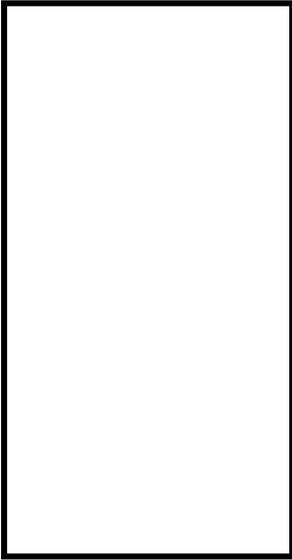




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Reflections on Turning XXX

I recently passed another milestone on the wonderful path of sobriety, thanks to my Higher Power, the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, and my footwork of 30 years clean and sober. Like most of us, I can't help but become reflective right before a birthday. Leading up to that day, I was also reading the 10th Step daily, and it made me think about my relevance to my AA group.

I still go to at least three meetings a week, and I'm clear what an integral part AA is in my life. Without this connection, I'm not sure what little humility I have and what connection I have with my Higher Power would exist, so the importance of going to meetings for me is second nature.

Working with others also is a daily part of my life, and I certainly get more than I give. However, what about the other side of this equation? What about my home group? How do I contribute to its strength so that it will continue on and be there for newcomers like the rooms were there for me when I came in? Meetings,

just like bars, go through changes, and the numbers rise and fall, but I have to ask myself, am I a good example? Do I seek out newcomers enough, or do I gravitate toward chatting with friends? Do I try to make others feel welcome and give the love that I felt when I knew I needed this thing but wasn't sure I wanted it? I know I felt when I was new that "oldtimers" probably didn't want to hear what I had to say based on a bad experience or two, but the men and women I looked up to were warm and welcoming to all, especially those that were new and trying to fit in. They made time and offered an ear so I could feel a part of, regardless of the nonsense and ranting anger I had prior to working the Steps and working with others. The following words, which are posted in some of our rooms, sum it up better than I can ever say, and mean more to me now than ever:

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

– Rick C.

Upcoming COIN Deadlines

September 2016 Issue: August 17th

Topics: Step Nine, Tradition Nine, Ninth Step Principle (Justice)

October 2016 Issue: September 21st

Topics: Step Ten, Tradition Ten, Tenth Step Principle (Perseverance)

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Step Eight: Paving the Way to a Better Life

This was never supposed to happen; I was never meant to write this article for two reasons. One, I am certifiably dysgraphic. What I know in my mind, my hands can't put into writing without a huge struggle. So I hate writing. I don't spell well. When the words do come out on paper, they are never as good as the words in my head. Two, I was never meant to be an alcoholic. I come from a good family. My friend's parents always said I was well-behaved, and I have always tried to make people around me happy. So how is it that my good intentions have caused so much pain, and what can I do to ease the suffering I brought fourth into this world?

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

I was taught to start my Eighth Step by making a list of everyone my alcoholism may have harmed, starting with myself. My parents were high up on the list because I had hurt them the most. In early sobriety, my father confided in me that my mother used to wake him worrying about me, crying inconsolably, at 4 a.m. every morning. I was lost in my addiction, only worrying about myself, and I was blind to the pain I was causing the people I loved the most. It was only by giving up drinking that I became aware of the destruction I had caused and was able to end this madness.

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

You are forced to do a lot of growing up in the program, and addressing past mistakes is part of being an adult. Step Nine was the Step I feared most, but it

ended up being my most gratifying Step. All of the Step work leading up to Nine prepared me to conquer that fear. Step Eight is easy: All you have to do is write

“The road to hell is NOT paved with good intentions. It is paved with the mistakes made by good people like you and me. By making amends for these mistakes, we can rebuild that road to lead us in any direction we like.”

down names. Then you get the task – and in the end, the honor – of working through the healing process and checking the names off your list. If your Ninth Step is anything like mine was, you will gain the understanding that this Step benefits you just as much, if not more, than the people you make amends to.

Now back to the part where I said I was never meant to be an alcoholic. Growing up, I had always imagined an alcoholic being a bum drinking liquor out of a paper bag. I now have the understanding that alcoholism comes in many forms. My grandfather was a brilliant functioning alcoholic; my mother a secretive closet alcoholic; and my sister was a lovable social alcoholic.

My dad can drink like a normal person. If I could drink like my dad, I would drink. Every day, at all hours of the day. This is how I know I am an alcoholic.

Is alcoholism a disease? I don't know, but if it is, thankfully, there is a cure. The cure is abstinence, and it was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. Twice, I have had long periods of sobriety. During these times, I have found alcoholics to be some of the

most interesting, talented, and intelligent people I have ever met in my life. It's a shame that alcoholism is seen by some as a weakness of willpower. There is a clear difference between an alcoholic and a nonalcoholic. If you try to explain your experience with alcohol to a normal drinker, sometimes you will come upon the blank stare of utter cluelessness. Many times, only another alcoholic will understand your struggle. This is why it is so important that we stick together.

Can a person recover from alcoholism and learn to drink responsibly? I do not know. Some think it is possible, but very rare. I tried it once and ended up waking up from a blackout snuggled next to an Emu trying to eat the pastrami sandwich that was stuffed in my pocket, in Mark Ruffalo's back yard. OK, that never actually happened, but it totally could have. So I don't drink anymore.

If you're procrastinating on the Step work like I have, that's okay. If you kind of have a sponsor but not really, that's okay too. What matters for now is that you are not drinking. When you are not drinking, being a better person comes naturally. The road to hell is NOT paved with good intentions. It is paved with the mistakes made by good people like you and me. By making amends for these mistakes, we can rebuild that road to lead us in any direction we like. Remember, the only person with the right to label you an alcoholic is yourself. If this helps in your journey to personal growth and self-awareness, then by all means, own it. May the wind be always at your back, the sun on your face, and the bottle forever broken at your feet.

– Jack N.



Step Eight Is Time for Purposeful Recall

When thinking about making “a list of all persons we had harmed” (the first part of Step Eight), many of us default to the infamous “alligator arms.” Just as we may develop said “alligator arms” and the subsequent inability to reach our wallet when it comes time to pay the check at a meal with friends, we also seem to develop selective amnesia when it comes to making a list of people we have harmed in the throes of our illness.

