brothers:
trust God, clean house, and be of service to others.
And for all of you people, I just want to say:
have a nice holiday, but don't drink today!"
Today I know that the light at the end of the tunnel is an old-timer
walking ahead of me with a lantern.

Author unknown

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

LOCAL EVENTS

March 6-8: **PRAASA**, Oakland, CA. This is the PACIFIC REGION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY, and we're calling it "local" because we need lots of you to volunteer. Call Central Office.

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

Nov. 21-23: "Serenity in Yosemite", Yosemite National Park, CA

March 12-15: 37th Annual ACYPAA Round-up, Irvine, CA

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: WACYCAA, Reno, NV

Jan. 8-11: 19th Annual River Roundup, Laughlin, NV

Feb. 12-15: 45 International Women's Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

HOLIDAY ALCATHONS

Saturday Nite Live Group.....Freedom Fellowship Group.....Fair Avenue Fellowship

All are sponsoring holiday alcathons. See back pages for more detailed information.

Other groups may be sponsoring alcathons as well, but we haven't yet heard the details. Please call Central Office.

Alcoholics
Anonymous . . .
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During November

Daytime at Central Office 449
Daytime 12 Step Calls 5
Evening and Weekend calls 337
Evening 12 Step Call information is not avail-

able.

**WHEN ANYONE, 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

1-2-3 Step, Tues. 8:00PM, Alano Club West

Road to Recovery, Sun., 8:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose

Changed

Serenity at Noon Group, Mon—Fri, Noon, formerly at Agnews, moved to Comunidad Cristiana de San Jose Church, 2371 Ringwood Ave. @ Trade-zone, San Jose

East Valley Group, Fri., 8:15PM, moved to the Parish Office Center

Queer and Sober, Sat. 10:30 AM, moved to Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1948 The Alameda, at McKendree, downstairs

University Beginners, Wed., 5:00 PM, Santa Clara, meeting room changed to 207A

Big Book Men's Group, formerly Big Book & Donuts, now meeting at Whole Foods, 4000 El Camino Real, Los Altos, Tues., 7:00AM

10th Step Meeting, now at 6:00PM, 651 Broadway, Gilroy

Entire Abstinence, Monday, 8:00PM, moved to Meterrainian Apts., 550 Kiely Blvd, The Club House.

New

We Are Not Saints, Tues., 7:30 PM, Women, Cornerstone Fellowship, Alano Club West, 1344 Dell Ave., Campbell

10:00AM Meeting, Friday, 10:00AM, Alano Club West, 1344 Dell Ave., Campbell

Came to Believe, Thurs., 12:00PM, 7787 Monterey St., Gilroy

Meeting 23, Tues., 6:00PM, 210 San Jose Ave., #12

Walk Through the Big Book, Tues., 6:00PM, 2000 Monterey Rd., Community Room

No Hurry Big Book Study, Friday, 6:00PM, 7787 Monterey St., Gilroy

IN MEMORIUM

Tom R, 27 years, Men's Honesty Group
Kay S, 2 years, formerly of Sunnyvale

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Susan H.	23		09/28/1985
Vickie W	33		10/03/1975
Charles A	16	Pat C.	11/03/1992
Ashlee	1	Anonymous	11/06/2007
Richard	27	Class of '81	11/09/1981
Peter V.	24	Shari S.	11/12/1984
Pat C.	27	The Colonel	11/14/1981
Bob C		IN MEMORIAM	11/27/1971
Richard M.	21		11/28/1987

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 for a total of
172 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL
MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

November 5, 2008

- Mary Pat P., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:01 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Dave read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 44 voting representatives and 18 visitors in attendance.
- Zack read the Twelve Traditions.
- No corrections or additions to the agenda
- No corrections or additions to the previous month's minutes. Minutes approved by Intergroup voting members.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	10/01/08	\$54.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions	10/01/08	\$78.00	
Refreshments	10/01/08	\$18.00	
Balance	10/01/08	\$114.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
- Birthdays: Zack 6months; Michael 15 yrs; Mike D. 12 yrs.; James 6 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Chris: Intergroup needs to find a new set-up/clean-up person.
 - Peter: Freedom Fellowship will be holding an alcathon 7am to 11pm on Thanksgiving. Meeting is on Moffet Blvd in Mtn. View.
 - Zack: SCCYPA will be bidding to host a conference March/April 2010.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Mary Pat P. – no report
2. Central Service Board – Dave J.
 - o Finances are good. Dinner and meeting held on Nov. 20th to welcome new board members and thank outgoing board members.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - o *(written report by Bruce)* I attended the annual Central Office/Intergroup/AAWS/Grapevine conference in Edmonton, Canada in October. It's good to get together with other managers and the staff from New York and it's always helpful to me in my work, but it's especially valuable in reminding me how fortunate we are here in Santa Clara County for our excellent Board and our well-functioning Intergroup Council. I will be attending the CNCA Election Assembly in Calistoga on November 8. I truly appreciate our election process and the sharing of good information and wisdom.

