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General Service

You've heard it over and over ... the General Service Rep may be the most important job in AA. Here's why:

You are linking your home group with the whole of AA. Back in 1953, when the "group contact" was suggested as a new type of trusted servant, the job was seen simply as a good means of exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups and "Headquarters" (now the General Service Office). That's still an important side of a General Service Rep's work. But now a GSR has an even bigger responsibility: transmitting ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through the GRSR, the group conscience becomes a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship," as expressed in the General Service Conference. Like everything else in AA, it works through a series of simple steps.

From the GSR Pamphlet, © AA World Services, Inc.

I'm a GSR ... What Do I Do Now?

Well, I don't take the first drink. I was warned that being a GSR and going to District meetings would numb my mind and possibly drive me to despair. I thought maybe people in General Service were the theologians of AA who would write the rules to keep this drunk in line. You know what I mean ... bleeding deacons and Big Book thumpers - laying down the law.

To be honest, my first few meetings were confusing and mind-numbing. I wondered what we were doing and why. And to be honest, after two years as a GSR I still sometimes feel that way. You know the story—you don't really want to go to the sausage factory to see how the sausage is made.

But I realized that my attitude could shape my understanding, and as the book says, "WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT". So I decided to have fun, be open, and maybe learn something.

Bill W., in his introduction to the Twelve Concepts for World Service (also written by Bill W), established the need for the General Service Conference. Concept 1 states "The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

And that's where I fit in as a GSR - helping to discover that collective conscience.

The General Service Preamble sets forth the role of the GSR: "We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of AA. We realize the ultimate authority in AA is a loving God as he may express himself in our

Group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along the group conscience, we are helping to maintain unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

So I have found that service as a GSR has increased my understanding and appreciation of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA saved my life, gave me a life, and now gives me an opportunity to keep the AA message alive for all alcoholics still suffering inside and outside of these rooms.

Oh yes ... I'm having fun doing it.

Jim S, South County

General Service Participation

Being in General Service has enhanced my knowledge (and appreciation) of AA as a whole. I have a deeper understanding of the Traditions, and can carry them over in my daily life. I found I utilize the "trusted servant" attitude in my own work life.

I re-learned how to be a good leader. Being in my disease caused me to be a follower. I can now lead by example. I can make my own choices. I'm now a better listener, a better participant.

April A, North County

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Intergroup Minutes and Financial Reports

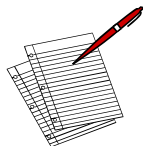


The AA Grapevine

Do you read our “meeting in print” either in hard copy or online? AA members around the world have been submitting their personal stories, their sorrows and joys, their ups, downs, and in-betweens to the AA Grapevine since 1944. Why not join them? You don’t have to have had prior publishing experience. All you need is a little willingness and the desire to share. Here are some suggestions to guide you.

Writing Articles: before writing, you might want to leaf through a few issues to see what kinds of articles are published. Most are first-person accounts of the writer’s experience with alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous. The magazine also publishes many stories for special departments. Articles about the Steps and Traditions, jokes for Ham on Wry, and letters for PO Box 1980 and Your Move are welcome, too, as are submissions to I-Say and Rule 62 on the website. But you are not confined to these topics. The Grapevine is always looking for innovative material, as long as it relates to AA experience and reflects an awareness of AA’s singleness of purpose. Articles are reviewed by the editorial staff and selected by consensus, a process which can take several months. But all contributions receive a reply from the staff, whether their manuscripts are published or not.

Here’s a thought:
article to this news-



practice by submitting an
letter!

Did you know?

The A.A. Grapevine magazine is now available in audio format. Subscribe, download, and listen to stories, jokes, PO Box 1980, and the Editor’s note, from you desktop, MP3 or CD player. For a sample story from the current issue go to www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current

AA THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Spiritual Awakening

Some of the evidences of a spiritual awakening are: maturity, an end to habitual hatred; the ability to love and to be loved in return; the ability to believe, even without understanding, that Something lets the sun rise in the morning and set at night, makes the leaves come out in the Spring and drop off in the Fall, and gives the birds song. Why not let this something be God?

