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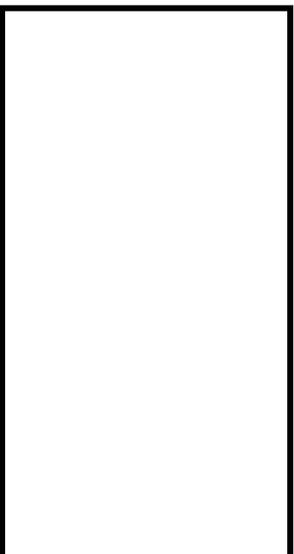
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## Writing for the COIN

**Q: Who writes the COIN?**

**A: You do.**

This is a publication forum for your personal stories celebrating sobriety and recovery. We welcome your stories, opinion pieces, learnings, questions, thoughts and ideas.

**Q: What about sketches, photos, art and flyers?**

**A: Yes, please!**

These are all welcomed and appreciated. We want to give AA members a chance to publish their original artwork and photos. We are not a glum lot and love humor, so please send in jokes and cartoons as well. We want the COIN to have a comprehensive listing of all upcoming events and flyers; email your event info as early as possible.

**Q: What do I write about?**

**A: There are monthly newsletter topics that can be found in the COIN.**

Each month's topic is Step X, the Principle behind Step X, and Tradition X, where X is the number of the month. January=1 and December=12. For example, January's topics are Step One, Honesty, and Tradition One. Stories pertaining to a month's holidays or historic events are also accepted. For example, articles pertaining to a new year/new start in January, relationships and romance in February, stories about the founding of AA in June, independence in July, gratitude and giving thanks in November, etc. can all be fitting subject matter.

Write your stories in the first person (using "I" statements). Share your sobriety experience, strength and hope: the wisdom you've gleaned, the mistakes you've made, the fun, the troubles, and humor you've found in recovery. If you hear something at a meeting that makes you see things in a different light, write about it. If you've stayed sober through a difficult experience, write about it. Help us teach and learn from each other. Most importantly, help carry the message of AA.

**Q: What are the submission deadlines?**

**A: Deadlines are published in each month's COIN.**

If you miss the deadline, you may still submit materials, but they may be saved for inclusion in a future COIN publication. Stories and art are published at the discretion of the COIN editor and the Central Office executive director.

**Q: When is the month's published COIN available?**

**A: Usually by the first Wednesday of the month.**

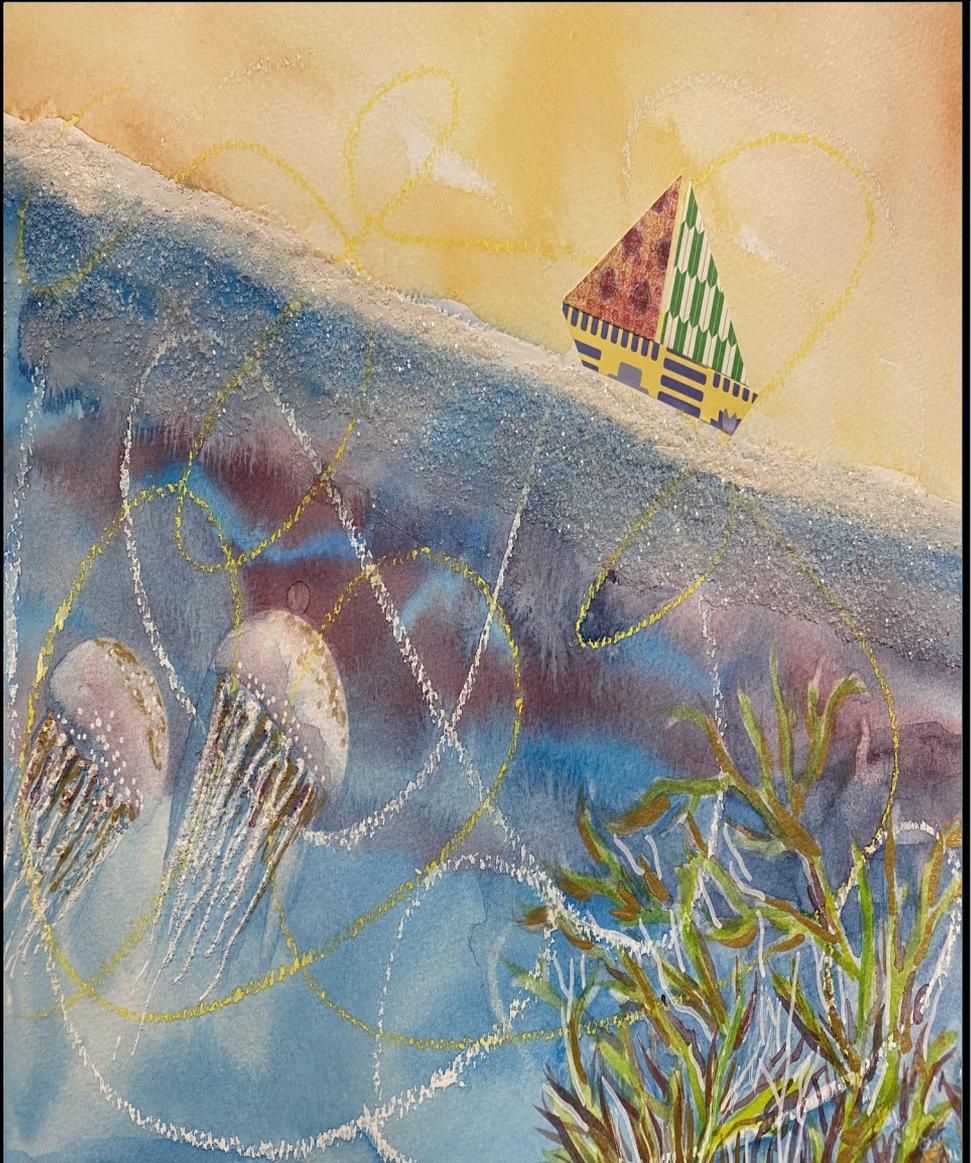
A small print run of several hundred draft copies for the month is available at the monthly Intergroup business meeting; the print run is completed the following day. Mailing takes place two days after the Intergroup meeting. Volunteers are needed every month to help fold the COIN and prepare it for bulk mailing.

