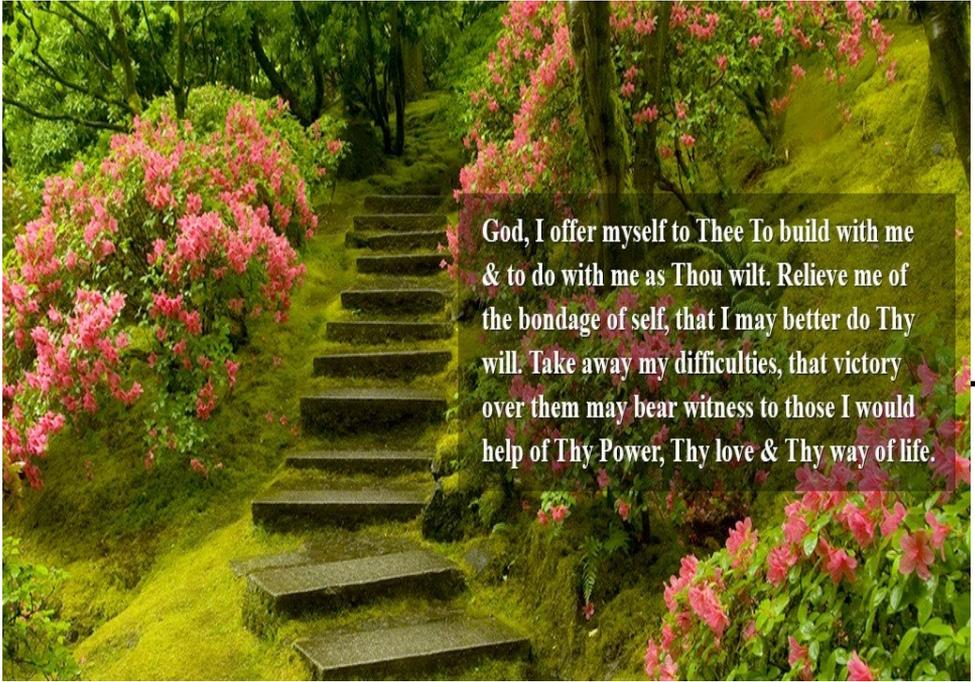




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God, I offer myself to Thee To build with me & to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy love & Thy way of life.

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Upcoming COIN Deadline

April 2019 Issue: March 17th
Topics: Step Four, Tradition Four, Fourth Principle - Courage
Please email all submissions to coin@asaanjose.org.

Mining for Gold—Conversations with Long-Timers

We were pleased to have another group of long-timers share their experience, strength and hope at Central Office last November. Bernadette P., Butch M., Jerry C., and Neale S., gave insight on how scary, actually terrifying, it was to be a newcomer, and hoping they could keep their AA membership a secret. In various ways, the secret always comes out, doesn't it? After a while, 5 years or so, it just didn't matter. Some other highlights of the conversation.....

Anonymity: They shared poignant and funny stories about anonymity breaks: often children or other adults unknowingly spilled the beans. Another comment on anonymity was, “don't be so anonymous we can't find you.” Last names were more important in their early days; it seems to have changed with the introduction of treatment centers and the internet. Anonymity is to protect its members from outside the rooms, not necessarily inside. Understanding and respecting anonymity was a learning experience. Butch shared that he didn't care about his anonymity with no family in the area, since he was an obvious alcoholic. However, he did respect the anonymity of others.

12th Stepping. Central Office had a manager, Jane, in their early days. She would answer the phones and put callers in touch with sober members. Bernadette was instrumental in having alcoholics answer the phones and formalizing the 12th step list. She remembers going down to First Street to answer phones and feeling like God working through her to help someone else.

Jody trained new members very well - *If you're grateful show it.* Found out San Francisco had a Diverter for after office hours, where calls could be sent to members' homes. Our first one was fairly primitive, and over time technology improved and we converted to a 24-hour hot line. Butch added that treatment centers took away some of the excitement of 12th step calls, and the group reminisced with stories of the grim realities of their early 12th step service.

Outreach. Jerry shared his experiences with CPC*. He talked to psych departments, joined the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board, started a program at both Elmwood and the main jail. He quipped that after all his degrees and certificates, he still had to take classes for drug & alcohol counseling.

Sponsorship. Neale talked about the “Group Method” she learned as a newcomer, and still passes it on to others - because it works. (1) Three meals a day, (2) coffee and cigarettes are not breakfast (*although that may not apply as much today*), (3) if restless, concentrate on a task, (4) 90 meetings in 90 days.

