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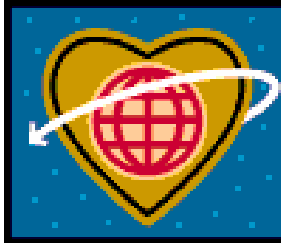
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Please Thank Your Group For Its Support Of A.A. Services

In the Chapter "A Vision For You" in our book *Alcoholics Anonymous* written in 1939, our Founders stated, "Some day we hope that every alcoholic who journeys will find a Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous at his destination." Encouragement of Twelfth Step work is the primary focus of your General Service Office (GSO). Group contributions allow GSO to conduct activities in support of local Twelfth Step efforts. To those outside AA, there are three astonishing aspects of our Seventh Tradition of self support:

1. Contributions are only accepted from AA members, groups and events. Contributions from non-AAs are returned with appreciation and an explanation of our cherished principle of self-support.
2. There is a limit on the amount that an individual member may contribute to GSO: \$3,000 per year; and, a one-time bequest of \$3,000 in a member's Will.
3. AA has no professional fundraising activities. AA members and groups alone decide where to send contributions and how much to send.



Thus, it is even more impressive that approximately 70% of GSO's budget comes from voluntary group contributions; with the balance made up by literature sales.

During 2006, your General Service Office (GSO)

- Listed 986 new AA groups who now receive *Box 459* and other vital AA publications to assist with Twelfth Step work, share AA history and current activities.
- Implemented an online literature ordering system for intergroups /central offices, other AA service entities, and large customers to simplify distribution of AA literature so that more alcoholics receive our lifesaving message in a timely manner.
- Continued projects to preserve over 4,000 historic audio recordings and 144 films/videos, so that the history of our wonderful Fellowship isn't lost or distorted.
- Together with Trustees and Directors, participated in 3 Regional Forums, 3 Special Forums, annual Intergroup/Central Office Seminars, annual Native American Convention, International Conference of Young People in AA, and the 55th anniversary of the founding of Al-Anon/Alateen.
- Translated AA literature into Armenian, Bosnia, Croatian, Greek,

Indonesian, Kazakh, Ojibwe, Sinhalaand, Turkish and Thai, thus expanding opportunities for Twelfth Step work around the world.

- Trustees and Staff carried AA's message to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Greece, Ireland, Kuwait, Mexico, Mongolia, Russian Siberia, South Korea and Turkey. Also, on request, we shared the basics on setting up an AA group, local central office, and translated simple AA literature into a local language — all to help others pass on AA's message to still suffering alcoholics in their countries.
- With the assistance of local Cooperation With the Professional Community Committees, AA booths and displays were staffed at over 60 professional conferences to demonstrate how AA can partner with professionals to introduce alcoholics to our Fellowship.
- Coordinated the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS), linking more than 2,000 incarcerated alcoholics with outside AA members, who share our message through personal correspondence.

Looking back at the wonderful work done by your dedicated friends at the General Service Office, I am reminded of how far we have come toward meeting our founders' 1939 hope mentioned earlier. However, many alcoholics do not yet know of our solution, so you and I have much more work to do.

Thank you for your continued support of your General Service Office. I am deeply grateful for all you do for alcoholics everywhere.

In Fellowship,

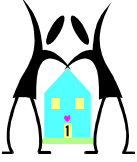
Paul C., Chairman, AA World Services, Inc.

CENTRAL OFFICE CORNER

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MY HOME GROUP



Home group is a term we frequently use in AA that I never really thought about a great deal. I have always come to understand it by the word “home” as meaning longevity, history, safety, and continuity. Most folks term it as a place they got sober and others talk about home group as a place where their key friends are - a place where they are both accountable to and cared for by others.

Although I’m not really sure I know what a home group is, I know what it means to me. My home group is a place where I felt welcomed and included right away. The meeting itself is fairly small and as a step study, we all have the opportunity to speak. For someone who was terrified of speaking in groups, this small, welcoming group was ideal for me to practice telling my stories and voicing my comments.

I have found the women in this group have not only accepted me as a contributing member, but also as an imperfect, limited, and powerless person.—just like them.

Barbara G. Mt. View



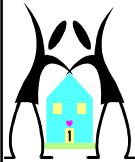
The home group in AA is a very important concept in Alcoholics Anonymous. My home group is a meeting I went to in early sobriety. The women there know me well and care about me as if I were a family member.

When I first got sober, I was so difficult, negative and guarded. I did not think I could trust a soul. In fact, I made it a point to go to meetings across the valley so that I would not run in to anyone I knew. Well, guess what? One of the first things that happened to me is that I ran into Anna May, a woman I had known from my drinking days professionally. Anna May attended the meetings that I now call my home group. She knew me when I was crazy, out there drinking to die. Anna May wrapped her arms around me and told me how glad she was that I was there. Next, I met Marty, my first sponsor who kept me coming with the promise of hope. I met some amazing women like Janine, Geri, Susan R (my current sponsor) and many other men and women who watched me cry my

eyes out at the very thought of discontinuing a relationship with alcohol.

