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What's the big deal about a primary purpose? Won't this program work for anyone?

When I came to AA in the early 90's I was dying of alcoholism and feared the next drink. Based on my recent drinking episodes as a periodic drinker I had no confidence that anything, including AA, would work for me. I desperately needed a solution. I happened to find what I believed to be the best meeting in the valley at that time, the "Remember We Deal With Alcohol Group" of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Back then the group held 4 meetings, 3 of which were closed to alcoholics only. At one of the closed meetings within my first 6 months, a newcomer attended and announced himself as an addict. One of the old-timers stood up and told him that if he was not alcoholic, he would have to leave the meeting but was welcome to attend the group's open meeting on Saturday night.

I had no idea what singleness of purpose meant – I felt bad for the person being asked to leave. Later during that meeting the older member explained in his share that closed AA meetings, and all early meetings when AA began, were for alcoholics only. He explained that they were able to help new members stay sober because when newcomers came in they heard others sharing about their own drinking and could identify, so the principle of "attraction" was already in effect even before the traditions were written.

Today I understand and embrace that. I am not a drug addict but I have attended open NA meetings to support friends in that program, especially when they get a chip.

I definitely do not relate to their stories of what it was like any more than I would relate to an over-eaters meeting. There are many wonderful programs that have adopted the 12 steps of AA as their recovery program but their purpose is to help a person with their particular problem, whatever that problem happens to be. All of those programs have changed at least the 12th step to read "help others" instead of "help other alcoholics".

When I am asked by a newcomer if I would be their sponsor, I have a question that I ask right up front that I didn't ask 10 years ago and that is, "Are you alcoholic or just an addict?" If the newcomer is an addict only I suggest to them that they attend an NA meeting or MA or CA depending on their drug of choice and find a sponsor there because I am not an addict and do not understand the mind of an addict. I don't do this to be a jerk but to give them the best opportunity of being successful in recovery.

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If I don't understand their problem, how could I possibly provide their answer? I have received back comments such as "they told me in treatment to attend AA meetings because they are better supported and it's the same recovery plan". I have even had other AA members bring newcomer addicts to me, telling the addict, "I think this guy can help you".

I then tell them that they are wrong. Whoever told you that does not understand our primary purpose or traditions or they would not be encouraging you to violate them.

Tradition 3 states, "The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop DRINKING." Only one requirement but it's very clear what that is. Some will then say "ok then I don't want to drink either" but we have to remember that it's a program of grasping and developing a manner of living that demands rigorous honesty, so if you don't believe yourself to be alcoholic you can't come in from any other motivation. This is not a social club, we deal with a life-threatening disease.

Tradition 5 states, "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the ALCOHOLIC who still suffers". Again it is very clear that we are not here to help any and all who appreciate our program, only alcoholics, and specifically alcoholics who suffer from alcoholism! You may be alcoholic but don't care; until you are suffering you still may not be for us!

I find it ironic, and depending on my spiritual condition of the moment, even irritating when someone gets up to read our 12 traditions at a meeting and introduces themselves as an addict! Something inside me just screams out how wrong that is! What's next, for an over-eater to stand up and read them with the justification that our fellowship is stronger so they prefer to attend and recover in our meetings?



I do not dispute what little information I've learned regarding how drugs and alcohol affect the brain in the same way, but that's not the point. I don't even agree with people who say "I think I was born alcoholic". A person must drink alcohol, and continue to the point of not being able to stop to be alcoholic.

I am one who misses the days of closed meetings for alcoholics only. It's not that I don't love addicts or agree that our program can help anyone and everyone when practiced as a way of life. But if we allow our fellowship to become so diluted, it may not survive, for me or even when my children or grandchildren may need it. The one hour of a meeting is sacred to me, it is often the best hour of my day but when 2 or 3 of the people share and use time to talk about issues other than alcoholism, I am the one being cheated. Back to those traditions, our first tradition states, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity". My recovery, my life depends on the unity of AA so if the unity of the group fails, our personal recoveries are inevitably next.