More takeaways?

Take the program home to your family
AA is much more social today
Before the 4th Step, will have experienced “what it's like now”

*CPC - Cooperation With the Professional Community

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Step Three Need Not be Difficult

Abandon Our Failed Ego Driven Insanity

I don't believe that any two people in the A.A. program have settled into a concept of a higher power that are identical in every respect. Alcoholics have been off the grid for such a time that their concept of everything must be recalibrated into some form of strategy that they can work with whether or not anybody else understands the linguistics they use to describe it.

The taking of Step Three is deciding to abandon our failed Ego driven insanity and to find another source of principles and behaviors to replace them. Some of us return to the religion of our choice while others may struggle with that idea and settle for an approach that is more practical in nature. We in Alcoholics Anonymous see examples of success in a variety of different approaches when it comes to turning our will and our lives over to a power greater than ourselves. If this wasn't that way, where would the agnostic and atheist go to get relief from this terrible disease?

I get an uncomfortable feeling at a meeting when it starts going overly religious and I see a new member squirming in his seat. I was the one described in step two in the 12x12 that had "tried religion and found it wanting." Had I not read that line in the 12x12 I may not have stayed with the program. Having the option to come to terms with this issue has opened the gate to a path which has worked for me. On page 34 in the 12x12 where it says "This is the way to a faith that works." When I simply combined that line with the line on page 27 in the 12x12 which says, "You can, if you wish, make A.A. itself your "higher power." When I addressed it in that way, I had no problem moving on with the rest of the steps of the program.

I am not driven away by anything that I've read in The Big Book or the 12x12. I have never wanted a drink since I entered

the program and the only answer I could come up with was the influence of A.A in my life. For a guy who couldn't conceive of a day without alcohol, to a guy that has never wanted a drink since, was all I needed to know about God.

I wish I could tell you who or what God is, but I can't. I have researched things that I have heard concerning how the A.A. program came to be what it is today. The thing that had the most influence on me concerning this issue was the book, "The Sermon on the Mount" by Emmet Fox which highly influenced the founders of the A.A. program as to how to address the spiritual aspects and how to apply them. The Grapevine article of Feb. 1996 "Emmet Fox and Alcoholics Anonymous" explains these things. I have read that book upwards of ten times and it defines and reinforces all the principles that we learn in the A.A. program.

When I pray, I simply ask God for his guidance and for the strength to carry what comes to me as the answer that I seek. When I do it in that way, I become a better listener and the answers do come to me eventually. I believe that I practice principles that are consistent with Christian teaching as well as any Christian I know but I don't consider myself a Christian as I find these principles in most historical philosophies.

I've studied Plato, Socrates and Aristotle, who came three hundred fifty years before Christ and they are not unlike the values of most religions. As the result of all my studies, I have settled into a way of life based on unselfish principals and values that govern all my motives and actions and it has led to a life of meaningful purpose and a peace of mind that I never thought possible.

- Rick R.

Shown

God is not known, he's shown, grown, inside hearts, minds and spirits,
In this world, in everything and everybody in it.

When you live in freedom and follow your calling, trust in his love for
you even when you're falling,

He's got you.

Cause real faith cannot be achieved, it all depends if you can accept his
love for you, impossible to be earned and yet so easy to receive, just trust
have faith and believe.

Unite yourself in this love, your mind, body and spirit, opening all of
yourself to God's voice so you can't help but hear it.

His love will be personified in you, through you, when accepting his
love is your ultimate decision, it'll change you more than any worldly reli-
gion, becomes greater than even your greatest self image, you become
more of who you truly are and less of your own vision.

Realizing you live and die only in the now, you know death is coming,
but you don't know when or how.

But when you follow your higher power, trust, believe, and have faith
in the unknown, whether surrounded by others or simply all alone, living
free in his love, it's his love that will be shown.

The void is filled, the path is followed, and all roads lead to home.
Along the way you will do what you thought wasn't possible, loving
yourself and others more than you know how, obtaining more inside
yourself than the world's limits will allow, all by choosing him one time,
ALL IN, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

- Humberto B.

