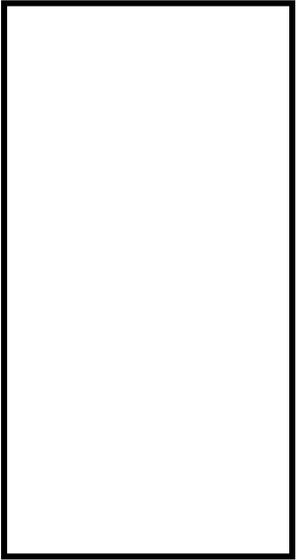




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## Before Hope... Acceptance Is the Answer

Living a life in recovery, I must always bring it back to Step One – *acceptance* – in all aspects of life ... and death. This year has already presented me and our community with so many losses. And just like when I was fighting the disease, I lost. And thank God I “lost” that fight, because by “losing,” I gained the acceptance that I’m powerless over the disease of alcoholism.

Through acceptance, I was given the most amazing gift – to journey on this path of recovery, the path that I know God designed for me to walk, and not to walk alone. The path I was choosing to live, outside of recovery, in the disease, would have kept me from the beautifully blessed recovery life I have today, and the community of love and support that comes with it. I wouldn’t have the priceless heart and soul-connected relationships I have today with family and friends and even strangers.

I’m so incredibly grateful for this life! I’m filled with happiness. And yet I am also heavy-hearted and filled with sadness, grief, confusion and despair, and every

other feeling right now, having faced tremendous loss recently. Yet I wouldn’t change a thing. Why? Because I know this is the path God has chosen for me and everyone else I’m blessed to love in recovery, and who love me – even if I don’t get to share this path with any one person for as long as I may selfishly want.

By accepting this path, I can’t just accept all the gifts, blessings, and goodness. I have to accept the pain, losses, and heartbreaking events that impact our lives while journeying together in recovery. But once again, I wouldn’t trade this life for living the life out there in the disease and missing all that the journey through recovery brings.

I accept that I may not understand all that happens in this crazy blessed world in recovery, but I will gladly accept the truth I know to the depth of my soul – that we, on this path of recovery, will continue to journey on together. Celebrate, support, and mourn together. Because in recovery, we are never alone.

– Stacy G.



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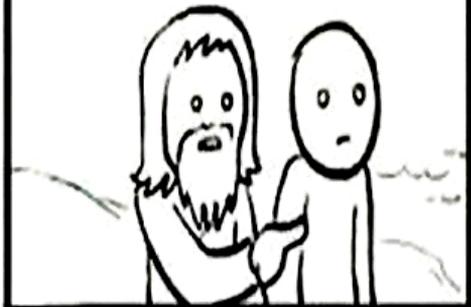
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where you see one  
set of footprints is  
where I carried you...

that long groove is  
where I dragged you  
kicking and screaming



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# Alcoholism in the Simplest of Terms

Many of us in Alcoholics Anonymous have lost our families, our jobs, our friends, and even our health before we were desperate enough to deal with our problem. *Why*, asks the normal person, would anybody put the bottle before his wife, his children, his career, and just about everything else in his life? Well, the alcoholics who have recovered from this malady, and have been restored to a somewhat normal life, often understand how the practicing alcoholic could do such a thing in the face of everything he has to lose, mainly because they have all been through the same, or similar ordeals to some degree or another. They also know that, until this man has reached his bottom, it's unlikely that anything will get in the way of his drinking. The delusion (*faulty perception*) is still there. To him, the thought of living without alcohol is terrifying. Try to look at it this way:

On a scale of 1 to 10, the normal person awakens each morning at an emotional level of 8. The alcoholic awakens at a level of 2. Neither knows the emotional level of the other. The normal one doesn't understand why the alcoholic is so silent/depressed/disgruntled/unhappy, etc. – everything seems fine to him. What's the problem? The alcoholic, on the other hand (being at a 2) can't understand why the normal guy is so upbeat – after all, the world is a cold and hostile place to him. There are wars, the economy, sickness, responsibilities, financial problems... not much to look forward to. What's the use? He feels he is looking up from the bottom of a deep pit.

When the alcoholic is in that pit and takes a drink, he goes from a 2 to an 8.5, and halfway through his second drink he

feels normal and everything is right with the world – no problem here! On the other hand, when a normal drinker takes a drink, and *he* goes from an 8 to an 8.5, it's nice, but he wouldn't give up his life for it, and the next day, he's back to his life as usual. This is normal. The emotional level of an alcoholic will always return to a 2, and he continues to get progressively worse until he loses more than he was willing to lose. That is when he begins to realize that he will probably never be able to drink successfully, and if he is ready to ask for help, he has a chance to salvage his life.

The answers for me were in the AA program, where I had a profound change of perception, or a "spiritual awakening" if you like. The delusion that I could drink like a normal person was smashed. I know that if I neglect the evidence that I've experienced before and after I came to AA, I risk doing irreparable damage to myself and others. And worse than that, I risk wasting the only life I get to live to a chemical that is closer to gasoline or lighter fluid than to the romantic way I used to perceive it. What a tragic thing that would be when the solution was laid at my feet. All I had to do was surrender.

As the result of following this path, I am at an 8 almost every day of my life. A bad day for me is a 7. If I stop growing spiritually, I would start to go back down the scale again, and as I were to approach a 5 or a 4, a drink might start looking good to me.... It would be only a matter of time before I'd be back at the old game again. Knowing this, I am vigilant about my priorities, and I stay in the safe (spiritual) zone. That is so much better than the alternative.

– Rick R.

