



WHAT IS THE BASIC A.A. SERVICE

A.A.'s Legacy of Service

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer— ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and Intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

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THE AA HOTLINE . . .



When first asked to write a brief article about the diverter I thought to myself, "We answer the phones for Central Office After Hours" . . . period. There, that's brief! But there's more to it than that.

Yes it's true; we do answer the phones for Central Office during those times when the Office is generally closed but the fact is that "what" we are doing is much larger than that. We field the calls in order to have AA members available 24 hours a day when the need arises for a "12 Step" opportunity.

It starts like this: A caller dials in to the Central Office phone line. The call is transferred to one of our volunteers' homes. The call is answered by the AA who

has committed to that particular time slot and day. A few moments are spent listening to the caller to identify the need of the call. (That's when the fun begins) Should it be a simple call to find a meeting, that's easily knocked out by having the computer on and the screen up and tuned into our "State of the Art" Website or you could just have a meeting schedule handy. . . . But if it's the opportunity for a "12th Step" call, whether it be talking to someone, listening, getting a ride, or my favorite, getting them to their first meeting to help them get started on the road to recovery then the diverter volunteer kicks it into overdrive to start reaching out to other AA members on the 12th Step list to make contact with that person to fill the caller's present need.

The diverter volunteers answer the phone calls directly. Those on the 12th Step list are available to talk to the caller so the diverter volunteer can keep the phone lines open for the next caller. 12th Step volunteers are very important to the entire scheme of action and we NEVER have enough. It's been my personal experience to sense a great feeling of accomplishment when I've been there to field that call for someone reaching out for recovery. It's brought me full circle to that saying on the walls of our meeting rooms that I read early on: "*I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that. . . I am responsible*"

If you are interested in getting involved, there is always a need for volunteers; you may contact the Diverter Coordinator- Maxine S. through the Central Office

Peter C. Mt. View

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Contribution to the Welfare of Others

Webster's dictionary gives one definition of service as "a contribution to the Welfare of others". Well, as I recall, I emptied my first ash tray, washed My first coffee pot only because I was told by a man I kind of trusted to do Whatever I was told.....for that same reason I eventually did other things like Secretary meetings, do hospital institution work, and eventually even sponsor a new guy.

Being a sponsor for the first time led me to think I really knew Something (ha, ha, ha). Sponsorship is really more of an opportunity to learn something about yourself, the disease, and the process of the steps from a new and important perspective.

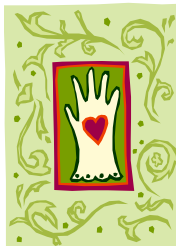
Because of changes in my health, age, and life-style I don't do as much service as I used to. My wife and I now travel a Lot, since I no longer work. I still sponsor some and there is always some Commitment that can be found, and the chores still are equally important.

Awhile back I was setting up chairs at a noon meeting and a younger person asked if you needed to have thirty years to set up a meeting. I Said no, the way you get thirty years, or even thirty days, is to "pitch in Yourself.... I really get reminded every so often that if I occasionally say something that someone thinks is wise, I understand that the only wisdom I may have was loaned to me from the men and women that came before me. And it came with a condition . . . do something, anything to contribute to the welfare of others and you do it because you owe it.

Butch M, San Jose

We Simply Want to be Helpful to Those Who are Afflicted

Well let's just call me "***" ... I've been "In Service" around the halls of Alcoholics Anonymous since almost my intro-



duction in the Fall of 1982. About a month after my entrance to my first meeting two "Long timers" (I think they both had about a year!) approached me in a room at Fremont and Hollenbeck one Friday evening and one of them was clutching a brown paper bag. One looked me in the eye and said, "Are you Secretary of any meetings yet?". I replied, "Na-uh". He in turn said, "You will now be secretary of the Friday Midnight Candlelight Meeting at Fremont and Manet". I said "Okay?".... And that was that. I was officially put in my first service position with AA. It was a proud moment for me. Young and spry, and eager to be accepted... "I had arrived"...LOL I shortly thereafter came to find out that the brown bag was the treasury! Boy those AA's needed my help! (So I thought)

