



ARE WE RESTING ON OUR LAURELS?

Bill W wrote, "All A.A. progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: humility and responsibility. Our whole spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these magnificent standards. (As Bill Sees It. P. 271) Humility can be defined as "freedom from pride and arrogance" and responsibility as "the ability to respond or answer for one's conduct and obligations." (Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 5th Ed.)



After a "few" drinks before driving home I was often asked "Are you OK?" and replied, "I'm fine." How arrogant, how devoid of any responsibility for the possible results of my actions! When I came to A.A. I had no clue what these two principles really meant, but was unable to admit it. After all, I am a pretty smart cookie.

At my first meeting you asked if there were any newcomers present, I stood and shared the entire tale of the night before. This was the start of learning about these two principles for the first time taking real action and responsibility for where drinking had taken me and exhibiting a modicum of humility by admitting I needed help. You had the answer-I am an alcoholic. You gave me clear cut directions and guided me through our Twelve Steps. If we have learned responsibility and humility through the practice of the Twelve Steps what will happen? To me, it is learning "...to be one in a family, to be a friend among friends, to be a worker among workers, to be a useful member of society" (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.53).

Are we resting on our laurels? What are laurels? The ancient Greeks crowned victors with a laurel crown, it was a symbol of honor. What did I do to deserve honor?

The question "Are we resting on our laurels?" suggests taking an inventory of how we practice our Twelfth Step, in our own lives, in our home groups, and throughout our service structure. The Big Book (p. 97) says, "Helping others is the foundation stone of your recovery." What do I do when the phone rings at 2:00 a.m. with a "live" one on the other end? When my home group needs a coffee maker, a greeter, a chair person? I have been in meetings when no one raises their hand. In some meetings, we re-

cite the Responsibility Declaration. Yet, we ask for persons willing to be sponsors and a few raise their hands. The basket is passed, what do I contribute? In my home group, we consider it our responsibility to send contributions to our district, area, and General Service Office on a regular basis, just like paying the rent. When I first heard that the Big Book was translated into Swahili, I was excited to be part of this. Just think, the gal who didn't want to call anyone on the last night of her drinking, is connected to something so incredible.

What is our responsibility? It is easy to measure it in terms of actions we take - sponsoring, answering the phone, traveling in all kinds of weather to service events. The bigger challenge for me is to stay true to my experience. Do I change the clear-cut directions that were given me in an effort to make it "easier" for the next alcoholic to stay sober? How has this worked for me, and for the other alcoholic?

Can we find members willing to be responsible and fill jobs in every level of our service structure? You taught me it was my responsibility to be available when needed. A family member once asked, "Why do you have to do these jobs?" "Because I can." Is service the biggest secret in AA? As I was working on this presentation, it was almost time for us to leave and take a meeting into the local jail. I was tired, this presentation was due, and I was tempted to let the other A.A. go on alone. What was I thinking? On the way home after the meeting, we were full of energy and gratitude.

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To finish the quote from *As Bill Sees It (P 271)*, “Ever deepening humility, accompanied by an ever greater willingness to accept and act upon clear-cut obligations-these are truly our touchstones for all growth in the life of the spirit. They hold up to us the very essence of right being and right doing. It is by them that we are enabled to find and to do God’s will.” I challenge all members of Alcoholics Anonymous to accept and act upon these clear-cut obligations. How will potential members learn about our wonderful program if we do not accept our obligation in carrying and remaining true to the message of recovery that has saved our lives? Are we doing enough?

Becky Collette, Vermont

From the 57th Annual Meeting of
The General Service Conference
Of Alcoholics Anonymous



Set Aside Prayer...

*GOD,
please set aside everything
I think I know about myself,
this book,
the twelve steps,
meetings, my disease,
and you, God,
that I may have
an open and new experience
with all these things.*

Please Help Me See The Truth.



Central Office Corner

16 volunteers answer the phones at Central Office, with another 15 folks on the Alternate list.

220+ volunteers cover the Diverter shifts as regulars or alternates.

180+ men and women are on the 12th Step List.

And we still need more help.

Experience has taught us that volunteers rarely drink while on duty.

Do you subscribe to the “AA Grapevine”, our meeting in print? The Grapevine does not receive contributions, but is totally supported by subscriptions and sales of its products. A subscription is a great gift, either for yourself or another.