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Thought to Ponder:

“Refresh your spirit with everyday miracles”



In Memoriam

Bill Blakeley passed with 26 years of sobriety

Joanne Keel passed on 12/13/07 with over 30 years of sobriety.

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Contributions from AA members are welcome and will be printed as space allows. Submissions can be sent via email or should be typed or neatly handwritten. The editors reserve the right to edit content for length, clarity, and relation to AA Traditions. All material, including announcements, should be submitted by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

EASY DOES IT

When I came into the program almost 40 years ago my life was filled with anger, fear, resentment, hate and rage. I was defeated and humiliated on every level. I remember going to Fair Ave. Alano club and seeing all these sayings on the wall like "Easy Does It", "Think, Think, Think", "One Day at a Time", "First Things First", "Live and Let Live", "But for the Grace of God". I did not know at the time but these words would play a big part in my recovery. At first I did not want to be there but I had no place else to go.

"Easy Does It" stands out to me now because I remember telling my soon to be sponsor that I needed to get everything together. He laughed and said, "No, you need to let everything go." Easy does it. As the days went by I would say the serenity prayer a thousand times during the day but, by 3 or 4 in the afternoon, I was back to the bottle only to be remorseful again that night. I had always believed in God but thought He was there to punish me.

I was always in a hurry, a rush; I always felt like a race horse, full of tension and stress. When I got up in the morning my life was like a crap game. I would never know what was going to happen that day. Many times jail, fights or a wrecked car. I could not stop drinking.

My belief is that God, my higher power, got me here. I had to turn my life over to Him. The people in AA gave me the program and now I had to do something. Because I kept coming back, I was given the desire to not drink by God. Easy does it, a little at a time, I learned to relax, something that I was unable to do before. I tried to not to get too hungry, tired or lonely. I was and am learning all the time.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a way of life and by living it a day at a time we can have every thing we need. It will take our whole life to achieve perfection you know we A.A.'s are perfectionists. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and pass on the message to the other suffering alcoholics who want sobriety. We can't get anyone sober, we can only show them though example. Just tell them to keep coming back. We need to calm down, relax and put our trust in God and remember, Easy does it.

Gene B, San Jose

LIVE AND LET LIVE

To me, "Live and Let Live" is an expression directing me to do what is necessary to become more patient, tolerant and fair-minded. The good news is it is possible to increase my patience, tolerance and fair-mindedness, but the bad news is increasing these attributes is just plain hard work. Every day dozens of situations arise which displease me. My natural response to a displeasing event is to immediately express my disapproval in a critical, non-productive manner. Occasionally, rather than react immediately to something I don't like, I hesitate and say one of my favorite prayers, "God, help me keep my mouth shut!" It works.

Brian M., San Jose



My sponsor says the good thing about procrastination is that you always have something planned for tomorrow.



There are twenty prayers in the Big Book.

**Can you find them?
(see answer next month)**



What I Know About Love

February's hearts, flowers, love poetry and sentiment used to make me feel weird and depressed. Sometimes I responded with feelings of loneliness, hopelessness or disgust. Who can do this mushy love thing anyway? However, today I believe there is "...a way out." A wise person shared with me that if I want love in my life I am the one responsible to do the loving.

And it begins with me! Working Step 4 and 5 helps me to understand that I am a woman in recovery, "one among many." My job is to accept who I am and become the best me I can be. (Steps 6 & 7.) I get to figure out whom I have harmed and to make amends to them. (Steps 8 & 9) For me this means I get to forgive myself! I am not perfect, never have been, and never will be. I get to extend a general amnesty to all my fellow humans, family, spouse, and friends.

Active loving for me means minding my own business so I have time to take care of my life, the only life I really am responsible to make grow and flourish. I've learned that HALT (don't get too hungry, angry, lonely, tired) saves many arguments, tears, and frustrations. When I am disturbed there is something going on with me, not the other person. I can send love to the other driver, shopper, or family member and continue my day with loving rather than judgmental, critical thoughts, and lo and behold, I will feel better.