**Q: Anything else?**

**A: Yes.**

Please keep the Twelve Traditions of AA in mind as you write, and take special care to respect other members' anonymity. Have fun!

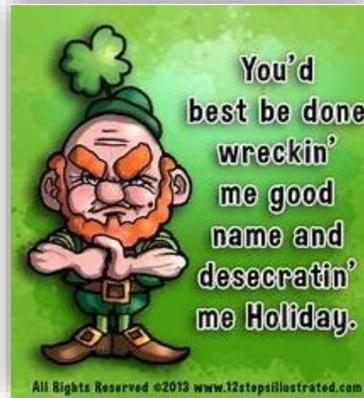
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Step 3, Tradition 3, & Faith**

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## Sunlight of the Spirit Art Corner

March Zentangle by Elizabeth M

"Faith does not make things easy; it makes them possible."

- Anonymous



### **Next Month's Issue (April 2020)**

Topics: Step Four, Courage, & Tradition Four

Please email all submissions to [coin@asaanjose.org](mailto:coin@asaanjose.org) by March 18th.

# Let The Rock Tumbler Do Its Job

## One Pebble at a Time

I started drinking at the age of fourteen, and never once was I considered a “normal drinker.” I drank for oblivion every day from the start. At first, I was what they referred to as a “lampshade drunk.” As time went by, and my tolerance for alcohol increased, I got *better* at drinking. There were times that I could drink from 6 am till I closed the bar at 2 am the next night, and people couldn’t tell I was drinking unless they smelled the alcohol on my breath. At that time, I thought I had reached the pinnacle, and everything was right with the world. Then things started going wrong.

I couldn’t remember what happened past midnight, then past 10 pm. People started telling me what I did last night in a blackout, and it wasn’t very flattering. My wife took my son and left me. I drank for two more years before I reached my bottom. On October 15, 1969, I entered A.A. and have been sober and have not wanted a drink since.

I was very fortunate in my early days of sobriety to be counseled by several men in that group that understood how to get a better perspective for living through taking the 12 steps. These men explained that each step has a specific objective, and the order of the steps has a purpose. They told me that I should do the steps in the spirit in which they were intended to be taken; I should not modify the steps to suit my

selfish interests. I also learned that step work was not a punishment or a penance, but the *answer to all the things that plagued me*. If I wanted to find peace, I should not be searching for loopholes.

I was in the U.S.Navy at the time, and duty called. I had to leave the safety of that wonderful group of men, but I took their guiding principles and advice with me. To carry on with the things that they had taught me, I concluded that if I were planning to attend X number of meetings per week, then one of them should be an A.A. *step study meeting*, and I have been attending one, weekly, ever since. That amounts to reviewing the twelve steps four times per year for over fifty years.

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**12 steps/reading x 4 readings/  
year x 50 years sober = A lot of  
step study**

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One might think that it would get boring after a while, but every time we review each step, it seems that we are at a different level of understanding. We see something that we never noticed before, and we can measure the progress we have made. We hear that at every meeting. It’s like the rocks in a *rock tumbler*. They go in rough and craggy, and as they go through cycle after cycle, the sharp edges erode.

Gradually, and with time, they get closer and closer to the shape that we had envisioned. I believe if a person goes through this process in the *spirit intended originally*, the steps will unfold and guide a person to a life of *peace and happiness*.

At least that's what I have found. It amounts to "*the maintenance of my spiritual condition*. That sack of rocks, which turns out to be a few big rocks, quite a few stones, and a million pebbles, gets lighter and lighter; one pebble at a time, I rid myself of those things that bother me. With that in mind, I ask myself, "Why wouldn't I do it?" After all, I only live once: *Am I willing to live my life unhappy?*

I don't want to look back on my life and regret having wasted this precious gift. I must summon the



courage to *take the risk and not let fear stop me from allowing the ROCK TUMBLER to do its work*. One Step Study meeting a week. It's as simple as that.

- Rick R

## Faith and Love

Faith and making a decision to turn our lives over to the care of God, as we understood God, is what this article is about. These topics are essential and significant to me and have kept me safe, loved, and free in this hell called Elmwood.