That was a wonderful introduction to Service for me, and my newfound sobriety. Since that time I've held positions in General service, H & I, P.I./C.P.C., Answered phones for Central Office in three separate Counties and constantly been of service to AA for most of the last 25 years. I've really enjoyed the silent service positions around AA because if it were up to me I'd tell everyone I know what a great person I am by doing this stuff! In these quiet positions it allows me to keep my ego in check and stay humble without groveling. Service also means reaching out for the newcomer and making sure they know "They're welcome" and "It's okay". My life has never had more definition and meaning than it does today. In our literature it says, "We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted."

Service around the rooms is great indeed but I've redefined service to be both inside and outside the rooms... After transforming a disaster that I made of my life's experience to the point of sobering up, I took it upon myself to continue the "Process" by setting about a course of vigorous action. I am in service these days whenever possible... especially "Working one on one" with other Alcoholics. Sure, it means sacrificing some time and energy, but I couldn't think of a better way to do it. As for me "Helping them out"... I quickly came to learn the phrase; "If it works, don't fix it".

Anonymous, Sunnyvale

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Service from the Beginning of my Journey

I have been involved in service from the beginning of my journey in AA. When I was newly sober (less than 3 months) and going through a particularly hard time, my sponsor at the time suggested that I go to meetings (and the meeting after the meeting) at the Magdalene House. The Magdalene House was a women's shelter in Dallas that provided a sober living environment for two weeks until they could make more permanent arrangements for the women. I protested, in that I did not think I had anything to offer; my sponsor reminded me that I have a few weeks more than 10 days. I followed her suggestion and what I got was so much more than I gave – for a few hours a week, I did not think about my problems, I was not condemning myself, nor feeling sorry for myself. By helping others, I stood up a little more straight and walked a little taller.

Over the years, I have worked shifts on the diverter, made 12 step calls, been the chip person and a secretary of different meetings, worked on activities in my home group (Potlucks, anniversary parties), and sponsored women. I stay in service for several reasons:

- 1) The primary one is to attempt to give back what has been freely given to me.
- 2) It helps ME stay sober.
- 3) To be a part of – I want to stay in the middle of AA
- 4) By being of service to others, I open a way for God to guide me. I am constantly amazed when someone calls with a question or concern, and the conversation is one that I needed for my own growth or provides answers to some of my questions/concerns.
- 5) It remains true today, through service, I get back so much more than I give.

Allie M San Jose

The Dreaded Word—Service

Service - that was a four-letter word to me most of my life. It was OK if others wanted to be of service to me, but not the other way around. I'd rather not be bothered; leave me alone.

So you can imagine how I felt when



I got into A.A. and my sponsor got me into - the dreaded word - service. He always nominated me for whatever service position was open in my home group. And as you know, once you're nominated, it's all over. But I discovered I actually enjoyed being secretary of a group. And from there he got me into other positions - Intergroup Rep, GSR, H&I Rep. I'm not a volunteer; I wouldn't have gone after those positions on my own. But once again I discovered it was possible to have a good time doing those services.

Then the most feared of all - taking meetings into the county jail. I swore I would never do that. So, one year into my recovery, that's exactly what I found myself doing. The very first jail meeting I went to was chaired by me. I didn't even get a training period! I've been going to the jail once or twice a month for the last 14 years, and I've found that the inmates are the ones who carry the message to me. They depend on their Higher Power like those of us on the outside may not feel we need.

Later, my home group was having elections again and the position of steering committee chairperson was open. I made sure I let the group know that I didn't do that kind of service; I'm not a leader. So my sponsor said "Well, we'll be sure to take care of that." Guess what? I became the chairperson.

