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GOD TAPS

God Taps

Those times when you are aware of God working in your life.

Coincidence is when God chooses to

remain anonymous...

COME TO GATE 12

Sometime in the early 1990's I was treating a woman in an intensive outpatient chemical dependency group. Let's call her 'Grace.' Grace was a flight attendant and had been suspended from her job with a major airline due to her untreated alcoholism. She had been stealing the little miniature liquor bottles and drinking in airport bars in uniform, etc. Her employer, realizing she needed treatment sent her to us.

After the eight week program, I suggested to her it might be a good idea to solidify her foundation in recovery before returning to work as she would be working in a high-risk environment (serving alcohol, being out of town alone, etc.). Grace did, however, return to work shortly after completing outpatient treatment. One day, while she was departing from a plane at the end of long day in the Los Angeles International Airport pulling her roller-bag behind her, A massive craving to drink came over her. She tried to just 'think through it,' or 'just forget about it,' but it was way too powerful.

It was so powerful, in fact, that she had resigned to herself that she would just go drink.

Grace thought, Oh, heck with it, I'll get another job... or maybe no one will find out anyway. But deep down inside Grace did not want to drink. She truly had wanted to stay sober, but she was in trouble.

On her way to the bar in the airport, Grace had a moment of sanity. She stopped, picked up the airport paging phone and said, 'Will you please page friends of Bill W. , ' she paused, quickly looking around for an empty gate "to come to Gate 12?"

Within minutes, over the paging system in the LA International Airport came, 'Will friends of Bill W. please come to Gate 12. Will friends of Bill W. please come to Gate 12. ' Most people in recovery know that asking if you are a friend of Bill W. is an anonymous way to identify yourself as a member of AA.

In less than five minutes there were about fifteen people at that gate from all over the world. That brought tears of amazement, relief and joy to Grace. They had a little meeting there in that empty gate, total strangers prior to that moment.

Grace discovered that two of those people had gotten out of their boarding lines and missed their flights to answer that call for help. They had remembered what they had seen on many walls of meeting rooms:

'When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible. '

Grace did not drink that day. I would venture to guess that none of the people who came to Gate 12 drank that day either. Instead Grace had a moment of sanity, realized she could not do it on her own, took the action of asking for help and received it immediately. This help is available to all of us if we want it and sincerely ask for it. It never fails.

Richard C.

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God Taps in the form of Angels in AA

In the meeting I had announced that today I had thirty days. A man I did not know asked me after the meeting if I knew what I could expect and before I could answer he said "if you don't drink today you can expect to get thirty one". He walked away and I never saw him again.

I was at a meeting I had never attended before. I was in my first year. The chair was a man, a teacher with short white hair. His story was amazingly told and his recovery an exciting tale of the twelve steps and his sponsor. As he closed he mentioned that he

had ninety days. I never saw him again.

A woman with thirty days called on in a step meeting shared that she had discovered she could not be afraid in the moment. I never saw her again.

Flower Nancy said that A.A. meetings gave her a place to take her feelings. Spiritual Betty told me I had a candy ass God. She suggested I fire Him and get a new one. Bill R repeatedly said that "when I don't know what to do, I know what to do". Peppermint Patty told me meetings were like

spiritual gas stations.

These are some of the A.A. angels who carried a message to me when I needed to hear it.

Bill D. , Los Gatos



God Taps on the High Seas

My wife Kitty and I just returned from a 15 day cruise. Have you ever taken an ocean cruise? On the daily list of activities you probably saw a reference to a "Friends of Bill W. Meeting". Well it's vacation and you are busy with friends and off on a tour and you can survive a few days without a meeting and probably nobody will show up anyway, or so my mind was telling me.

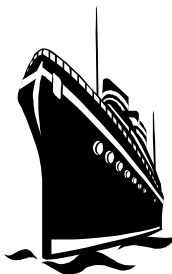
I went to the meeting the second day out of port and found a small group of 6 people. The meeting grew to a dozen before long.

A friendly bunch, Vance, a 45 year member from Albuquerque, Bill, a 20 year member from Fairbanks, Alaska, Ronni, a recovery counselor from West Virginia, Scott, a member from Sacramento and his Alanon wife, John, Tom, and Erik, from the Seattle/Tacoma area, Andy, a 35 year member from

Alberta, Canada, Dave, a crew member, and my wife, Kitty.

After the meeting we went our separate ways. Later we would run into our new "Friends" on the ship, in port, or on a tour and got to know them a bit more.