## Living Principle by Principle, not Problem by Problem

When people come through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous, they are usually overwhelmed with problems. Some of these problems are of a legal nature, while others may be due to marital strife, and still others may just be the desperation of a life that has been spinning out of control. The one common denominator in all of these matters is the use of alcohol – otherwise, why would they be coming to AA? In the beginning, we hear the horror stories of the divorce proceedings or of the legal fees for the DUI case, and we hear well-meaning members of the program telling us how to get around some of these problems.

As we know, these are but a symptom of the real problem, that being alcoholism. Most of the wreckage of the past is the result of our unbridled and faulty *thinking*, and if, in the beginning, we focus only on getting out of trouble and not on the *thinking* behind the actions that got us into those difficulties in the first place, it often gives us the feeling that we are on safe ground and can relax. A half-hearted effort concerning our decision-making just leads to more faulty thinking and rationalizing why we do what we do. This often leads to a succession of relapses before that person finally crosses that line where he is open to change. If – and only if – at that time, he is encouraged to learn to live by proven principles and not to modify those principles to suit his/her own selfish agenda, he/she finally has a chance to live a meaningful life.

My experience has been that, living by principles is much easier than anything I could have come up with myself. When

we solve a problem and we don't change our behavior, it's only a matter of time before another similar problem arrives. We can solve one problem at a time, or we can set in place a set of principles that governs many problems of a similar nature.

Take for instance “cash register honesty,” a term often heard in the rooms of AA. This, to me, means much more than just not cheating the person at the cash register. It means that I should never take unfair advantage of anyone. With this approach in mind, I think before I act, and I get it right the first time. As a result, I have a clear conscience. Why focus on one problem at a time when I can live by unselfish principles and take the decision-making out of the equation?

If I can just be honest with myself and do what's right, it takes away all of the guilt and shame and lightens my spirit. This is reward enough for me, and it far outweighs any material gain I could have acquired by taking the selfish path. After practicing this way of thinking over a period of time, my load gets lighter and lighter. Left to its own devices, my *ego* seems to run my life, striving for material victory over my problems, while my *conscience* dictates my principles.

When I follow the dictates of my conscience, I stop making the mistakes of the past and my spirit heals. I'm no longer ashamed of my behavior, and over a period of time, as I continue to rely on my conscience to fashion a life of unselfish principles, a drink has no appeal to me. In the end, it renders my ego a weak contender.

– Rick R.

## Step Two: "God" Does Not Have To Be a Problem

Once I had admitted, through Step One, that I was powerless over alcohol and that my life had become unmanageable – hardly a stretch given the utter shambles my life was in – my sponsor said that if I was going to stay sober, I had to come to believe that a power greater than me could restore me to sanity (Step Two). There are two very important points there:

1) All I had to do was find a way to believe that it was *possible*. I didn't have to figure out how – or when, or even if – I'd be restored to sanity. I just had to believe that it "*could*" happen.

2) It just had to be a power greater than me. It didn't have to be *God*; it just couldn't be *me*. (I'd certainly never been able to restore myself to sanity, no matter how many times I tried to get my drinking "under control.")

To the latter point, my sponsor was very clear – it didn't have to be *God*, per se. It just couldn't be *me*.

I heard her say at the podium once that if one has a problem believing in a power greater than him/herself, all he/she needs to do is watch the sun rise, or the tide come in, and ask if he/she had anything to do with it. I'm quite clear on the fact that I cannot make the sun rise or the tide come in. So there must be a power greater than me. That much is pretty straightforward. But that's where, for some, it gets trickier....

I feel fortunate that I didn't come into the rooms of AA with the "God problem," as I call it. It's easy to see how someone coming into the program from an agnostic or non-theist point of view might be entirely put off by what may seem to be the religious nature of the program. (Note that I said "*seem* to be.")

Heck, we say the Lord's Prayer at the end of most meetings.

The reality is that AA really is a *spiritual* – read: *not* religious – program, unless one chooses to bring his/her religion in (which also works just fine). Anyone who stays around long enough and embraces the AA program can attest to the fact that

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**It doesn't have to be *God*.**

**It just can't be *me*.**

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it's not in fact a Christian cult – or Christian, or a cult. The program *does* have its roots in the Oxford Group, which *was* a Christian organization, and AA was founded by white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant men. Point being, it's understandable that some of the rhetoric that survives to this day is rooted in Christian precepts. And some members, to be sure, hold Jesus Christ to be their lord and savior. Yet others, like myself, are former or practicing members of other religious or spiritual faiths – Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and others – and still others are firmly agnostic or devoutly atheist. And many of us stay sober as well.

It's really quite simple: In order to stay sober, we must find a power greater than (as in *other than*) ourselves. And we must come to believe that it's possible that we, too, might be able to be restored to sanity. We don't have to accept antithetical viewpoints or believe anything beyond the fact that *we cannot stay sober* – meaningfully, happily, truly sober – for any length of time *on our own beliefs and our own will alone*.

And we don't have to figure anything else out. It's all laid out for us in the Steps.

– Stephanie L.

# Love and Tolerance: God and Religion in AA

I heard a woman at a meeting say once that “Religion is for people who don’t want to go to hell; spirituality is for people who have been to hell.”

I’ve heard this before, and I get what it’s trying to say: Basically, we don’t need religion to have a spiritual connection. However, at an AA meeting, is it appropriate? In a way, it is saying that people who are religious don’t get spirituality. I am religious – and spiritual – and trust me, I’ve been through a special kind of hell.

My immediate reaction was anger, I think because many Christians believe in hell and spend their lives trying to lead a good life in hopes of being able to spend eternity beside God after they die. Many, including many in AA, believe that life in the human form is just a small part of their eternity – cleaning up their wreckage, living the Steps, practicing AA’s principles along with practicing their religion is their way of ensuring this. Who are we to judge this?