Bill W. cautions us against “purposeful forgetting” when he discusses this Step in the 12x12. I have this whole paragraph circled from my very first reading with my sponsor. This is analogous to my “alligator arm” reference in the previous paragraph. I’d like to take some creative license and recommend exercising the opposite – purposeful recall. Whether you have a few hours or a few decades since your last drink, said recall will bring forth a person whom you have harmed in thought, word, or deed. Every human being on the planet can think of someone they harmed and proceeded to sweep that incident under the rug.

Personally, my biggest initial challenge was sifting through the people whom I harmed and those who harmed me. I spent useless time trying to figure out if it was 51% their fault, and got hung up on a foolish blame game. I often rationalized that as long as my part was less than 49%, then I was in the clear. Obviously, that doesn’t work.

So, I decided to make the first part of Step Eight easier. I listed every person I knew. That didn’t include people from work whose name I knew but had simple transactional interactions. It did, however, include folks whose names I don’t remember (or never knew), of

whom my only memory was the bar where we met. When in doubt, I captured the person. My sponsor strongly suggested that I complete this exercise

“The essence of Step Eight is making the list and being willing to make the amends.”

first for every single person. Note the words in this first part of the Step. It is an innocuous list of people – nothing more and nothing less.

Now for the second part of Step Eight, which is to become “willing to make amends to” those people. We must first exercise purposeful recall of our part in the interaction with another human being, and then be willing to make amends to each and every person. Therein lies the ultimate challenge, because this list becomes more imposing. But have no fear; you are not alone.

During my birth time in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous and from personal experience, here are a smattering of difficult candidates for an Eighth Step list: a priest who was inappropriate with a man when he was young; a mother who beat a man as a young child; two men who attacked a woman on a subway at 2 a.m.; an ex-wife who emotionally scarred a man during a brief and stormy marriage; a business partner who stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from his partner;

and a son who consistently stole rent money from a woman to pay for his drugs. How on Earth is any rational person supposed to become willing to make amends to people who have done them such horrendous harm? When you close your eyes and think of who has done you egregious harm, are you willing to make amends to them? Do you think it was easy for any of the folks listed above?

Every person must find a way to go through Step Eight, and subsequently Step Nine. How we make amends is a private subject between those individuals and their sponsors. It is also a topic better left to next month's issue of *The COIN*. The essence of Step Eight is making the

list and being willing to make the amends. Always remember that we do this one Step at a time, and there is no reason to jump ahead. Actually making amends will come in due time. I can tell you that the list in my spiral binder contains 97 names, and at the completion of Step Eight with my sponsor, I was willing to make amends to them all... even my ex-wife, in spite of those emotional scars. I'm certain that you, too, can exercise purposeful recall and then use those alligator arms to write your list. Stay tuned next month for more on actually making those amends.

– JD D.

A Follow-Up to the Seventh Step Challenge

Last month, in writing about the Seventh Step and discussing my character defect of humility, I simultaneously issued a challenge for readers and myself. To reiterate from that issue of *The Coin*, here is the challenge:

“The next time you are in the breakroom at work, enjoying snacks after church, eating burgers at a barbeque, or in a situation where other people are discussing a topic where you believe you have some expertise, do not say a word. If someone tells a story about climbing Pike’s Peak and you just returned from scaling Mount Everest, keep it to yourself. When someone talks about playing high school baseball and your name is Buster Posey, congratulate them on their accomplishments. If you can commit to me to give this a try, I will commit to you to do the same. Let’s practice some humility together.”

Well, quite literally one day after submitting my article, I was faced with

this exact situation. While changing at the gym, I overheard two gentlemen discussing an umpire’s call in baseball. Needless to say, as an experienced Little League umpire, I actually know a fair amount about the topic. I was quite ready, willing, and able to correct them and spew forth a fountain of knowledge that would certainly set them straight. I would be a shining example of being in the right place at the right time and definitely add to the conversation, quite possibly making their day with the insertion of my extensive knowledge.

I am pleased to say that I bit my tongue. In the grand scheme of things, it would not have been the end of the world if I had spoken up. However, just as we call AA friends in good times to ensure the lifeline exists when faced with challenges, practicing this bit of humility may actually help to develop a positive habit. Trust me, those around me certainly hope so.

– JD D.

What an Order! I *Can* Go Through with It!

I am so grateful for the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous! As I worked through them, I realized how perfectly our founders ordered them. When I can be completely honest, the work becomes simple. The life lived on lies was eating away at me when I was in my disease. Some of the lies were to maintain the disease, but some were of no necessity at all. I would find myself shocked at the life I was living, knowing deep inside that I was not living true to myself. It was a relief to begin my journey in AA – I was ready to purge my wrongs and make things right. I listened to what was being said in the rooms and completely understood that making these wrongs right – even if there was no acceptance on the other side – would help keep my disease in check. And it did and continues too!

Step 8 is a compilation of all the Steps; I had to be thorough with the preceding Steps. In Step 1, I had to admit defeat and the fact that because of my disease, my life had become unmanageable. (And it was!) In Step 2, I had to accept that I was not in control and that something bigger than me existed. (I see proof throughout my life.) In Step 3, I made a conscious decision to let that bigger entity run the show. (My track record proved that I was not a good manager.)

Step 4, my inventory, was admitting, to the best of my ability, the wrongs I had done. This is a very important tool for Step 8. When I am thorough and completely honest about my part in these wrongs, it flows very easily. I always have a part, and

when I chose to not be the victim, I can honestly determine my role. When I inventory my resentments correctly with the columns, it becomes clear. For instance, the resentment toward my father who I felt did not play an active role in my life. I felt he chose to make a new life for himself that included me very little. I often lashed out at him, blaming him for how I felt left behind. But my father did the best he could. My mother left him and he did move on to live a happy life. He did make an effort to see us when he could. Much of the hurt was created in my mind. Therefore, my part is one of non-acceptance and accusation. This was all based on fear, jealousy, my desire for control, and self-pity.