Do you still have a cassette player? Well, you’d better hurry in to buy some tapes, because both AAWS and Grapevine are converting all their tapes to CDs. The newest is “Powers of Example”, a collection of stories about practicing the principles in every day life. Well have it soon.



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COMPLACENCY AND HOW TO AVOID IT

Complacency: *self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies*

OLD TIMERS NEED HELP TOO

I sobered up Feb 1974 at the tender age of 19, just 4 months prior to my 20th birthday; I have been sober for 33 years now. You might think that after many years of staying abstinent from alcohol, you would not need as much help as a newcomer needs. But, to the contrary, I do need the help; just as much, if not more, than when I was new. I have had good times and bad times, my share of adversity and prosperity.

In my 17th year of sobriety, I lost my wife due to cancer; I was devastated and full of fear wondering what my life would be like now and how my 2 children would survive. During her illness I received much support from friends and from my sponsor. I felt the power of God in my life and it carried me through this time of uncertainty. I have also been laid off, fired and quit one job over the years.

AA has always been there to help maintain my spiritual needs. As the Big Book quotes, "When we straighten out spiritually we straighten out mentally and physically ". My life today is far from perfect, but is very good and I have received many blessings. I have a good job, a house, cars and a healthy family, I remarried and had two more children, and all the material things that one would need, but most importantly I have peace of mind; most of the time. All of this would not be, and would mean nothing if I do not continue to do the things I did when I started AA.

I attend meetings on a regular basis, sponsor a hand full of guys and try to give back a little of what I have been given. I also have a sponsor for backup. These are the things that help maintain some stability in my life. I hope I never forget why I need to keep coming back and remember to be grateful for AA.

Rudy R., San Jose



LET GOD GUIDE ME

Recently I was asked to express, as an old timer in AA, how I avoid complacency. First of all I have to remember how I was when I first came to AA. My life was in complete shambles. I had left my wife and three children, I was broke both financially and spiritually, I had no job and was homeless. The first sixteen months around AA I didn't stay sober because I just plain wanted to drink. After my last drunk I told myself that I would try to do what was suggested to me from day one and show these people that their program wouldn't work for me. I soon found out that God had a different idea for me. I started going to a lot of meetings, bought a big book and got active in the program. Along the way I found a loving and forgiving God, many new friends and a wonderful new way of life. I also found out that if I wanted to keep what I had received I couldn't become complacent by not going to meetings, by becoming inactive and not carrying the message to newcomers and I do this by just remembering from where I came from. Through the years I have come to love my life in AA and as long as I keep myself spiritually fit and let God guide me each day I know I won't become complacent.

Bob S., San Jose

NO GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR OLDTIMERS

Complacency is not usually an issue for me. I have been sober a long time, but continue to attend meetings, and keep in touch with both sponsees and the newbies in our fellowship. We have a small fellowship and we are very close. The ages in sobriety range from 44 (my sponsor) to brand-new. We don't really have any divisions according to sobriety date or age. Everyone participates. We recently had a person return who had gone out after 34 years. Of course the first question was: "Why?" And the answer was the same as it usually is. The person had stopped going to meetings and participating in the AA program. I have ten sponsees, eight of whom are here in town, so I am not at a loss for phone calls or face-to-face meetings. We also have a bi-monthly meeting at my home that brings us together as a group.



These things keep me aware of who I am, an alcoholic, and what I need to do to stay here, work steps, look at myself rather than others as the source of any unhappiness or frustration, and go to meetings! I go to two or three a week usually. My home group is the Sunday morning at 11:00. Sometimes I do not feel like going! But I know what happens when I do not go to meetings, and it is not pretty. Plus, I have a healthy respect for the power of alcohol to be cunning, baffling, powerful, and patient. I go to meetings to remind me who and what I am. I also go to show people that we old timers need AA too. And I go to hear what I need to hear on a specific day. The message may come from an old-timer, or a newbie, or someone in between. It does not make a difference, God speaks through everyone. I just want to be at the meeting where I will hear what I need to hear.

I think that is important to have a sponsor and well as sponsees. God knows that I can get flummoxed by life as much as anyone can. It is so valuable to have a person with whom I can check out things as I did when I was newer. Just because I have been sober for 31 years does not mean that I have the answer at my fingertips. I am an alcoholic and do not suffer well. I forget to turn things over just like everyone else. And don't get me started on trying to live in today! Thank God for sponsors.