Then there's the Diverter. I don't like to talk on the phone unless I make the call. But I found myself volunteering for a Diverter position, overnights from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. This may have been the most rewarding service position I've had. After I'd been awakened overnight by someone wanting to get sober but not quite being able, I really valued my own sobriety that much more.

It's only after I'd done all these services that I realized how much good they had done me. This is another example of how I shouldn't trust what I think is good for me, but rather take the advice of trusted people in recovery and just do what is suggested.

What am I like now? I'm still introverted; I'd still rather not be bothered. The difference is willingness. I ask my Higher Power for the willingness to do what I'm supposed to do. Then I'm able to do it even if I don't want to. And the result is always a good one. When I'm in service, I feel connected to humanity. I feel grateful that I can participate in life. I love the interaction with others. It's great to be useful; thanks for this opportunity! And I wish you'd not bother me again right away. But you do, and I usually accept, then realize after it's over how much I valued it. That's recovery to me.

Peter L., Milpitas



Service is an Opportunity

I have been involved in service continually since getting sober in 1988. When I had 6 months, my sponsor suggested that it was time. She also suggested that people who do service stay sober. I very much wanted to stay sober, so I did what was suggested.

Service is an opportunity for so many things (of which I never imagined!). It is an opportunity -- to give back, to become self-less, to do the Higher Power's will, to feel a part of, to have my heart opened to compassion, to be reminded of how I fit into the scheme of things, to be rejuvenated, to experience joy, and to see how my experience can benefit others.

I answer the diverter, and have for many years. Actually, it is how I came to get sober-- I called the diverter and someone directed me to my first meeting. Working the diverter has helped me immensely. It takes me away from my all important self and enables me to be freed from that bondage.

I secretary a meeting at noon. This enables me to step out of myself again, and fulfill my responsibility to nurture and care for my sobriety.

I sponsor women. This has been the most rewarding of all the service that I've done over the years. It's one alcoholic talking to another. It keeps me in the basics. It affords me a mirror into myself.

All of the service commitments I've had help me to fulfill my responsibility that whenever someone reaches out for help, I serve as the hand of AA.

Cacy C, San Jose



The Meeting Inside

This all started for me with a suggestion. Sound familiar? Several long timers that I know have been participating in meetings inside Soledad State Prison for many years now. They suggested that I might like to join them some time and the process was started. First, I had to attend an orientation. I rode up with them and ran into other local members of AA who have been doing the same. Orientation wasn't anything too special as it was held outside of the walls of Soledad, so it wasn't that different than other similar meetings I had attended in my professional life. I filled out the needed paper work and

my clearance came with a phone call several weeks later letting me know that I could go down to Soledad with a few local AAs on the Wednesday after New Years Day.

I was told a little about the group and the dynamics of the meeting and it was impressed upon me that I was not necessarily bringing a meeting into them, but rather I was going to be one of several outside AA members participating in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous inside the walls. This is an AA group. They are registered with General Service Office in New York and have a group name. They are the "Back From The Edge Group of Alcoholics Anonymous" and I was going to be just another first time visitor to their group. Granted, the members of this group were "lifers", but many of them have over 20+ years of sobriety and are active step-taking members of AA. So, I felt pretty comfortable going in but I was not prepared for what I participated in once I got to the meeting.

After the security checks and badges and metal-detector-scanning we went through, we entered the halls of the Central Yard. My friends and I were escorted by prison officials, sponsors actually, down a long corridor to the meeting room (it was actually the Visitors Center). Along the way we were greeted by several prisoners (non-members) but I found myself not looking anyone in the eye. And I immediately began to feel uncomfortable about that. I asked God what was going on with me and I got an answer right away. "You feel you are different, you feel afraid. Trust me and let go". So I did let go and I began to hold my head up a little higher. As we approached the door to the meeting room, I could see a line of men waiting for us and waiting to get into the meeting. And it felt like I was approaching any other AA meeting room that I have walked into on the "outside". These men greeted me with smiles and handshakes and "welcome, John, nice to have you here". I became a part of and not apart from.