I do believe that God is greater than any of our fears but He also gave us brains to use. The traditions were put in place by our founders who had found a way out and had the foresight to make their best attempt at protecting us from ourselves. In the words of our co-founder, let's not louse this thing up!

Anonymous

" Tradition 5
"SHOEMAKER, stick to thy last". . .better do one thing
supremely well than many badly. That is the central
theme of this tradition. Around it our society gathers in
unity. The very life of our fellowship requires the pres-
ervation of this principle.

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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 hand-written. 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.

Other Issues and AA

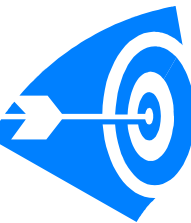
I have spent my life trying to tell others how to live their lives, while struggling to live my own. It has always been easier to tell people and organizations how they could do it better. In fact, that's one of the symptoms of my being an alcoholic.

The Big Book states "Many of us had moral and philosophical convictions galore, but we could not live up to them even though we would have liked to." It is always easier running someone else's life or organization, rather than our own.

In Doctor Bob's Nightmare Dr. Bob says "Of far more importance was the fact that he was the first living human with whom I had ever talked, who knew what he was talking about in regard to alcoholism from actual experience. In other words, he talked my language." One drunk working with another.

The third tradition "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." That I have. I also have other "ISSUES", and if I stay sober, help other alcoholics, I have a chance to make progress on my other issues. Closed meetings are for dealing with alcoholism, not my other ISSUES. Finally Tradition Five states "each group has but one primary purpose --to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

This Big Book and this Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions were inspired by a higher power while being written, it amazes me every time I think I know what is better than God's will, I'm wrong. The older I get in chronological years and years of sobriety, I realize that the more I keep it simple the better it is. I believe these 12 steps will help anyone, with any problem, who wants to apply them to their lives, but in A.A. we want to apply them to alcoholism.



Joe B, San Jose



So What Has Become of Our Primary Purpose?

Yes, the bar is rising. But have we begun to lose our way by trying to meet the needs everyone who has been sentenced to AA meetings?

Now that proposition 36 is part of our culture we are beginning to see that our primary purpose seems to be getting our court card signed. This has little relation to helping the alcoholic who still suffers. Is this not just one more shade of gray that has crept into our founders clear-cut objectives?

I understand that in today's society youngsters have easier access to drugs than to booze. Consequently that is a part of their story. What irks me is that I am subjected to the exaggerated experiences of drug use that apparently has gotten younger people into recovery rooms without having to experience the long term abuse of alcohol. Oh! Yes! I forgot that the new mantra is dual addiction.

Additionally irksome is the apparent loss of reason when announcing sobriety birthdays. I sat in a large open meetings at an Alano Club the other day and listened to celebration of 52 day, 70 day, 100 day, 101 day, 4 month and 10, 11, and 14 months of sobriety. I'm not sure that we haven't become "Look at me now" anonymous, where entertainment has become the primary focus.

Oh well, I thank God for closed men's meetings that I attend where the solution to our alcoholism is our focus.

Your concerned and often confused servant,

Tom B., Saratoga



Life does not begin at any particular age, but only when you decide to live it



A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.

What's Going on in General Service

The 58th Annual General Service Conference is New York is Coming!!

*“Communication and Participation,
the Key to Unity and Self Support”*

What a **LONG** title to the news in General Service, huh? BUT....it's important to all of us in Alcoholics Anonymous; this is why your GSR (General Service Rep) has been bugging all of you at your Home Groups for the last couple months!

If you read this column last month, you'll have noticed that I invited you all to come and see what General Service is, at a few different functions; one of them being, the **Pre-Conference Assembly**, that was held in Antioch in April. *YOUR* GSR came and brought the Group Conscience's to our Northern California Delegate before she attended the “58th Annual General Service Conference” in New York from April 27th to May 3rd!

