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**Upcoming COIN Deadline**

**December 2017 Issue: November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Topics: Step Twelve, Tradition Twelve, Twelfth Step Principle (Service)

Please email all submissions to [coin@aasanjose.org](mailto:coin@aasanjose.org).

## Step Eleven: Conscious Contact as a

As I stood in the drunk tank, I thought about how I knew this day would eventually come. My drinking buddy had recently been arrested twice for DWIs, and his solution was to leave California to escape his troubles.

My situation was different: I had a wife and three children. I knew that this arrest would take away my favorite argument for drinking—that I worked and paid the bills and therefore had a right to go out drinking now and then. The truth was I was drinking every day whether I wanted to or not. I knew my drinking was excessive and I never knew how much I would drink once I started. I was afraid to seek help because I feared being told that I should never drink again. I knew I had to do something other than promise I would cut back on my drinking—that never worked. I looked up, closed my eyes, and asked God for help. I said, “I don’t know what to do, and I need your help.”

Two days later, I received what I believe was God’s answer. Alcoholics Anonymous was the thought that came to me. I didn’t know anything about Alcoholics Anonymous, nor did I know anyone who had ever gone into recovery. My next thought was of a memory watching Dean Martin’s variety show with my mother, and her saying, “He’s pretty lit up tonight, he should go to AA.”

The next memory I had was of a Warner Brothers cartoon called Bird Anonymous. Sylvester had a bird problem, so he joined a “Bird Anonymous” group. The other cats in the fellowship kept an eye on Sylvester and kept him out of bird trouble.

I wondered if AA was like that.

Members watched out for one another and helped each other out when they were tempted to drink. My next thought was a question: How do you get in touch with an anonymous organization?

I decided to look in the phone book. To my surprise, there was an actual number listed for Alcoholics Anonymous. I wondered who in their right mind would call this number, but there I was, about to. I was full of fear. By calling this number, I was going to have to admit I had a drinking problem, and that was very difficult for me.

I did make the call, and when the woman on the other end of the line asked, “How may I help you?” I said, “I think I have a drinking problem.” Her response was “Wonderful, you’ve called the right place, would you like to go to a meeting?” I was taken aback for a moment; I was expecting to be asked a series of questions to determine if I qualified. I said “Sure,” and I attended my first meeting that evening.

I was the only newcomer that night, and everyone directed their shares toward me. My memories of that night are clear. I identified with many who spoke, and I realized that I wasn’t the only one who thought and felt as I did. I made a commitment that night to try 90 meetings in 90 days.

A month or so later, I began to feel cocky about my ability to stay away from alcohol. I hadn’t done any of the Steps, though I often shared that I was at Step Three in meetings. I began to think I didn’t need the Steps to be sober; I was different and not as bad as everyone else.

Then it happened two Saturdays in a row: I was helping my brother move into

his new place with a couple of his friends. After a couple of hours, one of my brother's friends said it was time for a break. In my mind, this was the time that everyone started to drink, and I inwardly knew I would drink with them to save face. I remembered something I heard in a meeting about asking God for help in those situations.

I said a silent prayer asking for God's help to not drink today. As soon as my prayer was finished, one of the friends said he could use a soda. What a relief! I said I could use one also. No one drank. I could not remember helping someone move and not drinking before.

The following Saturday, I was asked to drop by a co-workers house to discuss a possible business venture. He and a few of his friends were in the kitchen drinking beer. I notice a stack of about five cases of beer against one wall. They keep asking me to have a beer with them, and I

kept saying no, but they kept insisting. I finally told them I was an alcoholic and that I couldn't drink. This didn't impress them at all, and they kept insisting. I began to think I was violating a cultural thing and that I was insulting them. I was beginning to weaken and I decided to pray.

I asked God once again for help. This time, after I finished my prayer, I found the strength to say that my wife would be picking me up a short while. To this they responded, "Oh, your wife will be upset if you drink? We understand." Really?! Telling them I was an alcoholic and that I couldn't control my drinking didn't deter them, but my wife being upset did? Amazing.

I was convinced in the power of prayer, and I continue to believe in the use of prayer. God has never let me down when I sincerely ask for help.

– Woody R.

## AA Traditions Checklist

*These questions were originally published in the Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. The complete "Traditions Checklist" is available at our Central Office. We will continue to publish a tradition each month for the rest of 2017.*

### Tradition Eleven

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

## Spirituality and the Eleventh Step

I love the word “spirituality” and all that it has come to mean to me, all that it entails through the process of the Steps, how mine continues to grow as I continue to grow in the knowledge of God’s will for me and the power to carry it out, through prayer and meditation.

The spirituality of the promise, “We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it” changed me. Although at first I did not like to think about my past, as I prayed and meditated on it, at Step Eleven, I came to accept that my past was my story, and that it is how I would help other women just like me, with the same thoughts, ideas, feelings, and emotions as me.

By meditating and praying on it, I came to realize that what happens in the rooms today between me and others is our tomorrows, and that our spirituality is a \*\*\*refinement of all the thinking, feelings, and emotions that are part of us.

The Steps process became my spirituality. The reading of the Big Book and the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* gave me many topics of meditation, in addition to prayer for answers according to God’s will for me.

Baby Steps? Hardly. The reading, discussing, digging deep, the writing, writing, more writing, self-examination, and talking about it all changed me into a different kind of woman, a woman of spirituality.