For me, this inventory process was a relief. In the disease, I wanted to know what was wrong with me. Knowing I was an alcoholic was just the beginning. An inventory allowed me to dig deep and see what fueled my alcoholism. Sharing that with my sponsor to determine who and how I had wronged strung it together. Step 8 was my chance to determine who I had hurt. This was my chance to move forward and clean up my side of the street. All of this was not possible without my Higher Power. Understanding that God is in charge and always has been helps me to understand that everything is exactly how it should be, at all times. Owning my part in an amends relieves me of the bondage of self and lets me be in service to right my wrongs. I am so grateful for the order of these Steps and the process of each and every one of them!

– Jessica B.



Baseball and AA, Tied through Tradition Eight

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional...” That first part of our 8th Tradition is grounded in the roots of our program. I can’t help but think that applying this tenet elsewhere might yield some interesting results, and certainly imagining such application leads to an interesting reflection about the entire nature and power of the AA program.

I’m a baseball man. I love an afternoon at the yard, whether it be playing, coaching, watching, or umpiring. At least twice this year, I had profound spiritual experiences while umpiring Little League baseball. I’m talking about standing on the field in my umpire gear, feeling the breeze, listening to the pop of the glove, smelling the hot dogs, squinting in the sun, and knowing that I was giving back to the kids and using my skills to offer a valuable service to the community.

When re-reading the 8th Tradition for this article, my mind drifted to baseball. I couldn’t help but think about how taking the professionalism out of professional baseball would alter the Major Leagues. More specifically, I thought about Barry Zito.

Barry spent 15 years in the big leagues, half each with the Oakland A’s and the San Francisco Giants. A first-round draft pick in 1999, he won the highest award for a pitcher (the Cy Young Award) in 2002 and went on to sign with the Giants in 2006. This led to seven roller coaster years with them before heading back across the bay to finish his career as a swan song with the A’s in 2015.

When he signed with the Giants, it was for \$126M. At the time, this was the biggest pitcher contract of all time. He could never live that down. He had some good and some bad times with the Giants. He contributed to their championship seasons in many ways and served as a veteran presence with the more junior players

around him. I’ve never met him, but by all accounts, he is a great guy: He gives tirelessly to charity, has significant outside interests, and appears to be reasonably humble.

Unfortunately, he received a pounding in the press for many years. All people could focus on was that number – \$126M. Some called for him to give it back. Others questioned how someone could make that money and proceed to post an 11-13 record in 2007. The following year, he began April with an 0-6 record and went on to lose 17 games that year. Every single day, his name was bashed in sports talk radio, ESPN, living rooms, and bar rooms around the country.

Professionalism contributed to Barry Zito’s career at the Giants being memorably negative. This, in spite of his contributions to the first World Series victory in 54 years or winning a pitcher’s duel in Game One of the 2012 World Series. That negative legacy is fueled by his \$126M payoff (like all of us would not leap at that pay check). I am positive that would happen to AA if we became a professional organization. Would people remember the two million plus members or the supposed 5% success rate? Would there be the positive obsession about the newcomer, or hand-wringing over the relapser? Can’t you imagine the AA message turning to metrics and membership drives versus the current discussions about service and chili cook-offs?

We all need to earn a living. Barry Zito bought a full-page ad in 2013, thanking the Giants’ fans for their support. His earnings enabled that. Dr. Bob, one of our founders, doesn’t even have a mention of AA on his tombstone. The 8th Tradition and the spirit of AA enabled that. AA is now and always shall be nonprofessional. That’s how Dr. Bob preferred it and I agree.

– JD D.

Why Do Some People With Long-Term Sobriety Go Out?

I have on several occasions talked to people who have gone out after 10, 15, 20, even 25 years or more of sobriety. There are two things I see in common with these people who have gone out. One, they stop going to meetings, and two, they don't seem to feel good about themselves.

I have always asked them, "After all that sober time, why did you go out?"

Usually their first answer is "I don't know."

I often sit with them and start asking questions. "You completed the Steps, didn't you?" "You were going to meetings most of

that time, weren't you?" And their answers were usually "Yes, but that began tapering off. And I quit keeping in touch with my friends in the program."

While talking with them, I watch how they talk about themselves: Do they put themselves down? Do they seem to have a generally negative attitude toward themselves? Do they seem to have no enthusiasm for their sobriety?

Those things are often the case. Often, their self-messages are negative: They are dumb or stupid, they don't deserve what sobriety has brought them. If they are complimented about something, their response is often to deny that it is true or to deflect. All in all, they don't believe they deserve anything good in their lives because of who they had been and what they had done.

That has led me to ask them, "Do you believe that God has forgiven you for your past?" Their answer is usually a hesitant, and probably disbelieving, "Well, yeah." They don't sound convinced that that might be true.

That leads me to ask them, "Have you forgiven yourself?" Surprisingly, often their answer is "No, I haven't," or, "I guess not." The sense I get from these people is that they are still living in a state of shame, guilt, and self-punishment for their past behavior. They live with the feeling that they don't deserve the freedom, joy, and forgiveness that recovery offers us.

I believe wholeheartedly that God, as I understand Him, is a forgiving God. He has forgiven me for my past misdeeds. If He has forgiven me, how could I not forgive myself? If I didn't, I would be denying what God has given to me.

Those who can't forgive themselves are carrying around the need to continue to punish themselves for their past. They don't believe they should be forgiven for whatever they have done. So they carry around a mental whip to keep beating themselves up for whatever may have happened.

I believe that as they continue to do this, they are heading toward the worst punishment they can give themselves, which is to go back to drinking, as many have done, thereby throwing away anything they have gained in the period of their sobriety.



They seem to live without ever connecting with the rewards of sobriety. They continue to keep themselves in a negative state of mind. In recovery, I have discovered those aspects of myself that are good – those things that make me a positive force in society. Before recovery, I thought of myself as useless and worthless, attributes that my alcoholic father spent years beating into me. Then, a lot of the things I did in my disease reinforced the lessons my father had taught me: Obviously he was right all along – I was a piece of crap.

But in recovery, I discovered that I do

not do those things anymore – that that all came from my alcoholism and my alcoholic behavior. Today I am a good person doing good things. This new sense of self came to me because God forgave me and so I could forgive myself.

I rarely hear anyone talk about self-forgiveness. But I believe it is one of the greatest gifts, after finding a loving God and getting sober, that I can give to myself. It is the foundation of who I am today: A good loving person with a purpose in life and the ability to pursue that purpose.