At this point in my sobriety, I realize that someone else’s idea of their Higher Power has no effect on my own recovery. But what about the newcomer? I would hate to see a dying newcomer leave AA because they thought that they wouldn’t be accepted because they are (or are not) religious.

Early in sobriety, I listened to a share from a member who casually mentioned that he is a Christian and now attends church on Sundays. He didn’t go into any detail, and he certainly did not suggest that anyone else should go to church. It was merely a statement. After the meeting,

another member approached him and told him that he shouldn’t mention that he is a Christian in an AA meeting. For a while after this, I was hesitant to acknowledge my religious beliefs, because I was afraid of what AA would think.

But that just isn’t how I was “raised” in AA. I was raised to be open-minded and tolerant. Someone told me recently that in AA, with regard to the idea of a Higher

Power, no one is right or wrong. If atheism keeps you sober, and you can make it work for you, then I’m happy for you. It makes no difference to me if your Higher Power is nature, or if you connect to your Higher Power through daily yoga. Some of us can’t

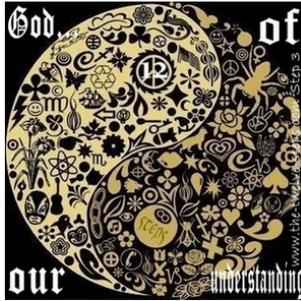
describe our Higher Power; some of us call it God – not necessarily because we have ever picked up a Bible, but because it’s just easier. Some of us are Jewish, some follow Buddha, others are Muslim.

Today, because of AA, I have faith in a Higher Power whom I call Jesus Christ. This is *my* experience and mine only. I would never push my very personal beliefs on a sponsee or any other member of AA. My job as a sponsor is to take another alcoholic through the Steps and to let them find their *own* understanding of a Higher Power. My own sponsor is not a religious person. She has her own way of connecting with her Higher Power. Not once has she discouraged me from going back to religion and going back to church to worship despite our differences.

What she did impress on me is that love and tolerance is our code. Period.

– Melissa B.

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## *One Member's Experience: I Didn't Need God to Get (or Stay) Sober*

Having no experience with AA, my expectations of the program were few, but at the very least, I hoped that AA would be a place where one could be who they are without fear of being shunned or shamed. I was dead wrong.

I sought help from AA in December of 2015. As I walked into my first meeting, I read the slogans that adorned the walls, as well as the long, vertical scrolls that prominently displayed the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions. Since I was there just to get sober, I didn't give it much thought. Besides, the only requirement for AA is the desire to stop drinking. I fit the profile.

During my first week of sobriety, I was told I would have to get a sponsor to guide me through the 12 Steps. It sounded odd, but this was new territory. I attended a local meeting and, upon hearing that I was new to the program, the secretary immediately summoned a woman who introduced herself and said she would be happy to be my sponsor. The woman began talking about god, the bible, and staying sober. I wanted to get sober, not sit in church, so the following day I notified her that I would be better off having a different sponsor.

Terrified that I would start drinking again if I didn't find a sponsor, I quickly set out to find another. Since I had failed at being accountable to myself in the past, I needed to be accountable to someone, so I asked my coworker who had introduced me to the program if she would be my sponsor. She declined based on our working relationship. Eventually, after a little pleading (okay, a lot), she acquiesced, and I eagerly began to work the 12 Steps.

Over the months, I went regularly to several

meetings, stayed sober, and met some really good people and some questionable ones as well. But I couldn't participate in reciting the prayers along with everyone else. I didn't believe the words, so I wasn't going to recite them just to go along with everyone. According to a few people, I would "come around eventually."

I worked on the Steps, studied the Big Book, promptly took offense at Chapter 4 because of its condescending tone, but kept moving forward. I have to admit that I did take great pleasure in critically reading the 11th Step Prayer as I found it inspiring.

One of the basic tenets of AA is honesty. I felt that I had been deceptive to those around me by not expressing my nonbelief in god. When I finally found the courage to speak up, I was advised to find something – anything – and call it a "higher power." To me, a "higher power" is just a placeholder for "god." I would guess the common thought in AA is if you can accept a "higher power," then it's not a far reach to begin accepting "god" – which, from my personal experience, is AA's ultimate objective.

On another occasion, after identifying as a non-theist, I was told by a member that I should "go out and do a little more research until you're good and desperate." I didn't understand what that meant at the time, but soon realized that she was telling me to go out and get drunk enough to accept god.

Not having a god or a higher power doesn't mean I think myself as all-important. It simply means that I don't believe in a personified, imaginary big brother who saves me by opening up a parking spot when I need one, or keeping me sober. I believe in myself, and rely on my

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own strength. I am responsible for my sobriety; not god, not my sponsor, nor the fellowship, and certainly not a doorknob.

I never had to define my religious status — that is, not until I started AA. The harsh realization of not being accepted in AA as I am has finally sunk in, and as difficult as it is, the time has come to find my own path. I suppose I knew it all along, but I was holding on to the one thing that initially brought light to my dark days.

There's an expression in the rooms: "Take what you need and leave the rest." Well, I took my sobriety, along with many valuable insights I gleaned from the fellowship, but left the meetings behind. I found that I didn't have to get god to get sober. With the continued support of my sponsor, practicing the principles, being willing to change, and having faith in myself, I am happy to say that I have 19 months of sobriety.