Then one day things began to happen. One of the attendees had terminal cancer and said he found comfort in the meeting. David, from Atlanta, showed up a few days later. He has a few years in the program and a wife who had had a stroke the previous evening. A few days later Paul showed up because he needed help dealing with an angry wife whose daughter was in a treatment center. The next day his wife showed up. She got help with directions to Alanon. And David's wife got better.



Bill, from Fairbanks celebrated his 21st AA birthday and as luck would have it Kitty had her recently acquired, 21 year chip with her and passed it on to Bill. And John and Ronni talked to the Cruise folks and a birthday cake was delivered to the meeting on Bill's birthday.

We were able to be there for the folks who needed help. We shared our experience, strength, and hope. We carried the message. It was hard to leave the group when the cruise was over.

AA is alive and working on the high seas. If you find yourself on a cruise and see the "Friends of Bill W. Meeting" notice, check in. You might help improve someone's quality of life. It sure helped mine.

Greg L, San Jose

God Taps Like Butterflies



God taps like butterflies sigh,
so easily lost in a whirlwind.
A proclamation clothed only in
excitement parades before a properly
primped audience of the blind whose
hearing should have been sufficient
enough to catch what was said,
but didn't.

There! Two or more are gathered
here, hear! the words once again
go unheard. They are gathered
in tiny clumps grouped together,
so fragrant, like the bush flanking
the steep ramp to their meeting place.
Tap...wait...Tap...excuse me...Tap

Exhausted, He sits on the dirty picnic
table bench, hands full of unused taps,
like sunsets unnoticed or a child's unseen
eyes upon wakening. He catches a lone
straggler, confused, but going anyway, and
places a Tap into the lonely sweating palm.
The straggler thanks the stranger,
opens his hand upon letting go
to find His message
Love.



Cathynn, Santa Clara

GOD TAPS IN THE WORKPLACE

The spiritual part of my program of sobriety is one of the most important features of my program. I had no trouble finding a God when I entered Alcoholics Anonymous because I had a relationship with a Higher Power before I joined AA. But, I had distanced myself from Him, like I had everyone else. I asked Him many times to help me quit drinking, but I couldn't stop. I wanted to maintain control of my life. God could not help me to stop drinking until I became willing to let Him direct **all** areas of my life.

I've heard in the rooms that 'it takes what it takes to get each of us here'. Unfortunately, it took a DUI for me to humble myself enough to seek help from others. The first six months of my sobriety were filled with more fear than I'd ever experienced, but I've realized that fear allowed me to 'make a decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God *as I understood Him.*' In those first six months God worked so that I kept my driver's license, stayed out of jail and kept my job. Seeing how God resolved these things, knowing that there was nothing I could do, has laid a foundation on which I'm reestablishing my relationship with Him.

Today, this relationship helps me to live each day choosing to do His will, not mine, as much as possible. When I'm confronted with situations I used to react to fearfully or anxiously, I'm learning to turn them over to Him and then rest in the knowledge that He can take better care of the outcome than I ever could. Right now, I'm living through just such an experience.

Four days ago I learned that one of the 4th grade teachers at my school must switch grades for this fall. I teach fourth grade. Whoever is picked will be moved to Kindergarten or First grade. The principal doesn't know who or what grade yet. Talk about anxiety!! But, the presence of God in my life is allowing me to experience real serenity in the midst of this. I know that the situation will be resolved according to God's plan, so today I will arrive at my school and continue to prepare my classroom. Since I can't target a specific age group yet, I'm cleaning out closets and papers. I will be in better shape for the fall, no matter what grade I teach because this uncertainty forced me to get tasks I'd been avoiding done.

For me, spirituality is directly linked to serenity. The more I turn over my will and my life to God, the more serene I am because I know the outcome is in the hands of a power much greater than me. Hallelujah!!

Nancy P., San Jose

Footnote: Upon arriving at school today after I submitted the article, I learned that all 4th grade teachers will stay in fourth grade. The principal decided to have one of us (not me) do a combinations 4/5 class. The other 3 of us will probably be the ones getting all the students who move into the District later in the year. Although not ideal, it sure beats moving down to Kindergarten. As usual, God took care of it!

LEARNING RESPONSIBILITY

During one of my periods in A.A., before my last drink, I went into business with the man who was then my sponsor. We had an interesting arrangement. We would use my money and his brains. He ran out of brains and I ran out of money and I had mortgaged my house to keep the business going. There was a bank foreclosure in process on my house. I sat next to an old timer in a meeting who was a real-estate broker and I asked him what I should do about the pending foreclosure which was due for completion in about three weeks. He agreed to come over and look at my house after the meeting. Houses were not moving at the time but he was able to find a buyer before the foreclosure occurred.