A-HA....I've now brought you back to the title of this article...and its sub title: *Communication & Participation, the Key to Unity and Self Support.*

Early in March, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend General Service's Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, PRAASA, in Anchorage Alaska!

The whole Assembly focused on the Agenda Topics

(those items the GSR needs to hear from *you* on), in relation to this year's theme: **Communication & Participation, the Key to Unity and Self Support.**

I bet you're wondering WHY I keep pointing this theme out...Well at PRAASA, (Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly) we listened to many well informed, informational presentations regarding this theme and how it integrated itself into the Agenda Topics, I was fascinated as to how many times the **Home Groups**, were brought up as examples of how **Service** cannot be done without them, and that without the Service entities Alcoholics Anonymous “communicating” that the Home Groups “*Participation*” **IS** “*Key*”, we will fail in our mission of “*Unity*”, and struggle with “*Self Support*”.

Am I making any sense?? Sometimes there is so much to say about General Service and why we need our members of Alcoholics Anonymous to understand how important they are to the structure of our Fellowship as a whole, that I tend to lose the meaning in translation of the wording

I would love to share more about PRAASA & General Service with any of you that made it to the end of this article, so come visit me at either of our District meetings here in Santa Clara: We're in the Meeting Guide! We also have another upcoming Assembly on May 17th in Lakeport California, where we'll hear from our Delegate, what happened to all those Agenda Topics at the Conference in New York

Love & Service,

April Abreau,

DCMC District 04, Santa Clara County North

Responsibility



As a recovering alcoholic, I need only have two concerns.

**The first is to maintain my sobriety on a daily basis
and to practice the program of AA one day at a time.**

The second is to ensure that what was here yesterday will be here tomorrow

for the next alcoholic who walks through the doors of this Fellowship,

And for that I am responsible.

This article was incomplete last month , sorry Brian Editor

SPONSORSHIP INVENTORY

If you are not currently sponsoring anyone and you are not sure why no one has asked you to be a sponsor, ask yourself these questions:

1. Have I done the 12 Steps with a sponsor?
2. How often am I attending AA meetings?
3. At meetings do I introduce myself to newcomers and give them my phone number?
4. Do I have a monthly commitment to attend a jail, detox or psychiatric facility meeting?

If your answer to Question 1 is “Yes”, you are qualified to be a sponsor.

If your answers to Questions 2, 3 and 4 are: “Not often enough”, “No”, and “No”, you will begin to understand why no one has asked you to be a sponsor.

Brian M., San Jose

FYI



"At some of these we balked." A.A. page 58: "How It Works"

balk (bôk) v. balked, balk'ing, balks: To stop short and refuse to go on; To refuse obstinately or abruptly:

[American Heritage Dictionary](#)



"The doctor's theory that we have an **allergy** to alcohol interests us." A.A. page xxiv: "The Doctor's Opinion"

allergy ['ælədʒi] *noun* — *plural* □ **allergies**
an unusual sensitiveness of the body which causes certain people to be affected in a bad way by something usually harmless

[Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary](#)

CENTRAL OFFICE

IT'S HERE—A NEW LOOK

A good start has been made on the Central Office remodel. We've got new carpet and a new paint job, but we haven't yet found a home for all the "stuff" we've accumulated. That's a work in progress and our plan is to have it completed by **JUNE 21**. On that date we'll be doing some serious celebrating around here and everyone is invited.

The **CENTRAL OFFICE OPEN HOUSE**, together with the **DIVERTER RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION**, are scheduled for June 21, from 10:00AM to about 4:00PM (or for as long as we're having fun). Please come around to see the new digs, and more importantly, to celebrate the great work done by our Diverter Volunteers. We're planning on raffles, eatin', speachifyin', hootin' and hollerin', and other general and assorted shenanigans.

PLEASE HELP US GET THE WORD OUT.