LOCAL EVENTS

March 14	ACYPPA All California Young People in AA Annual Roundup, Embassy Suites, San Rafael
March 8-10	NCCAA 72nd Annual Spring Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Dr., Foster City
March 15	Monterey Bay Area Roundup online registration: www.montereybayarearoundup2019.org
March 16	Agenda Topic Workshop, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose - 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
April 27	Chili Cookoff, Lincoln Glen Church, 2700 Booksin Ave., San Jose, CA

Step Three Need Not be Difficult

Like so many of us, I came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous incomprehensibly broken, as desperate as the dying could be. My health was failing fast, and my life was in utter shambles; I'd lost everything that mattered to me and then some. And for the life of me, I couldn't understand how I had gotten there. (I spent a *lot* of time ruminating on that in rehab.) Everything had started out so well... On paper, at least, I'd had every opportunity to live a happy and successful life. I'd gone from good little girl to honor student to college graduate to privileged housewife and respected community member to a homeless, penniless, physically and morally decrepit shell of a woman, alone and stripped of the right to parent my child. [It is noteworthy that I only learned through working the Steps that it was and is, in fact, a *privilege*, and *not* a right.]

It made no sense. Where had I gone so wrong? How did I go from a sweet, bright girl with morals and ethics, spark and promise, hopes and dreams, from a “good family,” married to “a good man,” to this? *Thank G-d* I was desperate enough to crawl into the rooms, sink into a chair, start listening, find a sponsor who walked the talk, and become willing to take her suggestions.

What I learned was the embodiment of why Step Three is the single most important step, for me. When I looked back at my life and my choices, my very decision-making process, it was the *epitome* of self-will run riot, and the family I had created in the wake of that storm – the family that suffered so deeply as I descended into the depths of my disease – was the best example.

I'll CliffsNotes it: I decided in my mid-twenties that it was time to get married and have babies, because that's what (in my mind) nice Jewish girls did – get a college degree, ideally having met your future hus-

band in the process, make a start at a career, then get married and become a stay-at-home soccer mom. Doesn't paint me in a great light, I'm aware, but it's just what everyone I knew did, and what my parents seemed to expect.

Waiting for love had started to feel like purgatory, so I went on JDate; it's like match.com for Jewish people. I found a guy who looked and sounded amazing on paper – someone my dad would approve of – and wiled him into wooing me. Ultimately, if I'm being honest, I wiled him into marrying me. I was 27 or 28 and the clock was ticking. I basically fit (i.e., crammed) this poor guy into a mold I had created of what my husband, my partner, my four (a girl and three boys) children should (*would*) look like. We did have some great times, don't get me wrong, but my downward spiral and the progression of my disease were already in motion.

In the two-plus years I've been sober, we've had an opportunity to get very honest with each other, and make a lot of amends to each other, direct and living. We are no longer together, nor should we ever have been in the first place, if love and G-d's will had anything to do with it. My ex once reminded me how, on our honeymoon, he was so excited just to travel through Europe together as newlyweds, but I was on a mission to get pregnant. We ultimately did have a child together, but it took three years, by which time any romance and intimacy was long gone (shocking).

Then came the scariest part of my self-will-driven life – the birth of my son, whom I had wanted so desperately for so long: *He didn't fix me either*. When my husband hadn't filled my “soul hole,” I'd managed to tell myself it was because we didn't have *babies* yet. But once we had him, and the novelty of drooly toothless grins and blessed mile-

stones and Ralph Lauren onesies and even unconditional love wore off, I realized that I was still the same scared, broken little girl with all the same feelings. And I was *terrified*. So I drank more.

Fast forward to my bottom, when after seven years I'd gone from (trying to be) the loving, doting wife and mother I had fully intended to be to a drunken, miserable liability to the family I'd orchestrated to fix myself. And ultimately, my ex-husband, G-d bless him, left me and assumed emergency (court-granted) custody of our son. Talk about justified anger and self-righteous indignation! How *dare* he?! Right? *Wrong*.

I am so grateful to that man for my bottom. Granted, that gratitude didn't come overnight. I remember my sponsor telling me when I was brand new to pray for him. "Like hell," I thought, but I did, because I was desperate enough to try anything – both to "get my son back," but also start to feel better, to feel ok, for once in my life. AA truly was the last house on the block for me.

I remember well the first time I said the Step Three prayer with my sponsor. It felt big, it really did. But I don't think I fully grasped the magnitude of it. I made my best first attempt at turning my will and my life over to His care, and it was enough to keep me sober (thank G-d). But I also remember the first time I *felt* Step Three.

I was driving to court for a custody hearing, having had almost no contact with my seven-year-old for six months or so. I was going on seven months sober, and was already starting to feel the promises coming true in many aspects of my life, but I was also mired in desperation and fear over the outcome of the custody battle.