The meeting was a Step Study meeting and the group was on the 8th Step. What a meeting! It turned out to be one of the best 8th Step meetings I ever went to. I was told that prisoners don't often talk about their crimes during meetings. But because this was an 8th Step meeting they shared openly about the things they had done and the people they had hurt. They talked about how difficult it is to make the list and own up to the damage, the harm, they have done others. But each and every one in the meeting, including myself, shared their experience strength and hope with the group. Because of some activity going on outside in the hall next to the Visitors Center, we were kept in the room and the meeting lasted for nearly 2 hours. But I can tell you that the time flew by. Everyone had an opportunity to share. The level of openness, the level of honesty

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just blew me away. Both of my friends, with over 60 years of sobriety between them and countless meetings on the "inside" (they have been going down to Soledad for nearly 10 years now) agreed with me that it was one of the best AA meetings any of us had ever attended. Yes, we talked about forgiveness. Yes, we talked about fear. Yes, we talked about amends. And, yes, we talked about "accountability and ownership" as one of the prisoners shared. I say often, "How does a man like me, become a man like me". And I was thinking that in 1976 with a crime hanging over my head, looking at 20+ years behind bars, I got off because of a technicality. That is the only thing that separated me from these men. I proceeded to drink for 7 more years and AA came into my life in 1983 and saved me from further destruction. Just like it has come into their lives and has done the same for them. They, like me, have become fine examples of what the program of Alcoholics Anonymous can do for people like us.

I will be going back to Soledad for meetings. I know that a lot of other local AAs have been taking meetings into prisons for many years know, and if you are like me and often wondered what that might be like, let me assure you that it will take your recovery to a new and deeper level. And it will, once again, show you the power of recovery that is found in Alcoholics Anonymous.

John H., San Jose



AA Thought for the Day

Humility

**The minute I figure I have got a perfectly
clear pipeline to God,
I have become egotistical enough
to get into real trouble.
Nobody can cause more needless
grief than a power-driver
who thinks he has got it
straight from God.**

c. 1967 AAWS, As Bill Sees It, p. 38

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W I S D O M = When Into Self, Discover Our Motives.

WE GET LETTERS



Letters to the Editor are the opinion of the writers and do not represent the opinion of Intergroup or the Coin

The Pink Can Truth

The Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee, the oldest committee in Alcoholics Anonymous and the single largest purchaser of our A.A. literature, has never had too much money. Each month all the generous contributions from the pink cans in Northern California are spent to purchase the literature that carries our message of hope to those who are confined and would not otherwise get it. There is seldom any money left in the account and our literature chairperson never places an order before learning from our treasurer how much she has to spend.

We have a proposed budget (about \$500,000) each year so that expenses are covered, principally UPS who ships and delivers the literature after it has been ordered from New York. The literature is delivered to our Literature Chairperson in Sacramento who then sends it out to the 45 Areas in Northern California as per their orders. Each Area has a literature chairperson who orders per the need. Money from the pink cans is never used for anything other than the purchase, shipping and storage of the literature that we order.

Santa Clara County is Area 71. We pay our monthly meeting rent, coffee and printing by passing the basket at our fourth Tuesday meetings. We generally just meet expenses and send any money left over to Unity Day each year as the contribution from the Hospital and Institution Committee.

We of the Hospital and Institution Committee need your support if we are to continue to carry our message of hope to those who are confined. Support does not mean just money alone; it means dedicated A.A.'s willing to do this inspirational Twelfth Step work.

Thank you for all the wonderful support that you have given us over the past 66 years.