— Anonymous

## *One Member's Opinion: The (Christian) "God" Problem*

I was first introduced to AA in 1987. I had no idea what I was supposed to do, or how to do it. I just knew I was supposed to go to meetings. I heard talk about working the Steps, so I thought I'd get started. I read each Step very carefully, repeatedly, until I felt it was part of me. Step Two is where the trouble started.

At the time, I didn't know why, but when I saw the word "God," I was NOT happy. I had been brought up with the god of the Bible, who is named God. I assumed that this was, in fact, the religious hook many people expect.

I had denounced this god in college because I simply cannot approve of a god who allows wars as we've had, famines, floods, millions of innocent people put to death, etc. I continued on for a few years as an atheist. This meant that the same god I had rejected needed re-acceptance on my part. So, I faked it till I failed it. 10 more years of misery ensued.

Recently, I visited a few grammar and spelling websites (like Meriam Webster) and asked a question: Why is "God" capitalized? The answer I got was always the same: Proper names are always capitalized — and to Jews and Christians, the name for their divinity is *God*. So, it follows that anytime I see God, Him, His, and so on in places other than the first word of a sentence, we're referring to the god of the bible "God."

I now understand my initial reluctance: I knew from years of religious schooling what "God" meant, but only subconsciously. I can imagine many a newcomer wanting nothing or little to do with Christianity. So, following Tradition Five, I suggest changing ALL occurrences of upper case "G"s and so on to simply "g." It won't change any part of the message except for the implied "we are Christians" to "we are spiritual."

— Julius D.

Have an opinion about something you read here, or something you think a newcomer should know about our program or our fellowship? Tell us about it! Email [coin@aaanjonse.org](mailto:coin@aaanjonse.org).

## Our Singleness of Purpose: Supporting Secretaries

In years past, I frequently attended meetings in San Francisco. One Friday night meeting that was popular and well-attended earned the nickname the “Toothbrush Meeting.” How it earned this nickname is a discussion for another time and another article. Notwithstanding the nickname, the meeting attracted some of the best members of AA in San Francisco. Whenever I attended the meeting, I received good wisdom and a new attitude that helped this life-challenged alcoholic. A few years ago, I arrived at the start of the meeting and couldn’t find a seat. I saw my friend “Walking Don” and he offered that I rest my back against his knees and use my natural cushion against the flooring, and thus avoid standing through the meeting.

Last year on a Friday night, wanting a change of scenery, I drove to San Francisco and went to the Toothbrush Meeting. I knew that it was important that I arrive a half-hour early to reserve my seat. The hall was completely empty. By the time the meeting actually began, about 10 or 15 people meandered in, and all of us set near the front table.

Wondering what had happened, I made some inquiries with AA acquaintances in San Francisco. Somebody later told me that the

“Toothbrush Meeting” had dwindled in attendance as a result of secretaries who were lackadaisical in their choice of speakers. The meeting regulars became frustrated with the quality of the speakers and ultimately found another venue for their Friday nights.

Whether this is an accurate account of

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the fate of the “Toothbrush Meeting” I can’t say with certainty, because I was not a regular attendee during its decline. I can say that I’ve noticed this phenomenon with other meetings. And I truly believe that the secretary more than any other position can make or break a meeting.

I remember when I first became a secretary for an AA meeting. It was the first meeting ever to be established in San Mateo County. It was rich in long-term sobriety. Many of the people that I knew have since passed and are now attending the “big meeting in the sky.” The group provided guidance and more importantly

told me what I was expected to do. First and foremost, they told me to go out to other meetings and bring in good speakers who could effectively carry the AA message. I was told never to ask anybody to speak unless I had previously heard that person chair a meeting.

My secretary skills were weak when I started the commitment. By taking the group's advice to heart, my ability as a secretary improved. Toward the end of my commitment, I was bringing in good speakers, and I noticed that the meeting became more vibrant. Some of the older members even told me that I would be a hard act to follow.

Whenever a group experiences challenges with their chosen secretary, some group members immediately conclude that the problem is with the individual. Sometimes this is the case when the chosen individual isn't putting their best effort into the position. However, in most circumstances, the root cause lies more with the group and less with the individual. It all boils down to the group not choosing a person who is ready to be a secretary, and once in the position, the group not supporting the person.

Some groups elect persons to the secretary position that have minimal sobriety and limited experience being a member of an AA group. There are also instances when a group may elect a person with long-term sobriety but who hasn't been a long-time attendee at the meeting. Even a person who has been a secretary at other meetings in other AA fellowships may not be familiar with the group's customs and practices. A group is well-served when it selects a person to conduct its meeting who has good sobriety and has been an active member at the meeting.

When the meeting secretary struggles, the problem gets further exacerbated when the experienced group members don't provide useful feedback to the individual. A person can't be expected to understand how they could be a more effective secretary unless the group provides him or her that feedback. What can make matters even worse is when some bold member of the meeting tactlessly approaches the secretary and provides harsh and condescending personal criticism directly to the individual. Feedback to the secretary is best done as a group effort at a business or steering committee gathering.

When a group takes a lackadaisical approach to secretary selection and provides poor or no feedback to the inexperienced trusted servant, they are setting the person up to fail. Doing AA service should be a source of joy and pride and leave the person with a newfound confidence and feeling of accomplishment. These positive results aren't likely to occur when a person struggles as a secretary and doesn't feel that his or her efforts are being supported or appreciated by the group.

Just as meeting attendance can dwindle due to group apathy toward supporting its trusted servants, struggling meetings can increase membership when group members are committed to developing its trusted servants.

We are so fortunate to have so many choices of meetings in Santa Clara County. I challenge all experienced AA members to support our trusted servants, and our groups will better fulfill AA's primary purpose – "to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers". As a trusted servant succeeds, so does the AA group.