I do not believe that there is a graduate school for old timers. I stay sober by doing what has always worked. Simple? Yes, but not always easy. I pray that I will continue to do the same for another 31 years. Chances are that if I do, I will stay sober.

Ann S. , Morgan Hill

AN OLD TIMER'S PERSPECTIVE



When I came to the program in 1961, there were 52 meetings in the valley. AA was small enough then that most of us knew each other.

Meetings were different: we didn't clap after each speaker or when newcomer's announced themselves. Drugs were not mentioned at the meeting level. We had some knockdown, drag-out discussions in those days over that issue. NA and CA were not really available here; I don't know if they had been founded yet.

Sponsors took "babies" through the steps in days, rather than in weeks or months. Granted, we didn't go through them in complete detail, but the approach removed the fear over doing them in greater detail later.

Most open meetings, at least those that I went to, were family oriented. We didn't see many children at night meetings, but spouses were welcomed, and sometimes called on. I do not recall any closed men's meetings until "End-of-the-Line" was started. At that time it was for ex-cons, and we civilians were discouraged from attending. The second closed men's meeting was started in June of 1962, just before I went out for twenty hours the last time. Both of those meetings are still in existence.

We didn't have all of the drying-out-places, or treatment centers that we have now, so 12th step calls were more frequent. When I was sober for only twelve days, and barely over the "shakes", three of us drove up to San Francisco on a Saturday night to make a twelfth-step call. The guy just wanted a shoulder to cry on, and hopefully get some money to keep drinking. That didn't happen. I was angry, and ranted about our wasting our time. Milt S. let me blow off steam. When I cooled down, he told me that it wasn't my job to get anyone sober. My job was to carry the message, that's all.

Meetings have changed over the years, which I consider to be good. We do get more young people, many of who are dually addicted, and belong to more than one twelfth-step program. We do ask them to talk about alcohol, but drugs are a part of their story. So be it.

I think that we talk too much about God (that would have run me out the door) rather than about a power greater than ourselves. We hold hands at the end of meetings, which I don't recall from the old days.

Even though meetings have changed over the years, I still attend because I still have problems, (ME). Meetings provide me with hope. I have watched friends lose spouses or children and not have to drink over it. Several friends have died of cancer or other diseases and did not drink over it. That gives me the courage to face my meager problems without having to drink. Young people keep me young at heart. Nothing but good comes from continuing to attend meetings. I wouldn't be alive without AA. I wouldn't have the life that I have without this wonderful program. The basic principles are still the same, though some formats have changed.

Robbie R., San Jose

FAILURE TURNED INTO USEFULNESS

Bill Wilson once remarked that ours is not a story of success but one of colossal failure turned into usefulness. I believe that I fit that description very well. Through God's grace and the gift of this program and the things that it has taught me I have become somewhat useful to those around me. For the past twenty-five years, since my last drink, I have had the opportunity to serve A.A. and those around me in various capacities. General Service, Intergroup, sponsoring, secretary of meetings are some of the things I have been allowed to do.



The man who sponsored me for twenty-four years passed away in 2006. During the last four or five years of his life he was not able to drive. I had the great privilege of driving him to six meetings a week. He maintained the same positive attitude and sense of humor that he always had during all the years that I knew him. He was sober 48 years when he died. During the last years of his life I was allowed to pay back a little of what he had given me.

The gifts that I have received in sobriety have taken many forms. I sometimes didn't recognize them as gifts. Once a grandmother was waling her grandson on the beach. A large wave came and washed her grandson out to sea. She said, "Oh, God, please bring him back." Another wave came and set him back in front of her. She picked him up and examined him and exclaimed to the heavens, "He had a hat."

I should appreciate my gifts with no strings attached. They are wonderful. I was lost and now I am found.

Chuck G., San Jose



ALL ARE INVITED

50 Years!

The **St. Marks Group** that meets Thursdays
8:00 PM at
1957 Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara
is celebrating 50 years of recovery

On February 21 at 8:00 PM a special 1 1/2 hour meeting will be held.

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 the meeting)

Early members of the group from the 1950's, sixties, seventies and eighties will be sharing their Memories of the St. Mark's Group.