I had grown to depend on alcohol to survive. It was causing me great difficulty in my life as I tried to live a double life, one in the darkness of drinking and carousing and the other as a wife and a mother. The women in my home group helped me deal with the shame of being an alcoholic mother. I was definitely powerless over alcohol and insane when I entered my home group in December of 1987. When I drank, I could not predict what would happen and my two lives were beginning to merge. Immediately I got the message of service. I held every possible service position at my home group over the years. The women surrounded me and loved me until I could learn to love myself. My home group is a group that I am accountable to and will always return to when I am in trouble. I am unable to attend my home group very often now because I am actually employable thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous. When I do visit my home group, I try to speak each time and thank that group for my sobriety. God bless you, home group.

Marie Louise, San Jose



The pamphlet “The A. A. Group - Where It All Begins” suggests (on Page 13) that the home group is a place where we accept service responsibilities and try to sustain friendships. It goes on to suggest that while we were once isolated by drinking, we find in our home group a support system, friends, and, often a sponsor. I am supposed to show up, do service, and welcome folks to the group. I guess my home group isn’t so different! The day I received the opportunity to write this was the day my home group meets. When I walked in 45 minutes before meeting time, the coffee person said he had to dash to a work related meeting and handed me the key. It went without saying that I would set-up and break down the meeting with the assistance of other members. The secretary was unable to attend; I was able to fill in. After all, I have held all the group’s service positions more than once during my sobriety.

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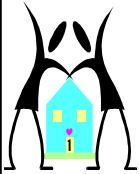
Contributions from AA members are welcome and will be printed as space allows. Submissions can be sent via email or should be typed or neatly handwritten. The editors reserve the right to edit content for length, clarity, and relation to AA Traditions. All material, including announcements, should be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

MY HOME GROUP

Other members pitched in—greeting a new person, participating in reading and sharing, and enjoying arm's length AA after the meeting. Just by showing up at my home group, I was no longer isolated by my drinking—I was participating in a journey that emphasizes service and helping others.

Maybe my home group isn't perfect. It certainly is different. But where else can I find friendship, service opportunities, a rewarding and often entertaining study of the Big Book, and an end of isolation just by showing up and putting a couple bucks in the basket? Nowhere—my home group is the best!

Anonymous, San Jose



In early sobriety I didn't know what a Home Group was and I wasn't sure I wanted or could get one. It's quite easy to flit in and out of meetings and not develop accountable relationships.

Having a home group helps develop maturity in recovery; it helps me grow. My home group is a meeting I attend with enough regularity that people know me, ask me where I've been and what's been going on when I've been away and with whom I can be my most honest at meeting level. I've heard it said that women's groups help women grow in recovery and mixed meetings help them maintain their recovery. I find that's been true for me.

I think of my home group as I think of my sponsor. There are things I will talk to my sponsor about that I would not talk to just anyone about; we have developed a trust relationship over the years. My home group is the meeting at which I share the most of myself at meeting level, with appropriate boundaries.

My home group is also the place I go when I most particularly don't feel like going to a meeting. I know that even if I have nothing to say, I can say it there, and enough trust in the regular members of the group that they will understand.

Over time we come to know each other's stories and look forward to seeing each other and finding out how each of us is doing. It is also a meeting that, because of my connection and regular attendance, I want to be of service; any kind of service, not necessarily secretary, but set-up, refreshments, literature, whatever is most helpful at the time. It is a way of further developing connections, being there for newcomers and not just showing up and leaving right after the meeting.

Over the years my home group has changed. Work schedules and changing needs in recovery have caused me to seek out new meetings and develop new group connections. I'm grateful that there are so many meetings in this area that, whatever your needs, there is bound to be a group with whom you can feel connected and "at home".

Annette B, San Jose



I found my sponsor, Chris, at that meeting. I was terrified to ask her to sponsor me because she seemed to have it all together. She was delighted when I asked, and once again, I felt embraced and loved. She walked me through the steps, and the tears at the meeting dried up and I began smiling and laughing. True smiles and hearty laughs, with the members of my home group, who taught me recovery without humor wasn't worth having.

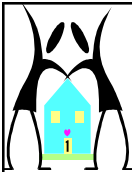
I got my first service commitment at that meeting. It wasn't the service commitment I wanted, but the one I needed and most certainly one of the most rewarding I've ever had. My sponsor volunteered me for the coffee commitment, to my horror. I wanted something "cooler," like a secretary position – never mind that I didn't have the required time. But coming early to get the coffee brewing and staying late to wash out coffee pots gave me some of the best memories I have about my home group. I completely became a part of, not just a weekly visitor. I learned people's names and they learned mine.

Nine years later, I've changed towns, but I still visit my home group at least once a year, the week of my A.A. birthday. No matter how busy I get or how full my life becomes, I can't stay away and I always look forward to going back. All the same faces are there, plus new ones crying in the back row. And I get to smile at them all, put my hand out to the newcomers, and feel a heart swell of gratitude I just don't get anywhere else.

My home group is Mattison Lane on Tuesday nights in Santa Cruz. Look 'em up and pay them a visit. Tell them Jaime D. in San Jose sent you. I guarantee they'll love you, too.