Anyone who knows me knows that one of my favorite sayings is "God does for me that which I cannot do for myself, and for that, I am incredibly grateful." Something else I say all the time and believe because it has been so fully proven is God is never going to say, "Well, Rahul, now that you are in a tough spot, I'm going to leave you." What has happened is every time life got hard, God showed up, and though the circumstances didn't change, my attitude did, and I always received vast amounts of love and support.

My experience at Elmwood has been a beautiful exercise in deepening my connection with my HP. I would never wish this awful place on even my worst enemy, and I've realized I don't have any enemies or people I consider enemies. It is because of this place I have been able to meditate so profoundly. I have had two incredibly powerful white light experiences. One of these experiences put me in a lotus position meditative state on hard concrete for two solid hours. I got a clear vision of what my life is. I shall remember that vision on Decem-

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ber 23, like it was two minutes. Also, I had a powerful download from God that said that the answer is love. When I come out of the meditation, I would feel love for almost a day, and everyone I interacted with (gangsters, former gangsters, people who had committed white-collar to violent crimes) said, in their own words, I was giving off serenity and love.

Love. I'm in jail. It's a violent place full of bullying and bribery. It's not a general population where the races are segregated and broken up into yards that create some order. It's Protective Custody (PC) where there is no real order, and there is nothing protective about it. It's a place where I have witnessed at least 30 fights, which have resulted in grave bodily injury and at least ten sexual assaults. Yet, in the face of all of this insanity, I was told I was emanating loving kindness. I have also been taken care of in this place. I have never really felt unsafe. I have had opportunities to sponsor men, I have been able to tutor, I have been fully loved and supported by men and women in AA and Al-Anon, all love which I credit my Higher Power.

It is through my daily experience my faith grows. It is not just faith in my HP, but I have faith in healing in my family. I have now been here for 12 months, and my family is starting to visit. I have faith that with the help of my HP, those familial relationships which seemed destroyed

could be repaired.

I find myself grateful that I decided to turn my will and my life over, and daily, I get a little better of an understanding of what that means. For now, I believe it means I get to be of service. I get to develop a deeper spiritual connection, and I need to continue to pursue the personal growth work I am doing through writing the books I am writing and reading all the books I can. I've now read over 238 books. I'll have nine completed handwritten books by the time I leave here in less than six months, and I will have read over 350 books by that time.

When I was preparing to come here, I would joke about my 18-month sabbatical. What I have come to see is that this has been a sabbatical. I have been able to develop a deep relationship with my HP. I've gotten to grow up and know myself in ways I didn't think possible.

I am so grateful for all the opportunities this environment has provided me to grow. I was in AA, and I got to explore the major world faiths, and it was in AA, Al-Anon, and life that I got to find a spiritual practice that was for me one anchored in love, gratitude, and meditation. One that is uniquely mine grows with me and carries me through the good and tough times. I am truly grateful!

- Rahul A

## God's Will for Me

It is interesting to note that every time I read the Big Book or the 12x12, there is *always something new to me*. Or I should say, *the same words take on new meaning to me*.

The first few times this happened, I thought I had lost the ability to focus and get the meaning right. However, when an "old-timer" said there was always something new for him every time he read the Big Book, I understood what he was saying and realized that as I grew in my sobriety, things took on a more in-depth and different meaning for me. Although the words are the same, the meaning frequently takes on a new life. With a better and clearer understanding of Step Three, I came to a place of total gratitude, and I was ready and willing to make the Step Three decision.

Early on, it became clear (Thank You, God) that letting my Higher Power guide my life was the way to go, especially when I realized I had not done much of a wonderful job myself. Letting go and letting God, and not taking things back, was very hard for me. It took a while to realize that this saying is the central idea of the 3rd Step. Instead of using my will, I needed to try finding out God's Will for me. So It became Let Go, Let God have it, Hang in and see what happens. Voilà! It proved to be life-changing.

I was to find a loving, kind, concerned, gentle Higher Power, much different from the God of my mind. It became a different understanding, an understanding that God understands

the language of the heart: everyone's, even mine! I didn't have to do anything special to get him to notice me and my life, "then and now," because he has known me forever. His help is always near, but as a drinker, I didn't believe I deserved it. However, in my self-centeredness, I would take a shot at asking for a new car, or trip, etc., and if it came about it, I then attributed it to good luck, not God's Will, and I didn't go much deeper than that because I didn't feel good enough for a deep relationship. Even though my heart wanted one!

Slowly but surely, I came to *understand* that God wanted me to be *healthy, capable, competent, creative, and yes, dependent upon him for anything and everything*. In other words, *my life of sobriety IS HIS will for me!* In Willingness, and with Humility, I accepted God's Grace, and I took Step 3.

Thank You, Bill Wilson, in doing God's Will for all of us in the creation of Step 3!

- Danette G

## A Trust in the A. A. Process

### A Power Greater than Myself

Why the program of Alcoholics Anonymous works so well on the disease of alcoholism is hard to fathom when we first come into A.A. We are conflicted when we hear our thought process and perception is flawed. We need to explore issues like Faith, Higher Power, Insanity, Surrender, Denial, Guilt, Shame, etc., to see where our past thinking let us down. Upon examination, we realize we had painted ourselves into the corner of life, and if we were lucky, we became open to the idea that we may have to seek outside help if we want to have any chance of a normal, healthy life.