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

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**Sobriety: take care of the days
and the years will
come by themselves.**

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Archives

- ◆ In "AA Comes of Age," Bill describes his visit to the office of his brother-in-law, Dr. Leonard V Strong, Jr., where he was complaining about the stinginess of the rich. He had been unable to raise any money to get AA going. Being a bit tired of Bill's continuing diatribes, Leonard made an appointment for both of them with William Richardson who handled John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s charities. This resulted in the famous Rockefeller dinner which took place in February of 1940. It was at this dinner that we learned that money would spoil us. Because of this we grew to understand the need for our Seventh Tradition of self support.
- ◆ On February 14, 1971 a memorial meeting was held at the Jubilee Auditorium in memory of William Griffith Wilson who passed away on January 24th 1971. Below is a copy of the front page of the Memorial bulletin.

Memorial and Rededication Meeting



Jubilee Auditorium
Sunday, February 14, 1971, Calgary



In Memory of
 William Griffith Wilson
 Born November 26, 1895
 Passed Away January 24, 1971
 KNOWN TO US AS BILL W.
 CO-FOUNDER OF
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

From General Service Office

**YOUNG PEOPLE
 VIDEO PROJECT**



General Service invites AA members to submit digital videos that focus on the experience of getting sober between the ages of 12 and 25.
 (Go to <http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>)

- 1) Read Guidelines for submission (deadline extended)
- 2) Read Copyright Assignment Form
- 3) Once you have read the guidelines and copyright assignment form, create your video
- 4) Upload Video
- 5) Mail signed Copyright Assignment Form to General Service Office.



When did **clapping** start at meetings and why do we clap?

Some meetings close with "Let's thank the chairperson for a good meeting." What's a "good" meeting?

If **chairing** a meeting is sharing our experience, strength and hope, and this helps us stay sober, why are we thanked?

Alcoholics
Anonymous . . .
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received

During January

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Daytime at Central Office | 561 |
| Daytime 12 Step Calls | 7 |
| Evening and Weekend calls | 294 |

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

WHEN ANY 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

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

449 Acceptance, Tues. noon, Sunnyvale

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

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

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

Changed

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Early Evening, Sun., 7:00PM, moved to Bowers Park, 2582 Cabrillo, Santa Clara.

Living Sober, Sun., 10:30AM, moved to Kaiser Conference Center, 710 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara.

Gay Reflections on the Solution, Sun, 8:30AM, moved to Kaiser Conference Center, 710 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara.

New

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

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

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

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

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

Upstairs Group Wed, 7PM, 13335 Monterey Road (above Rocca's), San Martin

Veterans of Alcohol, Wed, 6PM, 278 N. 2nd St., San Jose

The Gal in the Glass, Sun, 10AM, Women, Mid-Peninsula Alano Club, 1155 Reed Ave.

Alano Club West, 1344 Dell, Campbell:

Monday, 7:30AM, Getting Started Group

Wednesday, 7:30AM, Morning Show

Thursday, 7:30AM, (name to be announced)

Friday, 7:30AM, Just Do It

Saturday, 7:30AM, (name to be announced)

Mine, Yours, Ours, Mon. 12:00 noon, Mid-Peninsula Alano Club, 1155 Reed Ave., Sunnyvale

Titanic Group, Sat., 10:00AM, (men's group), Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose.

IN MEMORIAUM

Diane J.

Birthdays Contributions

| Name | Years | Gift From | Birthday |
|------------|-------|--|------------|
| David R | 16 | | Unknown |
| Don Z | 18 | | 12/28/1989 |
| Mary Mc | 24 | Rita M | 01/06/1984 |
| Paul C | 29 | Robbie R | 01/10/1979 |
| Doreen R | 32 | Rita M | 01/12/1976 |
| Sue A | 20 | Mary Pat P | 01/13/1988 |
| Tom K | 38 | | 01/15/1970 |
| Ben N | 1 | Anonymous | 01/19/2007 |
| Gene M. | 25 | | 01/20/1983 |
| Marcella M | 25 | Evelyn M, Dorothy S, Mary Pat, Rita M | 01/24/1983 |
| Caesar G | 31 | | 01/25/1977 |
| John S | 16 | | 01/25/1992 |
| Mary Pat P | 25 | Aileen B, Pat C, Evelyn M, Elfriede P, | 01/28/1983 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

300 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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



March 2008

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Intergroup Chili Cookoff, Saturday, Feb. 23, 1PM—4PM, Prince of Peace Church, 12770 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga. **THIS IS BIG, GUYS. YA'LL COME.**

50th ANNIVERSARY, ST. MARK'S GROUP, Special 1 1/2 hour meeting on February 21, 1957 Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara Beginning at 8:00 PM.