MY HOME GROUP



I claim the Thursday night 3rd Steppers Women’s group as my home group. But what does it mean to have a home group. My home group became a refuge for me, it became the one place where I became known, all my secrets, fears, dreams, strengths and obsessions, and they loved me anyway.

I walked into the meeting almost 14 years ago- I had certainly reached my bottom and AA was the only hope I had. Crying, broken, fearful, untrusting, the women welcomed me. The secretary held out her hand and said “I can be your temporary sponsor” and she remained so for seven and one-half years. This was a leap of faith as I did not trust women, but I had no where else to go.

Over the years, I have continued to claim this meeting as my home group- sometimes I would be very active and sometimes not showing up for months- job, school, boyfriends, ego, resentments- you name it I had all the reasons. And when I came back, the wonderful women

of this group welcomed me right back.

I claim this meeting as my home group and this is where I focus my service commitments. I have been secretary, coffee person, literature person, the GSR, Intergroup, and currently H&I representative. I have folded chairs, brought snacks, and emptied the coffee pot. This group gave me my life and my first sponsor taught me to give back.

As a new comer, by claiming a home group, you claim your seat in AA and start being a “part of”. In every story the common thread I have heard is “my whole life I never felt part of, I never felt I belonged” By claiming a home group, you tell yourself “I belong”. AA is a selfish/ selfless program and in our home group we get to have both. We are comforted, we can comfort, and we give back so the meeting continues for that next newcomer who is hurting as much as I was when I walked into the doors of AA.

Susan G.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER

Here are the submissions to date. Intergroup will choose the new title in August. Contact Central Office if you have other suggestions. The next request will be to ask the membership for submissions for a logo to go along with the new title – stay tuned.



The Upward Faith

The Glum Lot Gazette

Living It Up

Changed Outlook

A Sufficient Substitute

AA Valley View

The Bridge

The Daily Reprieve

The Great Paradox

The Open Palm

The Last Promise

The AA Bridge

A New Way of Life

The Safety Net

The Bridge News and Info

Spiritual Recovery

Spirit of Pen and Tongue

Message Carrier

The Sobriety Variety

AA Eye on the Valley

The Happy Destiny Gazette

Eye of AA

The AA Bridge News and Notes

The Illuminator

Oops . . . Misspeaks from meetings

- Our leaders are but trusted *serpents*.
- Our leaders are but *twisted* servants.
- Came to believe that our *wives* had become unmanageable.

CENTRAL OFFICE CORNER

East Bay Intergroup (Oakland) got a new Central Office Manager effective May 1 this year. His name is Steve F. and he follows in the footsteps of Richard M. who had served in that position for several years before retiring in May. Steve wrote an article for their newsletter that touched us here at Central Office – a gentle but clear reminder of who we serve. Here’s an excerpt from that article:

Hello, my name is Steve F. and I am an alcoholic. Effective May first, I have been fortunate enough to be appointed as your Central Office Administrator. ...

Several years ago, while I was traveling in New York, I decided to stop in on A.A. World Headquarters to see what it was like. I was hesitant to bother anyone - I was just curious. When I entered the lobby, there was no one waiting, just the receptionist. I told her why I was there and she asked my name and asked me to wait just a minute. Shortly, a woman with a name badge for me came and offered to show me around. I visited the fulfillment areas for A.A. literature in all the languages. Next, the areas where world-wide correspondence was responded to. After that, she took me office to office and introduced me to everyone working there. Each came out, introduced him or herself and explained the job. You would have thought I was a visiting dignitary - instead of just a recovering drunk. After getting me coffee I was escorted to the archives where I was brought the scrap books from early A.A. When I finally left, I made a point of expressing my gratefulness for the attention and time which was lavished on me. The woman said, “That’s okay; *we know who we work for.*”

Now it’s my turn. Come visit us at Central Office. We know who we work for, too!

Steve F.

Need more be said?

Bruce

IN MEMORIUM
Dan C., Green Valley, AZ — 59 years
Bill H., San Jose — 28 Years

Dan C. passed last evening in 59 years and 9 months of from October 4, 1947.

Dan was active in A. A. in (he would pronounce it), Las Vegas, Santa Cruz and Santa

Green Valley; AZ. Dan had continuous sobriety dating

Kansas City, Missouri (as he pronounced it), Nevada, Southern California Counties.

He and his wife, Joanne, moved to Green Valley in 2005. Dan’s A. A. service included participation in Intergroup, H&I, and General Service. In General Service he held every position except Trustee. He was present in Cleveland in July of 1950 at the first International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous and voted to adopt the Twelve Traditions. He was the General Service Delegate for the State of Nevada in 1957.

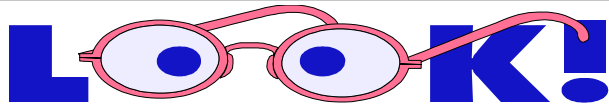
He was one of the founders of the Men’s Basic Step Study Group of Soquel in 1979 and a regular member until 2001 when he was instrumental in the founding of the Men’s Basic Step Study Group of San Jose that now meets in Campbell on Tuesday nights.