Many thanks to all of you for your support, your kindness, and your contributions. Our Central Office is in pretty good shape because of you.

ARCHIVES

In May of 1935, Bill and Dr. Bob met in Akron for the first time. Henrietta Seiberling arranged a meeting between Bill and Dr. Bob at her home. She was a friend of Dr. Bob's wife, Anne, and had learned at the Oxford Group meetings that Dr. Bob was having drinking problems. Just prior to going to Akron on business, Bill had complained to Dr. Silkworth that no drunks with whom he had worked had gotten sober. Dr. Silkworth said to Bill, "You're having nothing but failure because you are preaching at these alcoholics. You are talking to them about the Oxford Group precepts of being absolutely honest, absolutely pure, absolutely unselfish, and absolutely loving. Then you top it off by harping on that mysterious spiritual experience of yours" (AA Comes of Age pg.68).

He told Bill to talk to them about "the obsession that condemns them to death." This Bill did the first time he talked to Dr. Bob. A fifteen minute meeting turned into hours.

In the Archives at Central Office – and below - can be seen a letter written by Bill to Dorothy R. who was one of our early San Jose members. She sent some photos to Bill and Lois which were taken when Bill and Lois visited our area in November of 1943. She stated in her letter to them that coloring photos was her business. This tells us that they were in color. There were no colored photos in those days unless they were colored by hand.

Ex 36
R 17
File BB
P 20

May 10, 1944

Dear Dorothy Renner:

My heart is in my mouth when I wonder if Lois ever thanked you for those swell colored pictures you sent us away back in March. If no, a thousand thanks -- they were great.

I am reminded of this by a letter today from Elizabeth Stauffer asking about getting some recordings of my talks. Will you tell her that this is a thing often mentioned but never carried out. I have been reluctant to do anything about it because there has never been any general demand from the groups for them and I fear it would seem rather presumptive for me to offer them records of my poor stuff. It would involve considerable expense and a lot of script writing to do a good job. Perhaps it will be done some time but I really question if the day is yet.

But I do appreciate the spirit of your suggestion and recall with intense pleasure the visit Lois and I had with you a ll. Will you apologize to Elizabeth because I have not written her direct. I'm flying off on another trip.

Hastily,

Bill Wilson
HW

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Albert V	37		03/01/1971
Bill C	18		03/21/1990
Shari S	1	The Colonel & Pat C.	03/29/2007
Pat G	33	Pat C, Evelyn M, Aileen B, Mary Pat P	04/01/1975
Evelyn M	7	Aileen B, Mary Pat P	04/01/2001
Aileen B	5	Sharky, Evelyn M, Pat C, Mary Pat P	04/06/2003
Jerry H	21	Addnl Cont, The Colonel & Pat C	04/10/1987
David R.	19	The Colonel & Pat C	04/10/1998
Warren R	10	Mike C	04/12/1998
Pat J	30	Peggy Z	04/13/1978
Chuck G	26	Robert T	04/17/1982
Tommy N	25	The Colonel & Pat C	04/17/1983
Fran D	20	Evelyn M, Aileen B, Mary Pat P	04/17/1988
Paula D-M	23	Mary Pat P	04/22/1985
Bruce K	25	Addnl Cont, The Colonel & Pat, Mary Pat P, Rosemary T	04/27/1983
Terry L	20	Joan G	04/29/1988



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

320 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use

the birthday forms at your Meeting or Central Office.

Alcoholics Anonymous...
How may we help you?



Telephone Calls Received

During April

Daytime at Central Office 513

Daytime 12 Step Calls 5

Evening and Weekend calls 304

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

WHEN ANY ALCOHOLIC, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. TO ALWAYS 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

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

MID-PENINSULA ALANO CLUB has moved to 1130 Independence Ave., Mountain View. Call for meetings.

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

University Beginners, Wed., 5:00PM, 500 El Camino Real, now meets in the Arts & Sciences Bldg., Rm 129

Keep It Simple, Wed. 8:00PM, Alano West, changed name to Thy Will Be Done.