– Mike W.

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Plaza del Ray on Sunday at 7:30 p.m.  
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### CLOSED

Young People's Candlelight Meeting on  
Saturdays at 8:15 p.m.  
United Methodist Church, Los Gatos

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

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....6

(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,  
WE THANK YOU!



## *In Loving Memory*

Katie O. passed away of complications from  
the flu and pneumonia on January 4, 2018  
with 21 months of sobriety.

Joseph T., "Piano Joe", passed away peacefully  
on January 30, 2018 with 40-plus years of  
sobriety.



## Birthday Contributions

Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Gavin S.	9	Tommy O.	12-13-2008
Lee C.	33	Lee C.	12/25/1984
Dave K.	5	John S.	01/01/2013
Tommy O.	11	John S., Tommy O.	01/01/2007
Chris H.	18	John S.	01/01/2000
Kim S.	17	Carol B.	01/01/2001
Kathleen H.	18	Kathleen H.	01/01/2000
Amy F.	12	Amy F.	01/01/2006
Mary Mc.	34	Mary Mc.	01/06/1984
Louis R.	27	Joe B., Julie K.	01/08/1991
Paul C.	39	Paul C.	01/10/1979
Josephine B.	30	Montana W.	01/12/1988
Tom K.	48	Tom K.	01/15/1970
David R.	26	David R.	01/16/1992
Ben N.	11	Sober Alcoholic	01/18/2007
Tobias T.	11	Tobias T.	01/18/2007
Bob S.	55	Bob S.	01/24/1963
John S.	26	John S.	01/25/1992
Mary-Pat P.	35	Fran H.	1/28/1983

### *465 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 otherwise.

**INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

January 3, 2018

- 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 and the Twelve Traditions were read. Big thank you to Larry for setting up the PA system and to Desiree for coffee.
- New Intergroup reps (thanks to alternate chair Francis for the new IG rep meeting tonight):
  - Mary – Vision For You, Saratoga, Tuesdays 6:00pm
  - Mary v 3rd Steppers Book Study, Sunnyvale, Thursdays 6:30pm
  - Jerry – Attitude Adjustment, Cornerstone Fellowship Group, Campbell, daily 6:00am
  - Shannon – Women’s Amethyst, Santa Clara, Wednesdays 7:00pm
  - Amy – ODAAT, Trinity Presbyterian, San Jose, Saturdays/Sundays 6:00am
  - Paula – Second Tradition, Lincoln Glen Church, San Jose, Saturdays 8:00pm
  - David – Live and Let Live, San Jose
  - Jimmy – Stuff Substitute
- Visitors (Chauncey, Salvador )
- Birthdays – Michelle, 16 years; Val, 20 years; Shannon, 18 months; Tommy, 11 years; Chris Ann, 7 years; Larry, 12 years
- Observation of 7th Tradition – Michael H. (tonight’s collection = \$132)

PRUDENT RESERVE = 300

	7TH TRAD	RENT	CONTRIBUTION	COFFEE	YEAR BAL	BAL FWRD
Oct-17	104	150	-	-	(46)	104
Nov-17	122	-	-	-	122	226
Dec-17	141	150	153	-	(162)	64
<b>4Q17</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>(61)</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64</b>

- Corrections or additions to the agenda – none
- Corrections or additions to the previous month’s minutes – none
- 34 voting members present

**Reports**

**Intergroup Chair, Robby W.**

- Cameron L. has had to resign from the board. This will require the election of a new board member. In accordance with our procedure guide, we will go around the room and ask if anyone is available to be of service to this position.
- Volunteers/nominations: Chauncey, Linda, Val, Jill – each introduced themselves and presented their qualifications to Intergroup. Next month, the group will vote on these candidates to fill the vacancy.
- As a reminder, please line up three deep for the committee reports. Please highlight your “take away.”

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

- Please encourage your groups to write and submit stories to The COIN. The topics for the February issue are Step Two, Tradition Two, and the principle of hope. Please submit articles no later than the January 17 deadline.
- Please announce to your groups that the COIN needs a new editor, and have them contact coin@aasanjose.org if interested.

**Central Service Board, Bill H.**

- The Board of Directors met December 21. The treasurer’s report covering November 2017 + year-to-date (YTD) until December 21, 2017 was as follows:
  - Contributions for November 2017 were \$16,341.28
    - Compared to October 2017 at \$21,454.06 , a decrease sequentially of \$5,112.78 or - 24%

- ii. Compared to November 2016 at \$5,208.07, an increase year-over-year of \$11,133.21 or +214%
- b. Year-to-date: (YTD)
  - i. As of November 30, 2017 contributions were \$163,365.47 versus a year-ago of \$163,761.11, down \$395.64 or less than -1%
  - ii. As of December 21, 2017 contributions were \$174,632.46 versus a year-ago of \$178,400.36, down \$3,767.90 or -2%
- Additional financial assessments:
  - a. November 2017 net income was negative \$1,325.02 down from a year-ago at negative \$8,666.20 by \$7,341.18 or +654%.
  - b. YTD net income as of November 30, 2017 was \$18,474.68 down from year-ago at \$19,331.12 by \$856.44 or -4%.
  - c. YTD cost of goods sold (COGS): through November 30, 2017, total COGS were \$40,668.25 versus \$41,896.35 for a year-ago, a decrease of \$1,228.10 or -3%.
  - d. YTD total expenses: through November 30, 2017, total expense was \$178,826.32 versus a year ago of \$178,654.64, a year-over-year an increase of \$171.68 or less than 1%.
  - e. Prudent reserve: \$85,163.26; new reserve target is \$99k (six months of 2016 average monthly expense)
  - f. There is no trend, as some groups are well over 2016 contributions YTD, some are well short of 2016 YTD, and others are about the same. Groups should check with treasurers or secretaries as to how often they are making distributions of the group's 7th tradition collection. Small sampling suggests that some treasurer's have not made contributions in some time.
- Central Office lease expiration – Board authorized Bruce to proceed with negotiations to renew the lease at the current location. The office lease for Central Office will expire in Q1 of 2018. The owner has proposed a rent increase, consistent with the market rate for comparable space.
- Cameron has resigned from the Board. Robby W. has been informed and is following the procedures outlined in the Intergroup Procedures Guide to select a new board member.

