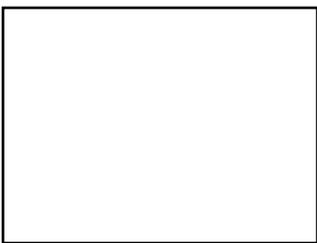
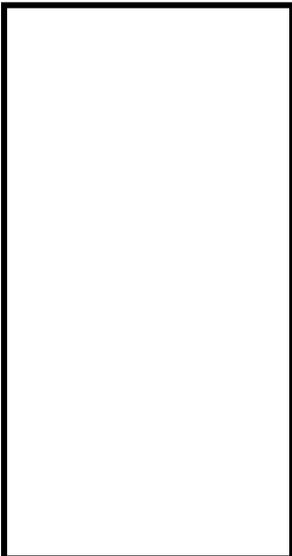




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Tradition Nine

Tradition Nine says: *Our groups ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

What does that mean in practice? I have been active in AA long enough to have observed that, unlike most businesses, AA functions with a minimum of organizational structure. I have concluded that AA, in comparison to most businesses, works extremely well even though no one person or group is in charge of AA.

As Tradition 3 states, we accept anyone who has a desire to quit drinking to be a member:” *You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you’ve gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can’t deny you A.A.* Even allowing membership to those who some might consider “undesirable,” and where members follow suggestions instead of rules, A.A. has grown into an association with millions of sober members in over 100 countries.

Without organization and following suggestions instead of rules, AA meeting start and end at predetermined times. Literature is available, phones are answered, money is available to pay for hall rent. Resources are available to maintain central offices which coordinates meetings, distributes literature and provides 24 hour 7 day a week phone service. Service boards and committees organize conferences and activities for the AA membership. Our message of hope is carried into hospitals, jails, prisons, and other institutions by AA volunteers.

So what else have I learned that tells me that Tradition 9 works well at the meeting level where most of my sober AA life has taken place? One of my early learning experiences in AA was when I was outspoken wanting to change a practice at a meeting that I thought was bad mannered, especially to newcomers. My position was good intentioned, so I thought that I would be supported. But I later came to understand that I went about trying to make the change in such a way that it put a negative focus on a respected member. In turn, my position was not supported because most of the membership thought differ-

ently than me. My pride was hurt, but more importantly, my valued relationship with that respected member was damaged. It took a long time to restore the relationships I had damaged. It was a painful lesson, but one that was necessary for me to grow in AA.

Now when I am in a position of leadership, whether it be in AA, at work, or in my home, if I have general agreement on the position I am taking, I can be confident that my position is on solid ground. But if only half or less of those affected agree with me, I admit to myself that I have more work to do to refine my position to make it be acceptable to the majority. If the majority disagree with me, then I need to let it go and allow that majority view prevail. I have also learned that it is best to graciously accept this, not let my pride cause me to look at what are differences of opinion as a defeat. I have found that there is wisdom in the experience of the old timers and meeting regulars. Thus, I am wise to first review my positions with those old-timers and meeting regulars.

In service work, I witnessed that the changes to the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, took years before the 4th Edition was published. Input was sought down to the meeting level and was then debated at the local and regional level up the international level. From this, I learned that change in AA at any level, takes time. To try and force an opinion on a group will be met with resistance.

Now I know that if I am the meeting secretary or if I am leading a committee, I acknowledge that I am not the boss. I am just a humble servant. If I want a decision of any significance made, even when I am well intentioned, and armed with facts that establish that I am right, I must gain approval by a group conscience. I have learned to bend my will to that of the group,

To do otherwise is likely to result in an *explosion of the boiler in Mr. Twombly’s clapboard factory* (paraphrased from page 149 of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions). I’ve learned that if I were to cause such an explosion, most of the debris will fall on my shoulders.

- Andy L



AA 9th Step Promises

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.

No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

That feeling of uselessness and self pity will disappear.

We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Self-seeking will slip away.

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

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Upcoming COIN Deadline

October 2018 Issue: September 19th

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

Please email all submissions to coin@aasanjose.org.

Please keep articles to no more than 500 words.

Tradition Nine in Action

Why Electing an Informed Secretary is Important to the Integrity of a Meeting

Several years ago a favorite meeting was due to elect a new secretary. We voted someone in who lived outside of our specific area, though that person came over the hill every week on our meeting day for another commitment. As the new term began, the secretary brought in people they knew from meetings in their area. The group members were excited to hear from chairpeople who were not part of the regular pool here in the valley. After being around the rooms for a while we realize that by going to meetings regularly, we get to know people and their stories. This can be both good and bad. The good is we get to know people better, and through them pick up new information on how to work steps and carry the message. The bad is that listening becomes harder since we already know their stories. So, we were all happy to hear from people we didn't know, but were sober.