Hearts and flowers remind me today that we are all "God's kids" and that I can love each and every one of us, first of all myself! Today I know we are all God's precious handiwork and "God doesn't make junk".

Domini C, Santa Clara



Tickle Your Fancy

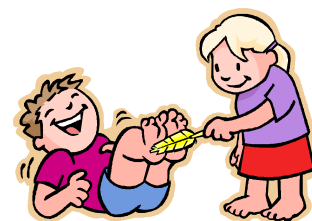
Flynn staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Mary. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell, Flynn sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Flynn woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Mary staring at him from across the room. She said, "You were drunk again last night weren't you?"

Flynn said, "Why do you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Mary said, "it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly.....it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror."





From the Grapevine:

Day Counting

If you haven't had the chance to count your sobriety days on our Sobriety Counter, now is the time. Or, tell a newcomer about it:

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/countyourdays.php>

Some common mistakes that we all make

(from the April 1955 Grapevine)

- * To speak too often without first thinking ...
- * To become involved in the delusions of duty ...
- * To hurry our action, not stopping to "feel" our way ...
- * Not to act, not daring to go ahead anyway ...
- * To focus on the troubles themselves instead of on their overcoming ...
- * To become too emotional, personal, and involved ...
- * To worry foolishly because of ignorance of all the facts ...
- * To magnify every little mistake, as though it were serious ...
- * To ignore the profit value of mistakes ...
- * To fail to accept mistakes – perhaps the greatest mistake of all ...
- * To forget that mistakes are essential to success
- * To be too often too critical of ourselves ...
- * To fail to express our gratitude ...

STEPPING OUT IN SOBRIETY

What do you do for fun? I ride my bike. In my years of cycling I've noticed that riding a bike is a lot like living sober. I want every ride to be sunshine and tailwinds, but sometimes I am given rain and hills. It's funny how these are the rides that teach me the most about my own strength and inner resources. When I'm 20 miles from the car and it's raining, what is my choice? I accept the rain and pedal.

The living sober metaphor first occurred to me when I learned to ride in a pace line. In a pace line the cyclist in front blocks the wind, making the ride easier for the riders behind. The leader pulls fast for a short time, then drops to the back, allowing the next rider to pull. The pace line rolls along, riders trading pulls, and everyone goes faster and more easily than anyone could alone. Does this remind you of anything? It reminds me that we can do things together in AA that we could never do alone.



It's a basic law of cycling that someone else will always be faster. That used to make me feel really bad! Then one day as I was about to climb Wildcat Canyon for the first time (panicked, of course) another rider said the magic words, "Sit back, relax, and ride your own pace." In other words, Easy does it, But do it. That hill was hard but—pedal up, pedal down—I rode my own pace to the top.

A small group of AA members in Santa Clara have started cycling together on Saturdays. If you are interested in joining us on road rides of 30-50 miles at a moderate pace, please send an email to jashardie@comcast.net

Tailwinds,
Susan H.

From the Archives



◇ In 1943 Bill W. made his first trip to the West Coast, speaking at a San Jose meeting on Friday and at A special meeting in Palo Alto on December 2nd.

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◇ In January of 1945 Ruth H. and a few others started a meeting because Ruth found that “many of the men did not accept her”. The group met on Thursday night in members homes and called themselves the Thursday Night Group. Also in the same year Ruth began going to the county jail to carry the message to women confined there. She met Sue K. in the jail and became Sue’s sponsor. Together they worked with the jail matron, Mrs. Smothers, to establish regular meetings in the facility.

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◇ In 1949 Jim H. organized a Central Committee for San Jose Groups. Initially all groups, except Los Gatos, became affiliated with the Central Committee. A rift later developed which caused some of the groups to be listed as “independent.” The first formal listing was Cypress 7-3555



R. H. SMITH, M. D.

2ND NATIONAL BLDG. AKRON, OHIO

TELEPHONE: HE-8523 REG. NO. _____

Rx FOR alcoholics

ADDRESS _____ DATE Feb 1937

always remember it

1. Trust God
2. Clean house
3. Help others

[Signature] M. D.