Forgiveness of myself and others

opened the door wider and wider to my spiritual growth, as it entailed prayer and meditation on the actual way I was to proceed with it, trying to do it according to God’s will, and aided by His power to carry it out.

The spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most beautiful, wonderful gift I could ever imagine, so I try to pass it on to the best of my ability.

To watch another grow in their spirituality and “get” the Eleventh Step is yet another part of the gift of the process. My conscious contact with God is feeling His presence, and I hear His will for me in words or thoughts through meditation. Feeling and listening.

On page 86 of the Big Book, it says, “On awakening, we think about the 24 hours ahead” and we pray, asking God to direct our thinking – especially that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self seeking motives. We ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or decision.

On page 87 of the Big Book, it suggests asking God for help during the day – asking for the right thought or action. We constantly remind ourselves that we are not running the show, and humbly ask during the day, “Thy will be done.”

And of course, to say thank you, in gratitude, “because it works – it really does.” And I am ever so thankful for my gift of spirituality.

– Danette G.



## Milestones in Sobriety

Every time I attend a chip meeting, it is announced that “in AA, we celebrate birthdays and milestones in sobriety.” I found myself wondering, “What is a milestone?” I looked it up. A milestone is not based on the US mile of 5,280 feet; it comes from the Latin root “mille,” or 1,000. In Ancient Rome, soldiers would mark the path by placing a stone every 1,000 paces, (a pace is about two feet), for the troops who followed.

There are many milestones in AA – not just 30, 60, 90 days and so on. I will always remember what happened on day 10 of my sobriety. I had heard 10 days of relapse stories and felt very scared and defeated about staying sober. A woman stood up to speak and said, “While I find relapse stories compelling and encouraging, it is possible to put down alcohol and not pick it up again!” This statement cast a vision for my sobriety – that it is possible. This allowed me to stay on the path. It was a \*\*\*major milestone for me. At that moment, “I came to believe” by the experiences of another alcoholic. The first year of sobriety, making it through my first sober Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New

Year’s without drinking. These events gave me experience in “turning my will and my life over” to my Higher Power. I didn’t drink. This, too, was a milestone. As I watched other AA members experience life with the difficulties that life holds, it showed me the way to stay on the path of sobriety and spiritual progress. There were a few times when I decided to take a nap on the path. When I wasn’t really reading, or working the steps with any enthusiasm or vigor. When the very same defects of character that fueled my drinking keep popping up in sobriety, without my notice. My sponsor pointed these things out to me (and she still does)! Having honest input in my life keeps me focused on working this spiritual plan of action.

This is what we do in AA. We show others the path to sobriety and how to stay on the path. We follow the milestones and we leave milestones for others to find. There are many detours on this path we have chosen for our lives. With the encouragement, and support of others we can work toward each milestone along the way.

– Louisa E.



## The Saint Francis Prayer: An All-Encompassing Prayer

As I have navigated my way through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, having only a limited education but a desire to learn all I can about life as it unfolds, it occurs to me that most of the things that the program teaches me are things I've have been taught before. I learned the Ten Commandments in church. In the Boy Scouts, I learned that a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, brave, clean, and, reverent. In sports, I learned of teamwork and of disappointment. In kindergarten, I learned to play fair in the sand box, and about the "Golden Rule." These things have been around long before me and even before A.A.; so where did I go wrong?

I, like most of us that come into the program, had a myriad of personal problems, and at first, I believed that those life issues – including marital, legal, economic, physical, etc. – were the cause of my drinking the way I did. At that time, I wasn't sophisticated enough to understand the ins and outs of these things. I'm not sure that anyone can just drop what they have been conditioned to do just because they quit drinking. There has to be more to it than that.

If at first we are fortunate enough to envision the wonderful life we can experience as the result of embracing this program to the fullest degree, we will, first, want to clear up the wreckage of the past. This we can do by thoroughly going through the Steps in the spirit that they were intended, being careful not to hold back anything. As we approach the Twelfth Step, we are introduced to the Saint Francis prayer in the 12x12. Francis was not yet a saint when he wrote this prayer, but he expressed that these virtues

were the answer to all of the misguided thinking of the past. Note that not one of his requests is for help with things that are of a selfish or material nature. I myself am not affiliated with any religious organization, but I am not threatened by religious doctrines, and I agree with the statement on p. 87 of the Big Book: "Be quick to see where religious people are right. Make use of what they offer."

I am sometimes honored when a newer member of the program asks for some guidance, and I will usually suggest that he/she write out this prayer in long hand, paste it on his or her mirror, and read it every day for a minimum of 30 days; I guarantee that it will influence a person's thinking for the rest of their life; it did for me. I don't know of a more practical thing to set the tone for a person's interactions with others. Thinking back on it, I always knew the right thing to do, but wasn't always strong enough to do it. I dismissed these things, not realizing the pain that would result as I lost my direction in life.

The Saint Francis prayer is one of the ways in which the program suggests we revisit our early value system. It gives us some spiritual direction that deals with the change in our inner self, which, if we heal in that area, the material world will take care of itself. When faced with a sticky situation, I have a choice whether to escalate it or to back off and withdraw with love and understanding. After years of trying my best to live in the spirit of this prayer, it occurred to me that, as the result, I qualify in all of those things I learned as a child – in church, in the Boy Scouts, in kindergarten, the Golden Rule, and in childhood sports. To me, it is an all-encompassing spiritual roadmap.