– Dennis F.

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The book *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* tells of the influence of Emmet Fox and his work “Sermon on the Mount.” An old-timer recollected: “The first thing he (Dr. Bob) did was to get Emmet Fox’s *Sermon on the Mount*... Once, when I was working on a woman in Cleveland, I called him and asked him what to do for someone who is going into DTs. He told me to give her the medication and he said, ‘When she comes out of it and she decides she wants to be a different woman, get her *Drummond’s The Greatest Thing in the World*. Tell her to read through it every day for 30 days and she’ll be a different woman.’ Those were the three main books at the time; that and *The Upper Room*, and *The Sermon on the Mount*.”

Perhaps the fundamental contribution of Emmet Fox to Alcoholics Anonymous was the simplicity and power of *The Sermon on the Mount* – the idea that love and personal forgiveness were the keys to fundamental transformation.



Interesting things can be found in the Archives. One of our oldest groups in Santa Clara County was started by a man and a woman who were each married to other members of the group. These two founders of that group decided to go to Mexico and get a divorce so they could marry each other. They came to the conclusion that after having done that, it might not be good idea to go back to the same group because it might cause some resentments.

– Rose W.

This article was originally researched by Chuck G., our previous Central Office archivist.

Concept 8: A Division of Labor

Many AAs are familiar with the “upside-down triangle” of our service structure. The 65,000 groups at the top elect GSRs, who elect the 93 delegates, who advise the 21 Trustees of the General Service Board, down at the bottom of the triangle. Concept 8 is about what happens below that point.

The General Service Board (GSB) has no paid workers, and no president or manager. The 21 Trustees – all part-time unpaid volunteers – serve as a nonprofit holding company that owns our two service corporations, and chooses their boards of directors. (The AA Grapevine, Inc., publishes the Grapevine and collections of stories; AA World Services, Inc., handles everything else – our office in New York, printing and translating our literature, helping AA in other countries, keeping an archive, solving group problems, and handling PR and legal work. AAWS also handles tasks for the GSB.)

Bill W. thought of these two companies as providing three services – publishing, the office, and the magazine. He wrote in another Concept that we might someday incorporate more services, all reporting to the GSB. For instance, a few years ago, to save money, we briefly considered forming a third service corporation that would provide shared services to AAWS and the Grapevine (like printing, shipping, and websites).

Concept 2 says that the groups delegate to the Conference, and Concept 6 says that the Conference must delegate to the Trustees. Concept 8 is the final link between the groups and our services. It says the 21 Trustees must delegate to the service corporations they own. Specifically, it says that the part-timers on the General

Service Board should focus on policy and finance, and leave day-to-day operations to the “constantly active” corporations. The GSB maintains some control by approving the budgets of those companies, choosing their boards of directors, and putting some GSB members on those boards. But as in several other Concepts, micromanagement is discouraged. Just like the rest of us, the Trustees must “trust their trusted servants.”

For example, the GSB, after consulting with the Conference, makes the decision to publish a book, but it’s the job of AAWS or the Grapevine to publish and sell it. Similarly, when the GSB heard reports a few years ago of predators in the Fellowship, it formed a committee that eventually produced a paper on “vulnerable populations” in AA, stating AA’s policy and suggesting actions the groups can take – but if you want a copy, don’t call the Board, call the General Service Office (operated by AAWS) at (phone # omitted.) When the Conference recently voted to change our full-face policy in videos, the GSB wrote up the policy, but the video-makers (hired by AAWS) put it into action. And, as decided by the GSB, some of those videos are now posted on aa.org (again, run by AAWS).

The Board’s decisions may be communicated by memos or in meetings, or may simply be published in the “Quarterly Report” on the Board’s quarterly meetings. (Your GSR gets a copy.)

Concept 8 is based on a simple idea – that for our purposes, the work of setting policy and direction is different than the work of directly managing a company, and should be kept separate. Part-time, unpaid Trustees, who may not have business

backgrounds, can't possibly know the details of a company the way a full-time president or manager would. For these and other reasons, Bill spent two-thirds of the chapter on Concept 8 explaining why the service companies, which operate year-round, need their own boards and expert full-time managers, separate from the part-time GSB. As he did in Concept 11, Bill predicted that future AA servants will want to merge the service corporations into one, or even have the workers report directly to the GSB, and then he spent two pages arguing against it.

Bill wrote: "Our Board as a whole must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger and more serious questions of policy, finance, group relations, public relations, and leadership that constantly

confront it... Each corporate service entity should possess its own charter, its own working capital, its own executive, its own employees, its own offices and equipment. Except to mediate difficult situations and to see that the service corporations operate within their budgets and within the general framework of AA and Headquarters policy, the Board will seldom need to do more, so far as routine service operations are concerned. The General Service Board is in effect a holding company, charged with the custodial oversight of its wholly owned and separately incorporated subsidiaries, of which each has, for operating purposes, a separate management."

Congratulations on mastering Concept 8, which reads: "The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs; (b) but with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities."

– Jim F.



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Los Gatos Spiritual Progress Group

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The COIN is always looking for new writers, artists, cartoonists, photographers... Any and all mediums to communicate the message of recovery! Please email submissions to coin@aasanjose.org. The deadline for the September issue is Wednesday, August 17th . Happy COINing!

UNITY DAY 2016

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

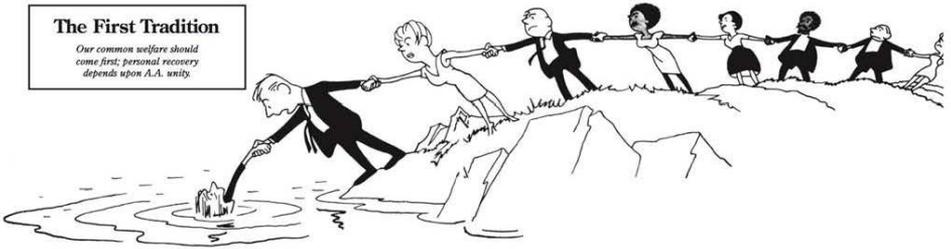
8:30 AM TO 8:00 PM

MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER

457 E. CALAVERAS BLVD, MILPITAS CA 95035

The First Tradition

*Our common welfare should
come first; personal recovery
depends upon A.A. unity.*



"Our Spiritual Way of Life:

Steps, Traditions and Concepts."