He sponsored men and women (he said with the right motive you could do that and stay sober- lookout if your motive was not sponsorship). When asked this week if he knew how many people he had sponsored over the years he replied, “All that I could.” The only request he ever made of a sponsee (he intensely disliked the terms “baby” or even worse, “pigeon”) was that they keep his anonymity, never mentioning his name at meeting level. When he agreed to sponsor a person he told them that they might fire him, but he would never fire them.

He was a student of Emmett Fox and he shared this with many others in classes that he taught, but advised that this material was not to be discussed in meetings. He stressed the importance of the Traditions and was asked to share his experience of them at many meetings. At his home group he was asked to comment on the Tradition that corresponded with the step under discussion each week. Today members of the group volunteer to study the Traditions and share briefly with the group each week.

He often spoke on the underlying principal of humility of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. He loved Alcoholics Anonymous and he freely gave his love to others, asking only that they pass it on. He was much loved and was surrounded by his loving family during his last days.

If you would like to contact Joanne her email address is - DCJC72582@msn.com. Her mailing address is - 352 E PLACITA ELEGANCIA, GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614



**NEW Activities Committee
of Intergroup**

"We are not a glum lot" is the mantra of the newly formed Intergroup Activities Committee. Our goal is to bring back some of that "old time" AA.



So mark your calendar for our first event:

**Saturday, July 21
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

"Take Your Sponsor to Brunch"
will be a pancake flipping fling at St.

Mark's, 1957 Pruneridge, near Winchester, Santa Clara. Besides a tasty breakfast, there will be a raffle, entertainment, and a meeting.

Be a sponsor, bring a sponsor, find a sponsor!!

Please call Marilyn H. (510) 378-6113 to volunteer for service for this event.



ARCHIVES

1. In July of 1950 the first International Convention was held at Cleveland. The Twelve Traditions were adopted at that time. It was at this time also, that the General Service Conference was approved by the Fellowship on a five year test basis. Prior to this, the Trustees had authority over our Services and A.A. itself had no authority. Bill traveled among our members and came back with "the conviction that our members would like to have full access to their own affairs through our elected conference".

ARCHIVES

2. Bill had written a memo in the late forties to the Trustees in which he had stated "When I was in law school, the largest book I studied was the one on trusts. I must say, gentlemen, that it was mostly a long and melancholy account of the malfeasances and misfeasances of boards of Trustees." Bill said that some of the Trustees thought he had gone crazy when they read the memo. Bernard Smith seems to have been very persuasive which lead to the decision of the Trustees to give the General Service Conference a try for five years. In July of 1955, at the International Conference in St. Louis, the General Service Conference was approved as a permanent part of A.A.

3. We have some interesting letters in the Archives at Central Office. There is a letter written to the Alcoholic Foundation dated July 1, 1941 from John C. He said that the Oakland Group was having their own meetings and therefore the San Francisco Group had dropped in attendance from forty to nineteen. These are the meetings that our earliest San Jose members attended before starting meetings in San Jose. Our Archives contains an answer to John C. from Ruth Hock (G.S.O. secretary) in which she discusses "a small beginning through Allen C. in San Jose." She also discusses coincidences. It seems that John C. was Allen C's sergeant in World War 1. Ruth Hock said that "she was convinced that the pattern of A.A. is laid end out by some force beyond our understanding."

4. In the June Archives Section it was reported that Dr. Bob had his last drink 8 month after he and Bill W. first met; actually, his last drink was only about 3 weeks after that meeting.

Recovery Related Acronym



A A = Always Awesome.

Alcoholics
Anonymous ...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During June

Daytime at Central Office 488

Daytime 12 Step Calls 12

Evening and Weekend calls 388

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

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

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 -

Step Study Group, Friday, 8:00PM, Los Gatos Neighborhood Center

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

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

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

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

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

Healing Circle, Sun., 6PM, St. Francis Church, Pine & Newport, San Jose

AA Literature Discussion, Tues., Noon, United Methodist Church, Los Altos

Changed -

Hora de Vivir, Tues. & Wed., time changed to 7:30PM, Alano Club of San Jose

Men's Basic Step Study, Tuesday 8:00PM, moved to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 41 W. Rincon, Campbell

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

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

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

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

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

New -

Skyland Group, Mon. 8PM, Skyland Church, 25100 Skyland Rd., Los Gatos

Seeking Guidance (men), Friday 6:00PM, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 3675 Payne at San Tomas

Happy Joyous. & Free Topic Mtg. 4:00PM, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 41 W. Rincon (St. Lawrence Hall), Campbell

As Bill Sees It Book Mtg. Sunday, 6:00PM, We Care Group, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1989 E. Calaveras Blvd., near Evans Rd.

Women's 12 Step Survival, Tuesday 7:30PM, Sobrato Family Transitional Center, 9345 Monterey Rd, Gilroy

Queer and Sober, Saturday 10:30AM, Billy DeFrank LGBT Center, 938 The Alameda, San Jose

Spiritual Awakening Group, Saturday 9:00AM (breakfast) 9:30AM meeting, Calvary Church, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos

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

The Way Out Big Book Study, Friday, 7:00 PM, Pueblo de Dios Church, 3257 Payne Ave.