– Rick R.

## Step Eleven: Suggestions for Folks Not Inclined toward

Let me begin with a question. If you are either not inclined toward organized religion or outright rebuff the “God thing,” then how are you to feel about a Step that is dedicated to prayer? This article is for you if you cringe at the thought of having to take a Step that implores you to seek *“through prayer and meditation to improve [y]our conscious contact with God, as [you] understood Him, praying only for knowledge for His will for [you] and the power to carry that out.”*

I was able to overcome any trepidation I had at the concept of prayer two ways. First of all, I recommend reading Page 86 of the Big Book. Those pages state that you ought to conduct a personal recap at the end of each day and determine what you should do differently going forward. It goes on to implore you to consciously contemplate the coming day when you wake up, thinking hard about how you can do the right thing versus follow your own selfish will. If you are so inclined, consult with your God in the process. However, even if you do not, those are moments of self-examination that will definitely bear fruit in your daily life.

The second way I overcame my apprehension about prayer was to practice a meditation technique I learned in my outpatient program. It is called the “three-by-three.” After reading this paragraph, give it a try. I will literally describe the three Steps and conduct them as I type the words below in my home office.

1) Focus your vision intently on three different sights, one at a time. See the blend of colors, tones, and textures of each in succession. I am looking first at the glare of my desk lamp on the white paint of my closet door, noting the paint strokes. From there, I move to the deep orange of my varsity letter from high school that I have framed on the wall. Finally, I observe the

binding of my 12x12 on my desk; it is falling apart.

2) Then focus your hearing just as intently on three different sounds, one at a time. Listen for pitch and immerse yourself in pure background noise. I can hear a distant plane overhead, fading. From there, I hear my five-year-old talking to her dolls – just a murmur that ebbs and flows. Finally, my office wall clock has a loud tick-tock and I’ve never noticed that it has two distinct sounds as it ticks (or tocks).

3) Finally, make your body and skin hyper-sensitive to feeling. My right arm is off the edge of the desk and the desk cuts ever-so-slightly into my elbow. My left foot is half on the warm carpet and half the chilly wood floor. My face is slightly flushed after a day outside in the sun and the wind.

Give it a try: sights times three; sounds times three; touch times three.

This simple exercise has quite literally changed my life. I use it at work, in traffic, and at home. Returning to the Big Book, the authors state at the bottom of page 87 that “as we go through the day we pause when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action.” It is precisely at that time that I break out the 3x3.

Let me return to the question from the beginning of this article: How can you take Step Eleven if you are skeptical and hesitant about organized religion? It is quite easy. Reviewing your day and preparing for the next day are logical and rational actions. Pushing a thorny issue out of the way while you focus intently on sights, sounds, and touch is bound to help you relax in the face of stressful situations. Worst case? There is exactly zero downside. Best case, you will have a more rewarding and fruitful life – one day at a time.

– JD D.

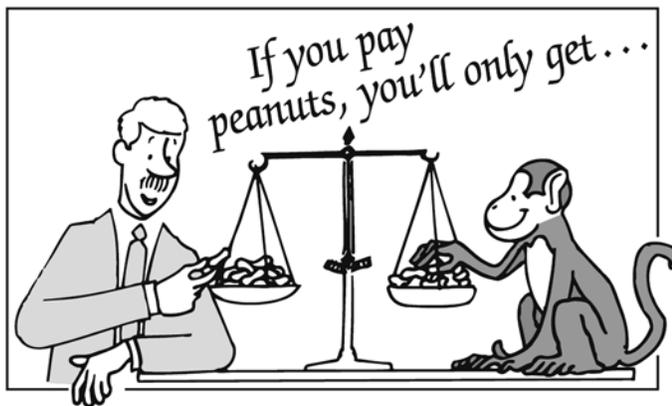
## Concept Eleven is Alive and Well –

Remember when Tradition 9 said that AA needs the least possible organization? Well, Concept 11 says that in our corporate operations, we need the best possible organization. Specifically, it says that AA's board of trustees in New York, responsible for our two non-profit service corporations, should always have the best possible committees, corporate directors, and executives. This may seem obvious, but you might find parts of it surprising, especially in light of events at the Conference level over the last few years. Here are some highlights of Bill's writing on Concept 11, printed in the back of the AA Service Manual (available from Central Office or your GSR).

Committees... Most of the Trustees' work is done by committees, which then report their progress or make recommendations that the trustees vote on. There are "standing" committees for ongoing things like finance, literature, and public information (see page S-18 in your Service Manual for a list), and "ad hoc" committees for temporary special issues that come up, such as the recent concern about predators in AA. Committees create literature and videos, explore tough issues, and suggest policies on everything

from budgets to how we carry the message in remote countries. Committee members include Trustees, Directors (see below), and sometimes AA staff or members with special abilities. For instance, a local past delegate served as an "appointed committee member" on the Trustees' Literature Committee to manage the writing of the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell." And a few years ago, a teenage AA member served as an ACM to represent the views of younger members on a Trustees' committee.

Boards of Directors... Separate boards oversee AA World Services, Inc. (AAWS) and The AA Grapevine, Inc. Like any other corporate board, they set direction and policy, and hire an executive to do the work. The Trustees fill some director slots themselves, and for others, they select Directors who know business, finance, law, or just AA. Each year, the selected board is approved by a vote at the General Service Conference. As with the trustees, the director role is unpaid but quite demanding, involving many hours of reading, emailing, and conference calls, plus eight trips to New York every year.