### **Central Office, Bruce K.**

- I believe we're getting close to completing our prudent reserve goal of six months expenses. Your groups have been very helpful and our expenses were down for 2017, so let's see what happens in the next couple of months.
- We hope to be finalizing our negotiations with our landlord in the next two or three weeks. We're optimistic and will keep you posted.
- Did you know that Central Office stocks our Big Book in 51 languages? Most of these are relatively inexpensive – \$12 or so – but some, such as those for the Scandinavian countries, can reach upwards of \$21, with the Japan translation coming in at \$42. Our Big Book is now published in at least 69 languages, with several more translations in the works. I'm working on getting the translations we're currently missing, but these must be ordered directly from the country that translated and publishes them. This is often a disconcerting process.
- And Central Office fairs well.

### **Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator, Abe**

- As of January 2, there are two open Diverter shifts:
  - third Monday, 7pm-11pm
  - first Saturday, 7pm-midnight
- The Diverter Workshop will be held at its monthly scheduled time of the Third Saturday, which is January 20 at 10am at the Intergroup Central Office. No appointment needed, just show up. Sobriety requirement is one year, we request a minimum of one-year commitment.
- My gratitude goes out to Terry L. and Diana G. for holding the Diverter Workshops in my absence for the last six months.

### **Secretary Workshop, Kathy R.**

- The secretary workshop is the first Saturday if the month at 10am at Central Office. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the Secretary's role as the facilitator of the meeting –

making sure it starts and ends on time, greeting the newcomers. We discuss how to handle difficult situations as they come up, how to deal with disruptive people, etc. We go over the Twelve Traditions, discuss how they are to the meeting what the Twelve Steps are to an individual. Without them there wouldn't be meetings.

- Encourage new secretaries or those wishing to become secretaries to come to the workshop.

### **Outreach Committee, Kevin**

- The purpose of the committee is to serve as the ambassadors for Intergroup. We do this by educating local AA groups about the purpose, activities, and service opportunities of Intergroup and Central Office; encouraging all AA groups to participate in Intergroup; and ensuring the accuracy of Santa Clara County AA Meeting Directory.
- As I am new to the position, I am currently trying to form a committee of volunteers to reach out and visit the groups/meetings not represented here. Tonight, I am asking your help – I would like four volunteers who could stop by these four groups and make our presence known (*all four meetings were filled*):
  - Los Altos – Freedom Fellowship Group, Foothill Covenant Church, 1555 Oak, Los Altos
  - Palo Alto (daytime) – 10:10 Group at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 E. Meadow, Palo Alto
  - San Jose (4 pm) – 4@4 Group, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 15040 Union Ave., San Jose
  - San Jose – Masonic Center, 2500 Masonic Dr., San Jose
- The committee will meet at 6:30pm the first Wednesday of the month before the Intergroup meeting. To sign up, call Kevin W. at (408) 835-8474.

### **Daytime Office, Joe**

- All shifts are filled, but we still need alternates. Two-year sobriety requirement and knowledge of the Steps and Traditions. Incoming phone calls are down 50%, and 5% of those require 12-Stepping. This is most likely due to the 15,000+ hits we get on our website.
- Also, we take birthday contributions, your name can be in the COIN on your birthday month!

### **Twelfth Step Committee, Alex S.**

- We are still looking for more volunteers. To make this service more accessible to members, Alex offers to come meet members to orientate them. Alex can be contacted by phone and time can be arranged. There is a six-month sobriety requirement.

### **Website, Josh R.**

- 30% of the "basket contributions" are now coming in digitally.
- An Intergroup committee has formed to investigate methods that groups may use to collect 7th Tradition contributions online. We have been following the research that San Francisco Intergroup has done on this.
- In the Holiday issue of GSO's newsletter (December 6, 2017), they mention San Francisco's work and interview a NYC meeting treasurer who is using Venmo.
- We are eager to hear group experiences with Venmo and other electronic 7th Tradition payments.
- The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 at 6:45PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave, San Jose, in the room that the Intergroup meeting is held in.

### **Activities Committee, Carol R.**

- Carol R. is the new activities chair. The Chili Cookoff is coming up on March 17, 2018, flyers will be available soon. Old Timers Meeting and Take Your Sponsor to Brunch dates available soon.

### **I/CPC, Joshua**

- The I/CPC committee is looking for volunteers to help with a commitment on the first Wednesday of each month between the hours of 12pm and 6:30pm at the Bascom Library. The commitment involves sitting at an outreach desk and answering questions about AA from library goers. Volunteers need not be available for the entire time window to help out. Please reach out to the committee at [picpc@aaasanjose.org](mailto:picpc@aaasanjose.org) if you have any questions or would like to participate.

### **Unity Day**

- Service opportunities are available, and we need people for next year's committee.
- The next report will be presented in February 2018.