In the process of showing and selling my house he became my sponsor. One of the first things he told me was that I am responsible for what I do.

He then added that this responsibility includes the businesses which I choose to go into or the jobs which I volunteer for in A.A. It sometimes seems to me that some of the members of our wonderful fellowship have not yet learned to be responsible for the commitments that they assume. On more than one occasion I have been doing a commitment which requires the relief of another member at the end of my shift and the person who is to relieve me just doesn't seem to be available. This leaves me to find someone to relieve me or do another shift. I believe that I owe it to the fellowship to follow through on any commitment which I volunteer to take. It seems to me that this is the least I can do after all that the fellowship has done for me.

Another area in which we can be responsible at a group level is being on time when we have a job in the group and being responsible to the facility at which we are guests. Many times the facility finds it necessary to communicate with someone in the group and cannot contact a responsible member of the group. If the sec-

retary or treasurer of the group would give their number to the facility this would alleviate the problem. Of course members of the facility could go to the meeting to find us but since we are guests in their facility and since they have been kind enough to let us use it, usually at a nominal fee, that should not be necessary.

An important area of responsibility is that of doing our diverter shifts. If the next person who is signed up for a time slot just isn't home it becomes the problem of the person who is suppose to be relieved to find someone to do the next shift or do it himself. Sober members of our fellowship are not supposed to leave their fellow members in the lurch. This is far from what we are taught in the book and by our sponsors.

Anonymous, Sunnyvale



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GOD TAPS IN MAINE



Early in sobriety I had just asked a woman to be my sponsor. I traveled to Maine to attend a wedding; the bride was the daughter of my best childhood friend. None of the wedding attendees knew I was an alcoholic or that I was surrendering to recovery.

Since I had few tools, my sponsor was very worried that I would relapse—after all, I would be attending a number of festivities where champagne would be served, and that was my drink of choice. My sponsor wisely suggested that I call the Maine Central Office and ask for a ride to a Saturday morning meeting (the day of the wedding).

I called Central Office upon checking into my hotel room Friday

afternoon. The gentleman who answered was very kind as he stated that transportation was generally not provided to meetings, but he would see what he could do.

As I hung up the phone, I panicked. That evening I would be attending the Rehearsal Dinner. I knew I would be sitting with the bride's mother, my best friend, and that there would be plenty of alcohol. What would I do?! I started reading *Living Sober*, which I had brought with me, to calm myself down.

Thirty minutes later, the phone rang. A woman living in Bar Harbor said she would be happy to pick me up and take me to the meeting the next morning. And she said, "It is so strange that I was at home to receive Doug's call from Central Office.

I was supposed to be in Bangor this afternoon. And it is so strange that Doug happened to call me...since I am the only person in Bar Harbor who attends the meeting in Ellsworth on a regular basis."

That was my God Tap early in sobriety that let me know—for the first time in my life—that my Higher Power was with me. At that moment I took Step 3, turning my will and my life over to the care of God.

The Rehearsal Dinner was great. I was so focused on the lobster that I could have cared less about any champagne being served.

I was in the hand of God. And I remain so today—One Day at a Time.

Carol B., Santa Clara

GOD TAPS IN DIVORCE

Divorced after a 20-year marriage, I was living in a one-bedroom apartment. One Sunday I attended a luncheon out of town (a 5-hour round trip) with several long-time women friends. They were married and lived in lovely houses. By the time I returned home, I was plunging into the pity pot. Life wasn't fair! Why couldn't I have a house, too?

I called my sponsor, who told me to eat a cheese sandwich. Of course, I had broken HALT. I was too hungry, angry, lonely and tired to think clearly, much less feel gratitude for the many blessings of my sobriety: a rewarding career, a new car, a growing savings account, family, friends, my two cats--and sometimes even serenity and peace of mind.

As I left for work the next morning, a homeless man was pushing a shopping cart filled with all his possessions down the sidewalk. All I could say was "Thank you, God. I get it!"

Pat S., Sunnyvale

AA Thought for the Day

(courtesy AAOnline.net)



Grace

God's grace had overcome the death that was in me and instead had made me a member of the "society of the second chance."

If this grace had been contingent on my righteousness or obedience or goodness or sacrifice, as acts of the will, it would never have come to me, because I had none of those things going. It was an unearned favor to an unlikely prospect. This grace that overcomes death by forgiveness is the truth that has set me free...