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

NCCAA 61st Annual Spring Conference, Fresno, CA, March 7-9
37th Annual H & I Conference ("Carrying The Message"), April 25-27, 2008, Burlingame

EVENTS OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

Reno Spring Festival 2008, Reno, NV, April 11-13

Sober Fun in the New Old West, Pahrump, NV, April 25-27

20th Annual Big Island Bash, Kailua-Kona, HI, Apr 25-27. More information at www.Bigislandbash.com

24th Annual Tri-State Round-up, Laughlin, NV, May 16-18

50th ICYPAA 2008, Smashing the Delusion, Oklahoma City, OK, July 3-6

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

February 6, 2008

- Bill D., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:01 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Dennis F. read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 46 voting representatives and 15 visitors in attendance.
- Peggy P. read the Twelve Traditions.
- No corrections to the agenda // An addition to the agenda was added under New Business:
Peggy P. –“Meeting in a Pocket”
- Correction to the previous month’s minutes: Under PI/CPC-Elections: the correct spelling is “Aron”, not “Erin”
- Intergroup Council Treasurer’s Report: Chuck G.

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| Beginning Balance: | 01/02/08 | \$44.00 | Prudent Reserve \$300.00 |
| Contributions: | 01/02/08 | \$76.50 | |
| Refreshments: | 01/02/08 | \$29.00 | |
| Rent is paid through April 2008. | | | |
| Balance: | 01/02/08 | \$91.50 | Prudent Reserve \$300.00 |
- Birthdays: Mary Pat 25 yrs, Tom 2 yrs, Paul 29 yrs, Renate 5 yrs, Mike 2 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Justin - SCCYPAA: Looking for places to host events. Place must allow music, have insurance, and hold 100 to 150 people. Also looking for rent to be \$350 or less per event.
 - Chauncy – In December, Bill M., “Quiet Bill” passed away. Saturday, February 9th, Trinity Group, Downtown San Jose will hold meeting at 8 pm in remembrance.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D.
 - PI/CPC is in need of a new chairperson. Intergroup Chair, Bill D. appointed Jennifer G. and Intergroup voted and approved her appointment as PI/CPC Chairperson.
 - 4 new Intergroup reps attended the meeting.
2. Central Service Board – No report.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - Lease of the office expires this month. New lease was signed at the same rent as before. Landlord is providing leasehold improvements - new carpet, paint, etc.
 - “Early groups of AA” booklet has been republished and can be purchased for \$1.50 each.
 - Grapevine—new CDs available. Tapes and videos are being replaced.
 - Prudent reserve has been replenished. (6 months)
4. PI/CPC – Jennifer G.
 - Not many presentations occurred in past month. Upcoming presentations set for San Jose Conservation School, SJSU psychology department, Most Holy Trinity Fair, DUI classes, Pioneer High School.
 - Have distributed half of all Big Books to high schools in the county.
 - A big thank you to all that have donated books. Always in need of new, 4th edition Big Books
 - Sent anonymity letters to local media. Letters sent to Judges, ADA, and Defense Attorneys.
 - Will be working with the Evergreen College Nurses Association.
5. Twelfth Step Committee – Maxine
 - Daytime – Bruce K. Always looking for subs/alternates. Most have 1-year sobriety to serve. Contact Central Office if interested.
 - Nights and Weekends – Shifts available: Sunday, week 3: 7pm to 11pm. Monday, week 1: 6am to 9am and 4:30 to 7pm. Friday, week 3: 6am to 9am. Saturday, week 1: 6am to 9am and 9am to Noon. Call Maxine or Central Office if interested.
 - Organizing an “Appreciation Dinner” around St. Patrick’s Day for all diverters.
6. Outreach Committee – Lee C.