If we go through this process of self-examination in the spirit presented in The Big Book and the 12X12, beautiful things happen for us. I find it much easier to look *back* at the way the A.A. program worked for me than it was when I first entered the program and tried to look *forward*; I could never have foreseen how A.A. was going to *influence every facet of my life in a wondrous way*. I wish I could package this gift and give it away, but we are all conditioned differently. In the beginning, most of us cannot envision the results in our own life. If we could, *everyone would cut right to the chase and never look back*. In the beginning, we usually spend most of our time coming to terms with the most apparent symptom of alcoholism, *the drinking*, and I was no ex-

ception. Unfortunately, many of us never get deeper into the program where most of the healing takes place.

For those of us that do come to realize that happiness and, more importantly, peace of mind, are the things that are lacking in our lives, we recognize we must get serious and dig deeper into the process that leads to these qualities. Does this mean that we will not experience joy and peace until we complete the process? Not at all. Every time we uncover another piece of the puzzle that barred us from being at peace with ourselves, we can choose to free up that part of our mind that has been wrestling with that issue, and we can finally put it to rest. The day to day improvement in our self-esteem will be reward enough to inspire us, in spirit, to address the next issue that needs our attention; one by one, we resolve these matters as we Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

As we navigate the process with new awareness, we find ourselves naturally refraining from making the regretful mistakes of the past that caused our discontent in the first place. Replacing the wrongs with the rights, you might say, doubles the pace of our growth.

We only live once, and it would be a shame to spend it with that awful mental grinding that goes on between our ears when the solution

is right before our eyes. If we continue to spend all of our mental energy obsessing on the "not drinking one day at a time," we can do this for years and then, one day, pick up that drink. A drink has no appeal to alcoholics who are at peace with themselves and with others. Why waste the only life we have, when the answers are laid there at our feet?

*Don't get stuck in the rut of complacency. Trust this process and ask yourself if you've been thorough with all twelve of the steps, and if not, I recommend that you revisit those loose ends and deal with them. Give this a try, and I guarantee that you won't regret it.*

- Rick R

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## Life Without Faith Isn't Life at All

Growing up, I often wondered how you could put faith in something you could not see. I terrorized my community while still attending church every Sunday; I even sang in the choir, not because I had faith or believed, but because I was forced. So enters the first time I thought of reasons to go to church. I would go to steal money when the offering plate came around to me. Eventually, I learned where they stored the donated cash and broke into the office and took it all.

I believe there is a reason for everything. I have been shot six times,

stabbed, and almost kidnapped by rival gang members. I was in and out of institutions since I was twelve. Juvenile hall, CYA, and prison have all been my home. I was a man with no faith, and I was arrested for multiple crimes that should have cemented me to a jail cell. Before I caught my life-crime, I was arrested and fought four attempted murders and four assaults that I should have been convicted of, but I wasn't.

Afterward, I remember walking away and getting a bottle of Mad Dog 20-20 and telling a homie that I was untouchable. But what was the reason behind me walking away from crime after crime? What was the reason for my existence?

Once I arrived at CTF-Soledad, I entered multiple self-help groups in search of answers. Slowly, my eyes began to open. The clouds started to dissipate; I saw things clearer after being introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous, and now I see that everything does happen for a reason. I was convicted because my Higher Power saw I needed help with waking up out of a deep sleep. I was sleepwalking straight off a cliff. Now I am awake, and I know my reason is to stay sober and help other alcoholics. I gave my blood, sweat, and tears to the streets, but what did I get back? A lifetime of pain and misery, but my friend, AA, gave me peace.

-DJ

# An Answer from the Start

## Tradition Three

I can recall so many times I would sit and wonder why I could not stop drinking. Why even when I was attempting the program, it didn't work for me. Set aside the obvious factors that I couldn't *not drink* before or after a meeting, nor could I be honest. I now almost scoff at my naïveté at why the program didn't work for me; why I couldn't seem to latch onto that branch for survival. However, even deeper than that, my only acknowledgment was that I had a problem, and I could not stop. I hated drinking: It was my problem, my solution, my trouble, my answer, my blindness. The disease manipulates the mind into beliefs that we hate ourselves, others, life, our lives, and that we are unworthy of the very breath that we breathe in.

There is ONE requirement in this program, and it ties into all the rest. We must have a DESIRE to stop drinking. The want, the wish, the ultimate craving. A craving for something beyond that bottle. That requirement must come honestly from within yourself. It is a moment of desiring, "To thine own self be true." Do you truly wish, want, crave, desire to stop drinking? The magic can only begin with the truth.

I spent too much time wondering, watching, contemplating, lamenting, strategizing, and not enough time getting honest within my being so I could begin the path to real recovery and receiving the help that I believe

every alcoholic so deserves.

This program isn't here to teach you how to moderate, slow down, or not get into trouble in a blackout. This program exists to *Save Lives*.