It came over me so suddenly, like a warm wave. There was no "voice of G-d," per se, no actual burning bush along the side of Highway 17, but it was as palpable as anything I've ever experienced. I knew that I

had to turn it over. I'd been praying for months, usually while weeping, "G-d, *please*, I'm doing all the right things (now), please just give me my baby back...." That morning everything changed. I pulled out my little yellow AA prayer card and read the Third Step prayer (which today I know in my sleep). I said it over and over, the whole way to the courthouse. (I think I knew it by heart by the time I got there.) It was truly a spiritual experience for me – a psychic change. I asked G-d, in these words, to do what was right for my son, and to continue to grant me His grace in my recovery. I walked into and out of that courtroom that day with a feeling of peace like I'd never experienced in my entire life.

I didn't "get him back" that day. In fact, it took another ten months before I had regained physical custody and parental "rights." And during that time, as a direct result of working the Steps – most notably, of my *decision* to turn my will and my life over to the *care* of G-d as I understand Him – I was able to build a solid enough foundation in recovery that I am sober today, by the grace of a power greater than myself and the footwork I continue to do in Alcoholics Anonymous. I was able to build a solid enough foundation in recovery that that boy loves and trusts me today, and knows he can count on me to be the mother he needs me to be. I was able to build a solid enough foundation in recovery that I can co-parent with his dad effectively and amicably (most days). But maybe the greatest miracle of all is that I was able to build a solid enough foundation in recovery that I can walk through whatever life brings with a modicum of grace and dignity, and a knowledge that G-d will walk with me through anything. That, to me, is the ultimate gift of Step Three.

- Stephanie L.

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<p>3</p> <p>PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1224 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church,</p>	<p>6</p> <p>OUTREACH MEETING: 6-4:5pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7-3:0pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>SCCPAA BUSI MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, Los Gatos</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church 583 E. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>DIVERTER/12TH STEEPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, SJ</p>	<p>19</p> <p>SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>SCCPAA BUSINESS MTG: 12-1pm, Calvary Church, Brick House, 16330 Los Gatos Blvd.</p>
<p>24/31</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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January 2019 Statistics

Daytime Phone Calls to Central Office.....179

Daytime 12-Step Calls.....2

(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!

MEETING CHANGES

New Meeting

A Mindful Path

Sunday and Friday

8:00 pm

Cornerstone Fellowship

1600 Dell Ave.

Campbell

Moved

Gay & Lesbian Topic Disc.

Saturday, 6:30pm

Christ the Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church

1550 Meridian Ave., Room 1

San Jose

Palo Alto Group

Friday, 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church

1140 Cowper

Palo Alto

Time Change

Fireside BB Study

**Episcopal Church of Almaden
Valley**

6581 Camden Ave

San Jose

Tuesday, 8:00pm

Closed Meeting

Clear Cut Direction

Tuesday, 8 pm

Alano Club West

1555 S. 7th Street

San Jose

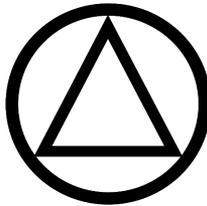


Birthday Contributions

Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributor	Birthday
Lani	45	Patricia K.	02/09/1974
Susan S.	14	Carol B.	02/09/2005

59 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.



INTERGOUPE MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2018

- Frances, Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Definition of Intergroup (Helga M.) and Twelve Traditions (Joy) were read.
- New Intergroup Reps: (New IG Rep meeting tonight by Alt Chair Jaye S. - Thanks!)
 - Helga M., A Vision for You, Tuesday 6:00 pm, Saratoga
 - Joy D., Sisters Seeking Serenity, Wednesday 4:00 pm, San Jose (Good Sam)
 - Paul G., There is a Solution, Thursday 8:00 pm, Morgan Hill
 - Molly A., Humbly Asked, Sunday 8:00 am, Masonic, Los Gatos
- Visitors:
 - Scott, Santa Clara General Service, District 40
 - Laurie, Santa Clara General Service, District 4
 - Christina, Bridging the Gap liaison
- Birthdays: Mary, 1/29, 1 year; Nan, 2/2, 14 years; Patricia, 1/10, 2 years; Mary, 1/6, 35 years; Terry, 2/4, 3 years
- Observation of 7th Tradition - \$105 tonight (Mary, treasurer)
- Corrections or Additions to the Agenda or Minutes – (none)
- Tonight's Voting Member Count is 40

Reports

Intergroup Chair – Frances

- Thanks to Larry for the setting up the PA system and to Michelle for the coffee. In the spirit of service rotation, three committees need coordinators, Outreach, Secretary Workshop, and Twelfth Step. Please tell your groups about these opportunities.