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Archives

- ◆ A man named Frank Buckman managed a boy's home. He had a disagreement with the board of directors over finances and the board fired him. This resulted in Frank having a large resentment. He happened to attend a talk given on dealing with resentments. He tried the things he learned and was so amazed with the results that he established an organization called the Oxford Group based on those principles. It was the Oxford Group to which Ebby T. belonged when he visited Bill W. (Bill always called Ebby his sponsor) and it was that Group to which our early members first belonged. It was from that Group that we received the essentials of the original six steps, later developed into our Twelve Steps.
- ◆ September of 1939 marked a sudden expansion of A.A. in Cleveland. Some of the members in Cleveland also attended meetings in the home of Oxford Group members T. Henry and Clarace Williams. At those meetings they met Dr. Bob and Anne and the folks in Akron and looked with wonder on the people who had been sober one, two, or three years. They also went to St. Thomas Hospital in Akron where Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia were working with a number of "wet ones" (over 5,000 were helped before Dr. Bob died) and talked to newcomers while they detoxed in their beds. They were inspired when they went back to Cleveland and began to dig up their own prospects.
- ◆ The Los Gatos Big Book meeting was started on September 14, 1987, with Co-Secretary Ted W. and Jim C. It is still being held at noon on Monday at St. Lukes Episcopal Church. In the Archives at Central Office is a list of all of the Secretaries for that meeting during the ten years that it has been going



What's Happening in General Service

Who knew when first asked to write this article for the COIN that I would have so many of you getting to me at meetings and thanking me?? I've been constantly astounded and amazed at the reaction I've gotten to this...mostly gratitude, but lots of you, have told me that you've actually learned something about General Service! Gosh...I totally LOVE that, and am very grateful for the opportunity to share my experience, strength and hope with you on this subject, as I truly believe being in General Service has enhanced my sobriety!

I've been asked to keep these shorter than usual, do to the great demand of space inside the Intergroup Newsletter (good dealio!), so for this month I want to invite all of you to our Santa Clara (04 & 40) County GSR **"Roast & Toast" Picnic on September 14th** at the Willow Street Park in Willow Glen!! We will be having Ross as our Speaker (current Chair of PRAASA 2009!), and also both of the DCMC's of the Santa Clara Districts! Main Course (Meat!) will be provided, BYO Dish to share.

This is just going to be a fun event with Softball, Volleyball and LOTS of Socializing! Please join us, and find the fun side General Service!

Remember "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Humbly submitted by April A, DCMC District 04, General Service

You are welcome to attend our District meetings~we're in the Meeting Guide!

Birthdays Contributions

Name	Years	Gift From	Birthday
Sharon L.	27	Rita M.	07/14/1981
Linda D.	30	Rita M.	07/17/1978
Sarah P.	15	Rita M.	07/23/1993
Jackie J.	16	Rita M.	07/24/1992
Lynn S	21	Rita M.	07/28/1987
Suzette D.	2	Rita M.	07/29/2006
Bill R.	27	Addnl. Cont., Pat C.	08/01/1981
Vernon M.	20	The Colonel & Pat C.	08/02/1988
Don W.	19	Anonymous	08/07/1989
Johnny O.	40	Aileen B., Pat C.	08/12/1968
Karen G.	9	Pat C.	08/13/1999
Phyllis K.	27	Pat C.	08/15/1981
Jim S.	27	The Colonel & Pat C.	08/20/1981
Maggie McQ.	13		08/21/1995
John P.	26	Addnl. Cont., Linda D.	08/24/1982
Piano Joe	37		08/26/1971



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For a total of

356 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

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



MEETING CHANGES**Deleted**

All meetings at Mid-Peninsula Alano Club, Mountain View, have been deleted. The Club is closed.

3rd Tradition Meeting, Mon., 8:00PM, Kaiser Santa Clara

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

Changed

Entire Abstinence, Monday, 8:00PM, moved to Meterrainian Apts., 550 Kiely Blvd, The Club House.

Sober Thoughts, Wed., noon, Oak Grove Baptist Church, changed to Almaden Hills United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Rd.

Big Book Highlighter, Mon., changed to 6:00PM, Forged From Adversity Group, Sunnyvale

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

New

Friday Friends, Friday, noon, 7787 Monterey St., Gilroy

Daily Reflections, Wed., 10:00AM, South County Fellowship, 18675 Adams Ct., Morgan Hill

Noon Nooners, Mon., noon, Mission Oaks Hospital, Los Gatos

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 11

In Memoriam**Nancy B., 19 years, San Jose**

Muir "Easy" E of Montgomery, Alabama, completed his journey of 95 years peacefully this morning and left for the Big Meeting.