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

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

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Bill T.	15		unknown
Roger K.	15		unknown
Mariette K.	15		unknown
Mary Anne F.	20		05/26/87
Peggy Z.	33	Mary Pat P.	05/29/74
Jim C.	21	Mary Pat P.	06/02/86
Kevin C.	17	The Colonel & Pat C.	06/09/90
Robbie R.	45		06/11/62
Rita R.	27	Mary Pat P., Aileen B.	06/12/80
Mary H.	3	Pat C.	06/13/04
Bernadette P.	34	Addl. Cont. Mary Pat P.	06/18/73
Karen W.	19	Pat C.	06/21/88
Pam L.	6	Pat C.	06/23/01
John P.	8		06/24/99

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

284 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

and for a total contribution of **\$498.00**

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



July 2007

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

LOCAL EVENTS

July 21 TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1957 Pruneridge Ave., Santa Clara

11:00—1:00 Brunch, 1:30—2:30 AA Meeting

Aug. 26 Unity Day: Milpitas Community Center, 457 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas. "Are we going to any length?"

9:00AM to 8:15PM

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

July 12-15 South Lake Tahoe: Greater Reno Regional AA Campout, AACampout@aol.com.

July 13-15 Tehachapi, CA: Tehachapi Mountain Roundup, www.tehachapiroundup.com.

Aug. 17-19 Oakhurst: Summer Serenity in the Sierras, contact Larry J 209 742-2271.

Aug 24-26 Fortuna, CA: 2007 Redwood Coast Roundup, www.redwoodcoastroundup.org

Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Los Angeles, CA: ICYPAA Conference, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, www.49thICYPAA.org

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 Monterey, CA: Monterey Bay Area Roundup, Conference Center, www.mbar.org

Sept. 22-24 Woman to Woman San Diego: www.womantowomansandiego.com.

Oct. 5-7 Modesto, CA: NCCAA 60th Annual Fall Conference, www.ncc-aa.org

Oct. 12-14 Santa Barbara: Santa Barbara AA Convention, www.sbaaconvention.org

Oct. 19-21 Santa Clarita, CA: 4th Annual Santa Clarita Valley Convention of A.A., www.scvaaconvention.org

OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

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

June 15-17 Merlin, OR: OCYPAA Campout 2007, contact Scott at 541-520-2975

Aug. 3-5 Boise, Idaho: 2007 Gem State Roundup, contact Karen F. 208 713-2150 or Kathy G. 208 323-0967

Aug. 4-6 College Station, TX: 21st Annual Aggieland Convention, inform@AAaggieland.com

Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Beaver, UT: The Great Outdoor Beaver Meeting, contact Russ or Val D. 661 269-5349

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 Reno, NV: 30th Annual Sierra Nevada Roundup, contact Tom E. 775-356-5456

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

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2007

- Bill, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00pm, followed by A Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Linda read the Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 38 voting representatives and 3 visitors in attendance.
- Mike read the Twelve Traditions.
- There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.
- There were no corrections or additions to the previous month's Minutes.
- Intergroup Council's Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	06/06/07	\$ 29.00	Prudent Reserve	\$300.00
Contributions:	06/06/07	\$ 79.00		
Refreshments:	06/06/07	\$ 18.00		
Rent Paid through Sept., 2007		\$ 90.00		
Balance:	07/01/07	\$ 0.00	Prudent Reserve	\$300.00
- Announcements: None
- Birthdays: Faye, 1yr; Ron 3yrs; Jeanne Marie, 3yrs; Robbie R., 45yrs.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair: Bill D. announced the July 31 deadline for newsletter name submissions. Intergroup will vote on the new name at the August meeting. He also discussed the formation of the new Activities Committee, and asked Marilyn H. to report on the committee's activities with the aim of asking for a motion to approve making the committee a Standing Committee of Intergroup, which would provide the committee with financial support as needed for ongoing activities designed to foster unity among the members and groups of Santa Clara County.
2. Activities Committee – Marilyn H. described the committee's activities so far, the planning of the "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" event scheduled for July 21, the budget and funding for the event, and the 2-year commitment required of the IG appointed Committee Chairperson. She stated that a suggested donation would be requested for each event, and that any funds provided by IG would be returned to IG after all expenses have been met. Goals of the committee are to produce three events per year, with a major goal of a large event celebrating the 75th anniversary of AA in 2010.
 - a. A motion was made to approve the committee as a Standing Committee of Intergroup. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.
 - b. Bill D. declared the appointment of Marilyn H. as the first Committee Chairperson of the Activities Committee and asked for approval of that appointment. Such motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
 - c. A motion was made to provide \$500 to the Activities Committee to cover room and pancake griddle rentals. The motion was seconded and approved without opposition.
3. Central Service Board: Robbie R. stated that the most recent Board meeting dealt with personnel matters.
4. Central Office: Bruce celebrates three years of Central Office Manager today! He thanked the group for letting him be our trusted servant. He also discussed the importance of Central Office being truly self-supporting. Right now, CO has to mark up the cost of literature and books to make up for the difference between operating costs and contributions. He expressed the hope that contributions will be enough some day to cover CO's costs, and that no mark up on the books or literature will be necessary. He commented on the increased participation in IG thanks in large part to the efforts of the Outreach Committee, and is looking forward to the increased participation generated by the newly formed Activities Committee. Financially, CO is doing well. The Prudent Reserve is now fully funded after the copier purchased last year.
5. CI/CPC: No Report
6. Twelfth Step Committee