New

Noon Meeting, Tues., Thurs., Fri., Denny's at First & Alma

Natural High, Mon. 2:00PM, Downtown Alano Club, 99 W. Almaden

Saturday's Reflections, Sat., 9:00AM, Morgan Hill United Methodist Church, 17175 Monterey St., Morgan Hill

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.

In Memoriam

DAN DAN, Alano West
Sobriety date: 5-29-85

JOIE B-McD., Sunnyvale
Sobriety date: 10-13-91
Died May 3, 2008

June 2008

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

EVENTS IN & AROUND CALIFORNIA

May 16-18, TRI-STATE ROUNDUP Laughlin, NV.

May 20-23, SENIORS IN SOBRIETY, Long Beach

May 23-25, GOLDEN EMPIRE ROUNDUP, Bakersfield

NATIONAL EVENTS

July 3-6, 50TH ICYPAA CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City, OK

Aug. 29-31, PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM

Spokane WA

NCCAA

61st ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 18-20

San Ramon, CA

CENTRAL OFFICE

OPEN HOUSE
And
DIVERTER APPRECIATION
Celebration



HOT DOGS
on the grill from
11:00—3:00.

RAFFLES
all day long.

AND SO MUCH MORE!

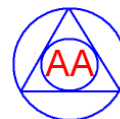
SEE OUR NEW LOOK

CELEBRATE OUR DIVERTERS

**ENTER—IF YOU DARE—THE “Grave Emotional
and Mental Disorders” ROOM**

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

10:00am - 4:00pm



**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA
CLARA COUNTY, Inc.**
274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D
Campbell, CA 95008

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

May 7, 2008

- Bill D., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- Peggy read the short Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 46 voting representatives and 13 visitors in attendance.
- Lee C. read the Twelve Traditions.
- Ross J. report on Intergroup Inventory:
 - Committee to meet to review questions and run the inventory. 5 or 6 questions will be created with some back-up questions. The purpose of the inventory to find out if Intergroup is fulfilling its primary purpose of supporting and giving services to groups and individuals.
 - An e-mail list was created for all Intergroup reps so they can receive the questions before the inventory meeting.
 - Inventory meeting will be held in June.
- No corrections to the agenda.
- No corrections to the previous month's minutes.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	4/02/08	\$66.50	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions	4/02/08	\$82.00	
Refreshments	4/02/08	\$20.00	
Contribution to Central Office		\$38.50	
Balance	4/02/08	\$90.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
- Birthdays: Chuck 26 yrs; Dave J. 39 yrs; Barbara 3 yrs; Mike 1 yr; Bruce 25 yrs; Jim 17 yrs; Ned 6 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Justin R: SCCYPAA: Wanted information on how to change a meetings name. In need of Unity Day flyers. June 7th SCCYPAA will hold elections at Frank Bramhall Park.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D.
 - o Bill appointed Peter C. as the Unity Day Committee Chair. Intergroup voted to approve appointment
 - o 2 new Intergroup reps attended the meeting.
2. Central Service Board – Dave J.
 - o The Central Service Board oversees finances of Central Office. Fiscally, all is sound.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - o In the black for the years finances. Your support is greatly appreciated.
 - o Handed out Grapevine subscription cards. Available at Central Office.
 - o Back issues of the Grapevine found and selling them for fifty cents.
 - o Question was brought up about subscriptions not arriving in the mail. Bruce will call Grapevine to find out any information available.
 - o The carpet and painting are done in the Central Office. Furniture is coming.
4. PI/CPC – Jennifer G.
 - o Made presentation to San Jose Conservation Corp.
 - o Presentations scheduled at: Most Holy Trinity Church Health Fair, DUI classes; Sunnyvale Health Fair, San Jose City College, and Project Access.
 - o Monthly Meeting is held 2nd Saturday every month at 10 a.m. All are welcome!
5. Twelfth Step Committee – Maxine
 - o Daytime – Bruce K. – Shifts are filled
 - o Nights and Weekends – Maxine – Shifts available: Monday, week 3: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Wednesday, week 4: 6:00 am to 9:00 am, Friday, week 5: 7:00 pm to Midnight and week 5: Midnight to 6:00 am. Saturday, week 3: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
 - o New Daily Coordinator for Wednesdays - Heidi P.
 - o Call Maxine or Central Office if interested in doing service for the Phone Diverter