• Position Descriptions:

Outreach Coordinator - 2 year commitment, 2 years sobriety

The function of this committee would be to make contact with all meetings and groups of Alcoholics Anonymous in Santa Clara County at least once a year for the purpose of encouraging their participations in the activities of this body.

Duties:

- To coordinate the outreach committee.
- Train new members.
- Communicate with Central Office for dark meetings.
- Attend Intergroup and give reports.
- Recruit new volunteers.
- Attend meetings for outreach.

Secretary Workshop Coordinator - 2 year commitment, 2 years sobriety

Duties

- You are responsible for attending the workshop every first Saturday of the month.
- You will train new secretaries by taking them through the workshop.

- You should have working knowledge of the steps and traditions.

12th Step List Coordinator - 2 year commitment, 2 years sobriety

12th Step volunteers will be contracted by Diverter volunteers to assist in helping the still suffering alcoholic by either giving rides or seeing them in their homes. This guide will help in basics of 12 step work that we experience and will allow you to create your own experiences along the way as we help more people reach the rooms of AA and Sobriety.

Duties:

- To attend the 12 step and Diverter workshop each third Saturday of the month at Central Office.
- You will then guide people through the basics of 12 step work and the duties asked of those who volunteer to be on the list.

Clean up - 1 year commitment, 6 months sobriety

To help leave our space clean so that we continually have a place that we can have our regularly monthly meetings.

Duties: Clean up meeting area, coffee, and check restrooms.

- In an effort to make the transition between position holders smoother between the 2 year commitments, I'd like to ask for your help. Could the current committee heads provide the following:
 - Quick snippet of your group's core function:
 - A list of expected duties in your role.
 - Please email that job description to me email.

Central Service Board (CSB) – Joey (for Gloria V.)

- Elected group overseeing Central Office operations. CSB engaging a CPA for taxes (Feb. Board meeting). Working on a one page survey to get help supporting Inter-group and the AA membership. All of us will be surveyed tonight, so please turn surveys in to Joey by the end of the meeting.

Central Office – Bruce K.

- January is the time we're most involved in the care and feeding of Central Office. The corporate reports, required by February 15, have been filed and others are in preparation. Our financial information has been sent to our CPA for the tax filings and for her year-end review (which enables us to keep non-profit status).
- The Historic Hoover Theatre will be the venue for our Founders' Day play on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16 and we're focused on promotions. We hope to sell out the theatre for two performances – with 200 tickets for each performance at \$15 per ticket.
- The Archives Oldtimers project met again a couple of weeks ago for a recording session. The discussion was focused on changes in AA, especially with the increased incidence of drug use. The participants in these sessions get very enthusiastic about this project and Rose is doing a great job with it. We are going to have some very valuable and interesting history or tap in our archives. We are also recording digitally.

Website – Priya (no report)**Activities Committee – Carole R.**

- Chili cook off flyers and tickets available tonight. The 12th Annual Chili Cook-off with a theme of “Home Groups” will be on Saturday, April 27 at Lincoln Glen Church (same as last year)! Price is \$10/ticket.
- Information for Chili teams (20 possible teams): Utensils are provided. The team makes three gallons of chili. About 1-2 weeks ahead of time, the team is provided a stipend of \$75 for the chili ingredients. (Last year Spiritual Progress won.) In addition to the chili teams, we need lots of volunteers for cornbread, desert, coffee, decorating, set-up, clean-up, raffle, and root beer floats.
- Motion (moved and seconded from the floor) to increase the chili stipend from \$75 to \$100 per team. With 20 possible teams, this would be an increase of \$500 for the event. The vote on the motion will take place at next month’s Intergroup meeting. Please take the motion to your groups to discuss. A member asked “Why is the increase needed?” Answer – to be able to afford to make three gallons of chili.

Twelfth Step – Phone and visitation contact with callers in need. Open position.

Day Time Office – Takes all incoming calls to Central Office. Kathy.

Nights and Weekends Diverter Coordinator – Carol B. After-hours phone coverage for AA Hotline in SCC.

- Good evening – I am the Diverter Coordinator; this is my second month on the job, and all has gone well. Our Responsibility Statement states: When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. The diverters are the face and ears of Central Office when it’s closed, one call at a time. When our Central Office is closed, incoming calls are diverted to a person who is on call. Diverter volunteers provide after-hours phone coverage from 4:30pm-9:00 am Monday-Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. The sobriety requirement is 1 year; the service term is at least 1 year, but many serve longer. Each diverter volunteer goes through a training workshop before assuming a diverter shift. The workshop is held the third Saturday of each month (this month it’s February 16), at 10:00 at Central Office. In addition to the sobriety requirement, it is also important that the diverter have a working knowledge of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions.
- How many of you are currently working a diverter shift? Six responded “yes.”
- Please encourage your group members to attend the diverter workshop to understand how this service helps the alcoholic who still suffers.
- Please remind your groups that Diverter shifts are only once a month for an average time of 3-4 hours. You can take your shift wherever you happen to be: at home, at a meeting, at dinner, or out of town. This is an easy way to make a big difference. In the past month, we had one open shift on Friday, which was filled right away. Thank you for granting me the privilege of being in service.