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**The only requirement for membership is a DESIRE to stop drinking.**

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It's like striking a match to get a flame. Don't wonder why your match won't light when it's sopping wet with no sincere desire. Take the first right step in honesty by following the third tradition, which states, "The only requirement for membership is the DESIRE to stop drinking." Once *you have the desire*, A.A. will always be a part of you and always here for you. The program is steady and stable; it tends to be *us* that stray away from it.



Thank you, A.A., for the life that you have given me today.

- Vanessa B

## Step Three and Me

The relationship between step three and me is rather dichotomous. I often hear so much about the difficulty behind step four, and although step four is long and tedious, step three is a different monster.

Let's begin at the beginning. Admitting powerlessness over alcoholism in itself is quite a tall order. Making a decision to turn my will and my life over sounds like a skyscraper. That is until I realize it's just making a decision; even then, I just stay willing to be willing.

Step three, though: step three is a tough one. Here I have depended on my insane thinking for a lifetime, and now, suddenly, I need to turn it all over to a higher power I barely know and never trusted. A higher power that put me in the circumstances that led me to drink according to my insane thinking. Yet, choices are limited once the desperation of alcoholism sets in. I cannot keep going. I cannot stop. No human power can stop me, in fact. Who then, can I seek to get over a hump that is a mountain, so high, I cannot even see the top of it, let alone the other side?

"Faith: is taking the first step when you can't see the entire staircase," as the wise Martin Luther King Jr. stated.

I do not call my higher power, God, but that does not mean I do not believe that God is my higher power, if you can wrap your head around that concept.

I'm a Muslim girl, raised in a Christian country with the skin color of a Hindu. The concept of a higher power has been quite eclectic for me growing up. Religion scares me, and the religious scare me more. With that said, turning

it over is almost impossible. The first step on the staircase, however, I can take. The next right thing? I can do that. I can call my sponsor. I can trust the history, which is: every 'loss' has resulted in many-a-gain.

Step three has been a tug-of-war that is required of me if I want to stay sober: emotionally as well as from drugs and alcohol. The tug is between the version of me willing to turn it over and the version which has "got this." I imagine my higher power just chuckling at me, saying, "Ok, well I'm ready to take the wheel when you're done clutching it, finger-nail marks and all."

Lucky for me, step three says nothing about turning my will and my life over only once. I get to turn it over again and again. Even if it just looks like me: throwing my head back, yelling, "I give up! Help!" When my 'overwhelm' button is pushed, that is how turning-my-will-over looks.

Other times, it is me just peacefully saying, "I cannot deal with this, so I am going to let *You* do it. Thanks for having my back."

I once heard the 'Thank you' version of the serenity prayer at a meeting. It has stuck with me ever since: Thank you for the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

- Rimi K

## The Tree of Unselfishness



Selfishness, Self-centeredness, the root of all our flaws  
When first I heard those simple words, it truly gave me pause  
    Could this be the answer to the troubles of my past?  
Removing all the guilt and shame, my Conscience had amassed  
    Unselfishness was not a word my Ego could embrace  
    For Ego was more satisfied when I lived in disgrace  
When in the clutch of my disease, indeed I had no choice  
    But in the comfort of A.A., I heard God's loving voice  
He had me check my motives for, my habits and my deeds  
And redirect my thoughts to meeting other people's needs  
    As I adopted this approach, not looking for approval  
Joy filled that dark and guilty space, left after their removal  
    Unselfish motives are the seeds that spawn this loving tree  
The fruit of which brings happiness, to both of them and me  
These things could not have happened when my Ego had control  
It was my choice, then, to summon up my Conscience for that role.  
    Unselfishness has been the answer to a life of grief  
    The more I put it into play, the more I get relief.  
It's my Conscience now that monitors my motives at their roots.  
    The result has been a healthy tree, and I enjoy the fruits.

- Rick R

## (Not so) New Kid on the Block

### RAFFLE MEETING HISTORY

Pete and Nichole were in Studio City 11/19/16 and went to the Lottery Meeting, which met on Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All the readers, speakers, and chairpeople were picked by raffle ticket. The topic of the meeting was picked out of a bowl. Pete and Nichole were so excited about the format of the meeting; they talked about starting a meeting with this format in our area. They said the meeting was in God's hands. God chose the speaker and the topic.

Eleven months later, Nichole's dad was suffering from liver and kidney failure. Nichole was his primary caregiver and put out a request on Facebook for people to bring meetings to her home since she couldn't leave the house. She also asked people to comment on a Facebook post with their favorite meeting topics. Nichole printed the meeting topics, put them in a bowl, and bought some raffle tickets.

The first Raffle Meeting was on Wednesday, 9/21/17, at 6:30 p.m. Sixteen people attended: Pete F, Nichole L, John D, Tammy B, Stuart B, Anne S, Kellie H, Sheila K, Peggy M, Julie, Jill C, Cameron L, Eric, and Tom L. Jill was Secretary, Pete was the speaker, Kellie pulled tickets, and Sheila passed out tickets. The topic was Perseverance. Nichole baked cookies, and Tammy brought coffee.

The meeting continued every Wednesday, and service positions rotated every week. Some people

came only once, and a core group came every week. The meeting didn't close until everyone shared, then the meeting closed with a prayer of someone's choice.