UNITY DAY IS THE TIME WHEN THE AA SERVICE BODY PANELS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY (SCC) SHOW APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH GREAT SPEAKERS, FANTASTIC WORKSHOPS, FREE FOOD (BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER) AND UNLIMITED FELLOWSHIP.

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

WE WILL NEED A LOT OF PEOPLE TO PUT THE EVENT TOGETHER! HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN US. CURRENTLY ALL PLANNING COMMITTEES NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

For more Information contact: Unity Day Committee Email address and phone:



Presented by: Intergroup, General Service Districts 04 & 40, with participation from Central Office, Hospitals and Institutions, and Al-Anon.



July 2016 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office....283

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....4

(Evening 12-Step call information is not available.)

The Central Office website
receives an average of
8,000 hits each month!

**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.**

To all the members and groups who support us,
WE THANK YOU!

MEETING CHANGES

NEW

Wombley's Clapboard Factory: Wednesday, 9:30 pm, Freedom Fellowship: 1555 Oak Ave., Los Altos.

Rebellion Dogs: Sunday, 8:30 am, Alano Club West: 1555 S. 7th St., San Jose.

Women's Meeting: Saturday, 10:30 am, Alano Club West: 1555 S. 7th St., San Jose.

West Valley Retreads: Monday-Friday, Noon, Los Gatos Urgent Care: 16400 Lark Ave., Suite 350, Los Gatos.

West Valley Retreads: Monday-Friday, 6 pm, Los Gatos Urgent Care: 16400 Lark Ave., Suite 350, Los Gatos.

CHANGED

Years 5 through 9: Tuesday, 7 pm has changed to: Sunlight of the Spirit: Tuesday, 7:15 pm, Alano Club West, 1555 S. 7th St., San Jose.

Entire Abstinence: Monday, 8 pm, moved from 400 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell to Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church: 3675 Payne Ave., San Jose.

NO LONGER MEETING

In the Chapel: Friday, Noon, Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital: 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto.



Chris Coxen

Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Rose G.	7	Nancy T.	07/2009
Tony B.	43	Tony B.	07/04/1973
Bonnie S.	10	Julie K.	07/05/2006
Jessica B.	3	Julie K.	07/09/2013
Mike Mc.	13	Mike Mc.	07/10/2003
Sharon L.	35	Sharon L.	07/13/1981
Rosemary T.	26	Anonymous	07/17/1990
Linda D.	38	Linda D.	07/17/1978
Heidi O.	1	Heidi O.	07/18/2015
Debbie Z.	7	Anonymous	07/18/2009
Ed S.	32	Ed S.	07/20/1984
Bert J.	34	CJ	07/20/1982



249 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!!

If you would like to participate or honor a friend, please use the birthday forms at your meeting or at Central Office. Birthdays are listed in recognition of contributions made to Central Office on a member's behalf for a sobriety milestone, either by themselves or for a friend, and will be listed in this section unless requested otherwise.

INTERGROUP MINUTES

July 6, 2016

- Carol B., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by A Moment of Silence and the Serenity Prayer. Toni F. read the definition of Intergroup. Jaye S. read the Twelve Traditions.
- 10 new Intergroup reps:
 - Jerry F., Men's Single Problem Study Group
 - Jenny S., Women's Shared Gift
 - Linda W., Women on the Move
 - Jon M., Spiritual Progress Group
 - Jill B., St. Mark's Friday Big Book Study
 - Heather F., SNL
 - Connie D., R&B Monday-Friday Noon
 - Toni F., Los Gatos Women's Step Study
 - Jaye S., Ladies Amethyst Book Study
 - Steve S., St. Luke's Tuesday 8 p.m.
- Visitors
 - Adam
 - Paige
- Birthdays

Dana, 7 years	Josh, 3 years	Steve, 22 years
Bob, 5 years	Linda, 11 years	Cruz, 9 years
- 7th Tradition
- Corrections or additions to the Agenda (none)
- Corrections or additions to the Previous Month's Minutes (minutes approved as submitted)

Treasurer's Report, Joe B.

- Balance forwarded from December 2015 equaled \$64. Our 7th Tradition collected January through June was \$561. We paid \$300 in rent and \$15 for refreshments. Our ending balance as of June 30 was \$310, with a prudent reserve of \$300.
- 53 voting Intergroup members in attendance

Reports

Intergroup Chair, Carol B.

- Thank you Bradley for making our coffee tonight and thanks Rick for being our clean-up person. Thanks to Larry for setting up our PA system. Thank you Debra for sitting in for Corina, our recording secretary. We need an equipment handler to take the PA system to Central Office storage and bring it back the following month at 7 p.m. (No volunteers.) Please limit your report to 2-3 minutes, and say, "Here is the takeaway" so everyone knows what you want to have reported back to the meetings.

Central Office, Bruce

- The play was a modest financial success, but significant personal donations added to the total net income of approximately \$4,500. A play does not seem to attract the participation we'd like to see surrounding Founders' Day. I'm open to suggestions.
- Our CGL policy limits have been increased by \$1 million as further protection for both the office and our meeting sites.
- Julie has taken it upon herself to spiff up our office décor. It needed a feminine touch, and you're going to like what she's doing. Come on down.
- Michael made our video display his project. He creates new slideshows each week, and we're

getting a lot of favorable comments. We'd still like some technical expertise in developing dynamic displays.

- We have a very active Archives Committee, headed by Annie K. Committee members are now working on a presentation for Unity Day, and they've traveled to Walnut Creek to examine the General Service archive records that pertain to Santa Clara County.
- We're now heading into what traditionally is a slower time – financially – for the office through the end of the year. However, the fellowship support of the office has been healthy, and I'm very hopeful we can make a real dent in our prudent reserve deficit in early winter.
- In addition to the number on the agenda, Bruce can be reached via cell phone at (phone # omitted.)