NR 1 2 3 INF.



History Corner



49 Years!

The **St. Marks Group** that meets Thursdays at 8:00 PM at 1957 Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara is celebrating its 49th Birthday.

On February 22 at 8:00 PM a special 1 1/2 hour meeting will be held. This will be meeting number 2,560. The roots of this group lead all the way back to an A.A. luncheon/social at Tiny’s Restaurant on the Alameda.

(more info at this at the meeting)

Early members of the group from the fifties and sixties will be sharing their memories.

All are welcome to come hear their experience, strength, and hope.

Telephone Calls Received During February

Daytime at Central Office 626

Daytime 12 Step Calls 12

Evening and Weekend calls 259

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!**

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**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.

Deleted -

Sweet Sobriety, Sunday, 2:00PM, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose

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

Moved -

Young & Sober, Saturday Nite Live, Thursday 10:00 PM, moved to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga
Sunlight of the Spirit, Saturday Nite Live, Tuesday, 10:00 PM, moved to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

Changed -

Women's Topic Discussion, Saturday Nite Live, Sunday

Time changed to 10:00 AM

Men's Single Problem Discussion, Thurs., Campbell. Time changed to 8:00 PM

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

New -

Naked Truth Group, Friday, 8:00PM, 20600 Aldercroft Heights, Los Gatos

Willow Glen AA, Friday, 8:15PM, St. Frances Church, 1205 Pine, at Newport, San Jose

Sub "21" Young People, Friday, 8:15PM, St. Frances Church, 1205 Pine, at Newport, San Jose

AA Literature Discussion Group, Tues. Noon, United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos

Courage to Heal, Mon. 6:00 PM, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 651 Broadway, Gilroy

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.

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Wendy R.	6		Unknown
Pat C.	25	Bill D.	11/14/1981
Elfriede S	24	Bill D.	12/17/1982
Jim O.	27		12/20/1979
Jennifer F.	25	Bill D.	12/24/1981
Kathleen H.	7		01/01/2000
Mary Mc.	24	Rita R.	01/06/1983
Diane S.	1	Doris G.	01/08/2006
Paul C.	28	Addnl Contribution, Robby R.	01/10/1979
Darcy A.	15		01/12/1992
Doreen R.	31	Rita R., Mary Pat P.	01/12/1976
Col. Eugene M.	24	Addnl Contribution, Pat C.	01/22/1970
Thomas K.	37		01/22/1970
Bob S.	44	Addnl Contribution, Bob C. & Wilda	01/24/1963
Marcella M.	24	Rita R., Mary Pat P.	01/24/1983
Caesar G.	30	Addnl Contribution, Rose W.	01/25/1977
Mary Pat P.	24	Addnl Contribution, Rita R, Pat C, Elfrieda S.	01/28/1983
Mike O'R.	23		01/30/1983



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

419 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

and for a total contribution **\$352.00**

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

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

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

LOCAL EVENTS

February 23 San Jose: SCCYPAA "Straight Pepper Diet" Speaker meeting and dance, Elks Lodge, Los Gatos, www.sccypaa-ca.org.

April 27-29 San Jose: 22nd Annual "Sober and Free" Conference, Hilton San Jose, 300 Almaden Blvd., www.soberandfree.org.

EVENTS NEARBY

March 9-11 Victorville, CA: 23rd Annual "Sunshine of the Spirit" Convention. www.highdesertconvention.org

March 16-18 Foster City, CA: NCCAA 60th Annual Spring Conference. WWW.NCC-AA.ORG

April 26-29 Los Angeles, CA: ACYPAA XXXV "Commence Shoulder to Shoulder", www.acypaa2007.org.

May 8-11 Sedona, AZ: Seniors in Sobriety
Contact: WCGould@aol.com or 11203.jfs@earthlink.net

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

April 6-8 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada: 36th Annual North Shore Roundup. www.northshoreroundup.com

April 27-29 Kailua-Kona, Hawaii: 19th Annual Big Island Bash. www.bigislandbash.com

Also, check the GSO website at www.aa.org for a full listing of gatherings in the United States and around the world.