Nichole's dad got sober, his body started to recover, and Nichole stayed sober. A year later, Nichole's dad moved out, was living independently, and became an active AA member in his community. Nichole moved to a new apartment, and the meeting met at Jim S's house for two weeks before it moved to its new location.



The first meeting was held on Thursday, 11/1/18, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Church in Sunnyvale. Official service positions were elected, and the format of the meeting stays the same with one small change - the last five minutes are reserved for burning desires. The first co-secretaries were Jared and John D. (both regular members).

Members from other areas sometimes attend this meeting, and we learned that there are similar meetings in Seattle and Arizona.

- Rose W

## Karmic Price

I look back a year on that January 2019 day in two days my adventures to begin.

No not of rafts floating down the mighty Mississippi like Huck Finn or of lazy days in an ornate clawfoot bathtub.

No, this adventure would be one of deep growth, maybe deep pain. It would destroy the white picket fence I painted around my life.

I sat in the cold drizzle of that north San Jose porch watching my breath and the smoke from a Blondie Acid cigar. It would be the last of its kind for 18 months.

I was used to a teak pipe of flavored tobacco bringing me home to the soothing Swanee and my ancestors prayed along the gracious Ganges, never in their wildest dreams or nightmares one of their bloodlines coming to this place.

This adventure 18 months, my growth independent of the time, at 10 months in the adventure began. Through tests of fortitude, frankness and ferocity I have found the entrance to the treasure within.

A giant of mass proportions in this cave lies its control. A treasure worth more than its weight in gold.

I have been this giant out of control unable to control my ego as it subjugated my soul, watching as it brought destruction to my life.

I can now see my soul's union with God, a giant of love, passion and kindness discovered in the darkness of this place. Now all I can see is its light.

The circle of life, the ancients of the insightful Indus smile as they muse this was my needed karmic price.

- Rahul A

## AA Traditions Checklist

### *Tradition Three*

**“The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.”**

***(Long Form) “Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. ”***

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as less-than?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, sex, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over-impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if the person can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what s/he does for a living? Where the person lives? What that person's domestic arrangements are? Whether s/he had been to AA before? What his/her other problems are?

*Questions similar to those above were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.*

# COIN Schedule of Topics & Submission Deadlines

## 2020 COIN Schedule of Topics

Newsletter Issue Month	Submission Deadline	Step & Tradition	Virtue
January	18-Dec	1	Honesty
February	22-Jan	2	Hope
March	19-Feb	3	Faith
April	18-Mar	4	Courage
May	22-Apr	5	Integrity
June	20-May	6	Willingness
July	17-Jun	7	Humility
August	22-Jul	8	Love
September	19-Aug	9	Justice
October	23-Sep	10	Perseverance
November	21-Oct	11	Spiritual Awareness
December	18-Nov	12	Service

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### Office Hours

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Opens (AM)	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	Closed
Closes (PM)	4:30	6:30	6:30	4:30	4:30	2:00	

**24 HOUR HELPLINE: (408) 374-8511**

## Events Listing

### LOCAL EVENTS

(As of 3-13-20, events with strikethrough lines are currently postponed until further notice because of COVID-19 concerns and county restrictions on gatherings currently in place.)

~~March 13-15~~ — ~~NCCAA 73rd Annual Spring Conference, Holiday Inn, 1350 N  
1st St, SJ; Long Timers Meeting on 3/13 at 3:30pm~~

~~March 21~~ — ~~Sober and Free, Whee the Musical, Center for Spiritual  
Living, 1195 Clark St, SJ, 6:30pm~~

~~March 21~~ — ~~Sponsorship Workshop at Saturday Night Live, 3:30pm~~

~~April 18th~~ — ~~Intergroup Central Office, Chili Cook Off, 2700 Booksin Ave,  
SJ, 12pm~~

May 1-2                      Sober and Free Conference, A Vision for You, Billy DeFrank  
Center, 938 The Alameda, SJ

### EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY AND GLOBE

March 6-8                      PRAASA: Westin La Paloma Resort, Tucson Arizona

To include your upcoming event in the April 2020 issue of the COIN, send your event information to [coin@asaanjose.org](mailto:coin@asaanjose.org) by **March 18th!**

# March 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1724 N. Winchester Blvd. at Tulip, SC	2	3 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	4 INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ OUTREACH MEETING: 6:45pm	5	6	7 SECRETARY'S WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
8 SCCPAA BUSINESS MTG. Alano West at 12 Noon 1555 S. 7th Street, Bldg K.	9	10	11 NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm First United Methodist Church, 535 Old Francisco Road Sunnyvale at Fair Oaks	12	13	14
15	16 BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, SJ	17 SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ	18	19	20	21 DIVERTER/12 <sup>TH</sup> STEEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell
22	23	24 H&I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# April 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>OUTREACH MEETING: 6:45pm INTERGROUP MEETING: 7:30pm Trinity Church, 3151 Union Ave., SJ</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>SECRETARYS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PI/CPC WORKSHOP: 5:30pm, PI/CPC MEETING: 6pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1724 N. Winchester Bld. at Tulip, SC</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE WORKSHOP: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, SJ</p>	<p>8</p> <p>NORTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MTG: 7:30pm First United Methodist Church, 535 Old Francisco Road Sunnyvale at Fair Oaks</p>	9	1-0	
<p>12</p> <p>SCCYPAA BUSINESS MTG. Alano West at 12 Noon 1555 S. 7th Street Bldg K.</p>	13	14	15	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>DIVERTER/12<sup>TH</sup> STEPPERS WORKSHOP: 10am, Central Office, 274 E. Hamilton Ave., Suite D., Campbell</p>
19	<p>20</p> <p>BRIDGING THE GAP MTG: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave. at Leigh, SJ</p>	<p>21</p> <p>SOUTH COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETING: 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave., SJ</p>	22	23	24	25
16	27	<p>28</p> <p>H&amp;I COMMITTEE MEETING: 7pm, 1980 E. Hamilton Ave., SJ</p>	29	30		