Central Service Board, Laura

- Our liability insurance coverage is now \$2 million, up from \$1 million at no additional premium charge.
- A plan is in place for storing records; documents will be scanned – volunteers are welcome!
- The play was successful as per Bruce's report.
- Contributions are up but still not enough to fully fund the prudent reserve. (The current prudent reserve is 4.5 months of expenses – we want it to be six months of expenses).
- Conversation began on how to implement items discussed during the CSB Group Inventory.

12th Step Committee

- Intergroup is looking for a new 12th Step Committee coordinator. There is a five-year sobriety requirement and a two-year commitment. The coordinator conducts 12th Step workshops (done in conjunction with the Diverter workshops) and turns in the list of new 12th Step Committee volunteers to Central Office.
- The 12th Step Committee needs volunteers, especially women!

Daytime Office (no report)

Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Dominic B.

- There are three open shifts: the second Monday, 7–11 p.m.; the first Saturday, midnight to 6 a.m.; and the third Saturday, 3–7 p.m.
- Please encourage members to attend one of the two diverter workshops – on the third Saturday at 10 a.m. at Central Office, or the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. in this location prior to the Intergroup meeting. If volunteers can't attend either workshop, they can contact Dominic directly.

Outreach Committee, Susan P.

- Outreach is our connection to meetings that may not know about Intergroup or have an Intergroup rep. Our current focus is the Campbell area.
- The Outreach Committee meets at 6:45 p.m. prior to the Intergroup meeting. Please join us!

The COIN, Stephanie L.

- The deadline for the August issue is July 20. Topics are Step 8, Tradition 8, Concept 8, and the principle of Brotherly Love.
- We are always looking for content and would like to publish more of our members' experience, strength, and hope.
- Send information to coin@aa.sanjose.org.

Website, Josh R.

- We added a new feature to meeting pages – if meeting information appears incorrect, the user can click on the "Issue with this listing" button and send a report of the specific problem.

- Josh talked about two features on the Monterey area website that might be beneficial to implement on our website – presenting the next upcoming meetings for that day and including a photograph of the meeting entrance’s exterior to help people know the exact location in the meeting’s building.

Activities Committee, Ken

- We have two upcoming events, both at Lincoln Glen Church – the Take your Sponsor to Brunch on September 24, and the Old Timers’ Meeting on October 29.

Nominating Committee, Joe B.

- The nominating committee has been formed and elections will be held in October for the following positions: Intergroup Chair and Alternate Intergroup Chair, Intergroup Secretary and Alternate Secretary (terms are two years, sobriety requirement is two years), and three individuals to serve on the Central Service Board (term is two years, sobriety requirement is five years).

Old/Ongoing Business

- Website: In April, May, and June, we have discussed if members want to have a native meeting app link (a meeting list designed for your mobile phone based on where you are) returned to our AA website. Discussion in prior months included concerns regarding anonymity (Josh is listed as the native app author when downloading from the Apple Store or Google). This month’s input included discussion about options to avoid having Josh’s first and last name listed, that the app is not AA-approved, and input from meeting groups that the meeting guide is useful as a tool to help get people to meetings. We plan to vote on a motion at the August Intergroup meeting.
- Anonymity: We have also discussed anonymity issues the past couple of months. Regarding the fact that last names are being used on COIN mailing labels, suggestions included inserting the COIN in an envelope prior to mailing or putting a name block on the website when people sign up to receive the COIN that does not specifically ask for a last name. Last names on COIN mailing labels should be optional. Social media anonymity brochures were handed out. Someone recorded our recent fellowship play; perhaps we should state that future plays should not be recorded.
- Secretary Workshop: Eric made a motion “that the Secretary Workshop become affiliated with the service structure of Intergroup in lieu of General Service.” The motion was seconded, restated by the recording secretary, and put to the voting members for a vote. The motion carried.

New Business (none)

Other Service Committee Reports

Unity Day 2016, Greg C.

- Unity Day will be held on August 21 at the Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd. in Milpitas.
- Many opportunities for service are available. Please contact Greg at (phone # omitted) or email unitydayscc@gmail.com.
- Committee meetings are every other Monday at 6:15 p.m. at the 7th Street Alano West building, near Alma.
- As it is customary that Intergroup contribute \$1,500 to Unity Day (this is a budgeted item), a motion was made to make the annual contribution. Voting members voted and the motion carried.

NCCAA (no report)

PI/CPC (no report)

Hospitals & Institutions, Tommy O.

- As the new H&I Liaison, Tommy O. reported that H&I could really use help from Intergroup reps to get the message out that volunteers are needed, especially at the main jail. H&I flyers were distributed, and members can contact Tommy at (phone # omitted).
- Not all volunteer positions require clearance, but those that do should expect a one-month lead time to process clearance. Mike S. can be contacted directly at (phone # omitted) to expedite the clearance process.

Bridging the Gap, Jane

- Bridging the Gap is a General Service subcommittee that helps people released from jail get to their first AA meeting. The committee meets the third Monday at 1980 Hamilton at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to pass out yellow Bridging the Gap cards.

North County General Service, Marianne

- District 04 has started discussing whether the monthly Secretary's Workshop would be better under Intergroup's service structure.
- At the June meeting, it was voted to adopt the file sharing and group communications tool, Slack.
- The District will pay for five people to attend the National AA Archives Workshop in Concord in September.
- Extra money earned from the dinner co-hosted by District 04 and District 05 the night before the Post-Conference Assembly will be split between the Area and General Service Office.

South County General Service, Coree H:

- A vote will be held to cease using the pamphlet "Too Young" because a suggestion was made that the pamphlet is no longer applicable.
- The Summer Assembly with District 3 in Santa Cruz is August 6 in Watsonville.
- Topic at the next District 40 meeting will be use of technology.

SCCYPAA, Dana

- SCCYPAA has an option to bid on the ACYPAA Conference.
- We meet the second Saturday of every month at the Calvary Church Brick House in Los Gatos, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd. in Los Gatos; we meet at noon for business meetings and figure out how best to serve the public.

Sober and Free (no report)**Open Forum**

- The 7th Tradition collection this evening was \$125.

Please see page 26 for the Listing of Events.

Calling All Service Committee Reps!

In keeping with our primary purpose (as a newsletter), the COIN would like to start featuring some more news about AA in Santa Clara County. If you are involved in any capacity, consider contributing a story about your group or event to help keep our membership informed. It's free publicity and a great way to recruit! Please contact coin@aaanajose.org.