Most meetings from the secretary's area are volunteer meetings - the chairperson shares their story then picks a topic. Members who want to share get up then talk. Each week, the secretary would defer to the chairperson on format. Since it was their comfortable format, the majority made the meeting volunteer. After several weeks we noticed that about 5 or 6 people began to share every...single...week. The same 5 or 6 people got up week after week. After a couple of months of only hearing from these same people, the rest of the group began to get uncomfortable. What happened next started out innocently, though what resulted was a few members began making bets. They bet on which of the regular 5 or 6 volunteers would be the first to jump up and share, who would be second, third, etc. Money was exchanged. It's not very sober or spiritual behavior, but was how some of the member's frustration came out - sideways!

What does all of this have to do with

Tradition Nine? The short form of Tradition Nine states - "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." We don't have a 'top down' organization, it's member directed. The needs of each specific group or committee are what our 'trusted servants' should represent. It's the groups who direct the committees and boards - not the committees directing the groups.

The long form states - "All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole....they do not govern." Our Traditions are intricately intertwined. At first, our story appears to be about Tradition two. "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." It's really a combination of two and nine. Each Tradition has a different focus, but the underlying principle is the same. We need the least possible organization, though some is necessary. The groups and/or committees follow the wishes of the majority in the meeting (group conscience). They respect our decisions and serve the groups. They are leaders, not directors.

It's the meeting/group that decides the format, not the secretary or the chairperson! The secretary and chairperson are the meetings trusted servants, not its directors. It's perfectly acceptable to tell a chairperson, regardless of how much time they have, the meetings format and how it should be followed. Experienced chairpeople will follow the format as laid out by the secretary, in the script and/or meeting guidelines. This format is usually well-established in a meetings history. As long time sober members of the group, it's our responsibility to ensure that our trusted servants understand how the traditions guide us.

Every time I try a new form of service, my alcoholism wants to tell me that I'm not good enough...that I don't know what I'm doing, etc. Each time we do any type of service, we become more experienced. The learning is in the doing. None of the long-time members stepped up during this secretary's term to explain about Traditions two and nine. Unfortunately, in the spirit of 'not exacting too much control over a meeting', we often swing much too far to the side of 'acceptance at all costs'. It was really up to the rest of us to explain the well-established format, and to assist with telling the chairpeople.

The betting continued until the six month term ended. After a new secretary was elected, the practice of 'all volunteer' also continued. The new secretary simply followed what the previous secretary changed, though without benefit of an informed group conscience and decision. During the business meeting, we discussed how the script had changed inadvertently. That format had been chosen by the group years before and still worked. Hopefully, people can see how easily a well-established process can be changed inadvertently by a lack of understanding about the Traditions.

No one believed that there was malice, just a subtle change because of where this secretary found their chairpeople.

For secretaries whose chairpeople claim "I don't know anyone in the meeting, so I can't call on people", we say "just pick people...from the color of their clothes to a physical description, just pick them. If needed, point." When this random selection happens, it's often more of a God inspired meeting. I've heard some of the most amazing things from people who are randomly chosen rather than people selected by the popularity contest method. Let's always mix it up and possibly make it a better meeting! Shouldn't we become willing to share what we've learned along the way? Plus, our Traditions are the guidelines we use in interacting with each other and the world. The key is to be gentle in delivering the message to often prickly and sensitive newcomers. To newcomers - while it may seem judgmental, what we really want is to watch you develop in your programs and to become happy, active members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are passing on our experience, not controlling you.

- Anonymous

LOCAL EVENTS

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|-----------------|--|
| September 28-29 | Woman to Woman San Diego, Conference for Recovering Alcoholic Women
Questions and information at womantowomansandiego@gmail.com |
| September 7-9 | 2018 Pacific Regional Forum, DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose (contact Maria M. at 212-870-3141 for more info) |
| September 29 | 11th Annual Los Gatos AA Groups Picnic, Oak Meadow Park—Sites 5&6
233 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos; 11am |
| October 5 | 77th Anniversary Celebration - Palo Alto Group Doors Open 7pm Meeting @ 7:30pm |
| October 5-7 | Livin' the Dream, South Lake Tahoe, www.laketahoeallfestival.net |
| October 5-7 | NCCAA 71st Fall Conference Fresno, Pre-register http://www.norcalaa.org |
| October 6 | Sponsor Brunch, 11am - 2pm, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., SJ |
| February 22-24 | A New Freedom Retreat, Asimomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove
www.newfreedomretreat.com |

September 2018

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						1 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
2 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1724 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	3 CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED	4 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	5 OUTREACH MEETING: 6-4:45pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7-3:00pm ELECTRONIC BASKET COMMITTEE: 6:30 P.M. Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ	6	7	8 SCCIPAA BUSI MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, Los Gatos CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED
9	10	11	12 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church 583 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale	13	14	15 DIVERTE/12 TH STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
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23/30	24	25 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	26	27	28	29

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MEETING CHANGES

New Meetings

Grupo Un Regalo De Vida: Mon-Fri., 7—9 pm, 525 W. Alma Ave., San Jose

G.O.D.: Thurs., 8 pm, Santa Clara Baptist Church, 3111 Benton St., Santa Clara

Closed Meetings

Powerless There is Hope: Thurs, 7pm, Westgate South Hills Church, 6601 Camden Ave., Rm C502, San Jose

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!