# Central Office Statistics & AA Meeting Updates



## February 2020 Statistics

Daytime Phone calls to Central Office....**224**

Daytime 12-Step calls.....**16**

(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!**

## AA MEETING UPDATES:

### OPENED

Not Too Late For Enthusiasm  
Thursday, 8:30pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1710 Moorpark Ave.  
San Jose

### CLOSED

Signs of Sobriety  
(ASL & English)  
Monday, 6:30pm  
Grace Baptist Church  
484 E. San Fernando St.  
San Jose, CA 95112

Students of Serenity  
Friday, 5:00pm  
Santa Clara University  
Wellness Center  
852 Market St.  
Santa Clara

## Birthday Contributions & Events Listing



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributor	Birthday
Dennis B.	29	John S.	02/08/1991
Susan S.	15	Carol B.	02/09/2005
Jim S.	27	John S.	02/10/1993
Larry T.	29	John S.	02/18/1991
David P.	50	David P.	03/15/1970

## *150 Years of Sobriety!*

Birthdays are listed in recognition of contributions made to Central Office on a member's behalf for a sobriety milestone. Contributions can be made by the birthday celebrant or in honor of a friend and will be listed in this section, unless requested otherwise.

In keeping with A.A.'s Seventh Tradition of self-support, we accept contributions only from A.A. members. Please use the birthday forms found at your meeting, at Central Office, or on-line at <https://aasanjose.org/product/contribute>.



**“As faith grows, so does inner security.”**

- AA Co-Founder, Bill W, January 1962, “This Matter of Fear,” *Best of Bill*

# Central Office Birthday Contribution Form



## BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTION

**CELEBRANT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**CONTRIBUTOR:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 5th, 2020**

Recording Secretary, Jill B

- Opening: A moment of silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*
- Readings: Definition of Intergroup – Calvin, Twelve Traditions—Adam
- Introduction of New Intergroup Representatives  
(Meetings at 7pm, hosted by Alt. Chair Jaye)
  - ◆ Alex, Live and Let Live, Downtown SJ.
  - ◆ Heather W., 10:10 Group (M-F @ 10:10 AM) 670 East Meadow, Palo Alto
  - ◆ Nancy J., A Vision For You, Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM., 12850 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga
  - ◆ Amber S. 3rd Steppers Book Study (Women’s) on Thursday @ 6:30 PM., 1112 South Bernardo Ave., Sunnyvale
  - ◆ Adam P., We have arrived, Mondays @ 8:00 PM, 1980 Hamilton Ave., San Jose
  - ◆ Sharon L. Easier Way, Fridays @ 12 Noon, 20 University Ave., Los Gatos (St Luke’s Church)
  - ◆ Fran, Living Solution, Fridays @ 8:00 PM, 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose
  - ◆ Rose, Sunday Morning Topic Discussion, Sundays @ 11:15 AM 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto
  - ◆ Virginia, Winchester Group
  - ◆ Moriah W. Shared Gift Group (Women’s) Monday’s @ 7:30 PM, Carter Ave., San Jose
  - ◆ Ben N. Los Gatos Cave Man Group, 20 University Ave., Los Gatos (St Luke’s Church)
  - ◆ Calvin K. Los Altos Big Book, Thursdays @ 8:00 PM 460 South El Camino Ave., Los Altos
  - ◆ Anthony R., Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience Mondays @ 6:30 PM, 938 The Alameda, San Jose
  - ◆ Chris H. Boiled Owls (Men’s Group) Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM 16330 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos
  - ◆ Don, Sundays @ 3:00
  - ◆ Melissa H. Los Altos Group, Thursdays at 8:00 PM, 858 University Ave., Los Altos

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- Visitors: Barbara
- Birthdays
  - \* Nan, 15 years on Feb. 2nd
  - \* Melissa, 6 months on Feb. 6
  - \* TJ - 4 years on Jan. 9
  - \* Mary 36 years on Jan. 14
  - \* Mel 3 years on Jan. 18
  - \* Barbara 6 years on Jan. 14
  - \* Ben 13 years on 1/18
  - \* Neerali, 1 year on 1/21
  - \* Marquis, 6 months
- Changes to today's meeting agenda: None
- Changes to last month's meeting mins in the COIN: No Jan IG Mtg
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$95
- Tonight's voting member count is 48.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Please try to keep reports under 2 mins and be sure to highlight your key take-away.*

#### **Intergroup Chair** - Frances C

- Frank fixed the PA system.
- Open Service Positions
  - ◇ Coffee and Clean-up
    - 1 Year Commitment
    - 1 Year sobriety
    - Make coffee, purchase supplies, clean-up post meeting

#### **Central Service Board (CSB)** - Robby

(Elected group overseeing Central Office Operations)

- Thanks you for your service. We do our best to be good stewards.
- Working on HR policies and did a deep dive of benefits/policies (19 pages), hired an attorney to make sure everything is OK and we are ready to finalize HR policy.