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

July 2016

	Jul 16	Jul 15	Jan - Jul 16
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Activities Committee	0.00	0.00	4,230.24
Central Office Events	720.00	0.00	10,762.50
Contributions-General	21,934.97	17,529.43	111,743.69
Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	400.00	50.00	5,537.50
Literature Sales	4,367.32	3,491.22	30,761.21
Meeting Guide Sales	371.50	451.50	3,590.45
Newsletter	0.00	5.00	35.00
Total Income	27,793.79	21,527.15	166,660.59
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Inventory Sold	3,509.43	3,005.46	24,865.87
Cost of Meeting Directories	507.08	540.89	2,963.54
Total Cost of Goods Sold	4,016.51	3,546.35	27,829.41
Total COGS	4,016.51	3,546.35	27,829.41
Gross Profit	23,777.28	17,980.80	138,831.18
Expense			
Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	175.00
Activities Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	1,975.00
Alarm Service	207.00	207.00	621.00
Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	105.30	80.37	525.77
Central Office Events Expense	0.00	0.00	5,518.32
Computer Expenses	0.00	0.00	159.00
Conferences - Exec. Dir.	0.00	615.11	30.00
Copier Expense	39.94	197.37	768.19
Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	2,232.00
Employee HRA Plan	1,539.90	327.90	6,757.94
Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	773.03	483.95	3,765.39
Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	1,302.67
Insurance - Worker Compensation	-18.31	0.00	277.10
Internet Access Charges	0.00	12.50	75.00
Newsletter Expense	428.64	200.00	1,058.92
Office Expense	572.71	65.68	2,447.32
Office Paper Supply	0.00	0.00	331.22
Payroll Expenses	0.00	18.60	52.77
Payroll Taxes	626.49	940.78	5,205.72
Postage	600.00	48.60	1,329.92
Rent	2,431.60	2,604.25	16,957.85
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	137.29
Salaries - Office			
Vacation Pay	170.56	0.00	4,248.61
Salaries - Office - Other	7,900.75	11,439.92	57,056.50
Total Salaries - Office	8,071.31	11,439.92	61,305.11
Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	-0.13	-0.90	-1.05
Signing Services	200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
Telephone	169.63	162.05	1,186.41
Travel	0.00	0.00	170.89
Unity Day Expense	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total Expense	17,247.11	17,403.18	117,124.75
Net Ordinary Income e	6,530.17	577.62	21,706.43
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income e			
Interest Income e	7.99	7.12	118.55
Rebate	0.00	0.00	250.00
Total Other Income e	7.99	7.12	368.55
Net Other Income e	7.99	7.12	368.55
Net Income e	6,538.16	584.74	22,074.98

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2016

		Jul 31, 16
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	(PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .5%, 08/12/16)	17,730.35
	(PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .35%, 02/05/16)	16,576.27
	(PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .35%, 04/30/16)	20,126.19
	(PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,096.77
	First Republic Bank (Checking account)	37,749.79
	Petty Cash	161.45
	Total Checking/Savings	107,440.82
Accounts Receivable		
	Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,293.94
	Total Accounts Receivable	-1,293.94
Other Current Assets		
	Literature Inventory	21,291.17
	Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
	Prepaid Insurance	5,372.80
	Undeposited Funds	2,634.35
	Total Other Current Assets	29,298.31
	Total Current Assets	135,445.19
Fixed Assets		
	Leasehold Improvements	300.00
	Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	-20,484.97
	Office Equipment	29,553.31
	Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
	Total Fixed Assets	16,826.14
Other Assets		
	Deposits	1,993.85
	Total Other Assets	1,993.85
	TOTAL ASSETS	154,265.18
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
	Credit Cards	
	American Express	4,940.79
	Total Credit Cards	4,940.79
	Other Current Liabilities	
	Accrued Vacation	15,953.28
	Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	-29.18
	Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	356.33
	Unity Day	2,842.81
	Total Other Current Liabilities	19,123.24
	Total Current Liabilities	24,064.03
	Total Liabilities	24,064.03
Equity		
	Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
	Unrestricted Funds	119,830.84
	Net Income	22,074.98
	Total Equity	130,201.15
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	154,265.18

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

July 2016

	Jul 16	Jan - Jul 16		Jul 16	Jan - Jul 16
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	280.00	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	560.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	324.79	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	513.85	513.85
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group	0.00	1,193.10	Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (S	0.00	56.00
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	1,690.00	Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (0.00	91.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	720.00	1,830.00	Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (I	148.00	218.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	0.00	6,409.39	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	236.16
1 INV Rand B Group 70972	0.00	910.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	140.00	140.00
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed)	0.00	400.65	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(V	108.00	108.00
1 INV Serenity First Fellowship 7090	100.00	755.00	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	859.19	1,657.85
1 INV South County Fellowship 7095	300.00	5,700.00	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	430.61
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 7097	0.00	2,200.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	0.00	700.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	0.00	1,281.00	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	476.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	300.66	300.66	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues	0.00	1,366.10
1010 Tuesday / Thursday	0.00	148.40	Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (M	0.00	1,365.00
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610	159.60	485.50	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	1,399.00	2,848.70
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	1,347.80	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tue	75.00	235.00	Inspiration Big Book 195 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00	Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	300.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun	0.00	438.20	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	380.00
As Bill Sees It 6.00P 518 (Mon.)	318.00	318.00	Joy of Living Group 92 (Mon.)	0.00	865.00
B.F.E.	0.00	321.00	Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	476.00
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (T	505.00	909.00	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	476.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	14.00	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 74	0.00	365.16
Berrryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	149.30	Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (C	0.00	257.33
Big Book 103 (Sat.) 455	0.00	35.00	LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sa	0.00	224.02
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (T	0.00	140.00	Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	0.00	192.60
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	134.40	515.57	Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	421.40	1,000.13
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	238.00	Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (Wk	0.00	420.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	776.00	2,867.00	Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	1,250.00	1,690.65
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	995.00	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	240.25
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	233.02	2,226.69	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	140.00	340.00
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (T	0.00	445.94	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	204.11	244.43
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376	520.00	1,430.00	Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	0.00	100.80
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tue	0.00	422.80	Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	125.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	415.10	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (T	0.00	80.00
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues	0.00	476.00	Men's Big Book (Cavem an Gp) 659	0.00	795.00
Conscious Contact Mediation Grp L	0.00	276.96	Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	560.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	74.91	314.78	Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (1,350.00	1,930.96
Downtown Steppers (Men) 392 (M	0.00	144.63	Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	98.00	179.00
Dr. Bob's Nightmare 360 (Sun.)	157.00	157.00	Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	474.35	1,012.89
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	336.06	1,027.77	Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	135.00	345.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	1,355.82	Monday Midday Meeting 714 (Mon	0.00	103.30
East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	0.00	170.00	Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	212.10	375.90
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (T	0.00	50.83	Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	58.88	340.84
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	210.00	New Life Recovery Centers 9000	0.00	1,000.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues	0.00	107.10	New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	80.00	195.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00	1,845.25	New Steps for Living 20 (Sun.)	947.00	947.00
Free To Be Me (Women) 658 (Tues	140.00	140.00	No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	315.00
Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tue	0.00	210.00	Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	58.00
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	437.64	Old West Meeting 697 (Fri)	0.00	116.00
Friday Friends 568 (Fri.)	0.00	50.00	Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 205	476.00	1,776.00
G 10 10 Group 70951	0.00	280.00	Personal 00911	219.10	2,080.35
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 71	200.00	500.00	Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	450.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	1,853.75	Primary Purpose Beginners Big Boo	0.00	57.43
G Higher Power Hour 70952	560.00	1,138.00	Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	300.00
G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	0.00	280.00	San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sa	0.00	200.00
G Remember We Deal With Alcohol	0.00	562.37	Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (S	0.00	3,010.00
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 705	2,887.50	2,887.50	Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat	0.00	363.26
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	2,500.00	Saturday Night Young People (142) P	0.00	231.72
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	486.39	3,063.97	Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (S	0.00	1,172.50
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The	45.25	1,130.71	Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Su	0.00	221.00