Yours in the Fellowship,
Diane O, H&I Area 71 Treasurer
H&I Public Information Chairperson

ARCHIVES

- ◆ A man Named Dr. A. Weis Hammer had mentioned the A.A. fellowship to Curtis Bok, one of the owners of the Saturday Evening Post. Mr. Bok had seen some A.A. recoveries first hand. The Post sent Jack Alexander to check out A.A. Jack had just done an exposition of the Jersey rackets. Bill W. reported that because of the expose which Mr. Alexander had just done, A.A. gave Jack the "most exhaustive briefing on Alcoholics Anonymous any writer has ever had". The Post insisted that they had to have pictures. Our members objected but the Post said no pictures, no article. Many members protested to the pictures but Bill and Dr. Bob said to go ahead. The article appeared in the March 1, 1941 issue. Jack's extensive report on our fellowship resulted in thousands of inquiries. In those days most people who could type were woman so they rounded up every A.A. wife who could type answers to the inquiries. The upper floor of the twenty-Fourth street club was used for this project. They thought about using form letters but decided against it.
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- ◆ Jack Alexander is quoted to have said about Bill W. "a very disarming guy and an expert at indoctrinating the stranger into the psychology, psychiatry, physiology, pharmacology, and folklore of alcoholism." Bill's candor was described by the reporter as being "either incredibly naive or a bit stupid". Bill showed Jack Alexander everything about A.A. He opened the books to him. It was not long before Jack's cynicism evaporated.
- ◆
- ◆ In March of 1958 the St. Marks Group was started at St. Mark's church at Prunridge Ave. in Santa Clara. It celebrated 50 years on February 21, 2008.



CENTRAL OFFICE

THOUGHTS ABOUT SERVICE:

If you haven't yet read all the articles in this issue of the COIN, please do so; there are some wonderful stories about service and the benefits to be derived.

There's even more going on than first meets the eye, however. It involves our 11th Tradition. And it's too important to neglect.

We have no Public Relations Dept. in AA — no-one to put our best face forward, to shield us from our foibles, to clean up our messes, to let everyone know just how meritorious we really are. We do these things—all of us— but we do them with our service; we do them with "attraction rather than promotion". The diverter workers and the office phone volunteers are usually the first voice the caller ever hears from AA. The kindness, the concern, and the competence these folks demonstrate is very attractive, and they're dealing with the public, the press, professionals, and our still drinking brothers and sisters. The H & I volunteers do their PR in prisons, jails, and other facilities. They may not think of it as PR, but they are terrific examples of what's possible in AA. And they deal with administration officials, guards, nurses, and many others who get to see AA at work. We could go on and on: the PI/CPC volunteers who inform with their presentations; the meeting secretary who often is the first person the miserable, scared, confused newcomer talks to; the many committee volunteers; these and so many more accomplish a vital PR role. And the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is much appreciated and respected as a result.

So what does this mean? At a minimum, all of us are encouraged to serve, and to be "attractive" in our efforts; the benefits are outstanding. And, by doing this service and receiving these benefits, we accomplish the PR work of Alcoholics Anonymous; we allow the world to see the wonders of this Fellowship that we know, by experience, to be true. Does PR get any better than that?

THOUGHTS ABOUT CENTRAL OFFICE:

We're getting more and more CDs in stock; some are new and some replace the old cassettes.

DVDs are coming. "Bill's Own Story", "Bill Discusses the 12 Tradition", and "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" are on order.

If you haven't visited us recently, please come by. The coffee pot is always on.

Alcoholics
Anonymous . . .
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received During February

Daytime at Central Office - 515

Daytime 12 Step Calls - 7

Evening and Weekend calls - 405

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

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

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

University Beginners, Wed. 5:00PM, University of Santa Clara, 500 El Camino Real, Benson Student Center, Rm 209

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.

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

IN MEMORIAUM

Bill M., Years

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Marcella M.	25	Anna C.	01/24/1983
Mary Pat P.	25	Anna C., Rosemary T.	01/28/1983
Corvus M.	13	Evelyn M., Pat C., Mary Pat P.	02/12/1995
Anonymous	14		02/14/1994
Nancy S.	32	Evelyn M., Mary Pat P., Pat C.	02/17/1976
Bob S.	45	Addnl Cont. The Colonel & Pat C.	02/24/1963
Mike R.	25	Dorothy S., Peggy Z., Gene M. & Pat C.	03/01/1983
Jackie C.	25	Evelyn M., Aileen B.	03/10/1983



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

204 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter sharing your experience, strength and hope.?