6. Outreach Committee – Lee C.
 - o 660 meetings to visit; 312 meetings visited; 62 meetings no longer running.
 - o Committee is in need of people to join. Monthly committee meetings are held at the Central Office on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:15. Meeting ends in time to attend Intergroup monthly meeting.
 - o Lee pointed out that Mike D. has been doing a great job keeping all the data.
7. Newsletter Committee – no report
8. Activities Committee – Marilyn H.
 - o Open House at Central Office June 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Hot dogs and desert will be available.
9. Other Service Committee Reports
 - Unity Day – Peter C.
 - o Meeting held May 12, 6:00 pm at Harry’s Hofbrau on Saratoga Avenue. All are welcome to attend. Next meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday of next month.
 - o Unity Day will be held August 24th, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Milpitas Community Center. Flyers will be available next month.
 - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – No report
 - Hospitals and Institutions – No report
 - o Flyer handed out with facilities in need of meeting secretaries.
 - Bridging the Gap – Bill M.
 - o People are needed to take members to their first AA meeting. These are members who are just getting out jail or institutions.
 - North County – Jeanne H.
 - o The 58th Conference took place in New York. Sharon B will give her report on May 17th at Lakeport, Lake County Fairgrounds. 8:30 am registration and Sharon will give her report at 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm
 - South County – Erica C.
 - o Power Point presentation created for new GSR representatives.
 - o 3rd legacy: when it was translated English to Spanish the 3rd legacy lost its meaning. S.C. is asking for it to be changed back.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Intergroup Inventory – Ross – See report on page 1.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OPEN FORUM:

Founder’s Day Picnic Flyer – Sunday, June 8th from 11 am to 4 pm at Sylvan Avenue Park.

Meeting guides and the website are updated weekly based upon information from the Outreach Committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

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

	<u>Apr 08</u>	<u>Apr 07</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	14,491.01	14,786.99	44,087.06
8010 · Literature Sales	5,586.21	5,544.73	20,009.73
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	908.00	953.98	4,191.25
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	0.00	15.00	75.00
Total Income	<u>20,985.22</u>	<u>21,300.70</u>	<u>68,363.04</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,851.52	3,638.07	14,082.46
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	243.62	203.33	1,225.49
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,095.14</u>	<u>3,841.40</u>	<u>15,307.95</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,095.14</u>	<u>3,841.40</u>	<u>15,307.95</u>
Gross Profit	16,890.08	17,459.30	53,055.09
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	177.00	177.00	354.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	431.52	475.26	1,985.77
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	3.25
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	15.49	115.28	259.28
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	0.00	0.00	25.00
6160 · Copier Expense	162.41	135.56	537.87
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	1,370.50
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	-5.98
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	267.75
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	669.79	788.37	3,379.16
6245 · Internet Access Charges	19.95	19.95	79.80
6330 · Office Expense	914.35	37.25	2,932.09
6360 · Archives (Archives)	0.00	0.00	41.22
6380 · Payroll Taxes	549.95	494.45	2,446.17
6410 · Postage	207.40	20.00	796.97
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	9,122.40
6540 · Salaries - Office	6,510.57	6,259.51	25,256.70
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	200.00	600.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	321.69	314.13	1,184.01
7060 · Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	-0.73	0.00	-0.80
Total Expense	<u>12,459.99</u>	<u>11,317.36</u>	<u>50,695.16</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,430.09	6,141.94	2,359.93
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	0.00	244.30	507.07
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	243.17
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>244.30</u>	<u>750.24</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>244.30</u>	<u>750.24</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,430.09</u></u>	<u><u>6,386.24</u></u>	<u><u>3,110.17</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2008