For the past few years, Easy E was the longest sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Easy got sober Nov. 15, 1942, in Jacksonville FL and then moved back to his home of Montgomery where he helped start AA there. He knew Bill Wilson. He still attended meetings and sponsored a number of men until the last. He attended the Alabama/NW Florida Area Assembly, which he faithfully attended over the years. Less well known is that Muir got his nickname "Easy" from his hobby as a pool shark. Easy was one of the 20th Century's greatest pool players, who successfully competed (sober!) against such legends as Willie Mosconi and Minnesota Fats. One of the great rewards of AA has been the opportunity to know such as Easy. We shall miss him.

Telephone Calls Received**During May**

Alcoholics
Anonymous...
How may we help you?



Daytime at Central Office - 468

Daytime 12 Step Calls - 8

Evening and Weekend calls - 426

Evening 12 Step Call information is not available.

I AM RESPONSIBLE...

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

OCTOBER 2008

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

LOCAL EVENTS

October 4: **TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH** pancake breakfast, St. Mark's, Pruneridge and Winchester, 11:00—2:00 PM

March 6-8: **PRAASA**, Oakland, CA

EVENTS AROUND CALIFORNIA

Sept. 26-28: Sobriety by the Sea, Crescent City, CA

Sept. 26-28: 22nd Annual Gold Country Roundup, Plymouth, CA

Oct. 24-26: 24th Santa Barbara Convention

Nov. 21-23: "Serenity in Yosemite", Yosemite National Park, CA

March 12-15: 37th Annual ACYPAA Round-up, Irvine, CA

EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

Nov. 7-9: Miracle on the River, Lake Havasu City, AZ

Nov. 27-30: Sober Fun In The Sun, Las Vegas, NV

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: WACYCAA, Reno, NV

Jan. 8-11: 19th Annual River Roundup, Laughlin, NV

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL
MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING

September 3, 2008

- Bill, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:00 pm, followed by a Moment of Silence, and the Serenity Prayer.
- Joel read the Definition of Intergroup.
- There were 45 voting representatives and 22 visitors in attendance.
- Peter read the Twelve Traditions.
- No corrections to the agenda.
- The August Minutes were approved.
- Intergroup Council Treasurer's Report: Chuck G.

Beginning Balance:	08/06/08	\$62.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
Contributions:	08/06/08	\$96.00	
Refreshments:	08/06/08	\$28.00	
Contributions to C.O.	08/27/08	\$40.00	
Balance:	08/27/08	\$90.00	Prudent Reserve \$300.00
- Birthdays: Marie 22 yrs, Rosemary 26 yrs.
- Announcements:
 - Jeff* - SCCYPAA: Halloween Dance in October; information next month. Thanks for being able to do service for Unity day.
 - Mike* – October 10-12, The Spirit of San Francisco
 - Erica* – Santa Clara County GSR roast and toast picnic is Sunday, September 14th, 11:00am at Willow Street Park, San Jose.

Reports

1. Intergroup Chair – Bill D.
 - 4 new Intergroup reps attended the meeting.
 - We will hear from the nominating committee and the nominees will be asked to talk briefly about themselves and their AA service. We will also begin discussion of the recent Intergroup Inventory.
 - Next month, the entire meeting will be the election for the Board of Directors and the Chair and alternate Chair of Intergroup.
2. Central Service Board – Dave J.
 - Contributions are holding steady.
3. Central Office – Bruce K.
 - I will be in Edmonton the end of this month for the National Manager's gathering.
 - I attended the Forum in Spokane in August and the CNCA Summer Assembly.
4. PI/CPC – Jennifer G.
 - Thank you for all those that stopped by our Unity Day workshop.
 - PI/CPC is currently hosting monthly workshops about speaking in various settings as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Second Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:00 am at Central Office.
5. Twelfth Step Committee –
 - Daytime – Bruce K. All shifts are filled.
 - Nights and Weekends – Maxine: All shifts are filled.
6. Outreach Committee – Lee C.
 - 666 meetings needed to visit; 343 visited; 104 meetings no longer existing.
7. Newsletter – Bernadette
 - Upcoming topics:
 - October:* Forgiveness
 - November:* Gratitude
 - December:* Sobriety and the holidays
 - Send Bernadette to compproulx@aol.com or to Central Office. Submit article by the 15th of the previous month.
8. Activities Committee – Marilyn H.
 - October 4th: Take Your Sponsor to Brunch at St. Marks. Pancake breakfast served 11am to 2pm. Recovery meeting 2pm. \$10 donation. Raffle between 11am to 2pm. Tickets available from Intergroup Reps or Central Office.