Executives... GSO's General Manager and Grapevine's Publisher implement the policies of the boards of directors, managing our active non-profit companies for our sometimes-difficult membership on tight budgets. The Concepts say that one person should always be clearly



**November 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 OUTREACH MEETING: 6:45pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	2	3	4 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
5 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	6	7 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	8 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	9	10	11 SCCPAA BUSINESS MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos Central Office Closed
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 DIVERTEIN/12 <sup>th</sup> STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
19	20 BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, SJ	21 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Central Office Closed	24 Central Office Closed	25 SCCPAA BUSINESS MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos Central Office Closed
26	27 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	28	29	30		

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October 2017 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office.....215

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....4

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

The Central Office website receives an average of 15,000 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,

**MEETING CHANGES**

**Closed**

Veterans of Alcohol: Tues., 6pm, Alano Club of San Jose, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose

**Changes**

The Following Meetings at Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Center have moved from Bldg 3 to Bldg 23:

- Waves Of Healing: Mon, 7:45 pm
- Design for Living: Tues, 7:45 pm
- South Valley Men's: Th, 7:45 pm
- Starting the Steps: Fri, 6:45 pm
- Thru the Big Book: Fri, 7:45 pm

Room numbers remain the same.

**Please be responsible:  
If there are any changes to your meeting, location, format, or your meeting is discontinued, please contact Central Office ASAP and update your information. Don't send a newcomer to an empty**



**room!**

*In Loving Memory*

### Birthday Contributions



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Vicky	28	Anonymous	8/25/1989
Eric L.	8	Mike J.	9/23/2009
Abe G.	3	Anonymous	10/01/2014
Barbara W.	28	Anonymous	10/03/1989
Jerry C.	37	Sheila C.	10/06/1980
Mike D.	21	Mike J.	10/12/1996
Shayla C.	5	Julie K.	10/17/2012
Mel R.	32	Julie K.	10/26/1985
Rose W.	41	Louie R., Julie K.	10/31/1976

### *203 Years of Sobriety!*

If you would like to participate or to 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



**INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**  
October 4, 2017

- Robby W. Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The definition of Intergroup was read, followed by the Twelve Traditions. New Intergroup reps were invited to attend our Intergroup Orientation Meeting at 7pm prior to each Intergroup meeting, hosted by Francis.
- New Intergroup reps:
  - Jillian H. – Entire Abstinence, 8 pm Monday, San Jose
  - Jill – Shamrock Women’s Serenity Saturday, 9:30 am Saturday, San Jose
  - Mike – Living in the 12x12, 6 pm Monday, Santa Clara
  - Michele – Step Along Women’s, 7:30 pm Wednesday, Cupertino
  - Jay K. – Los Altos Men’s, 8:15 pm Monday, Los Altos
  - Paul – Gay & Lesbian Meeting, 6:30 pm Monday, San Jose
  - Jose B. – Flying Monkeys Chip Meeting, 7 pm Friday, Milpitas
  - Kelly – Society Second Chances, 7 pm Tuesday, San Jose
- Visitors – Vincent, Jackie
- Birthdays:
  - Mary Ann – 31 years
  - Carol -- 13 years
  - Pam – 11 years
  - Scott M. – 7 years
  - Tamlyn – 6 years
  - Stephanie – 3 years
  - Jaye – 3 years
  - Vince – 30 days
- Observation of 7th Tradition – Michael H.
- Treasurer’s report – Michael H.

PRUDENT RESERVE = 300			FROM Q2 2017	
			=====>	114
	<b>7TH TRAD</b>	<b>RENT</b>	<b>DONATION</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>
<b>Q3 2017</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0</b>
Q3 2016	361	150	0	0
Change	77%	0%	N/A	0%
<b>YTD 2017</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>0</b>
YTD 2016	922	450	0	15
Change	96%	0%	N/A	N/A

- Corrections or additions to the agenda – none
- Corrections or additions to the previous month’s minutes – Julie requested clarification of the prudent reserve balance, as well as the bid for the 2020 International Conference.
- 38 voting members present

**Reports**

**Intergroup Chair, Robby W.**

- Thank you to Larry for setting up our PA system and to Desire for making our coffee.
- Tonight will be our annual elections, which will be run by our Nominating Committee. If you are an Intergroup rep or you are here as an alternate rep, please be sure to sign in, as we need to have an accurate voting member count tonight. Committee members, visitors, and nominees should NOT sign in as a voting member. Only active Intergroup reps are eligible to sign in as voting members.
- Please take a moment to go over our nominations process, which is included in tonight's agenda. Your handy Intergroup note-taking guide has space for you to compile notes

about each nominee for tonight's nominees.

- Because of the election process and time, I am asking that all committee reports be kept to a minimum. We will start with our newsletter report, then jump into elections. In an effort to save time, we will have our committee reports happen while votes are being counted.
- As a reminder, please line up three deep for committee reports, and be sure to highlight your "take away."

**Newsletter Committee (*The COIN*), Stephanie L.**

- Friendly reminder to please encourage your groups to write and submit to *The COIN*.
- The topics for November are Step 11 and Tradition 11. Articles are due by October 18.

**Nominating Committee, Eric**

- Introduction to the Nominating Committee – As guidelines state, we will conduct elections for secretary, followed by alternate secretary. Introduction of the secretary candidates will be performed. Each one has 60 seconds. Elections will proceed after introductions.