August 2018 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office....248

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....9

(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!



Birthday Contributions

Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributions	Birthday
Mark H.	23	Theresa H.	06/12/1995
Bernadette P.	45	Theresa H.	06/18/1973
Freddy B.		Anonymous	July
Jillian H.	5	Jillian H.	08/08/2013
Bonnie O.	33	Bonnie O.	08/09/1985
Theresa H.	26	Carol B.	08/16/1992
Michelle E.	4	Rita R-M, Melissa F.	08/20/2014
Jim Mc.	41	Jan Mc.	08/24/1977
Judy W.	4	Rita R-M	08/25/2014

181 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.

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INTERGOUP MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 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 (Patrick) & Twelve Traditions (Kathy) was read.
- New Intergroup Reps: (New IG Rep meeting tonight by Alt Chair Francis - Thanks!)
 - Patrick - Young at Heart, Tuesday, 8:00pm, Los Gatos
 - Kathy - Sufficient Substitute, Mon-Friday, 12:00 noon, San Jose
- Visitors – Joe
- Birthdays: Mark, 7/29, 26 years; Andrea, 7/22, 9 years; Josh, 6/20, 5 years; Kelly, 7/19, 2 years; Anne, 7/21, 17 years; Jim, 7/1, 8 years; Kathy, 7/23, 4 years; Sara, 7/23, 25 years; Joyce, 6/2, 10 years; Brad, 7/5, 5 years; Diane, 6/28, 5 years; Ron, 6/12, 6 years;
- Observation of 7th Tradition – \$112.00 tonight
- Corrections or additions to the agenda – (none)
- Tonight's voting member count is 34

Reports

Intergroup Chair - Robby W.

- Thank you to Joe for making our coffee and supplying us with eco friendly cups! Intergroup elections are coming up. I wanted to share the process for our newer Intergroup Reps, so I made a handout for us to go through. Kathy is the nominating chair for this. Elections will be in October. Tonight, Aug 1, we do an annual roll call to see who is available to serve for the Intergroup positions available:
 - 3 Central Service Board Positions: 5 year sobriety requirement
 - 1 Intergroup Chairman: 2 year sobriety requirement
 - 1 Intergroup Alt Chairman: 2 year sobriety requirement
 - 1 Intergroup Secretary: 2 year sobriety requirement
 - 1 Intergroup Alt Secretary: 2 year sobriety requirement
- Please speak loudly, we do not have a P.A. system tonight. If you are a committee member presenting your report tonight, please line up 3 deep, and highlight your "take away".

Newsletter Committee – Toni

- The deadline for the September issue (topics: Step 9, Tradition 9, Discipline) is Aug. 22. Anyone interested should email coin@asaanjose.org.

Central Service Board - Bill H.

- The Board of Directors met July 26th. The Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2018 was as follows:
 - Group Contributions for June 2018 were \$10,661.11, down -27% compared to May 2018.
 - Group contributions YTD were \$99,092.58, up 16% over last year. Even though June/May contributions weren't as strong as April, overall this year we are doing well compared with 2017.
 - Total Ordinary Income YTD was \$141,433.77, up 28% over the same period last year.
 - Gross Profit YTD was \$120,254.42, up 11% over the same period last year (our increased expenses and slowing contribution rates over the summer are reducing gains over last year).
 - Total Expenses YTD were \$99,670.90, up 1% over the same period last year.
 - Total Interest income YTD was \$630.74, up 38% over the same period last year.

- Net Income YTD was \$21,214.26, up 119% over the same period last year. We will be using some of this net income to replace Central Office computers.
- Our Prudent Reserve is fully funded (6 months operating expense) at \$98,693.81.
- Online contributions can be made by going to our website www.aasanjose.org and by clicking on the “Contributions” button on the left.

Central Office – Bruce K.

- Michael, our Tuesday special worker, has resigned, hopefully for bigger and better things to come. We had several qualified applicants and hired Kurt M. to fill that position. Kurt had worked at the office for some time as a phone volunteer and we’re really pleased that he made himself available. I hope to introduce him to you at the September meeting.
- Our new computers are successfully installed, and they are a great improvement over our old, tired ones. Our IT volunteer, Tim, did the work and did a great job, saving us a pretty penny in installation costs.
- The mission of Central Office is to serve you, your groups, and the entire Fellowship in Santa Clara County. If you have suggestions, complaints, concerns, or any other comments, this would be a good time to bring them up.
- Did you know that Central Office carries the AA Preamble, the Responsibility Statement, the Declaration of Unity, and a table top 12 & 12? These are great additions to any meeting and the table top 12 & 12 is a great alternative to the window shades.

Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator – Louie

- After having a lot of turn over this past month, we had as many as 7 open Diverter shifts; we currently have only two shifts available.
- Our Wednesday Diverter Coordinator, Gloria V., has stepped down. I am very happy to say we have filled this position with another dedicated member of our ranks, Carol B.. Please join me in thanking her for her willingness to be of service in yet another role. Thanks Carol!!
- While specific shifts come and go quickly, if you want to be a diverter and the specific day and or time you would like is not currently available, please take the Diverter Workshop anyway, and note your preferences on the workshop form and we will try to call you when something matching is available.
- The Diverter Workshop will be held at its monthly scheduled time of the third Saturday, which this month is August 18th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Intergroup Central Office. No appointment needed, just show up. Sobriety requirement is one year and a working knowledge of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions.
- TAKE AWAY: There is 1 available shift - the 5th Wednesday, 6 am to 9 am shift.
- Please encourage your groups to attend workshops, regardless of their current service interests. It enhances their horizons and helps them understand all the things that Intergroup does for AA and the alcoholic that is still suffering.

Secretary Workshop – Kathy R.

- Secretary Workshop is the first Saturday of 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, choosing the chairperson, often greets newcomers, discusses how to handle difficult situations as they come up, how to deal with disruptive people, etc. You will go over the Twelve Traditions and discuss what they are to the meeting what the Twelve Steps are to an individual; without them there wouldn't be meetings.
- TAKE AWAY: Encourage new secretaries or those wishing to become secretaries to come to the workshop the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am at Central Office.

Outreach Committee - Kevin

- Our purpose of the committee is to serve as the ambassadors for Intergroup. We do this by the following:
 - Educating local AA groups about the purpose, activities and service opportunities of Intergroup and Central Office.
 - Encourage all AA groups to participate in Intergroup.
 - Ensuring the accuracy of Santa Clara County AA Meeting Directory.
- We are continuing to visit meetings with no intergroup representation and still need your help to get the word out for volunteers there is a 1 year sobriety requirement. I have flyers at the table please bring these to your groups. Thank you.
- We meet at 6:45 the 1st Wednesday of the month here before Intergroup. If someone is interested but cannot come to the meeting I am willing to meet with them privately. My name and number is on the agenda.
- TAKE AWAY: Looking for volunteers who would like to attend different meetings.

Day Time Office - Joe

- We had 234 phone daytime phone calls last month. Tuesday 11:30am - 2:00pm shift is open. Also, please remember to make a contribution in the birthday section of the COIN!

Twelfth Step - Alex S.

- We are still looking for more volunteers. To make this service more accessible to members I offer my service to come to 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.

Website - Josh R. (no report)

Activities Committee - Carole

- Old Timers Meeting is Saturday 8/25, 1:30pm-3:00pm, at Lincoln Glen Church on Booksin. The cost is free! There will be cookies & coffee.

PI/CPC – Louisa

- We have an ongoing monthly Public information table at the Bascom Library.
- On August 17th we are participating in the Homeless Connect at Grace Baptist Church. It is a fair for homeless people to learn of resources in their community. We will host a Public Information Table.
- In September we have a project in the works to post local AA contact information on local community information bulletin boards. More to come!
- We would love to receive leads of opportunities to provide AA information to the public and professionals who might have the first contact with alcoholics.
- We can be reached at: aasanjose.org/picpc

Old/Ongoing Business (none)

New Business

- Jacob asked if Unity Day was happening? Discussions were:
 - The Milpitas location was too far, attendance has been dropping, less interest in representatives, committees, officials, therefore there is none.
 - It brings a lot of AA groups together (General Service, H & I, Intergroup, Districts, Alanon - there are speakers, panels)
 - The event has "fizzled" - is it too repetitive? Should we change the format?

Hospitals & Institutions - Tommy O.

- Couple of service opportunities:

- Psych Hospital, NPCRS, is a new facility, 650 S. 5th St. in San Jose. It's a 14 day transitional institution for young people. They need 2 people, every 3rd Thursday from 7:00pm-8:00pm to take meetings in. Sobriety requirement is 2 years.
- Golden Living, 401 Ridge Vista Rd. in South San Jose needs alternates to help with meetings, from 6:45pm-7:30pm. Sobriety requirement is 6 months.
- You should arrive 15 minutes early to both facilities for commitments.

Bridging the Gap - Jane

- Bridging the Gap is at 7pm the 3rd Monday on Hamilton & Leigh. We need volunteers and committee members.