9. Other Service Committee Reports

- Unity Day – Peter
 - Wrap-up committee meeting: September 9th at 6pm at Harry's Hofbrau. All are welcome.
 - Unity Day 2009, August 23rd at Milpitas Community Center.
 - Total attended: 646 registered - Members "in service": 243
- Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous – Barbara
 - NCCAA 61st Annual Fall Conference, September 5-7, 2008, Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street.
- Hospitals & Institutions – no report.
- Bridging the Gap –no report.
- North County – Jeanne H.
 - The 2008 Pacific Regional Forum was in Spokane, Washington, August 29-31. The U.S. and Canada General Service Board attended.
 - Santa Clara County GSR roast and toast picnic, Sunday, September 14th, 11:00am at Willow St. Park in San Jose.
 - Monthly meeting: 2nd Wednesday in Sunnyvale 7:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, corner of Fremont and Manet Ave. New GSR orientation at 6:45 pm, Service manual study 6:30-7:30pm
 - The 2nd annual conference report workshop is Saturday, October 18th, 1:00-4:00pm, at the Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave.
- South County – Erica C.
 - Same as North County report.
 - PRAASA in Oakland in March, 2009, needs many volunteers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Neale: Chair of Nominating Committee

- Nominations for the Central Service Board: Marie M., Patrick C., Mike D., Doug G.
- Nominations for Intergroup Chair: Mary Pat P. for Chair; Paula L. for Alternate Chair.
 - Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October Intergroup meeting.

Discussion of Intergroup inventory responses and possible action items:

Ideas about carrying the message:

- ✓ guideline to give report to groups
- ✓ outreach rep nominated from group
- ✓ each Intergroup rep go to one new meeting to help the outreach committee
- ✓ rep from large group have several reps from several meeting times rather than one for all so message could get to as many meetings as possible
- ✓ outgoing rep bring new rep to meeting
- ✓ service sponsorship: have a presentation on service sponsorship
- ✓ create a wrap-up report for reps, e-mail minutes to reps.
- ✓ Belief that diverse community in county not being represented at Intergroup
- ✓ Is location of Intergroup meeting centrally located to include all areas of county?
- ✓ Are sponsors leading sponsees to service?

Motion: To create an ad hoc committee to address carrying the message and encouraging diversity in our membership.

Motioned seconded and carried by voting Intergroup representatives.

Bill D, as chair of Intergroup, appointed Mike B. as chair for this committee.

NEW BUSINESS – none

OPEN FORUM – none

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy H.

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

	<u>Aug 08</u>	<u>Aug 07</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
3030 · Contributions-General	8,721.43	6,382.48	91,614.25
8010 · Literature Sales	5,454.42	3,444.09	39,409.06
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	878.01	844.00	8,296.76
8060 · Newsletter Subscriptions	10.00	5.00	110.00
Total Income	<u>15,063.86</u>	<u>10,675.57</u>	<u>139,430.07</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,851.74	2,254.55	27,902.64
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	603.85	525.95	2,849.50
Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,455.59</u>	<u>2,780.50</u>	<u>30,752.14</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,455.59</u>	<u>2,780.50</u>	<u>30,752.14</u>
Gross Profit	10,608.27	7,895.07	108,677.93
Expense			
6010 · Alarm Service	0.00	0.00	531.00
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	152.18	40.76	2,780.27
6060 · Amortization of Improvements	0.00	0.00	6.50
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	110.51	28.98	682.83
6140 · Conferences - Office Manager	302.64	0.00	1,184.13
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	670.00
6160 · Copier Expense	154.60	137.22	1,048.71
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	2,813.67
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	451.70
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	768.75
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	669.79	708.37	6,058.32
6245 · Internet Access Charges	0.00	19.95	139.65
6330 · Office Expense	334.47	285.47	4,814.30
6360 · Archives (Archives)	0.00	101.79	41.22
6380 · Payroll Taxes	581.99	498.41	4,651.59
6410 · Postage	101.60	520.00	1,677.88
6480 · Rent	2,280.60	2,280.60	18,244.80
6540 · Salaries - Office	7,551.61	6,471.19	52,324.40
6600 · Signing Services	200.00	200.00	1,400.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	50.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	271.38	269.99	2,369.87
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.00	0.00	-1.62
Total Expense	<u>12,711.37</u>	<u>11,612.73</u>	<u>102,717.97</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-2,103.10	-3,717.66	5,959.96
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
8030 · Interest Income	31.64	293.60	1,367.55
8050 · Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	-34.09
Total Other Income	<u>31.64</u>	<u>293.60</u>	<u>1,333.46</u>
Net Other Income	<u>31.64</u>	<u>293.60</u>	<u>1,333.46</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,071.46</u></u>	<u><u>-3,424.06</u></u>	<u><u>7,293.42</u></u>