Deadline 10th of the Month Upcoming topics are:

July: Freedom from Bondage; resentments, recovery

August: We Are Not a Glum Lot; joy, happiness, fun
(share fun AA stories, jokes)

September: Surrender, serenity, spirituality



April 2008

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

CELEBRATE AAs 75 YEAR

at the

2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 1-4

San Antonio, Texas

From GSO: "We know that many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and San Antonio, our host city, will be provided.

This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available....

Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet which will be available in September 2009. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, tours, etc. The information will be mailed to AA groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site.

TRAVELING THE USA OR ABROAD?

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
March 5, 2008

- Bill D., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Linda read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 43 voting representatives and 18 visitors in attendance.
- Robbie R. read the Twelve Traditions.
- No corrections to the agenda. An addition to the agenda was added under New Business: SCCYPAA
- No corrections to the previous month's minutes.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	2/06/08	\$91.50	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions	2/06/08	\$74.00	
Refreshments	2/06/08	\$12.00	
Contribution to Central Office		\$62.00	
Balance	2/06/08	\$91.50	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
- Birthdays: Larry 17 yrs; Dennis 24 yrs; Dom 4 yrs; Tom 8 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Justin R: SCCYPAA: Black and White Prom, Saturday, 3/08/08 at Los Gatos Masonic Lodge; Potluck and Speaker meeting starting at 6:00 pm.
 - Mark: Forged From Adversity 15th Anniversary Party; Potluck at 5 pm, Meeting (chip meeting) at 8:15.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D.
 - Bill recognized Chris for his service to Intergroup for setting up and for clean-up.
 - 4 new Intergroup reps attended the meeting and 1 member who was interested in finding out more about service.
2. Central Service Board – Dave J.
 - Negotiated a new five year lease.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - Chili Cook-off was a great success.
 - Weekend of the 28th possibly renovating office; looking into getting different furniture.
 - Bruce is enjoying working with the board.
 - If you feel there is something that the Central Office needs to improve, please feel free to call or e-mail Bruce with your ideas.
 - If your group is having an event, get a copy of the flyer to Bruce by the Intergroup monthly meeting and he will be able to put it into the COIN.
4. PI/CPC – Jennifer G.
 - SJSU psychology students and professors have asked for another presentation
 - In need of young speakers
 - Made presentation to San Jose Conservation Corp.
 - March and April will be very busy months; presentations scheduled at: Most Holy Trinity Church-Healthy living; 27 presentations scheduled at reoccurring DUI classes; Sunnyvale Health Fair.
 - Thank you Peter for contacting SJSU.
 - Will continue to work with Evergreen Jr. College and San Jose court judges.
 - Monthly Meeting is held 2nd Saturday every month at 10 a.m. All are welcome!
5. Twelfth Step Committee – Maxine
 - Daytime – Bruce K. - Shift available: Wednesday 2:00 to 4:30 pm; Kevin is doing a great job in coordinating the shifts.
 - Nights and Weekends – Maxine – Shifts available: Monday, week 1: 6:00 am to 9:00 am. Thursday, week 1: 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Saturday, week 1 6:00 pm to 9:00am and week 3 9:00 am to Noon.
 - New Daily Coordinator for Wednesdays - Heidi P.
 - Call Maxine or Central Office if interested in doing service for the Phone Diverter
 - Appreciation Dinner now around Easter. Having difficulties finding a venue.
6. Outreach Committee – Lee C.
 - 645 meetings to visit; 299 meetings visited; 62 meetings no longer running.
 - Presentation given regarding goals and actions of committee: Intergroup committee member will go to meeting listed in meeting guide, speak to meeting group secretary and ask to give a quick presentation to group about Intergroup, Service Board, committees, Central Office, and Santa Clara