North County General Service - Jacob S.

- District 04 is getting ready to go to Fortuna for our summer assembly. We have been discussing the motion of the fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and possibility of creating literature on meditation.
- This is an election year for our district and our area so we are focusing on "Pass it on."
- Concept 9 "good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary World Service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA must necessarily be assumed by the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous"
- Concept 10 "every service responsibilities should be matched by an equal service authority-the scope of such authority to be always well-defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws."

South County General Service - Nicolas G.

- Our next meeting is going to be the 21st of August. We are going to have a presentation on "Availability in District Election" for most of us serving in General Service our term is about to end but that doesn't mean we can't serve in the District. It is time for us to start thinking about if we are available to serve in the District for the upcoming panel.
- The Pacific Regional Forum is going to be next month at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Jose; you all are more than welcome to come. If you don't know what it is, this is when our employees from the General Service Office come to answer any question that the fellowship might have. The forum comes to our area about every 30 years, so it would be a great opportunity to stop by and attend if you haven't before.

SCCYPAA – Emily

- Scycopaa is doing well, however we have had a decline in our membership. Please let your groups know that we have available positions. Our business meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at Calvary church in Los Gatos.

Sober and Free - n/a

Open Forum

- Sunday August 5th, the Spiritual Progress Group is having a Service Discussion/Workshop. It will be in Los Gatos from 2:00pm - 3:30pm.
- This sparked the following discussion:
- Service is not an option in AA. Be of service! We need to share our passion for service. The Spirit of Rotation is not practiced. Sponsors should suggest their sponsees get service commitments. Volunteer them! Maybe we should do a Sponsor Workshop? (General Service will help).
- Grass Valley Unity Day had emphasis on Service

SERENITY - 1ST Fellowship

*****Sat. Sept. 29th*****

26th Birthday Anniversary

Double-Header Party

Daytime: BackestoPark/15TH & Empire

- Baseball/Starts 11:00 am

- Raffle – Fun & Fellowship -

“TACO TRUCK” - 1 pm

“PLEASE BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE”

Tickets \$8.00 each/ before Sept. 4th

After that \$10.00 per ticket

-SEE GAYLYNN FOR TICKETS-

EVENING: 8 PM- 3-Speaker Meeting

~Speakers:~

John S. - 14 - Years

Gabriella G. - 10 - Years

Francisco D. - 2-1/2 - Years

304 North 6th, Upstairs
(6th & Julian)



77th Anniversary Celebration



Palo Alto Group



at the

Lucie Stern Community Center

Come Celebrate the Oldest Surviving Meeting on the Peninsula



October 5, 2018

Main Speaker Raymundo L

Doors Open 7:00

Meeting Starts 7:30

Dance / Potluck Dinner 9:00

Music by DJ Yung Spliff

Suggested Donation \$10

1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94301



11th Annual Los Gatos AA Groups Picnic

Hosted by Saturday Morning Los Gatos – 30th year and
Los Gatos Spiritual Progress Group – 60th year and going strong!!

Where: Oak Meadow Park – Sites 5 & 6
233 Blossom Hill Road. Los Gatos

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Fun starts at 11am

Come out and celebrate the fellowship!

Tickets \$15 ~ Free for kids under 10

Net Proceeds benefit Central Office

All You Can Eat Delicious BBQ & Drinks!

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR FAMOUS RAFFLE PRIZES!

Raffle Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5 (special prizes \$5 per ticket)

For information on donating raffle prizes [REDACTED]

To purchase picnic tickets call [REDACTED]

It's that time again!!! It's the Gift Basket Raffle 2018

We need your help ! This is the **BIG DRAW** for our Annual Picnic event, raffle ticket sales for all the awesome prizes helps us cover our expenses and **ALL MONIES left after expenses** are donated to Central Office. And **IT'S FUN!!** fun. And service.

We are soliciting basket donations for the Spiritual Progress/Ferris & Spencer Picnic **September 29th** at Oak Meadow Park

What do you need to do?

Its easy:

- 1)Think of an idea
- 2)Make a basket (bag or whatever)
- 3)Give me the basket

Choose a theme and get creative:

Food BBQ/Kitchen Games/ Movies
Bath Stuff/Spa/Salon Visit/Gift Cards
Trader Joes Coffee Electronics/iPod
Sports/Concert Tickets Services
A stay at your house at the beach or mountain cabin.



Come on people! It's fun!

Anything of value that people will bid on. **Get Creative !!!!! Please NO USED Items.**

How much? Up to you. Higher value attracts more tickets. Could be something you already have. Clearly label contents. (Doesn't literally have to be in a basket)

Tickets will be \$1 each or 7 for \$5 - All proceeds go to help fund Central Office

People place the tickets in the basket they are interested in.

A drawing for each basket. Must be present to win. You **DO not need to attend to donate.**

Text Bradshaw L. [REDACTED]

To sign up. Or just let me know at meeting.