From your Intergroup Chair:

During the Open Forum session of our last two Intergroup meetings we have been discussing how we can improve our communications with and service to our groups.

It was brought up that quite often the group is not really sure what the duties and responsibilities of their representative is and perhaps sometimes neither is the Intergroup Rep.

So if you are or have been an IG Rep, how about sharing your view of what your job is. Drop a note off at Central Office or e-mail it to office@aaasanjose.org, or even better join us at the next Intergroup meeting (first Wednesday of each month-see the meeting guide for time and place).

Then we will put together a brief statement that both the IG Rep and the group can use to clear up the mystery. Winning contributions will be rewarded with a surprise gift.

Bill

Diverter Shifts Available

5th Monday, 7:00 PM — 11:00 PM

4th Wednesday, 11:00 PM — 7:00 AM

Please consider making yourself available for this important service.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

February 7, 2007

- Bill D, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Larry read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 53 people in attendance.
- Sally read the Twelve Traditions.
- There were no corrections/additions to the agenda.
- There were no corrections/additions to the pervious month's minutes.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	1/03/07	\$63.00	Prudent Reserve \$90.00
Contributions:	1/03/07	\$85.00	
Refreshments:	1/03/07	\$00.00	
Rent to April 1 st	1/03/07	\$00.00	
Balance:	1/03/07	\$148.00	Prudent Reserve \$90.00

H & I - sent from pink can 1/03/07 \$48.00
- Birthdays: Paul 28 yrs; Dennis 23 yrs; Tom 37yrs; Ray 6yrs; Jerry 1yr; Jessica 18 months; Darcy 15 yrs; Mike 1 yr.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D
 - Appointed Tom C. as new Unity Day Chair
 - There were eight new Intergroup Reps at the meeting tonight
2. Central Service Board –
 - Donations were on the rise in January
3. Central Office – Bruce
 - o 12 x 12 available on CD for \$28
 - o Central Office donations are up for January.
 - o February 15th - San Francisco Intergroup has asked Bruce to facilitate an inventory.
 - o February 16th – Managers meeting in Monterey
 - o Open House on January 20th brought in a steady stream of members with a lot of new people.
 - o Bills are paid
4. PI/CPC – Darcy
 - o Goal for 2007 – a Big Book will distributed to every public high school in the county, Committee is asking for donations of books or money to support this endeavor, communicate with professional groups such as county judges; letters to the media on anonymity; continuing with speaking engagements, which are steady.
 - o Presentations were given to DUI classes, Prima Vera, and DeAnza. Upcoming presentations; Nurses conference 2/8/07, healthy living conference April 29; San Jose Conservation Corp, DeAnza, and Fischer Middle school.
 - o Meetings are held 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Central Office, all are welcome.
 - o Suggestion was given from an intergroup rep. to have PI/CPC create a flyer to handout at groups.
5. Twelfth Step Committee – nothing to report
 - Daytime – handout given out stating shifts that were available. 5th Monday, 7pm-11pm; 4th Wednesday, 11pm-7am.
 - Nights and Weekends – shifts available

6. Outreach Committee – Sally.
 - 176 meetings; 115 visited; 15 found not to exist.
 - Committee meeting: 7pm at Central Office 1st Wednesday of each month.
7. Newsletter – Bernadette
 - Newsletter is looking for members to contribute an article about activities they are able to do now that they are sober, how the slogans have helped them, daily meditations, etc. The goal is to get members involved in their newsletter. The newsletter will have an article on Intergroup and history.
 - Contact Bernadette at 408-725-8409 or send your articles to comproulx@aol.com
8. Other Service Committee Reports
 - Unity Day – Tom
 - No report
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Dennis
Conference in Foster City March 16th through 18th at Crowne Plaza Hotel.
 - Hospitals & Institutions – Paul
 - A flyer was handed out with clearance requirements, contact information, and meetings that need secretaries.
 - Bridging the Gap – no report
 - North County – Jeanne
 - Group made invitations to hand out at meetings to explain GSR service
 - Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm at St. John Lutheran in Sunnyvale
 - South County – Erika
 - Have 13 new General Service Representatives.
 - Can reach Erika at 408-648-7514