- County General Service. Has secretary fill out updated information sheet about the meeting, Presenter will extend an invitation for the group to send a representative to the Intergroup monthly meeting. If meeting is no longer being held, return to Central Office with that information and remove meeting from the meeting guide.
- Committee is in need of people to join. Monthly committee meetings are held at the Central Office on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:45. Meeting ends in time to attend Intergroup monthly meeting.
7. Newsletter Committee – no report
 8. Activities Committee – Marilyn H.
 - Chili Cook-off a great success; SCCYPAA was the winner by one vote. The men's gorilla meeting came in second.
 - Thank you to all that cooked chili and cornbread and all of those that set-up and cleaned up. The group that cleaned up will have 1st choice to cook next year, if they choose.
 - Chili cook-off made a profit of \$ 3.17. : Revenue from donations-\$1527; Previous balance-\$1109.49; Balance on Hand-\$2636.49; Expenses-\$1573.83; Balance as of 3/5/08- \$1112.66.
 - Next event will be the Sponsorship Brunch that will be held sometime in July.
 9. Other Service Committee Reports
 - Unity Day – No report:
 - 1st meeting held March 20th, 6:00 pm at Harry's Hofbrau on Saratoga Avenue. All are welcome to attend.
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Dennis F.
 - March 7-9, Conference at the Fresno Conference Center.
 - Hospitals and 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.
 - Money in the Pink Cans go to buying books for those in prison, hospitals, and other institutions. Each book is stamped with Santa Clara County Alcoholics Anonymous. The books are gifts to the individual to keep.
 - Flyer handed out explaining the Pink Cans
 - Bridging the Gap – Bill M.
 - Presentations given at treatment centers and Elmwood.
 - Dan H. thank you for your service.
 - North County – Jeanne H.
 - Monthly GSR meeting 2nd Wednesday every month at 7:30, St. Johns Lutheran Church, 581 Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale.
 - New GSR orientation at 6:45 pm; 6:30 service manual study for one hour.
 - Agenda Topics Workshop hosted by South County District 40, Saturday March 15th, 1 pm to 4 pm.
 - CNCA Area 06 Pre-Conference Assembly is April 12-13 at the Contra Costa Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch. Start time is 8:30 am both days.
 - PRAASA is being held March 8-9th in Anchorage, Alaska. DCMC April A and Raymundo from South County are attending.
 - South County – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Intergroup Inventory – Bill D.

- Mary Pat spoke about her experience doing group inventories
- Kelly spoke about Saturday Night Live inventories done every January. Go their website to see documents generated by these inventories, www.saturdaynitelive.org.
- Bruce spoke about his experience doing GSR, Intergroup, NCCAA, Board of Directors inventories.
- Motion: Is Intergroup ready to vote on doing an inventory. Seconded. VOTE – 18 yes, 5 delay vote.
- Motion : Should Intergroup do an inventory? Seconded. VOTE- 27 yes, 0 no, 9 abstentions.
- Inventory will take place in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

SCCYPAA- Kelly

- SCCYPAA is putting in a bid to host ACCYPAA Conference. Proposed dates are January 30- February 1st, 2009; February 6-8, 2009, April 3-5, 2009.
- Have asked Intergroup to write an approval letter in support of SCCYPAA hosting the conference. A letter will be generated in approval.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm
Respectfully submitted, Kathy H.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