- a. Daytime Office Volunteer Coordinator: Bruce reported that all shifts are filled, but alternates are always needed. He also stated that Kevin C deserves kudos for doing a terrific job in keeping the telephones staffed during the day.
 - b. Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator: Maxine reported that out of 125 shifts, 7 are open. She also said that the Diverter would have a table at Unity Day, and welcomes volunteers.
7. Outreach Committee: Sally reported that of the 614 groups to visit, 255 have been visited, and 27 no longer exist. All statistics are kept up-to-date on the website and in the newsletter. When asked how the decision is made as to which meetings to visit, she said that Outreach Committee members choose the meetings they wish to visit during their monthly committee meetings, and are given IG welcome packets to take to the individual meetings.
8. Newsletter Committee: No Report
9. Other Service Committee Reports:
- Unity Day: In Tom K's absence, Peter reported that the group that ordinarily manages the registration table had to pull out suddenly, and there is a need for one or two groups to take over the job of managing the registration table during the entire day. A minimum of two people is needed at the table at all times. The next planning meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 6pm at Harry's Hofbrau.
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous: No Report
 - Hospitals & Institutions: Paul C. gave a short talk on H&I to familiarize IG reps with this service body. In summary, he said that H&I takes meetings into institutions in which people are not allowed to leave, i.e. jails, prisons, treatment centers. The meetings are not listed in the directory, although some of the meetings are open to outsiders. In the past year, the Pink Cans raised about \$20,000 (\$3,300 in the last month alone) for literature for H&I. Approximately 40 people attend the monthly meetings and fall into 2 groups – 1. H&I reps from individual groups (about 25-30) and 2. Coordinators from individual institutions (about 10 people.) H&I reps do not necessarily take meetings into institutions. There are many more volunteers who take meetings than there are reps, who report to individual groups the activities and needs of H&I. The monthly newsletter, "H&I Lights" describes in detail the needs for volunteers. This newsletter is available to reps only, and not made public to protect coordinator telephone information. Paul described the screening process for both the county and the state institutions, saying that for some reason the county process is stricter than the federal. He ended by saying that while meetings in the institutions are very meaningful, the best meetings are the ones that take place in the car to and from institutions, particularly those that are farther away.
 - Bridging the Gap: No Report.
 - North County General Service: Brian K. reported that Marilyn gave her delegate report at the NCCAA convention in San Jose last month.
 - South County General Service: Erica reported that South County is redrawing its sub district lines to better reflect general service representation.

Unfinished Business

- IG Liaisons to other service bodies – Not much interest was shown in discussing the topic, so it was tabled for next month's meeting.

New Business - None

Open Forum

- Robbie R. discussed the need to ask secretaries to remind individuals that as costs go up, so should contributions.
- Chuck G. praised Bruce for his work as Manager of Central Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison S.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

June 2007

	<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>Jun 06</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 07</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	12,180.07	10,104.74	70,707.01
8010 · Literature Sales	4,894.21	7,938.81	33,145.94
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,366.00	0.00	6,832.70
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	10.00	80.00	145.00
Total Income	<u>18,450.28</u>	<u>18,123.55</u>	<u>110,830.65</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,649.86	4,493.78	22,231.63
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	402.51	267.97	2,521.88
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,052.37</u>	<u>4,761.75</u>	<u>24,753.51</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,052.37</u>	<u>4,761.75</u>	<u>24,753.51</u>
Gross Profit	14,397.91	13,361.80	86,077.14
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	354.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	81.23	533.87	2,530.66
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	3.25	3.25	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	102.22	0.00	546.99
6120 · Computer Expenses	-30.00	125.00	1,230.69
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	366.10	0.00	462.37
6150 · Unity Day Expense	650.00	650.00	650.00
6160 · Copier Expense	129.93	0.00	682.28
6190 · Depreciation Expense	1,363.25	2,979.50	2,726.50
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	550.23	743.35	550.23
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	-100.25	-1,107.66	718.91
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	923.59	549.70	4,660.66
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	119.70
6330 · Office Expense	211.09	770.62	1,996.14
6350 · Office Furnishings - Expense	0.00	453.46	0.00
6360 · Archives (Archives)	0.00	0.00	-100.00
6380 · Payroll Taxes	381.84	411.18	3,269.19
6410 · Postage	8.85	0.00	1,471.13
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,217.25	13,620.25
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	88.21	0.00
6540 · Salaries - Office	5,691.59	6,458.18	37,508.01
6600 · Signing Services	250.00	300.00	1,050.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	330.09	43.93	1,901.68
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	0.50
Total Expense	<u>13,213.56</u>	<u>15,239.79</u>	<u>76,016.39</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,184.35	-1,877.99	10,060.75
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	272.67	189.25	1,512.02
Total Other Income	<u>272.67</u>	<u>189.25</u>	<u>1,512.02</u>
Net Other Income	272.67	189.25	1,512.02
	<u><u>1,457.02</u></u>	<u><u>-1,688.74</u></u>	<u><u>11,572.77</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2007