	<u>Apr 30, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	10,862.52
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)	47.75
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	<u>29,449.01 *</u>
Total Checking/Savings	90,735.15
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	<u>-759.70</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-759.70
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	15,206.40
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	<u>2,096.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>17,302.40</u>
Total Current Assets	107,277.85
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,796.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	2,197.84
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-14,743.50
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	<u>-150.25</u>
Total Fixed Assets	17,400.11
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	<u>1,993.85</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>1,993.85</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>126,671.81</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	<u>494.57</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>494.57</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>494.57</u>
Total Liabilities	494.57
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	17,400.11
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	105,666.96
Net Income	<u>3,110.17</u>
Total Equity	<u>126,177.24</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>126,671.81</u></u>

<p>* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$79,599.88 This represents over 6 months of operating expenses. The Board established goal is 6 months. Thank you.</p>
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INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
April 2008

	<u>Apr 08</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 08</u>
1 INV Freedom Fellowship 70940	515.16	725.16
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	552.30	828.79
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	915.60
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	878.77
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	341.77	739.57
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	828.06
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	350.00	350.00
12 & 12 Step Study SJ 6.00P 800 (Wed.)	43.67	43.67
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	14.00	14.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	105.00	105.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	63.84
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	70.00	70.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	75.00	250.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	520.45
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	350.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	220.78
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	0.00	224.00
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	0.00	383.09
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	90.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	175.00
Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	65.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	424.00	1,860.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	161.53
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	0.00	155.40
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	102.00	102.00
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 Bird 244 (Thur.)	0.00	141.40
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	222.60
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	486.00	486.00
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	46.20	81.88
Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	517.78
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	300.00
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	133.33
G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	100.00	100.00
G South County Fellowship 70954	175.00	875.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	400.00
G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	504.69	1,659.32
G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	2,346.26	2,346.26
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	560.00
G Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	75.00
Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	110.00	110.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	280.00
Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	0.00	200.90
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	238.00
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	260.00	260.00
Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.)	366.13	366.13
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	140.00	140.00
Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	350.00
Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	413.00
H.O.W. Group 164 (Wed.)	0.00	384.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	346.50	719.60
Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	88.00
High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	84.00	265.00
Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	100.00	240.00
In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	136.36	136.36
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	62.00
Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	0.00	301.70
Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	100.00	100.00
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00
Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	0.00	105.00

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	<u>Apr 08</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 08</u>
Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	84.00
Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	272.50	272.50
Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	90.00	90.00
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	105.00	105.00
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	104.00	224.00
Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	165.05
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	140.00	140.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	598.50
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,482.00
Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.)	224.00	854.00
Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84
Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	70.00	70.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	100.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	245.00
Mustard Seed Faith 824 (Mon.)	1,145.90	1,145.90
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	60.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	490.00
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	141.62	569.47
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	150.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	128.00	128.00
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	279.30
Personal 00911	106.00	153.56
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	106.40
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	700.00	700.00
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	198.80
Saturday Night Young People's 142 (Sat.)	70.00	70.00
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	0.00	200.10
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	880.45	880.45
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	195.30	195.30
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08
Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	25.00	25.00
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
South Valley Group (267)	0.00	154.00
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	100.00	300.00
Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	154.00	338.10
Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	245.00	560.00
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	500.00	500.00
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	140.00
Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	101.00	101.00
Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	110.00
Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	0.00	61.00
Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	252.00	252.00
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	96.00
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	150.00	250.00
The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	1,351.00
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00
Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	302.40	302.40
Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	0.00	150.00
Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	0.00	362.58
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	140.00	140.00
Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	682.23
Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	107.00
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	254.80	254.80
TOTAL	<u>14,491.01</u>	<u>44,087.06</u>