Bring them to Ferris and Spencer 5/29 before 3:00 or picnic before 11:00



2018 **PACIFIC** REGIONAL FORUM

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

2050 Gateway Place
San Jose, California 95110
(408) 453-4000

September 7 - 9, 2018

2018 Pacific Regional Forum

Registration opens Monday, July 9, 2018

To receive email notification when registration is open:

- **Click here** and fill out the form; **or**
- Contact Maria M [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] **or**
- Fill out the below and mail to G.S.O. to arrive by July 8, 2018.

General Service Office, P.O. Box 459,
Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
Attn: Maria M [REDACTED]

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Information provided is confidential and will only be used for this Regional Forum

For ASL Interpretation please contact G.S.O.: regionalforums@aa.org.

Hotel Reservations

- By phone: (408) 453-4000 no later than August 15, 2018

Room rates:

Standard king/standard double queen: \$160.00 plus taxes
Standard king/standard double queen on Club Level: \$190.00 plus taxes

For special room rate use Group Code: CDTPRF

SANTA CLARA COUNTY INTERGROUP PRESENTS the
12th ANNUAL
SPONSOR BRUNCH

Take your sponsor to brunch

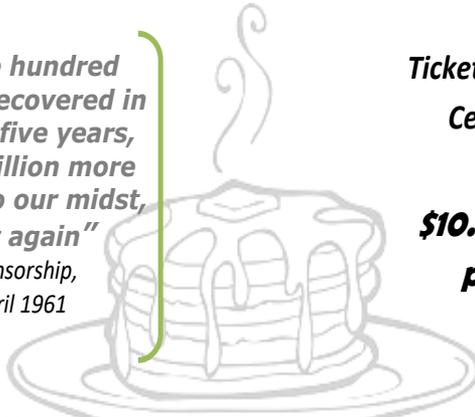
Saturday OCT 6, 2018

brunch served 11-2pm

No flour, sugar and vegan options available.

"Though three hundred thousand have recovered in the last twenty five years, maybe half a million more have walked into our midst, and then out again"

*—Bill W. on Sponsorship,
Grapevine, April 1961*



*Tickets are on sale at
Central Office!*

***\$10.00 donation
per person***

LOCATION: LINCOLN GLEN CHURCH - 2700 BOOKSIN AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CA

Recovery Meeting at 1PM * Raffle following the speaker!

Get out of self and into service...volunteer to help at the event or donate your craft item, jewelry, art, gift cards for the raffle. Presale tickets are available with your Intergroup rep after Sept 5 and at Central Office.

To get involved contact us at:

Central Office (408) 374-8511 aasanjose@comcast.net

Leave a message for: Carole R., Activities Chair '18-19

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Profit & Loss

August 2018

		Aug 18	Aug 17	Jan - Aug 18
Ordinary Income/Expense				
	Income			
	3030 · Contributions-General	9,637.08	9,043.08	131,460.83
	3050 · Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	50.00	50.00	4,945.00
	8010 · Literature Sales	4,348.38	4,034.01	32,335.65
	8020 · Meeting Guide Sales	456.50	430.00	3,274.00
	8050 · Activities Committee	509.27	182.00	7,241.27
	8055 · Central Office Events	0.00	0.00	3,670.00
	8060 · Newsletter	395.60	164.00	2,242.50
	Total Income	15,396.83	13,903.09	185,169.25
	Cost of Goods Sold			
	5000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,206.45	4,112.46	28,951.43
	Total COGS	4,206.45	4,112.46	28,951.43
	Gross Profit	11,190.38	9,790.63	156,217.82
	Expense			
	6015 · Activities Committee Expense	1,079.85	0.00	4,059.87
	6030 · Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	6140 · Conferences	524.70	0.00	2,173.68
	6190 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	2,398.50
	6220 · Insurance - Worker Compensation	0.00	0.00	377.04
	6225 · Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	600.59	552.52	4,612.44
	6230 · Insurance - General Liability	0.00	1,234.25	2,452.50
	6240 · Employee HRA Plan	755.63	0.00	4,411.80
	6330 · Office Expense	1,573.85	1,361.53	15,087.75
	6380 · Payroll Taxes	832.80	776.90	6,200.47
	6480 · Rent	3,361.50	2,520.95	19,733.45
	6540 · Salaries - Office	11,313.12	5,486.92	75,137.80
	6560 · Payroll Expenses	131.47	0.00	1,056.98
	Total Expense	20,173.51	11,933.07	139,202.28
	Net Ordinary Income	-8,983.13	-2,142.44	17,015.54
	Other Income/Expense			
	Other Income			
	8025 · Rebate	0.00	99.40	381.88
	8030 · Interest Income	133.35	79.24	540.31
	Total Other Income	133.35	178.64	922.19
	Net Other Income	133.35	178.64	922.19
	Net Income	-8,849.78	-1,963.80	17,937.73

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.

Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2018

		Aug 31, 18
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	1010 · Petty Cash	172.13
	1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	40,866.67
	1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 08/12/17)	17,967.03
	1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 02/05/18)	16,784.70
	1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .3%, 4/29/17)	15,252.23
	1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (8 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/18)	20,343.58
	1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ 1.0%, 12/08/17)	15,238.78
	1031 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 9158 (20 Mo. @ 2%, 3/7/18)	13,308.56
	Total Checking/Savings	139,933.68
Accounts Receivable		
	1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,832.19
	Total Accounts Receivable	-1,832.19
Other Current Assets		
	1250 · Literature Inventory	18,386.78
	1310 · Prepaid Insurance	3,627.75
	13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
	1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,518.59
	Total Other Current Assets	23,533.11
	Total Current Assets	161,634.60
Fixed Assets		
	1630 · Office Equipment	33,821.66
	1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	8,372.56
	1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-30,290.47
	1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
	1681 · Less Accumulated Amortization	-300.00
	Total Fixed Assets	11,903.75
Other Assets		
	1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
	Total Other Assets	1,993.85
	TOTAL ASSETS	175,532.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
	2075 · American Express	373.17
	Total Credit Cards	373.17
Other Current Liabilities		
	2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	767.27
	2340 · Accrued Vacation	10,441.23
	2600 · Unity Day	3,921.28
	Total Other Current Liabilities	15,129.78
	Total Current Liabilities	15,502.95
	Total Liabilities	15,502.95
Equity		
	3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
	3900 · Unrestricted Funds	153,796.19
	Net Income	17,937.73
	Total Equity	160,029.25
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	175,532.20

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Group Contributions

August 2018

	Aug 18	Jan - Aug 18
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70940	0.00	6,256.26
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70907	239.93	471.72
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	2,025.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	0.00	602.00
1 INV Men Seeking Guidance Group	0.00	350.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	393.00	7,591.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	2,414.51
1 INV Serenity Discussion 210 (Wed.)	0.00	1,500.00
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	4,200.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70979	0.00	2,960.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	0.00	2,265.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	1,910.85
12 Steps at Noon 303 (Fri.)	0.00	185.50
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	0.00	557.73
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	0.00	952.00
A Vision for You Women's 802 (Tues.)	0.00	340.00
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	105.00
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	0.00	89.18
Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151 (Tues.)	0.00	606.00
Basic Big Book 710 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00
Beginners & Beyond LG 345 (Sat.)	211.43	211.43
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	283.50	283.50
Big Book 103 (Thurs.) 455	245.00	245.00
Big Book First Meeting 713 (Fri.)	0.00	400.00
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	0.00	264.64
Big Book Step Study (Men) 325 (Fri.)	0.00	300.00
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	294.00
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	223.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	152.00	2,428.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	1,909.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	945.09
California Ave. Supper Group 715 (Thur.)	0.00	424.90
Cambrian Saturday Night (Chips) 376 (Sat)	0.00	460.00
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	102.31
Character Defect Freedom 201 (Tues)	71.00	1,038.00
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	212.10
Chips and Dyps (Chips) 559 (Tues.)	0.00	396.90
Courage to Change (Women) 145 (Wed.)	198.95	464.32
D.I.V.A 830 (Wed)	0.00	122.50
Daily Reflections 432 (Thur.)	0.00	130.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	120.00	120.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	264.60
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	1,189.56
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	457.28	1,137.66
East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	0.00	22.48
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	0.00	168.00
End of the Line Men's Group 147 (Tues.)	0.00	207.20
Entire Abstinence 467 (Mon.)	0.00	100.00
Evergreen Group 884 (Thur.)	0.00	140.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	205.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	0.00	1,915.30
Flying Monkeys 422 (Fri)	0.00	250.00