A plea to all groups: Please, if you have an event or function or celebration, send the Central Office a flyer or call. We want to spread the word throughout Santa Clara County AA; our common welfare comes first.

Everything that was once on tape is now on CD or DVD. The office has them all. The most recent Grapevine book, "Beginners' Book: Getting and Staying Sober in A.A" will be in within the next couple weeks. Book prices will increase July 1, 2009.

We are entering uncharted and uncertain financial times. Central Office's bills are paid and money in the bank. Please be mindful of the services provided by Central Office and the absolute requirement that we continue to meet the needs of the still-suffering alcoholic that could be you or me.
4. PI/CPC – Dennis for Jennifer G.
 - o Made presentation to Saratoga Senior Health Fair, Branham High School health classes.
 - o Big Book distribution is continuing.
 - o Training Meeting is held 2nd Saturday every month at 10 a.m. at the Central Office All are welcome!
5. Twelfth Step Committee – Maxine
 - o Daytime – Bruce K. - Shift available: Tuesday, mid-afternoon, 2 ½ hours in office. A new Daytime Diverter Coordinator is needed. It is a 2 year commitment and requires minimum 1 year sobriety. Anyone interested in this service position, contact Bruce at Central Office.
 - o Nights and Weekends – Maxine – Shift available: 4th Saturday, 6-9am.
 1. Some problems with daily shift coordinators. The commitment for daily coordinators is to make reminder calls to shift diverters.
 2. Thank you for allowing me to do service as the Daytime Diverter Coordinator!

INTERGROUP MINUTES cont.

6. Outreach Committee – Lee C.
 - o 666 meetings to visit; 364 meetings visited; 106 meetings no longer running.
 - o Discussed recruitment to committee – ideas: have groups send representative for 1 year commitment with 1 year sobriety.
 - o Committee is in need of people to join. Monthly committee meetings are held at the Central Office on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:45. Meeting ends in time to attend Intergroup monthly meeting.
7. Newsletter Committee – no report
 - o Bernadette will no longer be available to be editor
 - o Anyone interested in the position, contact Bruce at Central Office.
8. Activities Committee – no report
9. Other Service Committee Reports
 - Unity Day – No report
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Dennis F.
 - Hospitals and Institutions – Charlene S.
 - o H & I services positions available. Anyone interested, contact Charlene.
 - o Groups are welcome to send representatives to the H & I monthly meetings.
 - Bridging the Gap – No report.
 - North County – Jeanne H.
 - o Monthly GSR meeting 2nd Wednesday every month at 7:30, St. Johns Lutheran Church, 581 Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale.
 - o New GSR orientation at 6:45 pm; 6:30 service manual study for one hour.
 - o Agenda Topics Workshop hosted by South County District 40, Saturday March 15th, 1 pm to 4 pm.
 - o CNC, Area 6 of GSC Fall Election Assembly, November 8, 2008 at Napa County Fairgrounds, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.
 - South County – Erica C.
 - o Discussion question: Should GSO become fully self supporting? Currently GSO relays on contributions and on book sales.
 - o 41st Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2009; Marriott City Center Hotel and Convention Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland, March 6-8, 2009

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Committee formed for Inventory responses; 8 members; Michael will be committee chair.
- Set-up/clean-up person: Maxine and Kelly new set-up team.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Newsletter editor: Responsible for asking for articles, couple hours to form newsletter each month.
Kelly volunteered to help with editing.
Anyone interested in this service position, contact Mary Pat P or Bruce at Central Office.
- Diverter Coordinators
Daytime Coordinator:
Night/Weekend Coordinator: Peter, motioned and approved by Intergroup
Thank you to Maxine for your service!
- A potluck will be held before the December meeting, starting at 6:30 pm.
- Barbara – sponsorship workshop: One day or half day sponsor workshop; learn about sponsorship
Intergroup will sponsor a sponsorship workshop – motioned and accepted by Intergroup
Bring this idea to the Unity Day committee
Barbara – committee chair for workshop