**(Election proceedings, followed by voting during committee reports)**

**Central Service Board Chair, Carol for Darcy S.**

- The Board of Directors met on September 28. The Treasurer's report covering August 2017 + YTD through September 28 was as follows:
  - August 2017 group contributions were \$9,043.08, compared to August 2016 (14,561.28), a decrease in group contributions of \$5,518 or -38%.
  - Year-to-date as of September 28, 2017 annual group contributions were \$124,557.73 versus a year ago (\$138,516.28); we are down \$13,958.55 (-10%).
  - As announced at the last few Intergroup meetings, we are seeing a consecutively increasing downward trend in YTD percentages (as compared to last year at the same time) every month now over the last five months (May -4%, June -5%, July -7%, August -10%, September -38%YTD decrease).
  - Our prudent reserve (as of January 1, 2017) is \$99,000; we are currently funded at \$84,971.80, slightly less than one month shy of six months' operating expenses.
  - Central Office is providing special envelopes for groups to conduct a second collection, with 100% of these contributions going to Central Office. Online contributions can be made by going to our website ([www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org)) and clicking on the "Contributions" button on the left.

**Central Office, Bruce K.** (none)

**Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Louie R.** (none)

**Secretary Workshop, Kathy R.** (not present)

**Outreach Committee, Susan P.**

- We are currently mapping out Palo Alto meetings without Intergroup representation.
- There will be an outreach table at the "Take Your Sponsor to Brunch" on October 7. Volunteers are needed.
- Please join us before next month's Intergroup meeting at 6:45 pm to brainstorm on getting meetings without an Intergroup rep representation.

**Day Time Office, Julie**

- We have an in-house phone answering opportunity at Central Office every Friday from 9 am to 11:30 am. Please contact Central Office for further details.

**Twelfth Step Committee, Alex S.**

- We are still looking for more volunteers. To make this service more accessible to members, I offer my service to come meet members to orientate them. I can be contacted by phone and time can be arranged. Six months of sobriety is required. Thank you and I hope we can get some new volunteers.

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**Website, Josh R.**

- The website is doing well. Remember that you can now donate to Central Office online via [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org) > access "Donate to Central Office" link.
- The first Digital Basket Committee meeting was earlier tonight. We will meet again next month and examine SF 7th tradition online application as well as discuss the need for online donations.

**Activities Committee, Ken M.** (none)

**Old/Ongoing Business**

- 2030 International Convention:
  - (Robby W.) Bruce received an email from Teddy Basham of Witherington, alternate delegate for CNCA (California Northern Coastal Area 6). He is requesting the support of the various Bay Area Intergroups in CNCA's efforts to bring the 2030 International Convention to San Jose. Bruce would like to ask this body of Intergroup Representatives if he can give our approval in sending in a support letter to CNCA. Vote taken: 46 yes, zero no. Bruce was approved to send a support letter to CNCA.
  - (Alex S.) Northern California will be putting in a bid for the 2030 international convention. To show our support in Santa Clara County, we need groups to volunteer their services for the event. By the end of November, we will need to show the conference committee that all Northern California has 4,000 volunteers. Please send your group name, city, and number of volunteers to [Aa2030@cnca06.org](mailto:Aa2030@cnca06.org).
- Election results (Eric A.): Please welcome newly elected board members Gloria V. and Cameron L., recording secretary Jaye S., and alternate Pam S. I'm grateful for this opportunity to have served, and am looking forward to seeing you all again at the next election.

**New Business**

- the Intergroup December Potluck will be held on December 6 at 6 pm.

**Other Service Committee Reports**

**Unity Day, Greg**

- Unity Day's attendance of 370 was low. We need to decide to keep the present venue or select another. Our prudent reserve balance is \$3,921.28, and a \$1,500.00 deposit is required to keep the current venue for next year. The committee will need to decide what changes need to be made.
- Service opportunities available, and we need people for next year's committee.
- Please note that the next report will be presented in February 2018.

**NCCAA, Vacant**

- Someone is needed to take over this position.

**Hospitals and Institutions, Tommy O.**

- Please report any meetings without H&I representation, and pass the pink cans in your meetings.
- Secretaries are needed in the South Bay. Positions are available.
- Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at First Congregational Church, 1980 E. Hamilton Avenue, San Jose.

**Bridging the Gap, Jane**

- Volunteers are needed. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7pm at First Congregational Church, 1980 E. Hamilton Avenue, San Jose.
- We're introducing a new position – volunteers to write letter to people incarcerated within our area. Encourage members to get involved with Bridging the Gap, including writing letters to inmates getting sober in jail to help them into recovery upon release.

**North County General Service, Mary M.** (no report)

**South County General Service, Nicco**

- The date for the officer's inventory for the district is TBD.