	Aug 18	Jan - Aug 18
Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tues.)	417.90	778.40
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	246.45
Friday Freedom 898 (Fri.)	0.00	38.00
G 10 10 Group 70951	0.00	1,292.89
G4@4 Group 70925	0.00	210.00
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	0.00	2,884.45
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	180.00	1,940.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	632.95
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	492.98
G Higher Power Hour 70952	0.00	1,270.00
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	0.00	280.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	2,187.42
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	531.26	4,290.51
G Third Tradition (906)	0.00	20.00
G Third Tradition Group	20.00	30.00
G Third Tradition Women's Gp, The 70979	0.00	1,402.16
G We Care Group 70934	0.00	420.00
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	522.00
Gathered Together for Sobriety 43 (Sun.)	0.00	61.00
Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disc146 (Tues.)	70.00	140.00
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mon.)	0.00	315.00
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	122.85	243.35
Gay & Lesbian Topic Disc 516 (Sat.)	0.00	276.00
Gay Living Sober Group 21 (Sun.)	0.00	140.00
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	420.00
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841(Wed.)	0.00	280.00
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	0.00	2,861.19
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	145.07
Grateful Live Group 635 (Mon.)	0.00	396.90
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	2,060.00
Happy Hour WG 652 (Fri.)	0.00	720.00
High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	0.00	1,451.00
Higher Power Hr BB (Chips) 871 (Thur.)	0.00	1,612.33
HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	844.20
Humbly Asked 87 (Sun.)	0.00	280.00
In the Basement 545 (Sun.)	0.00	245.00
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	415.80
Intergroup Council 80909	0.00	295.00
Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	514.00	514.00
Joy of Living Group 92 (Mon.)	0.00	396.90
Just For Today 238 PA (Thur.)	0.00	396.89
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	0.00	314.12
Lesbians Living the Promises 349 (Fri.)	0.00	105.00
LGBT Happy Destiny Group 621 (Sat.)	286.28	541.30
Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	0.00	219.37
Living in the 12 & 12 851 (Mon.)	0.00	81.25
Living Solutions 728 (Fri.)	0.00	1,022.00
Living with Serenity (Chips) 599 (Wed.)	691.59	691.59
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	811.17
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00	313.28
Los Altos Men's Group 59 (Mon.)	200.00	540.00
Men's 4th Step Group 320 (Fri.)	0.00	113.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group 891 (Tues.)	0.00	108.64
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sun.)	0.00	715.80

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	Aug 18	Jan - Aug 18
Men's Freedom from Alcohol 606 (Wed.)	0.00	100.00
Men's Group 97 (Mon.)	0.00	534.80
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	420.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	0.00	500.00
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	1,368.63
Men's Topic Meeting 137 (Tues.)	0.00	115.50
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	1,135.21
Monday at a Time 208 (Mon.)	0.00	396.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	0.00	195.30
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	459.89
New Nooners 808 (Mon.)	0.00	130.00
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	0.00	382.00
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	374.50	623.69
Open AA Tues. (00794)	140.00	140.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (Wed)	630.00	630.00
Palo Alto E-Z Does It 042 (Fri.)	0.00	400.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	0.00	746.00
Personal 00911	103.00	5,675.76
Phoenix Group 623 (Sun.)	0.00	142.90
Plaza Del Rey Group (Sun) 052	0.00	1,233.00
Primary Purpose Beginners Big Book 864	0.00	100.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	0.00	80.50
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	0.00	100.00
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	247.36
Saturday Morning Los Gatos 777 (Sat.)	560.00	1,122.00
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	616.33
SCCVAA	0.00	137.42
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	0.00	729.26
Serenity Saturday 899 (Sat.)	0.00	83.00
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	0.00	946.00
Shared Gift, The (Women) 61 (Mon.)	0.00	1,634.40
Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	0.00	179.26
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	0.00	1,414.00
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	131.00
Sizzler Group 27 (Sun.)	0.00	371.00
Sober and Free Convention 70928	0.00	151.20
Sober in the Park 688 (Sun.)	0.00	308.00
Sober Mafia 204 (Sun.)	420.00	420.00
Sober Thoughts 499 (Wed.)	254.80	590.10
Solutions for Gay Women 870 (Thur.)	0.00	70.00
South Valley Men's 845 (Thur.)	0.00	332.00
South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	210.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	0.00	514.37
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	835.12
St. Luke's Group 113 (Tues.)	0.00	623.70
St. Mark's Group 270 (Thur.)	0.00	1,200.00
Starting the Steps 753 (Fri.)	0.00	508.16
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	314.04
Strong Desire 68 (Mon.)	0.00	206.50
Sunday Night Recovery 23 (Sun.)	0.00	350.00
Sundowner's Dinner Mtg (Chips) 768 (Wed.)	345.61	625.61
Sunshine Group noon 243 (Thur.)	0.00	100.00
T.G.I.F. Speaker/Discussion 298 (Fri.)	0.00	396.89
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur)	274.22	1,277.65
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	198.80	1,136.80
Too Early Big Book Stud 172 (Sat)	170.18	299.08

	Aug 18	Jan - Aug 18
Trinity Group 370 (Sat.)	0.00	50.00
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	1,009.92
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	622.00
Unknown	385.00	1,220.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	0.00	278.00
Waves of Healing 526 (Mon.)	0.00	140.00
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	100.00
When All Else Fails 047 (Sat.)	0.00	55.56
Winchester Mystery Meeting 102 (Tues.)	0.00	330.00
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	445.07
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	912.08
Women's Candlelight Big Book Disc. (863)	0.00	318.50
Women's Step Topics 597 (Thurs.)	70.00	70.00
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	792.67
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	372.00
TOTAL	9,637.08	131,460.83