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

OPEN FORUM – Bruce – presented for discussion the following questions: How do we increase membership at Intergroup? How do we increase attendance at Intergroup? How can we create the feeling of community in our county? Open for discussion at 9:10.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

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

	Jan 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	14,684.75
1039 · Bank of America CD 5717 (12 mo. CD @ 3.73%, 1/23/07)	14,946.81 *
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (8 mo. CD @ 4.79%, 9/24/07)	14,961.84 *
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 3.39%, 2/28/07)	14,694.06 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	16,271.33 *
Total Checking/Savings	75,783.79
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-458.61
Total Accounts Receivable	-458.61
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	16,522.00
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	543.16
Total Other Current Assets	17,065.16
Total Current Assets	92,390.34
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	38,150.80
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-16,854.00
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-134.00
Total Fixed Assets	23,660.64
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	118,044.83
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	560.05
Total Other Current Liabilities	560.05
Total Current Liabilities	560.05
Total Liabilities	560.05
Equity	
2740 · Unrestricted Funds	95,777.91
3900 · Retained Earnings	12,045.63
Net Income	9,661.24
Total Equity	117,484.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	118,044.83

* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: **\$60,874.04**
This represents 4.93 months of operating expenses. The Board established
goal is 9 months operating expenses.

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

	Jan 07	Jan 06	Jan 07
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	21,080.60	14,331.93	21,080.60
8010 · Literature Sales	6,230.97	6,914.70	6,230.97
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,132.97	0.00	1,132.97
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	35.00	65.00	35.00
Total Income	28,479.54	21,311.63	28,479.54
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold (Excl. Mtg. Dir. after 6/1/06)	4,116.24	4,424.64	4,116.24
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories (After 6/1/06)	460.93	0.00	460.93
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,577.17	4,424.64	4,577.17
Total COGS	4,577.17	4,424.64	4,577.17
Gross Profit	23,902.37	16,886.99	23,902.37
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	177.00	177.00	177.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	1,525.39	2,417.24	1,525.39
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	94.48	0.00	94.48
6120 · Computer Expenses	125.00	150.00	125.00
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	65.00	0.00
6160 · Copier Expense	99.93	0.00	99.93
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	867.00	100.00	867.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	668.37	0.00	668.37
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	19.95
6330 · Office Expense	358.43	353.71	358.43
6360 · Archives (Archives)	-100.00	0.00	-100.00
6380 · Payroll Taxes	680.56	676.43	680.56
6410 · Postage	488.48	278.00	488.48
6480 · Rent	2,217.25	2,153.90	2,217.25
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,629.46	6,094.31	6,629.46
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	200.00	200.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	50.00	0.00	50.00
7050 · Telephone	321.10	404.55	321.10
7060 · Travel	0.50	0.00	0.50
Total Expense	14,422.90	13,090.09	14,422.90
Net Ordinary Income	9,479.47	3,796.90	9,479.47
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	181.77	166.95	181.77
Total Other Income	181.77	166.95	181.77
Net Other Income	181.77	166.95	181.77
Net Income	9,661.24	3,963.85	9,661.24