Secretary Workshop – Kathy R.

- Secretary Workshop is the first Saturday of the month at 10 am 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. Discuss how to handle difficult situations as they may come up, how to deal with disruptive people, etc. Go over the Twelve Traditions, discuss how they are to the meeting what the Twelve Steps are to an individual. Without them there would not be meetings. Take away: Encourage new secretaries to come to the workshop on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am. My term is over, please consider chairing this workshop.

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 continue to attend meetings that are not represented. As always we are looking for volunteers to attend meetings for outreach. We meet at 6:45 pm the first Wednesday of the month here before intergroup. To sign up, call Central Office. Take Away: Looking for volunteers who would like to attend different meetings.

Newsletter Committee – Julie (for Toni)

- The deadline for the March issue (topics: Step 3, Tradition 3, 3rd principle of Faith) is February 20, 2019. Anyone interested should email coin@asaanjose.org. Also, friendly reminder to please encourage your groups to write and submit stories.

Old/Ongoing Business

- We need a Unity Day Liaison.

New Business

- We need new volunteers to provide cleanup after Intergroup monthly meetings.

North County General Service (District 4) – Lori R. (alternate)

- All elections are completed with 12 sub-districts/all have members. Our District Workshop on Agenda Topics has been planned and will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019, at Alano Club East, 112 Fair Avenue, from noon to 3:30 pm. All are welcomed. For the Agenda Session, we do summaries. April 13-14 will be the Pre-Conference Assembly to discuss the Agenda Topics (in Santa Rosa). Some issues are (a) should we have a 5th edition of the Big Book and (b) should we have a new pamphlet dealing with meditation and our experience, strength and hope on this topic.

South County General Service (District 40) - Scott (Alternate)

- In January, we had a new General Service Representative (GSR) orientation. Discussed whether there would be scholarships to go to PRAASA.
- Please ensure each group has a GSR to bring topics back to the AA group, such as discussion about whether to have a new 5th edition of the Big Book?

Hospitals & Institutions – (no report)

Bridging the Gap – Christina

- H&I serves those in hospitals and institutions while Bridging the Gap introduces them to AA on the outside of H&I. Bridging the Gap meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month on Hamilton & Leigh. We need volunteers and committee members.

PI/CPC – Joey (for Louisa)

- Call sheet now in place for the last training. Two upcoming events will have information tables with an AA banner to answer AA questions.
- Table at Trans Day Visibility at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, on March 30 from 1230 – 6 pm.
- Table at Fit and Fun Fair at Columbia Middle School, Sunnyvale, on April 27 from 11 – 3 pm.

Sober and Free – (no report)

SCCYPAA – (no report)

OPEN FORUM –

- Kim – VA Hospital in Palo Alto needs more meetings. (H&I Coordinator)
- The meetings support veterans, usually one a month.
- Frances – All chairs or coordinators, please provide position descriptions to Frances.

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Chili Cook-off

DATE & TIME

Saturday, April 27
12:00 – 3:00 PM

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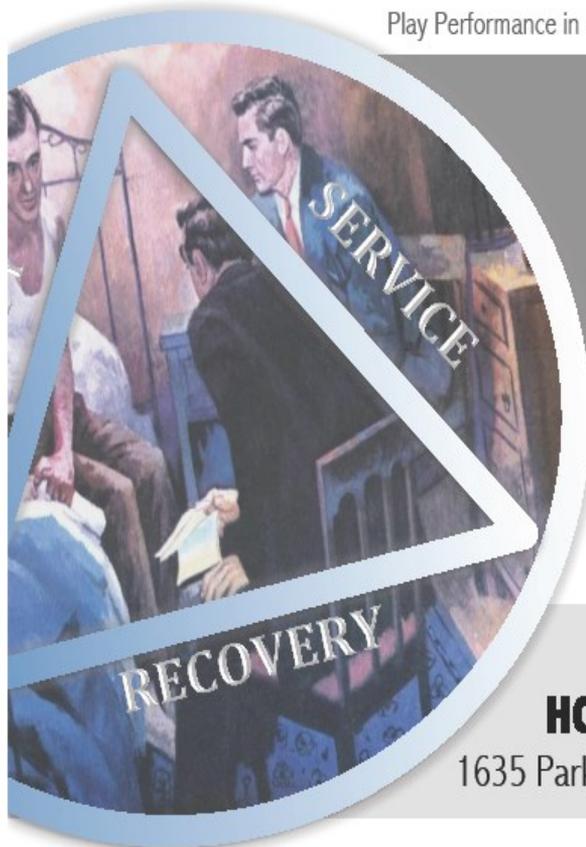
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Profit & Loss