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions (continued)
 July 2016

	Jul 16	Jan - Jul 16
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mo)	0.00	521.01
Single Problem Study (Men) 212 (W)	0.00	562.38
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (T)	745.50	1,436.40
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed)	0.00	334.00
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	279.50
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	500.00	673.25
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	70.00	389.20
Society of the Second Chance 305 (T)	0.00	370.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	471.80
South Valley Women's Surrender 88	0.00	119.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	371.00
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	693.67	1,967.64
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	600.00	600.00
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	391.30
Strong Desire 68 (Mon.)	263.26	430.14
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	220.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri)	0.00	476.00
Ten O'Clock High 890 (Tues.)	0.00	280.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	0.00	1,294.00
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tu)	0.00	860.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	280.00	560.00
Unknown	0.00	418.00
Veterans of Alcohol North 338 (Tue)	0.00	100.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mo)	0.00	419.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mo)	87.98	87.98
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	851.90
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	828.44
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	331.79	331.79
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Ti)	100.00	223.20
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	280.00
TOTAL	21,934.97	111,743.69

PLEASE NOTE: *Our prudent reserve is currently \$26,000 short of our goal of six months expenses.*

LOCAL EVENTS

- August 20 9th Annual Los Gatos AA Groups Picnic, Oak Meadow Park, Sites 5&6, 233 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, 11 a.m.
- August 21 Unity Day, Milpitas Community Center: 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- September 16 75th Anniversary Celebration Palo Alto Group, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m..
- September 24 Take Your Sponsor to Brunch, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- October 29 Old Timers' Meeting, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose, 1:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CALIFORNIA EVENTS

- August 26-28 41st Annual Western Roundup , LGBT AA Conference, Marine's Memorial Club and Hotel, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco
- August 26-28 San Luis Obispo 49th Annual Convention, Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo
- September 8-11 20th National AA Archives Workshop, Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord (www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com)
- September 10 AA 10th Annual Hand in Hand Women's Day of Unity, First Baptist Church, 267 North Mills Ave., Lodi
- September 30-
October 2 Lake Tahoe Fall Festival, Harvey's Convention Center, Hwy. 50, Stateline, NV
- October 7-9 NCCAA 69th Fall Conference, Centre Plaza, 1000 L. St., Modesto

AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

- September 30-
October 2 2016 Pacific Regional Forum, Hilton Waikoloa Village, 69-425 Waikoloa Beach Drive, Waikoloa, HI
- September 1-4 41st Annual Great Outdoor Beaver Meeting, Beaver, UT
- September 2-4 Sierra Nevada Rule 62 Fall Round-Up, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, 2707 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP

10th Annual

TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BRUNCH

Music - Food - Friendship - Recovery

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose

In 1960, Bill Wilson wrote this dedication in an AA book that he gave to Ebby Thatcher:

“Dear Ebby, No day passes that I do not remember that you brought me the message that saved me - and only God knows how many more. In affection, Bill”

Pancake & Breakfast Brunch

11:30 am to 3 pm

\$10 donation per person

No flour, no sugar, and vegan options available.

Recovery meeting at 2 pm

Raffle following speaker

Presale tickets available at Central Office or thru Intergroup reps

**Volunteer to help at the event or donate prizes for the raffle
by contacting the Intergroup Activity Chair**

Ken

*To include your upcoming event in the next issue of the COIN,
send your event information to us at coin@aaosanjose.org by
Wednesday, August 17!*



SNL Picnic!

When: Sept. 11th

Time: 11:00am - 3:30pm

Where: Vasona Park Raintree

Come and play with us at Vasona Park,

Lunch at Noon

Main Lunch provided (Pot Luck)

Raffle & Bake Sale to follow

Meeting at 2:30-3:30

Enjoy the fresh air, fellowship and FUN!

Look forward to seeing you!



75th Anniversary Celebration *Palo Alto Group*

September 16, 2016

*Come celebrate the oldest surviving meeting in Santa Clara County
(First meeting: September 16, 1941)*

**Lucie Stern Community Center
1305 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA**

\$10 Suggested Donation
No one will be turned away for lack of funds

Doors open at 7:00pm
7:30 Speaker: *Ted R*
9:00 PM *Live Music,*
Dance, Potluck
9:30 PM *Raffle*

**Music by:
East Crescent
Band**

To sign up for the potluck, raffle or to volunteer to be of service email:



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