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
January 2007

	<u>Jan 07</u>	<u>Jan 07</u>
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	70.00	70.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	1,050.00	1,050.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	423.50	423.50
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	2,246.24	2,246.24
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	350.00	350.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	352.00	352.00
Fri. 12 Steps at Noon 303	70.55	70.55
Fri. Big Book Study 8.00P Cupt 284	100.00	100.00
Fri. East Valley Group 322	50.00	50.00
Fri. Fireside Group 297	36.92	36.92
Fri. Men's 4th Step Group 320	44.10	44.10
Fri. New Nooners 859	110.00	110.00
Fri. Saratoga Group 328	165.00	165.00
Fri. Saratoga Serenity Group 329	144.20	144.20
Fri. T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298	237.85	237.85
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	406.50	406.50
G South County Fellowship 70954	140.00	140.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	270.00	270.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	564.87	564.87
Mon. Early Monday Night 68	614.92	614.92
Mon. Men's Single Topic Discussion 582	618.00	618.00
Mon. Villages Group of AA (The) 406	70.00	70.00
Personal 00911	198.32	198.32
Sat. Big Book Study Group 503	100.00	100.00
Sat. Get Up and Go (Women) 187	399.65	399.65
Sat. High Hope 239	124.80	124.80
Sat. In the Solution 647	262.00	262.00
Sat. Living in the Solution (Women) 33	30.00	30.00
Sat. Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777	700.00	700.00
Sat. Women's Brunch 640	242.20	242.20
Sun. Almaden Valley Discussion 30	41.31	41.31
Sun. Early Spiritual Progress 7	175.00	175.00
Sun. Get Well Group 17	210.00	210.00
Sun. Invaders Group 44	100.00	100.00
Sun. Men's Underground Book Study 401	210.00	210.00
Sun. New People's Group 3	157.61	157.61
Sun. New Steps for Living 20	486.30	486.30
Sun. Pass It On Group Los Altos 418	350.00	350.00
Sun. Speaker Meeting 18	180.00	180.00
Sun. Spiritual Progress Group 8	73.65	73.65
Thurs. Basic Big Book 710	100.00	100.00
Thurs. California Avenue Supper Group 715	461.00	461.00
Thurs. Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276	115.50	115.50
Thurs. Gay Men's Freedom 262	425.29	425.29
Thurs. Higher Power Hr Big Book Topic 871	630.00	630.00
Thurs. Just For Today 238	131.25	131.25
Thurs. Men's Single Problem Study 220	875.00	875.00
Thurs. Mountain Miracles 882	367.50	367.50
Thurs. South Valley Men's 845	280.00	280.00
Thurs. Sunshine Group 243	315.00	315.00
Thurs. There Is a Solution (Men) 732	180.00	180.00
Thurs. What's Happening Today 552	246.25	246.25
Thurs. Women Sharing the Solution 519	194.60	194.60
Tues. Attitude Adjustment 886	416.00	416.00
Tues. Design for Living 200	196.00	196.00
Tues. El Camino Group 108	37.46	37.46
Tues. Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110	70.00	70.00
Tues. Palo Alto Step Study 752	140.69	140.69
Tues. St. Luke's Group 113	503.00	503.00
Tues. Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152	130.00	130.00
Tues. Up the Creek - Daily Reflection 745	25.00	25.00
Tues. We Care Step Study 128	280.70	280.70
Unknown	515.30	515.30
Wed. Courage to Change 145	160.09	160.09
Wed. Lodestar Group / Sober Thoughts 499	70.00	70.00
Wed. Midweek Spiritual Progress 213	140.00	140.00
Wed. Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209	1,251.60	1,251.60
Wed. Serenity Discussion 210	259.00	259.00
Wed. Step Study (Women) LG 820	118.37	118.37
Wed. Steps & Traditions 893	161.00	161.00
Wed. Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768	109.51	109.51
TOTAL	<u>21,080.60</u>	<u>21,080.60</u>

Secretaries
Please read to
Your groups.

Central Office
needs your help
getting the word
out about these
important items.

The Grapevine
is now available
online. Details
inside this News-
letter.

**GROUPS NEEDED/
INDIVIDUALS NEEDED**

Central Office is always in need of volunteers—all kinds of volunteers. We need help compiling the Newsletter and the Meeting Directories each month as well as doing a variety of other tasks. We also need all kinds of skills, from computer and IT to publishing, to general labor. This is a great way for retired members, new members, sponsees, and anyone else available during the day to really help us out. We need a pool of willing hands for all times of day and night.

Please Call Central Office (374-8511) to help.

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Grab a Birthday Contribution form from your
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