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2008

	Aug 31, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Petty Cash	225.00
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	14,973.39
1021 · First Republic Bank CD 3202 (4 Mo. Liquid CD @ 4.11%, 10/04/2008)	15,244.09 *
1022 · First Republic Bank CD 3210 (6 Mos. CD @ 3.39%, 02/04/2009)	20,339.04 *
1023 · First Republic Bank CD 3228 (12 Mos. CD @ 3.44%, 02/04/2009)	15,258.06 *
1042 · Capital Preservation Fund (Treas. fund currently @ 2.68%)	25,674.50 *
Total Checking/Savings	91,714.08
Accounts Receivable	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,003.23
Total Accounts Receivable	-1,003.23
Other Current Assets	
1250 · Literature Inventory	16,070.52
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	1,595.00
Total Other Current Assets	17,665.52
Total Current Assets	108,376.37
Fixed Assets	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,796.02
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,197.67
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-16,186.67
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-153.50
Total Fixed Assets	20,953.52
Other Assets	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
Total Other Assets	1,993.85
TOTAL ASSETS	131,323.74
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (Sales Tax Payable)	963.25
Total Other Current Liabilities	963.25
Total Current Liabilities	963.25
Total Liabilities	963.25
Equity	
2740 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	14,496.69
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	108,570.38
Net Income	7,293.42
Total Equity	130,360.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	131,323.74

* Our Prudent Reserve Accounts total: \$76,515.69
This represents the Board established goal of 6 months of operating expenses.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Group Contributions

August 2008

	<u>Aug 08</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 08</u>		<u>Aug 08</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 08</u>
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	935.16	Eleventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	140.00	240.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	0.00	1,117.89	End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	1,072.88
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,438.30	Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	70.00	70.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	1,889.15	Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	93.10
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	175.00	1,453.21	Fireside Group 297 (Fri.)	0.00	191.00
1 Inv Seeking Guidance Group 70976	0.00	1,073.06	G Early Bird 70968	0.00	79.94
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70904	0.00	644.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	300.00
12 & 12 Step Study SJ 6.00P 800 (Wed.)	0.00	43.67	G Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	175.00
12 Steps & HOW (Women) 25 (Tues.)	0.00	14.00	G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	2,100.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	205.00	G Remember We Deal With Alcohol 70938	0.00	133.33
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	63.84	G Serenity First Fellowship 70902	0.00	100.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00	G South County Fellowship 70954	210.00	1,645.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	315.00	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	900.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	173.00	G Sunrisers Group/Carrows 70932	452.56	3,739.24
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	0.00	495.00	G Third Tradition Women's Grp(The 70979	1,244.60	3,590.86
Attitude Adjustment SJ 258 (Fri.)	0.00	583.52	G We Care Group 70934	700.00	700.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 861 (Thur.)	0.00	900.00	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	840.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 886 (Tues.)	0.00	600.78	G Winchester Fellowship 70960	280.00	1,119.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 198 (Wed.)	160.30	160.30	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	110.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 321 (Mon.)	287.00	511.00	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	280.00	560.00
Attitude Adjustment SJ 446 (Sun.)	0.00	84.00	Gay & Lesbian Topic Discussion 516 (Sat.)	0.00	200.90
Attitude Adjustment SJ 443 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00	Gay Men & Women Together 85 (Mon.)	0.00	228.60
Basic 12 & 12 00662 (Mon.)	123.25	726.34	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	499.49
Basic Big Book Study 803 (Tues.)	0.00	91.00	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Sun.)	0.00	260.00
Bedmakers Group (Men) 812 (Thur.)	0.00	150.00	Get Up and Go SC (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	538.06
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	250.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	317.10
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	0.00	175.00	Grace Group of AA PA 352 (Sat.)	340.80	690.80
Big Book & Doughnuts (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	800.00
Big Book Discussion Group LA 107 (Tues.)	0.00	65.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	719.60
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	311.00	Happy, Joyous & Free 650 (Tues.)	0.00	193.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 8.00P 347 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00	High Hope SJ 239 (Sat.)	0.00	456.80
Birthday Contribution 00951	344.00	4,097.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	869.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	337.93	Humbly Asked 8.00A 87 (Sun.)	0.00	330.00
Cambrian Saturday Night 376 (Sat.)	0.00	1,400.00	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	136.36
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	35.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	314.00
Chip Winners Group 168 (Wed.)	207.33	529.74	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	210.00
Courage to Change 145 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	205.50
Daily Reflection 531 MH (Wed.)	0.00	104.83	Joy of Living 464 PA (Wed.)	0.00	520.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	113.40	Joy of Living Meeting 92 (Mon.)	0.00	301.70
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	102.00	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	170.00
Down to Earth Group 563 (Tues.)	0.00	385.54	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	204.07
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (Mon.)	0.00	147.00	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	420.00	632.49	Liquor Was But A Symptom 203 (Thur.)	110.00	215.00
Early Bird 244 (Thur.)	0.00	141.40	Live and Let Live 24 (Sun.)	0.00	225.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	628.60	Living in the Solution (W) MH 33 (Sat.)	0.00	84.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	815.00	Living with Others 319 (Fri.)	0.00	272.50
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	232.69	Lodestar Group/Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	90.00
Eastside Step Study 45 (Sun.)	58.10	58.10	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	175.00
El Camino Group 108 (Tues)	59.67	141.55	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	351.00
Eleventh Step Group 167 (Wed.)	190.00	190.00	Los Gatos Tuesday Night 110 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00