OPEN FORUM:

Kelly: DCMs have subdistricts, they go to meetings to recruit GSRs; sounds like the same as the Outreach committee. Each meeting group has a GSR and Intergroup number registered at Central Office. Kelly and Lee (Outreach committee chair) will meet to coordinate information and present to Intergroup under New Business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

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

	<u>Nov 08</u>	<u>Nov 07</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	7,877.42	8,547.08	122,680.59
8010 · Literature Sales	4,483.81	3,490.44	52,969.04
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	687.50	1,149.00	11,385.26
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	15.00	160.00
Total Income	<u>13,053.73</u>	<u>13,201.52</u>	<u>187,194.89</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	2,649.32	2,406.16	37,102.41
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	396.36	453.35	4,085.63
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,045.68</u>	<u>2,859.51</u>	<u>41,188.04</u>
Total COGS	<u>3,045.68</u>	<u>2,859.51</u>	<u>41,188.04</u>
Gross Profit	10,008.05	10,342.01	146,006.85
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	708.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	264.81	81.52	3,606.85
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	9.75
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	23.44	63.11	901.61
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	0.00	1,740.00
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	670.00
6160 · Copier Expense	0.00	113.95	1,210.04
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	4,298.00
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	451.70
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	1,401.75
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	669.79	639.37	8,067.69
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	221.31
6330 · Office Expense	851.16	304.78	6,626.94
6360 · Archives	0.00	416.91	161.20
6380 · Payroll Taxes	546.83	508.84	6,349.70
6410 · Postage	327.51	40.00	2,508.49
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	25,086.60
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,079.73	6,509.07	74,240.01
6600 · Signing Services	50.00	200.00	1,900.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	20.00	0.00	80.00
7050 · Telephone	366.57	293.27	3,349.05
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-2.30
Total Expense	<u>12,500.39</u>	<u>11,471.37</u>	<u>143,586.39</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-2,492.34	-1,129.36	2,420.46
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	333.54	273.46	1,871.31
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	1,389.47
Total Other Income	<u>333.54</u>	<u>273.46</u>	<u>3,260.78</u>
Net Other Income	<u>333.54</u>	<u>273.46</u>	<u>3,260.78</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,158.80</u></u>	<u><u>-855.90</u></u>	<u><u>5,681.24</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2008

	<u>Nov 30, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	13,574.00
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 3202 (4 Mo. CD @ 3.75%, 02/04/2009)	15,415.64 *
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 3210 (6 Mos. CD @ 2.75%, 02/04/2009)	20,478.44 *
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 3.5%, 02/04/2009)	15,390.93 *
1024 · First Republic Bank CD 2608 (8 mos. CD @ 3.8%, 07/26/2009)	13,000.00 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	15,732.01 *
Total Checking/Savings	<u>93,816.02</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,360.43
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-1,360.43</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	14,630.67
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,094.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>15,724.67</u>
Total Current Assets	108,180.26
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,796.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,097.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-17,671.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-156.75
Total Fixed Assets	<u>19,365.94</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>129,540.05</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	791.74
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>791.74</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>791.74</u>
Total Liabilities	791.74
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	19,365.94
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	103,701.13
Net Income	5,681.24
Total Equity	<u>128,748.31</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>129,540.05</u></u>

<p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$80,017.02 This represents the Board established goal of 6 months of operating expenses.</p>