**SCCYPAA, Gary M.** (no report)

**Sober and Free, Linda**

- The Sober and Free Halloween party/fundraiser will be held at the Billy De Frank

### LOCAL EVENTS

- November 18 San Jose LGBT Fellowship Gratitude Dinner, Alano West, 1555 S. 7th Street, San Jose, \$15 ([www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org))  
Additional information available at [www.soberandfree.org](http://www.soberandfree.org).
- November 23-24 Cornerstone Fellowship Group Thanksgiving Alcathon, 1600 Dell Avenue, Campbell, Thursday meetings at 6 am, 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10 am, noon, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:30 pm, 9 pm, 10:30 pm, and 12 am (POTLUCK Thursday at 1 pm); Friday meetings at 6 am, 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10 am, noon, 1:15 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:30 pm, 9 pm, 10:30 pm, and 12 am
- November 23 Gilroy Fellowship Thanksgiving Alco-Thon, 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy, meetings from 6:30 am to 8 pm (POTLUCK from 11:30 am to 2 pm)
- November 23 Saturday Nite Live Thanksgiving Alcathon, 2634 Union Avenue, San Jose (times TBD)
- December 2 Intergroup Central Office 6th Annual Tamale Party, 274 E. Hamilton Avenue, Suite D, Campbell, 11 am to 2 pm
- December 24-25 Cornerstone Fellowship Group Christmas Alcathon, 1600 Dell Avenue, Campbell (details will be published in the December issue of The COIN)
- December 25 Gilroy Fellowship Christmas Alco-Thon, 7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy, meetings from 6:30 am to 8 pm (POTLUCK from 11:30 am to 2 pm)
- December 31 Cornerstone Fellowship Group New Years Alcathon, 1600 Dell Avenue, Campbell (details will be published in

### Looking for Service? SNL Needs YOU!

Saturday Nite Live is currently seeking secretaries for its holiday Alcathon schedule. Many of us need extra support during the holiday season! Stop by any SNL meeting between October 29 and November 5 to grab a slot for the November holiday schedule. All open slots will be posted on the board at the back of the room. Must have at least 60 days of sobriety and attend a secretary workshop.

Keep an eye out for the Alcathon schedule and Friendsgiving event flyers! For more information, please contact Yvonne at (408) 348-2522

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**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 October 2017

	Oct 17	Oct 16	Jan - Oct 17
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
3030 · Contributions-General	21,720.30	17,615.58	147,290.43
3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	0.00	0.00	5,551.00
8010 · Literature Sales	3,951.08	3,064.35	40,121.58
8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	295.00	301.50	4,839.17
8050 · Activities Committee			
8051 · Chili Cook-off	0.00	0.00	5,598.34
8052 · Sponsor Brunch	4,350.05	0.00	4,860.05
8053 · Outtimers' Meeting	0.00	0.00	162.00
8050 · Activities Committee - Other	0.00	2,122.31	0.00
<b>Total 8050 · Activities Committee</b>	<b>4,350.05</b>	<b>2,122.31</b>	<b>10,620.39</b>
8055 · Central Office Events	0.00	0.00	5,513.00
8060 · Newsletter	217.20	0.00	2,530.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30,533.63</b>	<b>23,103.74</b>	<b>216,466.07</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 · Cost of Inventory Sold	3,245.73	2,569.16	33,112.68
5150 · Cost of Meeting Directories	209.37	806.01	4,327.20
5000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 5000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>3,455.10</b>	<b>3,375.17</b>	<b>37,439.88</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,455.10</b>	<b>3,375.17</b>	<b>37,439.88</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>27,078.53</b>	<b>19,728.57</b>	<b>179,026.19</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6010 · Alarm Service	207.00	207.00	828.00
6015 · Activities Committee Expense			
616 · Chili Cook-off Expense	0.00	0.00	2,899.34
617 · Sponsor Brunch Expenses	0.00	0.00	956.47
6015 · Activities Committee Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	-75.00
<b>Total 6015 · Activities Committee Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,780.81</b>
6025 · Central Office Events Expense	0.00	749.81	4,849.74
6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	1,475.00
6040 · Advances - Conferences & Events	0.00	0.00	480.91
6070 · Bank Credit card charges (Credit card costs and fees)	108.48	78.28	1,081.56
6120 · Computer Expenses	45.00	40.00	1,402.75
6140 · Conferences - Exec. Dir.	831.33	0.00	2,605.50
6150 · Unity Day Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
6160 · Copier Expense	137.20	25.98	1,435.54
6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	3,597.75
6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	504.52
6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	552.52	528.28	5,428.24
6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	0.00	4,018.08
6240 · Employee HRA Plan	0.00	257.60	4,195.76
6245 · Internet Access Charges	12.50	12.50	125.00
6320 · Newsletter Expense	100.15	99.22	1,084.30
6330 · Office Expense	301.83	127.06	2,033.39
6360 · Archives	0.00	0.00	433.16
6370 · Office Paper Supply	0.00	191.17	421.05
6380 · Payroll Taxes	700.06	693.93	7,423.49
6410 · Postage	0.00	0.00	513.01
6480 · Rent	2,537.95	2,457.60	25,180.15
6510 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	59.32
6540 · Salaries - Office			
6541 · Vacation Pay	-1,390.84	-1,129.89	-6,055.53
6540 · Salaries - Office - Other	9,068.04	8,595.10	86,882.05
<b>Total 6540 · Salaries - Office</b>	<b>7,677.20</b>	<b>7,465.21</b>	<b>80,826.52</b>
6560 · Payroll Expenses	118.51	0.02	289.74
6600 · Signing Services	0.00	200.00	1,500.00
7010 · Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	60.00
7050 · Telephone	240.93	246.88	2,804.36
9080 · Sales Tax (Sales tax paid on purchases)	0.27	0.00	2.21
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,571.53</b>	<b>13,380.54</b>	<b>159,939.86</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>13,507.00</b>	<b>6,348.03</b>	<b>19,086.33</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
8025 · Rebate	4.13	96.33	425.48
8030 · Interest Income	9.98	8.25	392.50
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>14.11</b>	<b>104.58</b>	<b>817.98</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>14.11</b>	<b>104.58</b>	<b>817.98</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>13,521.11</b>	<b>6,452.61</b>	<b>19,904.31</b>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**