- 645 meetings to visit; 281 meetings visited; 46 meetings no longer running.
 - Lee will be making 5-10 minute presentation next Intergroup meeting regarding goals and actions of the Outreach Committee.
 - Always looking for volunteers to join committee.
7. Newsletter – Bernadette P.
- “Service” will be next month’s subject; “Sponsorship” will be April’s subject. Anyone interested in writing an article on subject, send article to Bernadette at compproulx@aol.com or to Central Office. Articles due in two weeks.
8. Activities Committee – Karen for Marilyn H.
- Chili Cook-off – “Celebrating the Home Group”
February 23rd, 1pm to 4pm, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Saratoga
\$10 suggested donation at door.
For more information contact Central Office.
9. Other Service Committee Reports
- Unity Day – No report
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Dennis F.
 - Conference in Fresno 2nd weekend of month.
 - Hospitals & Institutions – Paul C.
 - Flyer handed out with facilities in need of meeting secretaries.
 - Contact H&I chair Robert or attend monthly H&I meeting if interested in doing service
 - Article in last month’s newsletter incorrect. \$45,000 contributed last year in the pink cans. All monies used to buy books and literature. No monies are held in reserve, all collections used. 2008 – collection total around \$4,000.
 - Be sure to pass pink cans at meetings separately from meeting 7th tradition.
 - Bridging the Gap – Dan for Bill M.
 - Was working with members in Elmwood last month.
 - Working with 8 treatment centers.
 - In need of volunteers.
 - North County – Jeanne H.
 - Visiting Area Representative attends meeting to discuss agenda topics. Topics are now online.
 - Mock group conscience in February.
 - South County – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

- Intergroup Inventory – Bill D
 - Last one was held in the 1990s. Is there any interest in doing an inventory at one of the monthly meetings? Is Intergroup interested in forming a committee to create questions? Opened up for discussion.
 - Dom – Motion for Intergroup to hold inventory. Motion seconded. Vote taken: 20 yea, 5 nay, and 13 abstentions. Total of 38 representatives voted out of 46 representatives in attendance. Majority not reached.
 - Intergroup Inventory to be added to Old Business for the March meeting.
- “Meeting in a Pocket” – Peggy P
 - Peggy distributed little booklet containing the Traditions, Chapter 5 of the Big Book, the Promises, and the 3rd, 7th and 11th step prayers. Booklets created by Oregon group. Is there an interest in our Central Office publishing this small booklet?
 - “Meeting in a Pocket” to be added to Old Business for the March meeting.

OPEN FORUM –

- A minute of silence for Bill M, who passed away in December.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

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

| | <u>Jan 08</u> | <u>Jan 07</u> | <u>Jan 08</u> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| 3030 · Contributions-General | 15,964.16 | 21,080.60 | 15,964.16 |
| 8010 · Literature Sales | 4,624.00 | 6,230.97 | 4,624.00 |
| 8020 · Meeting Guide Sales | 1,149.25 | 1,132.97 | 1,149.25 |
| 8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions | 25.00 | 35.00 | 25.00 |
| Total Income | <u>21,762.41</u> | <u>28,479.54</u> | <u>21,762.41</u> |
| Cost of Goods Sold | | | |
| 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold | | | |
| 5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold | 3,373.71 | 4,116.24 | 3,373.71 |
| 5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories | 129.70 | 460.93 | 129.70 |
| Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold | <u>3,503.41</u> | <u>4,577.17</u> | <u>3,503.41</u> |
| Total COGS | <u>3,503.41</u> | <u>4,577.17</u> | <u>3,503.41</u> |
| Gross Profit | 18,259.00 | 23,902.37 | 18,259.00 |
| Expense | | | |
| 6010 · Alarm Service | 177.00 | 177.00 | 177.00 |
| 6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee | 438.71 | 1,525.39 | 438.71 |
| 6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees) | 72.69 | 94.48 | 72.69 |
| 6120 · Computer Expenses | 0.00 | 125.00 | 0.00 |
| 6160 · Copier Expense | 86.47 | 99.93 | 86.47 |
| 6230 · Insurance - General Liability | 0.00 | 867.00 | 0.00 |
| 6240 · Employee HRA Plan | 719.79 | 668.37 | 719.79 |
| 6245 · Internet Access Charges | 19.95 | 19.95 | 19.95 |
| 6330 · Office Expense | 1,128.99 | 358.43 | 1,128.99 |
| 6360 · Archives (Archives) | 0.00 | -100.00 | 0.00 |
| 6380 · Payroll Taxes | 646.25 | 680.56 | 646.25 |
| 6410 · Postage | 82.00 | 488.48 | 82.00 |
| 6480 · Rent | 2,280.60 | 2,217.25 | 2,280.60 |
| 6540 · Salaries - Office | 6,648.70 | 6,629.46 | 6,648.70 |
| 6600 · Signing Services | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| 7010 · Taxes and Licenses | 0.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| 7050 · Telephone | 291.04 | 321.10 | 291.04 |
| 7060 · Travel | 0.00 | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| 9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases) | -0.07 | 0.00 | -0.07 |
| Total Expense | <u>12,592.12</u> | <u>14,422.90</u> | <u>12,592.12</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | 5,666.88 | 9,479.47 | 5,666.88 |
| Other Income/Expense | | | |
| Other Income | | | |
| 8030 · Interest Income | 233.93 | 181.77 | 233.93 |
| Total Other Income | <u>233.93</u> | <u>181.77</u> | <u>233.93</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>233.93</u> | <u>181.77</u> | <u>233.93</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>5,900.81</u></u> | <u><u>9,661.24</u></u> | <u><u>5,900.81</u></u> |