1:52 PM
12/01/08
Accrual Basis

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

November 2008

	Nov 08	Jan - Nov 08		Nov 08	Jan - Nov 08
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	70.00	1,075.16	Eastside Step Study 45 (Sun.)	0.00	58.10
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,742.99	El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	48.50	190.05
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,793.30	Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	0.00	190.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	185.74	2,761.03	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	240.00
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	1,663.21	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	1,072.88
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,073.06	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	644.00	Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	93.10
12 & 12 Step Study SJ 6.00P 800 (Wed.)	0.00	43.67	Fireside Drunx	80.00	80.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	0.00	14.00	Fireside Group 297 (Fri.)	0.00	191.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	325.00	Free to Be Me (Women) 736 (Thur.)	0.00	35.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	181.87	G Early Bird 70968	51.07	131.01
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	300.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	315.00	G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	1,050.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	175.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	210.00	705.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	2,100.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	804.78	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	50.00	183.33
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	900.00	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	100.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	600.78	G South County Fellowship 70954	490.00	2,555.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 198 (Wed.)	0.00	160.30	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	900.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	511.00	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	506.00	4,830.73
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	0.00	84.00	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	187.47	3,778.33
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	700.00
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	726.34	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	840.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00	G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	1,502.00
Basic Big Book Study 803 (Tues.)	0.00	91.00	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	180.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	279.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	560.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	250.00	Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	0.00	200.90
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	423.26	Gay Alcoholics Living/Sobriety 742 (Wed.)	0.00	42.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	70.00	135.00	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	228.60
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	500.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	709.49
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	311.00	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	260.00
Big Book Study 8.00P Cupt 284 (Fri.)	0.00	129.71	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	936.82
Big Book Study Mlpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	205.10	522.20
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	300.00	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	990.80
Birthday Contribution 00951	461.00	5,240.00	Grapevine Speakers 327 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	337.93	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	1,233.00
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,750.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	1,435.60
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	35.00	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	193.00
Caveman Group) Men's Big Book 659 (Sun.)	499.80	499.80	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	617.80
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	121.24	650.98	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	320.00	1,189.00
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00
Daily Reflection 531 MH (Wed.)	0.00	104.83	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	267.26
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	255.40	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	314.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	102.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	385.54	Intergroup Council 80909	95.00	340.50
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	147.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	50.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	632.49	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	813.13
Early Bird 184 (Wed.)	0.00	14.05	Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	0.00	301.70
Early Bird 244 (Thur.)	0.00	141.40	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	170.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	889.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	560.00	1,375.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	716.02
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	50.00	307.69	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	215.00

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

November 2008

	<u>Nov 08</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 08</u>		<u>Nov 08</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 08</u>
Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	225.00	Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	490.00
Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	84.00	Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00
Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	272.50	Single Problem Topic 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,288.00
Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	230.00	450.00	Sisters in Sobriety Milpitas 548 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	315.00	Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	260.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	463.00	Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	595.00
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	210.00	Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	47.10	Source of Strength (Women) 501 (Mon.)	0.00	52.00
Memorial Contributions	0.00	125.00	South Valley Group (267)	0.00	154.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00	South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	243.37	497.47
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	373.78	South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	449.08
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	700.00	Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	950.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	335.00	Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00
Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,927.10	Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	541.10
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	1,088.50	Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	654.00
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	3,032.00	St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	110.00	945.00
Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84	St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	1,000.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	385.00	Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	158.00	553.00
Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	175.00	Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	0.00	101.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	857.40	Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	99.00	99.00
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	210.00	Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	110.00
New Beginnings 603 (Wed.)	0.00	278.00	Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	0.00	61.00
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	60.00	Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	0.00	890.11
New Life Start 444 (Sun.)	0.00	436.00	Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	96.00
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	120.00	Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768 (Wed.)	134.09	254.09
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	949.20	Sunrisers Group 6/30A 630 (Thurs.)	0.00	502.67
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	1,474.03	Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	198.10	488.10
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	448.80	T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	455.00
NEWSLETTER	0.00	5.00	The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	3,023.38
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	349.00	There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	250.00
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00	Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	840.00	3,080.00
Oldtimers Meeting 80935	0.00	180.00	Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	290.00
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	977.20	Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	0.00	302.40
Palo Alto Step Study 752 (Tues.)	0.00	763.84	Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	25.00	350.00
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	0.00	350.00	Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	922.58
Personal 00911	11.35	3,364.25	Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Wed)	140.00	278.00
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	175.00	Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon)	0.00	770.00
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	213.40	We Are Not Saints 520 (Tues.)	0.00	127.58
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	245.00	We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	700.00	Winners Group 440 (Sat.)	0.00	50.00
Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	750.00	Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,390.81
Saratoga Serenity Group 329 (Fri.)	0.00	330.40	Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	354.67
Saturday 6PM Meeting LG 413 (Sat.)	0.00	49.00	Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	227.00
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,400.00	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	583.80
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	377.30		<u>7,877.42</u>	<u>122,680.59</u>
Saturday Night Young People's 142 (Sat.)	0.00	70.00			
SCCYPAA	0.00	122.02			
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	0.00	200.10			
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	3,787.58			
Seeking Guidance (Men) 854 (Wed.)	1,357.59	1,357.59			
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	0.00	316.75			
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08			