February 2008

	<u>Feb 08</u>	<u>Feb 07</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	6,845.08	7,932.12	22,809.24
8010 · Literature Sales	5,663.16	5,387.31	10,287.16
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	1,209.00	964.00	2,358.25
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	10.00	30.00	35.00
Total Income	<u>13,727.24</u>	<u>14,313.43</u>	<u>35,489.65</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,945.53	3,645.71	7,319.24
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	176.92	171.50	306.62
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,122.45</u>	<u>3,817.21</u>	<u>7,625.86</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,122.45</u>	<u>3,817.21</u>	<u>7,625.86</u>
Gross Profit	9,604.79	10,496.22	27,863.79
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	177.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	942.50	185.76	1,381.21
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	58.88	73.96	169.75
6120 · Computer Expenses	0.00	353.28	0.00
6160 · Copier Expense	117.95	89.94	204.42
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	-5.98	0.00	-5.98
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	124.00	0.00	124.00
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	669.79	668.37	1,389.58
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	39.90
6330 · Office Expense	178.82	490.78	1,307.81
6380 · Payroll Taxes	714.99	613.06	1,361.24
6410 · Postage	325.92	50.22	407.92
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	4,561.20
6540 · Salaries - Office	5,815.64	6,125.38	12,464.34
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	200.00	200.00
7050 · Telephone	304.10	317.86	595.14
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-0.07
Total Expense	<u>11,747.16</u>	<u>11,469.16</u>	<u>24,377.46</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-2,142.37	-972.94	3,486.33
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	220.51	179.61	454.44
Total Other Income	<u>220.51</u>	<u>179.61</u>	<u>454.44</u>
Net Other Income	<u>220.51</u>	<u>179.61</u>	<u>454.44</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1,921.86</u></u>	<u><u>-793.33</u></u>	<u><u>3,940.77</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
February 2008

	<u>Feb 08</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 08</u>
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	70.00	140.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	276.49
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	173.60	691.60
1 INV R and B Group 70972	656.15	656.15
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	0.00	194.28
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	828.06
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	63.84
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	175.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	350.00	350.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	220.78
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	224.00	224.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	90.00	90.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	175.00	175.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	65.00	65.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	483.00	938.00
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	350.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	155.40	155.40
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	140.00	140.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	229.17
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	147.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	0.00	212.49
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	222.60	222.60
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	35.68	35.68
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	517.78
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	133.33	133.33
G South County Fellowship 70954	350.00	525.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	400.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	340.84	749.96
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	560.00
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	75.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00
Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	200.90	200.90
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	238.00
Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	350.00	350.00
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	413.00	413.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	373.10	373.10
High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	181.00
Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	140.00	140.00
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	105.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	120.00
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	350.00
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,482.00
Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.)	0.00	630.00
Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	60.00	60.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	490.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	427.85

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Group Contributions
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	<u>Feb 08</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 08</u>
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	279.30
Personal 00911	8.38	23.38
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	106.40
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	140.00	140.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	198.80
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	200.10	200.10
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
South Valley Group (267)	154.00	154.00
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	0.00	200.00
Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	315.00
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	120.00
Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	110.00	110.00
Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	61.00	61.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,351.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	100.00	100.00
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	700.00	700.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	120.00	120.00
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	50.00	100.00
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	362.58
Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	367.23
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	107.00
TOTAL	<u>6,845.08</u>	<u>22,809.24</u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Balance Sheet
As of February 29, 2008

	Feb 29, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	5,000.00
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 3202 (4 Mo. Liquid CD @ 4.11%, 06/04/2008)	15,051.37 *
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 3210 (6 Mos. CD @ 3.39%, 08/04/2008)	20,056.50 *
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 3.44%, 02/04/2009)	15,043.00 *
1035 · Bank of America (Bank account)	6,464.47
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	29,396.78 *
Total Checking/Savings	91,237.12
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-707.46
Total Accounts Receivable	-707.46
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	16,226.35
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	491.75
Total Other Current Assets	16,718.10
Total Current Assets	107,247.76
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	18,773.86
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	128,015.47
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	1,007.63
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,007.63
Total Current Liabilities	1,007.63
Total Liabilities	1,007.63
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	18,773.86
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	104,293.21
Net Income	3,940.77
Total Equity	127,007.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	128,015.47

* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: **\$79,547.65**
This represents over 6 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months. **Thank you.**