**Hospitals and Institutions, Tommy O.**

- Donations from last year, January until now, are down 23%. They need \$60,000 monthly to provide services. They have a three-month prudent reserve, all their financials are transparent on the website, handinorcal.org.
- Please report any meeting without H&I representation. Pass the pinks cans in your meetings.
- Secretaries are needed in the South Bay.
- Meetings held on the fourth Tuesday at 7pm at First Congregational Church, 1980 E. Hamilton, SJ

**Bridging the Gap, Jane**

- Bridging the Gap needs volunteers and committee members. Meetings are at 7pm the third Monday on Hamilton and Leigh.

**North County General Service, Lori**

- They are looking for District Alternate, experience in general service is needed. Please attend the North County General Service meeting at 7:30pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 581 E. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, on the second Tuesday of the month.

**South County General Service (no report)**

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

**Sober and Free, Linda**

- Switch Hitters, including a cabaret, is being held on Saturday, January 20 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 1195 Clarke St. We will have flyers, cost, time, and more info next month.
- The conference is in May 2018, fundraisers are coming up to support that. Info is available at soberandfree.org.

**Open Forum**

- The Sobriety by the Bay conference is taking place in San Francisco Friday January 26 through Sunday January 28, featuring Big Book discussions, speakers, and workshops.
- The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

March 17                      11th Annual Santa Clara County Intergroup Chili Cook-off, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**CALIFORNIA EVENTS**

March 1-4                      ACYPAA Annual Round-Up, Embassy Suites San Rafael, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94903

March 30, 31,                      NCCAA 71st Annual Spring Conference, at the San Ramon Marriot,  
April 1                              2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ARCHIVES AMBASSADOR?

In the early '80's, a gentleman put together the history of California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA), of which Santa Clara County is Districts 04-North and 40-South. CNCA is in the process of updating its history, and estimates it will take about five years.

In 1987, the Archives Committee had researched and published a booklet, "Early Groups of AA in Santa Clara County," covering the period 1941-60. Some of those early meetings are still going, for example:

- Palo Alto Group 1 (1941) still meets at the Palo Alto Community Center on Friday nights.
- Agnews State Hospital (1944) has moved around a bit since the hospital's closure, but seems to have found a home at the Red Cross on First Street in San Jose.
- Trinity Group (1946) still meets at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown San Jose on Saturday nights.
- Los Altos Group (1951) met Thursdays at United Methodist Church at Magdalena and Foothill Expressway for quite some time. They are now meeting at Union Presbyterian Church on University Avenue.
- Cambrian Group (1956) still meets at St. Timothy's Church in San Jose on Saturday nights.
- St. Mark's Group (1958) meets on Pruneridge Avenue in Santa Clara.
- Los Gatos Breakfast Group (1958) became the Spiritual Progress group.
- Foxworthy Group (1960) began at Trinity Presbyterian Church at Union and Foxworthy, and has been meeting at Ferris and Spencer in Los Gatos since 1980.

Each District will have the opportunity to update and clarify its growth and diversity. That's where all of us come in: There is a Group Histories binder at Central Office with 41 groups listed. There's room for LOTS MORE. The Archives folks would like your input for other long-time groups, such as:

- Los Gatos – St. Luke's (holds a number of meetings, especially St. Luke's Group on Tuesday and Easier Way Group on Friday)
- Los Gatos – more on the evolution of the Spiritual Progress Group
- San Jose – the evolution of Alano Club West into its many new locales
- Sunnyvale – Fremont and Hollenbeck meetings
- Sunnyvale – Forged from Adversity
- Santa Clara – St. Mark's Group
- Los Altos – ABC Women's Group
- San Martin – San Martin Candlelighters

Please email the Archives Committee at [asaanjose@comcast.net](mailto:asaanjose@comcast.net) with your information. We look forward to your experience in helping update our district's history!

CAPSHOTS

BY PHILD.



**BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTION**

**CELEBRANT:**

**CONTRIBUTOR:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to print this information in the **COIN**, unless you indicate otherwise below:

Print celebrant name?      Yes      No

Print contributor name?      Yes      No

**We truly appreciate this contribution and celebrating this milestone.**

**Thank you!**

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

**Profit & Loss**

January 2018

			<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>
		<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
		<b>Income</b>			
		3030 · Contributions-General	27,457.30	24,216.30	27,457.30
		3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	50.00	21.00	50.00
		8010 · Literature Sales	4,713.69	5,848.37	4,713.69
		8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	425.50	913.50	425.50
		8060 · Newsletter	106.80	5.00	106.80
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32,753.29</b>	<b>31,004.17</b>	<b>32,753.29</b>
		<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
		5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,861.17	5,285.58	3,861.17
		<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>3,861.17</b>	<b>5,285.58</b>	<b>3,861.17</b>
		<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>28,892.12</b>	<b>25,718.59</b>	<b>28,892.12</b>
		<b>Expense</b>			
		6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	552.52	528.28	552.52
		6330 · Office Expense	986.88	1,433.73	986.88
		6380 · Payroll Taxes	984.45	931.06	984.45
		6480 · Rent	2,537.95	2,457.60	2,537.95
		6540 · Salaries - Office	9,794.45	7,073.28	9,794.45
		6560 · Payroll Expenses	224.00	52.76	224.00
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>15,080.25</b>	<b>12,476.71</b>	<b>15,080.25</b>
		<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>13,811.87</b>	<b>13,241.88</b>	<b>13,811.87</b>
		<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
		<b>Other Income</b>			
		8025 · Rebate	63.14	46.38	63.14
		8030 · Interest Income	26.91	8.44	26.91
		<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>90.05</b>	<b>54.82</b>	<b>90.05</b>
		<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>90.05</b>	<b>54.82</b>	<b>90.05</b>
		<b>Net Income e</b>	<b>13,901.92</b>	<b>13,296.70</b>	<b>13,901.92</b>