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2008

| | <u>Jan 31, 08</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| 1010 · Petty Cash | 225.00 |
| 1035 · Bank of America (Bank account) | 61,279.68 * |
| 1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%) | 29,327.14 * |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>90,831.82</u> |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| 1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits | -1,207.17 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | <u>-1,207.17</u> |
| Other Current Assets | |
| 1250 · Literature Inventory | 18,546.38 |
| 1310 · Prepaid Insurance | 491.75 |
| Total Other Current Assets | <u>19,038.13</u> |
| Total Current Assets | 108,662.78 |
| Fixed Assets | |
| 1630 · Office Equipment | 29,796.02 |
| 1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset | 2,197.84 |
| 1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation | -13,373.00 |
| 1680 · Leasehold Improvements | 300.00 |
| 1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization | -147.00 |
| Total Fixed Assets | <u>18,773.86</u> |
| Other Assets | |
| 1860 · Deposits | 1,993.85 |
| Total Other Assets | <u>1,993.85</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>129,430.49</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| 2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable) | 462.61 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | <u>462.61</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>462.61</u> |
| Total Liabilities | 462.61 |
| Equity | |
| 2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds | 18,773.86 |
| 3900 · Unrestricted Funds | 104,293.21 |
| Net Income | 5,900.81 |
| Total Equity | <u>128,967.88</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u><u>129,430.49</u></u> |

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| <p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$75,853.03 This represents 6 months of operating expenses, which is the Board established goal. Thank you.</p> |
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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
January 2008

| | <u>Jan 08</u> | <u>Jan 08</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940 | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| 1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907 | 276.49 | 276.49 |
| 1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975 | 518.00 | 518.00 |
| 1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905 | 393.08 | 393.08 |
| 1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976 | 828.06 | 828.06 |
| 3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.) | 63.84 | 63.84 |
| Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.) | 173.00 | 173.00 |
| As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.) | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.) | 220.78 | 220.78 |
| Birthday Contribution 00951 | 455.00 | 455.00 |
| Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.) | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.) | 229.17 | 229.17 |
| Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.) | 147.00 | 147.00 |
| Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.) | 212.49 | 212.49 |
| End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.) | 517.78 | 517.78 |
| G South County Fellowship 70954 | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932 | 409.12 | 409.12 |
| G West Valley Fellowship 70942 | 560.00 | 560.00 |
| G Winchester Fellowship 70960 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.) | 280.00 | 280.00 |
| Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.) | 238.00 | 238.00 |
| High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.) | 181.00 | 181.00 |
| Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.) | 204.07 | 204.07 |
| Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.) | 105.00 | 105.00 |
| Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.) | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.) | 420.00 | 420.00 |
| Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.) | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.) | 1,482.00 | 1,482.00 |
| Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.) | 630.00 | 630.00 |
| Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.) | 94.84 | 94.84 |
| New People's Group 3 (Sun.) | 490.00 | 490.00 |
| New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.) | 427.85 | 427.85 |
| Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.) | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.) | 279.30 | 279.30 |
| Personal 00911 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.) | 106.40 | 106.40 |
| Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.) | 420.00 | 420.00 |
| Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.) | 241.08 | 241.08 |
| Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.) | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.) | 78.00 | 78.00 |
| Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.) | 330.00 | 330.00 |
| St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.) | 315.00 | 315.00 |
| Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.) | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed) | 1,351.00 | 1,351.00 |
| Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.) | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.) | 362.58 | 362.58 |
| Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.) | 367.23 | 367.23 |
| Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.) | 107.00 | 107.00 |
| TOTAL | <u>15,964.16</u> | <u>15,964.16</u> |