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Memorial Contributions	50.00	125.00	Spiritual Step Study Group 233 (Sun.)	0.00	513.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	373.78	St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	835.00
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	420.00	St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	1,000.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	112.00	395.00
Men's Honesty Group SJ 26 (Sat.)	0.00	1,145.90	Step Along (Women) Cupt 638 (Wed.)	0.00	101.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	1,088.50	Steps & Traditions 893 (Wed.)	0.00	110.00
Men's Single Problem Study 220 (Thur.)	0.00	3,032.00	Steps to Serenity 331 Snvle (Fri.)	0.00	61.00
Men's Single Topic Discussion 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,288.00	Sunday Early Evening 682 (Sun.)	0.00	505.11
Men's Topic Discussion 635 (Tues.)	0.00	94.84	Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	96.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	100.00	285.00	Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	290.00
Monday Midday Meeting PA 714 (Mon.)	0.00	175.00	T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	455.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	582.40	The Other Wednesday Nite (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	2,331.00
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	210.00	There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
New Beginnings 603 (Wed.)	278.00	278.00	Think Tank (Men) SJ 361 (Sat.)	840.00	2,240.00
New Direction 12 x 12 90 (Mon.)	0.00	60.00	Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	220.00
New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	949.20	Tuesday Night Men's Meeting 525 (Tues)	0.00	302.40
New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	0.00	1,094.13	Up the Creek-Daily Reflections 745(Tues.)	0.00	275.00
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	0.00	448.80	Veterans of Alcohol (Open) 874 (Tues.)	560.00	922.58
NEWSLETTER	0.00	5.00	Veterans of Alcohol North (Open)338(Wed)	0.00	138.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	128.00	Villages Group of AA (The) 406 (Mon)	0.00	770.00
Noon Discussion 177 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00	We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	140.00
Palo Alto Men's Meeting 525 (Tues.)	0.00	569.80	Women's Brunch PA 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,125.33
Palo Alto Step Study 752 (Tues.)	0.00	763.84	Women's Topic Disc. Group 103 (Tues.)	0.00	232.77
Pass It On Group Los Altos 418 (Sun.)	0.00	350.00	Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	227.00
Personal 00911	12.82	3,295.90	Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	329.00	583.80
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	175.00		<u>8,721.43</u>	<u>91,614.25</u>
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	107.00	213.40			
Progress Not Perfection 229 (Sun.)	0.00	245.00			
Rincon Men's Fellowship 567 (Thur.)	280.00	700.00			
Saratoga Group 328 (Fri.)	0.00	350.00			
Saturday 6PM Meeting LG 413 (Sat.)	0.00	49.00			
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,400.00			
Saturday Night Promises PA 847 (Sat.)	0.00	377.30			
Saturday Night Young People's 142 (Sat.)	0.00	70.00			
SCCYPAA	0.00	122.02			
SCCYPAA Young at Heart LG 888 (Tues)	0.00	200.10			
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	880.45			
Serenity at Noon 215 (Wed.)	0.00	195.30			
Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	241.08			
Signs of Sobriety .) 402 (Mon.)	0.00	25.00			
Sisters in Sobriety Milpitas 548 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00			
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	260.00			
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00			
South Valley Group (267)	0.00	154.00			
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	254.10			
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	182.00			
Speaker Meeting PA 18 (Sun.)	200.00	750.00			
Spiritual Awakenings Group 670 (Sat.)	0.00	78.00			
Spiritual Progress 269 (Thur.)	0.00	338.10			