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

### Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2018

ASSETS		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
1010	· Petty Cash	133.24
1020	· First Republic Bank (Checking account)	55,030.41
1021	· (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 08/12/17)	17,886.58
1023	· (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 02/05/18)	16,701.26
1027	· (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,195.38
1028	· (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/18)	20,272.83
1029	· (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ 1.0%, 12/08/17)	15,141.61
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>		<b>140,361.31</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
1110	· Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,644.62
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>		<b>-1,644.62</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
1250	· Literature Inventory	18,489.30
1310	· Prepaid Insurance	1,243.25
13700	· Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
1499	· Undeposited Funds	446.70
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>20,179.24</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>158,895.93</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
1630	· Office Equipment	29,553.31
1640	· Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
1641	· Less Accumulated Depreciation	-27,891.97
1680	· Leasehold Improvements	300.00
1681	· Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>9,419.14</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>170,308.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Credit Cards</b>		
2075	· American Express	1,275.77
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>		<b>1,275.77</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
2240	· Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	462.72
2340	· Accrued Vacation	8,585.74
2600	· Unity Day	3,921.28
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>		<b>12,969.74</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>14,245.51</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>14,245.51</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
3100	· Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
3900	· Unrestricted Funds	153,866.16
	Net Income	13,901.92
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>156,063.41</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>170,308.92</b>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions**  
 January 2018

	Jan 18	Jan 18
1 INV Frem ont & Manet Group 70975	525.00	525.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	302.00	302.00
1 INV Men Seeking Guidance Group	350.00	350.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	813.00	813.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	609.38	609.38
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	700.00	700.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	300.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	664.80	664.80
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	185.50	185.50
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	200.00	200.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	124.60	124.60
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	300.00	300.00
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	223.00	223.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	713.00	713.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	330.00	330.00
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sa	460.00	460.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	78.00	78.00
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	435.00	435.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	59.50	59.50
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	130.00	130.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	393.72	393.72
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	70.00	70.00
G 10 10 Group 70951	602.71	602.71
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	2,483.75	2,483.75
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70904	680.00	680.00
G Higher Power Hour 70952	1,270.00	1,270.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	921.18	921.18
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	711.11	711.11
G Third Tradition (906)	20.00	20.00
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 709	336.36	336.36
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	120.50	120.50
Gay & Lesbian Topic Disc 516 (Sat.)	276.00	276.00
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	140.00	140.00
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	1,002.49	1,002.49
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	730.00	730.00
HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	287.00	287.00
Intergroup Council 80909	153.00	153.00
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (V	96.92	96.92
LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	255.02	255.02

	Jan 18	Jan 18
Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	187.56	187.56
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	201.92	201.92
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	83.00	83.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tue	108.64	108.64
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Su	300.00	300.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon	300.00	300.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	378.39	378.39
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	459.89	459.89
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	80.00	80.00
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	249.19	249.19
Personal 00911	205.76	205.76
Phoenix Group 623 (Sun.)	142.90	142.90
Plaza Del Rey Group (Sun) 052	650.00	650.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	80.50	80.50
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.	562.00	562.00
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	729.26	729.26
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon.)	1,166.80	1,166.80
Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	179.26	179.26
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	335.30	335.30
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	332.00	332.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	105.83	105.83
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	389.32	389.32
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	166.60	166.60
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	46.37	46.37
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	259.00	259.00
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.	421.00	421.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	352.00	352.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	140.00	140.00
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	40.00	40.00
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tue	218.00	218.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	266.17	266.17
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	268.10	268.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,457.30</b>	<b>27,457.30</b>

# AGYPAA XLVI

## OUR CHANCE TO LIVE

### ALL CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS ANNUAL ROUND-UP

**EMBASSY SUITES SAN RAFAEL**  
**101 MCINNIS PARKWAY, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903**  
**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

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Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_

YPAA Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Of:

AA:	AI-Anon:	AI-Ateen:	Other:
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Special Needs:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing:	Seizures:	Blind/Low Vision:	Wheelchair Access:	Other:
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Payment:

Sponsor a Newcomer:	Cash:	Card:
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Volunteer at conference:

Outreach conference:

2018 SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP PRESENTS

11<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Chili Cook-off

LOCATION: Lincoln Glen Church | 2700 Booksin Ave San Jose, CA

DATE & TIME: Saturday, March 17 | 12:00 - 3:00 PM



**CONTESTANTS:**

**BRING THE HEAT!**

TROPHY Winners & **BRAGGING**  
Rights! 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> Place for

**Best Homegroup  
Chili Team**



**ATTENDEES:**

**YOU <sup>BE</sup> THE JUDGE!**

- Doors open at 12:00 PM
- \$10 suggested donation
- Sample & vote for your favorite chili
- Enjoy cornbread, dessert, coffee
- Get to know the AA fellowship
- Fantastic AA speaker meeting

To register a chili team or volunteer  
contact: Central Office (408)374-8511  
or Carole R. [REDACTED]

**SIGNUP TODAY!**

## VOLUNTEERS & CHILI TEAMS NEEDED!

We need your help...

- **CHILI TEAMS:** organize your homegroup and enter
  - Cook 3 Gallons of chili, we supply utensils at event
  - Attend a team orientation 1-2 weeks prior to event and receive \$75.00 to help pay for ingredients
  - **Winning Team** is the emcee presenter at 2019 Chili Cook-Off!
- **Dessert team**
- **Cornbread team**
- **Coffee team**
- **Decorations team**
- **Setup team**
- **Cleanup team**
- **Raffle team**

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email

**Get into service.**

**SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER!**