**Balance Sheet**

As of October 31, 2017

	<b>Oct 31, 17</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1010 · Petty Cash	295.88
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	33,426.47
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 08/12/17)	17,859.55
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 02/05/18)	16,676.02
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,172.67
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/18)	20,242.19
1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ 1.0%, 12/08/17)	15,087.37
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>118,760.15</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,672.63
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-1,672.63</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1250 · Literature Inventory	21,349.60
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	2,468.50
13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499 · Undeposited Funds	4,271.54
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>28,089.63</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>145,177.15</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1630 · Office Equipment	29,553.31
1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-26,692.72
1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>10,618.39</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>1,993.85</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>157,789.39</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Credit Cards</b>	
2075 · American Express	105.81
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>105.81</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	359.29
2340 · Accrued Vacation	7,502.75
2600 · Unity Day	3,921.28
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>11,783.32</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>11,889.13</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>11,889.13</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	137,700.62
Net Income	19,904.31
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>145,900.26</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>157,789.39</b>

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**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions**  
 October 2017

	Oct 17	Jan - Oct 17		Oct 17	Jan - Oct 17
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	490.00	G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	1,566.89
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	350.47	G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	840.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	356.13	703.18	G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	1,262.02	4,323.03
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	560.00	2,110.00	G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	552.06	5,612.16
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	465.00	G Third Tradition (906)	0.00	28.22
1 INV H & I	0.00	3,161.03	G Third Tradition Group	0.00	68.59
1 INV Men Seeking Guidance Group	0.00	910.00	G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	166.44	1,488.87
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,610.00	13,716.00	G We Care Group 70934	0.00	700.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	1,087.85	3,140.25	G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	1,037.98
1 INV Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	266.24	266.24	Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	246.00	246.00
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	719.00	817.46	Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	140.00	399.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	6,600.00	Gay Grab Bag Solution 41 (Sun.)	0.00	205.43
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70979	0.00	2,711.50	Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	117.06
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	0.00	2,785.00	Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	181.00	461.39
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	790.72	2,568.88	Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Wed.)	0.00	184.00
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	267.40	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	1,102.64	3,888.36
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	294.73	585.12	Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	330.94
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	1,166.00	Grace Group of AA 352 (Sat.)	27.00	657.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	115.25	356.75	Grateful Live Group 535 (Mon.)	0.00	168.00
Alanon	0.00	0.00	Gratitude Group 339 (Sat.)	0.00	10.26
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00	Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	497.00	2,427.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	25.00	25.00	Happy Hour WG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	70.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00	High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	0.00	752.00
Berryessa Group 527 (Wed.)	0.00	441.00	Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (Mon.)	0.00	1,009.90
Big Book Men's Group (Men) 106 (Tues.)	0.00	245.00	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	295.40	597.40
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	357.70	In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	210.00
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	245.00	In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	259.98
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	140.00	280.00	Intergroup Council 80909	165.00	352.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	392.00	3,712.00	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	550.00	Joy of Living PA 464 (Wed.)	0.00	168.00
Bon Air Siding BB Study 202 (Wed.)	0.00	95.55	Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	168.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	255.90	1,236.93	Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	82.50	422.25
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	268.80	775.60	LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	0.00	231.52
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	380.00	1,425.50	LGBTQ Gay & Lesbian Topic Disc 516 (Sat.)	0.00	147.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	346.90	Living in the 12 & 12 851 (Mon.)	0.00	222.87
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	0.00	940.00	Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	850.00	1,844.76
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	106.12	397.31	Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	643.23
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	168.00	Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	0.00	420.00
CNCA District 04	0.00	0.00	Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	0.00	455.70
CNCA District 40	0.00	0.00	Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	40.00	70.00
Courage to Change (Women) 145 (Wed.)	0.00	360.88	Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	95.00
D.I.V.A 830 (Wed)	118.30	118.30	Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	1,487.00
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	318.00	Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	360.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	241.38	Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	580.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	501.54	1,481.31	Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	600.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	0.00	860.64	Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	2,662.84
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	252.00	Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	0.00	160.00
Eventh Step Meditation Mtg 276 (Thur.)	0.00	140.00	Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	543.28	1,078.78
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00	Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	370.17
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	105.00	Monday Night Chip 405 (Mon.)	0.00	196.00
Flying Monkeys 422 (Fri)	0.00	252.00	monday night mens group	542.15	542.15
Free To Be Me (Women) 658 (Tues.)	0.00	210.00	Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	196.00
Free To Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tues.)	105.00	105.00	Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	457.10
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	596.06	New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	390.00
G 10 10 Group 70951	1,553.42	2,935.74	New People's Group 3 (Sun.)	0.00	105.00
G 4@4 Group 70925	0.00	325.70	New Steps for Beginners 439 (Sun.)	47.00	1,014.19
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	0.00	1,300.57	No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	540.00
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	180.00	3,300.00			