	<u>Jun 30, 07</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	13,508.44
1040 · Bank of America CD 5718 (8 mo. CD @ 4.79%, 9/24/07)	30,582.79
1041 · Bank of America CD 5931 (18 mo. CD @ 4.26%, 1/28/08)	14,945.68
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 4.45%)	24,675.82
Total Checking/Savings	<u>83,937.73</u>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-716.94
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-716.94</u>
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	13,467.75
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,291.25
Total Other Current Assets	<u>14,759.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>97,979.79</u>
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	38,150.80
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-19,580.50
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-140.50
Total Fixed Assets	<u>20,927.64</u>
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>120,901.28</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	1,504.97
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,504.97</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,504.97</u>
Total Liabilities	1,504.97
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	23,660.64
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	84,162.90
Net Income	11,572.77
Total Equity	<u>119,396.31</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>120,901.28</u></u>

<p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$70,204.29 This represents 5.7 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months operating expenses.</p>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

June 2007

	<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 07</u>		<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 07</u>
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	280.00	420.00	Mon. Midday Women's Group 91	0.00	415.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,623.18	Mon. New Direction 12 x 12 90	0.00	200.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	130.41	1,143.94	Mon. Shared Gift (The) (Women) 61	0.00	263.40
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00	2,769.21	Mon. Signs of Sobriety 402	0.00	25.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	700.00	Mon. Villages Group of AA (The) 406	0.00	451.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	140.55	Personal 00911	3,030.00	3,803.26
Attitude Adjustment 258 (Fri.)	443.00	443.00	Sat. Attitude Adjustment 443	594.74	594.74
Big Book Study 8.00P Cupt 284 (Fri.)	0.00	100.00	Sat. Big Book Study 8.00P 347	100.00	100.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	334.00	2,205.00	Sat. Big Book Study Group 503	0.00	100.00
Fri. Easier Way Group 290	0.00	630.00	Sat. Cambrian Saturday Night 376	287.00	930.00
Fri. East Valley Group 322	50.00	200.00	Sat. Get Up and Go (Women) 187	135.00	698.65
Fri. Fireside Group 297	0.00	36.92	Sat. Grace Group of AA 352	0.00	375.00
Fri. Gay Men & Women Together 221	171.50	171.50	Sat. Gratitude Group 339	0.00	156.00
Fri. Happy Hour 652	0.00	200.00	Sat. High Hope 239	0.00	225.60
Fri. In the Chapel 13	0.00	78.38	Sat. In the Solution 647	0.00	262.00
Fri. Lesbians Living the Promises 349	0.00	70.00	Sat. Living in the Solution (Women) 33	33.00	63.00
Fri. Living with Others 319	0.00	174.10	Sat. Meditation Meeting 39	0.00	70.00
Fri. Men's 4th Step Group 320	0.00	44.10	Sat. Men's Honesty Group 26	539.00	539.00
Fri. New Nooners 859	126.00	236.00	Sat. Mountain View Group 350	0.00	175.00
Fri. Saratoga Group 328	350.00	515.00	Sat. Positive Outlook Group 368	0.00	373.80
Fri. Saratoga Serenity Group 329	0.00	144.20	Sat. Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777	0.00	1,540.00
Fri. Starting the Steps 753	182.00	182.00	Sat. Second Tradition Group Spkr 721	0.00	404.50
Fri. T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298	0.00	697.75	Sat. Think Tank (Men) 361	0.00	1,400.00
Fri. Women Preparing for the Weekend 691	0.00	159.60	Sat. Trinity Group 370	0.00	100.00
G Agnews Noon Meetings 70921	0.00	1,050.00	Sat. Women's Brunch 640	0.00	607.45
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	482.50	SCCYPAA	292.60	292.60
G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	336.00	Sober and Free Convention 70928	318.50	318.50
G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	420.00	420.00	Sun. Almaden Valley Discussion 30	0.00	41.31
G Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	2,238.00	Sun. Attitude Adjustment 446	0.00	260.00
G South County Fellowship 70954	175.00	1,068.00	Sun. Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360	140.00	140.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	270.00	Sun. Early Bird 429	0.00	36.89
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	431.71	2,912.62	Sun. Early Spiritual Progress 7	0.00	175.00
G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	0.00	1,652.00	Sun. Eastside Step Study 45	105.00	105.00
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	478.44	Sun. Gathered Together for Sobriety 43	234.92	234.92
Memorial Contributions	0.00	55.00	Sun. Get Well Group 17	0.00	210.00
Mon. A.B.C. Women's Group 58	0.00	140.00	Sun. Humbly Asked 8.00A 87	238.00	486.50
Mon. As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518	350.00	725.00	Sun. In the Basement 545	65.98	165.98
Mon. Attitude Adjustment/Tradition 321	0.00	350.00	Sun. Invaders Group 44	0.00	200.00
Mon. Basic 12 & 12 00662	0.00	163.53	Sun. Living Sober 21	0.00	260.55
Mon. Downtown Steppers (Men) 392	0.00	130.90	Sun. Men's Underground Book Study 401	0.00	318.00
Mon. Early Monday Night 68	0.00	614.92	Sun. New People's Group 3	0.00	157.61
Mon. Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896	280.00	280.00	Sun. New Steps for Living 20	0.00	632.95
Mon. Grateful Live Group 535	189.70	707.00	Sun. Pass It On Group Los Altos 418	0.00	700.00
Mon. HOW Group 71	0.00	210.00	Sun. Progress Not Perfection 229	0.00	140.00
Mon. Joy of Living Meeting 92	0.00	494.54	Sun. Sober in the Park 688	0.00	70.00
Mon. Los Altos Men's Group 59	0.00	63.00	Sun. Speaker Meeting 18	0.00	277.00
Mon. Men's Group 97	0.00	178.62	Sun. Spiritual Progress Group 8	0.00	73.65
Mon. Men's Single Problem Study 89	231.00	696.00	Sun. Spiritual Step Study Group 233	489.00	1,057.40
Mon. Men's Single Topic Discussion 582	0.00	1,108.00	Sun. Step by Step Group 5	0.00	70.00