February 2019

			Feb 19	Feb 18	Jan - Feb 19
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
	3030	· Contributions-General	12,847.94	17,559.94	38,516.30
	3050	· Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	0.00	0.00	25.00
	8010	· Literature Sales	3,692.34	3,703.05	7,796.49
	8020	· Meeting Guide Sales	494.00	396.50	979.50
	8050	· Activities Committee	0.00	150.00	0.00
	8055	· Central Office Events	105.00	0.00	105.00
	8060	· Newsletter	311.07	285.60	611.73
Total Income			17,450.35	22,095.09	48,034.02
Cost of Goods Sold					
	5000	· Cost of Goods Sold	3,332.00	3,389.46	6,909.85
Total COGS			3,332.00	3,389.46	6,909.85
Gross Profit			14,118.35	18,705.63	41,124.17
Expense					
	6015	· Activities Committee Expense	0.00	1,525.00	650.00
	6030	· Accounting and Legal Fee	0.00	0.00	775.00
	6225	· Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	600.59	552.52	1,201.18
	6240	· Employee HRA Plan	362.34	785.00	1,141.29
	6330	· Office Expense	1,073.70	1,305.70	4,636.65
	6380	· Payroll Taxes	377.30	758.30	1,380.98
	6480	· Rent	3,384.50	194.00	6,769.00
	6540	· Salaries - Office	5,228.67	9,125.96	14,959.62
	6560	· Payroll Expenses	237.49	118.50	422.99
Total Expense			11,264.59	14,364.98	31,936.71
Net Ordinary Income			2,853.76	4,340.65	9,187.46
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
	8025	· Rebate	-44.74	31.48	15.67
	8030	· Interest Income	213.45	72.53	234.69
Total Other Income			168.71	104.01	250.36
Net Other Income			168.71	104.01	250.36
Net Income			3,022.47	4,444.66	9,437.82

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Balance Sheet

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1000 · Prudent Reserve		
	1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.49%, 08/12/19)	18,102.49
	1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .7%, 02/05/19)	16,844.03
	1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .7%, 4/29/19)	15,306.16
	1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/20)	20,420.64
	1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ .6%, 8/8/19)	15,319.35
	1031 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 9158 (20 Mo. @ 1.98%, 11/7/19)	13,443.49
	Total 1000 · Prudent Reserve	99,436.16
	1010 · Petty Cash	66.89
	1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	33,767.45
	Total Checking/Savings	133,270.50
Accounts Receivable		
	1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-1,742.59
	Total Accounts Receivable	-1,742.59
Other Current Assets		
	1250 · Literature Inventory	17,960.78
	1310 · Prepaid Insurance	2,199.50
	13700 · Payroll Service Customer Asset (Payroll Service Customer Asset)	-0.01
	1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,727.41
	Total Other Current Assets	21,887.68
	Total Current Assets	153,415.59
Fixed Assets		
	1630 · Office Equipment	33,821.66
	1640 · Office Furnishings - Asset	7,757.80
	1641 · Less Accumulated Depreciation	-32,688.97
	1680 · Leasehold Improvements	300.00
	1681 · Less Accumulated Am ortization	-300.00
	Total Fixed Assets	8,890.49
Other Assets		
	1860 · Deposits	1,993.85
	Total Other Assets	1,993.85
	TOTAL ASSETS	164,299.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
	2075 · American Express	35.48
	Total Credit Cards	35.48
Other Current Liabilities		
	2100 · Payroll Liabilities (Payroll Liabilities)	-1,781.13
	2111 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	-2,901.88
	2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	697.76
	2340 · Accrued Vacation	8,825.73
	2600 · Unity Day	3,171.28
	Total Other Current Liabilities	8,017.76
	Total Current Liabilities	8,047.24
Total Liabilities		8,047.24
Equity		
	3100 · Prior period adj. - vacation	-11,704.67
	3900 · Unrestricted Funds	158,519.54
	Net Income	9,437.82
	Total Equity	156,252.69
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	164,299.93

INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.
Group Contributions
 January 2019

	Feb 19	Jan - Feb 19
1 INV Early Bird Group 70968	0.00	350.00
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 7090	550.75	550.75
1 INV Fremont & Manet Group 70975	0.00	700.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70906	430.00	805.00
1 INV One Day at a Time 70903	1,317.71	3,696.99
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	689.19
1 INV South County Fellowship 70954	300.00	1,200.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	1,200.00	1,200.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70960	0.00	620.91
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thu)	0.00	254.32
A.B.C. Women's Group 58 (Mon.)	0.00	255.90
Big Book Study Mlpts 347 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00
Birthday Contribution 00951	0.00	447.00
Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	0.00	634.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	0.00	571.68
Cam pus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	85.69
Chip Winners (Chips) 168 (Wed.)	0.00	102.90
Desi's In Recovery (723)	0.00	70.00
Design for Living 200 (Tues.)	0.00	227.50
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	322.48
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	424.16	424.16
East Valley Group 322 (Fri.)	182.00	182.00
Fireside Big Book Study 809 (Tues.)	0.00	167.00
Free to Be Me SJ (Women) 736 (Tues.)	368.04	368.04
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri)	0.00	132.30
G 10 10 Group 70951	0.00	714.65
G Attitude Adjustment Hour (965)	0.00	659.74
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	200.00	400.00
G Forged From Adversity Group 70957	0.00	115.50
G Serenity at Noon (fka Agnew) 70921	280.00	280.00
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	0.00	784.85
G Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	594.62	1,192.63
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	722.41
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 896 (Mc	0.00	192.50
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	0.00	60.00
Gay Men's Freedom 262 (Thur.)	0.00	159.64
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	1,282.40	1,282.40
Get Well Group 17 (Sun.)	0.00	275.10
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	0.00	560.00
Higher Power Hr BB (Chips) 871 (Thur.)	0.00	705.85
In the Solution 647 (Sat.)	0.00	251.30
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (W	105.95	105.95
Live and Let Live 85 (Mon.)	0.00	124.00
Living with Others (Chips) 319 (Fri.)	210.00	210.00
Los Altos Big Book 860 (Thurs.)	0.00	259.43
Meditation Meeting LA 39 (Sat.)	50.00	50.00
Men's Big Book (Caveman Gp) 659 (Sur	0.00	456.00

	Feb 19	Jan - Feb 19
Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thu)	0.00	1,292.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	0.00	236.04
Mountain View Group 350 (Sat.)	0.00	235.65
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (\$	102.20	102.20
No Bull Big Book 655 (Fri.)	475.91	475.91
Off the Top 371 (Thur.)	0.00	330.00
Old West Meeting 697 (Fri)	100.00	100.00
One Big Tent (Wednesday) 537	0.00	35.00
Other Wednesday Nite, The (Men) 209 (W	700.00	1,400.00
Pass It On Group 418 (Sun.)	681.00	681.00
Personal 00911	34.34	1,184.34
Positive Outlook Group SJ 368 (Sat.)	0.00	152.00
Queer and Sober 671 (Sat.)	185.50	185.50
Saturday's Reflections 622 (Sat.)	0.00	388.16
Saturday Night Promises 847 (Sat.)	0.00	487.43
Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	0.00	443.99
Second Tradition Group Spkr 721 (Sat.)	877.50	877.50
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	730.76	730.76
Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	0.00	151.05
Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon	0.00	890.00
Sisters Seeking Serenity 858 (Wed.)	0.00	166.60
Society of the Second Chance 305 (Tues.	0.00	200.00
Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	338.46	338.46
Step Along (Women) 638 (Wed.)	438.24	438.24
Survivors (The) Step Study 331 (Wed.)	60.90	60.90
There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur)	0.00	143.40
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	248.50	446.60
Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 525 (Tues.)	0.00	385.25
Tuesday Night Saratoga Group 152 (Tue	0.00	17.00
Tuesday Noon Step Study 556 (Tues)	0.00	317.00
Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	0.00	70.00
Villages Group of AA, The 406 (Mon.)	0.00	126.00
We Care Step Study 128 (Tues.)	0.00	40.00
We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	0.00	281.00
What's Happening Today 552 (Thur.)	0.00	267.40
Wisdom to Know 651 (Mon.)	0.00	69.39
Women's Brunch 640 (Sat.)	0.00	469.77
Women on the Move 570 (Wed.)	0.00	162.00
Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	379.00	379.00
TOTAL	12,847.94	38,516.30



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