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions**  
 October 2017

	Oct 17	Jan - Oct 17
Noon Newcomers 275 (Thur.)	0.00	60.00
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (Wed)	0.00	2,065.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	48.75	518.75
Personal 00911	70.00	2,809.00
Phoenix Group 623 (Sun.)	0.00	205.50
Plaza Del Rey Group 52 (Sun.)	0.00	314.00
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	146.00	226.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	236.00
Rule #62 Men's Meeting 049 (Thur.)	0.00	205.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	0.00	200.00
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	693.00
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	0.00	1,000.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	635.85
Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	0.00	280.00
SCCYPA	0.00	151.72
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	540.10	1,476.10
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	1,109.10
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon.)	66.00	560.24
Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	0.00	291.20
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	882.00
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	319.00
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	329.00	483.70
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	178.50
Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	100.00
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	400.00	610.00
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	0.00	140.00
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues.)	0.00	336.14
Solutions for Gay Women 870 (Thur.)	0.00	75.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	483.70
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	210.00	460.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	590.06
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	468.97	2,021.37
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	143.50	518.50
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	500.00
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	137.20	573.30
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	700.00
Sundowner's Dinner Mtg (Chips) 768 (Wed.)	341.96	341.96
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	350.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	1,437.00
There is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur)	0.00	900.00
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	434.00	1,451.00
Thru the Big Book 316 (Fri.)	222.00	222.00
Too Early Big Book Stud 172 (Sat)	0.00	105.00
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	120.00
Tuesday Night Happy Hour 796	38.00	540.39
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	347.00	1,484.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	525.00
Unknown	411.60	1,060.10
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	0.00	210.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	0.00	532.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	0.00	157.50
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	40.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	0.00	143.55
Wednesday Night Big Book 576 (Wed.)	0.00	81.20
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	221.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	266.91
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	1,250.21
Women's Candlelight Big Book Disc. (863)	0.00	164.03
Women's Step Topics 597 (Thurs.)	0.00	70.00
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	500.73	880.48
Women Sharing the Solution 519 (Thur.)	0.00	456.00
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	420.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,720.30</b>	<b>147,290.43</b>



**Cornerstone Fellowship Group**  
**Thanksgiving Alcathon**  
**Meetings All Day!**  
**November 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday Meeting times:** 6am,  
7:30am, 8:45am, 10am, 12pm,  
(1pm POTLUCK), 2:30pm, 4pm,  
6pm, 7:30pm, 9pm, 10:30pm, 12am

**Friday Meeting times:** 6am,  
7:30am, 8:45am, 10am, 12pm,  
1:15pm, 2:30pm, 4pm, 6pm,  
7:30pm, 9pm, 10:30pm, 12am

**1600 Dell Ave**  
**Campbell, CA 95008**

**Potluck at 1pm**  
**on Thanksgiving!**  
**Please bring a dish**  
**to share or just stop by**  
**for a Feast and Fellowship!**



**Thanksgiving  
Alco-Thon**  
**Thursday, November 23, 2017**  
*Gilroy Fellowship*  
*7511 Gourmet Alley, Gilroy*

Start	End		Secretary	Chair
6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Faith at Work	Regular	BKS/Daily Reflections
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Break		
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Meeting		
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Meeting		
11:30 AM	2:00 PM	Intermission/Pot Luck	See sign-up sheet	
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Meeting		
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Break		
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Meeting		
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Break		
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Thursday Discussion	Regular	Topic Discussion
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Break		
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Big Book Study	Regular	BKS/Big Book

*Meetings types for the fill-in slots will be formatted by the secretary and are subject to change, to meet the meeting needs.*

November 2017

*The San Jose LGBT Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous hosts*

# Gratitude Dinner

*A festive fundraiser for the Sober and Free Conference in May 2018*



*Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Alano West - 1555 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose*

*\$15 Admission*

*\*Bring a side dish!*

3:30-4:00 - Arrive, Meet & Greet  
4:00-5:00 - Speaker Meeting  
5:00-6:00 - Potluck Dinner

*Tickets, FAQs & More Info:  
soberandfree.org*



**Bring a  
Newcomer**

**Saturday, December 2**

11 AM - 2 PM

*Intergroup Central Office  
Presents the Sixth Annual*

# Tamale Party

274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D, Campbell

**Want to bring something???**  
**Rice, beans, salad, chips and salsa...**  
**You get the idea!**



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## *Something To Talk About . . .* **The Archives Committee Wants Your Opinion**

The Archives Committee of Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County has received a donation of almost 400 tapes of AA speakers.

These tapes are from various events; some of the speakers are local, but many are from other parts of the country. Our task now is to listen to them for sound clarity and convert them to CD. However, there is a concern – *anonymity*.

Some of the speakers are introduced by their first and last name, but identify themselves by their first name. Others identify themselves by first and last name. We have found the sharing on these tapes to be informative and at times entertaining, and always worthwhile. Some are from the 1960s and 1970s, with the bulk from the 1980s and a few from the 1990s.

Tradition Twelve in the long form reads, “And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine

humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.”

Our pamphlet, “What Does Anonymity Mean to AA?” says, “Members of Alcoholics Anonymous make a point of carrying the message about their own recovery ... but never disclose the membership of others.”

So we would like to pose these questions to our readership:

**Do you think we are within AA’s Traditions if we offer CDs of these speakers in the lending library at Intergroup Central Office with last names?**

**What if we added a sticker on the CD jacket saying, “To be listened to only within the fellowship; please respect the anonymity of the speaker”?**

Please share your thoughts with the Archives Committee. The easiest way is to email The COIN at [coin@asaanjose.org](mailto:coin@asaanjose.org).

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