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Group Contributions
June 2007

	<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 07</u>		<u>Jun 07</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 07</u>
Sun. Sunday Early Evening 682	0.00	336.00	Wed. Attitude Adjustment 198	0.00	470.34
Thurs. Attitude Adjustment 861	0.00	888.80	Wed. Berryessa Group 527	0.00	420.00
Thurs. Basic Big Book 710	0.00	100.00	Wed. Better Way of Living 197	0.00	175.00
Thurs. California Avenue Supper Group 715	0.00	461.00	Wed. Chip Winners Group 168	0.00	242.90
Thurs. Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276	0.00	115.50	Wed. Courage to Change 145	0.00	371.09
Thurs. Evergreen Group 884	0.00	70.00	Wed. Eleventh Step Group 167	70.00	140.00
Thurs. Fireside Men's Book Study	51.67	51.67	Wed. Gay Alcoholics Living / Sobriety 742	0.00	91.00
Thurs. Gay Men's Freedom 262	103.60	788.59	Wed. Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749	0.00	268.75
Thurs. Higher Power Hr Big Book Topic 871	0.00	630.00	Wed. Lodestar Group / Sober Thoughts 499	0.00	260.00
Thurs. Just For Today 238	30.00	335.35	Wed. Midweek Spiritual Progress 213	0.00	140.00
Thurs. Los Altos Group 225	0.00	70.00	Wed. Open A A 00660	0.00	47.32
Thurs. Men's Single Problem Study 220	0.00	875.00	Wed. Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209	0.00	1,251.60
Thurs. Mountain Miracles 882	0.00	735.00	Wed. Serenity Discussion 210	0.00	459.00
Thurs. South Valley Group See 1 INV 267	0.00	70.00	Wed. Step Study (Women) LG 820	0.00	118.37
Thurs. South Valley Men's 845	0.00	280.00	Wed. Steps & Traditions 893	50.50	237.70
Thurs. Spiritual Progress 269	0.00	700.00	Wed. Sundowners' Dinner Meeting 768	0.00	109.51
Thurs. St. Mark's Group 270	0.00	734.22	Wed. Women on the Move 570	0.00	110.00
Thurs. Sunshine Group 243	0.00	315.00			
Thurs. There Is a Solution (Men) 732	214.24	394.24		12,180.07	70,682.01
Thurs. What's Happening Today 552	0.00	321.22			
Thurs. Women Sharing the Solution 519	0.00	242.90			
Tues. 12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25	0.00	70.00			
Tues. A Vision for You Women's 802	0.00	80.97			
Tues. AA Literature Discussion Group 700	0.00	87.50			
Tues. Attitude Adjustment 886	0.00	416.00			
Tues. Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106	180.00	180.00			
Tues. Big Book Discussion Group 107	0.00	70.00			
Tues. Design for Living 200	0.00	196.00			
Tues. Down to Earth Group 563	0.00	175.17			
Tues. Early Bird 129	0.00	140.76			
Tues. Early Tuesday Group 119	0.00	493.46			
Tues. El Camino Group 108	0.00	108.66			
Tues. Freethinkers of the Valley 29	0.00	210.00			
Tues. Happy Destiny (Women) 109	0.00	287.01			
Tues. Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110	0.00	70.00			
Tues. Mad Hatters Tuesday Noon 661	133.00	133.00			
Tues. Men's Topic Discussion 635	0.00	79.80			
Tues. Men's Basic Step Study Group 891	0.00	197.12			
Tues. Noon Sstep Study 0555	0.00	70.00			
Tues. Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525	0.00	630.00			
Tues. Palo Alto Step Study 752	0.00	295.69			
Tues. St. Luke's Group 113	505.00	1,288.00			
Tues. Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152	0.00	130.00			
Tues. Up the Creek - Daily Reflection 745	25.00	150.00			
Tues. Veterans of Alcohol (open) 874	0.00	371.00			
Tues. We Care Step Study 128	0.00	424.70			
Tues. Women's Topic Disc. Group	0.00	180.04			
Unknown	0.00	515.30			