**Central Office (CO)** - Bruce K, Executive Director, absent. Julie N gave update

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for Bruce.

- Tamale party was a huge success!
- Online contributions are down. The system we were using (Intuit) was discontinued. We have changed to Stripe and are going through the testing phase right now. Let them know if you have problem make contributions online. Will have new handbook.
- We want to thank you for your continued support. Central Office fairs well.

**Website**—Priya

(Responsible for updating the AA website)

- Events have been posted online

**Activities**—Tiffany, Alternate: Marquis. Marquis gave update

(Organize Central Office A.A. Events)

- Chili cook off is coming up April 18th Lincoln Glen Church. Looking for teams to help with setup and cleanup. Contact Tiffany to register your group. Cook 3 gallons of chili. Groups receive \$75 stipend and attend team orientation 1-2 weeks prior to event.

**Twelfth Step**—Blake

(Phone and visitation contact with callers in need)

**Daytime Office**—Kathy

(Receive incoming phone calls to Central Office during daytime)

**Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator**—Carol B

(After-hours phone coverage for A.A. Hotline in SCC)

- The Diverter Coordinator works with Diverter Volunteers who provide after-hours phone coverage for AA in Santa Clara County. The Diverter 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 15), 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.
- Please encourage your group members to attend the diverter workshop to understand how this service helps the alcoholic who still suffers and note that Diverters can take their shift wherever they happen to be: at home, at a meeting, at dinner, or out of town. This is an easy way to

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help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer or a person with long sobriety who is struggling.

- Currently there are two open DIVERTER shifts:
  - ⇒ - The fourth Thursday from 7:00AM-10:00AM; this commitment will begin February 27. - The fourth Friday from 6:00AM-10:00AM; this commitment will begin February 28.
  - ⇒ Is there anyone here who would like to take one of these shifts? Please think about becoming a DIVERTER yourself if you don't yet have a shift; it's a great way to appreciate your sobriety.
  - ⇒ Please let your meetings know that these two shifts are available and suggest that they come to the DIVERTER workshop February 15 at 10:00 so they can be trained to take one of these shifts.

### **Secretary Workshop**—Cheryl

(Discuss the secretary's role as the facilitator of an AA meeting)

- No one showed up in December. One person showed up in Jan – 1st Saturday of the month at 10 AM

### **Outreach Committee**

(Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings)

- OPEN – Jessie volunteered and gave his contact info to Frances after the meeting

### **Newsletter Committee**—Mel M

(Prepare monthly editions of the Santa Clara County newsletter, the COIN)

- March topics: Step 3, Tradition 3, the Spiritual Virtue of Faith
- Please ask your groups to submit writings.
- Started publishing articles from CTF Soledad.
- Deadline for submissions is 02/19/2020; email [coin@AAsanjose.org](mailto:coin@AAsanjose.org)

### **Old/Ongoing Business**

- Amplifier: \$95 to be reimbursed to Frank.
- Group Inventory: Mary mentioned needing to take a group inventory, especially since she felt that the time is rushed and wants to ensure it serves the purpose of intergroup. Group inventory was last completed several years ago – 8 years ago. Frances to complete group inventory
- 2 minutes is just a suggestion – just let Frances know ahead of time if you need more time

### **Motions** (None)

### **New Business**

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- Jesse will fill Outreach position

**North County General Service (District 04)** - Julie N

- Lori gave report: We have an Agenda workshop - see flyers (free food) on Feb 29th 12-3:30 At Alano club on Fair Ave. Make sure your groups have a GSR rep so they have a voice. North county covers Monterey to the Oregon border and GS takes our voice to New York once a year. Take group Conscience.

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

- Alt district county chair for district 40. Working hard on the agenda workshop – good time to add a topic so please attend. Groups will want to have an opinion. Prepped new GSRs on what agenda topics are.

**Hospitals & Institutions**

(Carry the message to those confined to correctional & mental health facilities)

- Lisa: New H&I rep – serves 55 meetings per week. 300 people volunteer per week – still need 14 more meetings to be represented. Lots of service position available. In 2019 \$60,330.87 was contributed to H&I

**Bridging The Gap**

(Helping alcoholics just released from hospitals, treatment centers or correctional facilities transition to AA in their local community) - Christina C.

- Please fill out yellow cards to help someone to get to their first meeting.
- Please join the meeting 3rd Monday of the month @ 7:00 Pm, First Congregational Church on Hamilton – need Spanish speaking fellowship coordinator.

**Public Information (PI/CPC)** - Luisa

(Our information voice to the general public & professional)

- No report

**Sober and Free** — Jenny S.

- Alex gave update: Had a successful event – switch hitters. Next fundraiser is Saturday March 21st. There will be a musical based on Glee. Dinner before, cost is \$25 at Center for Spiritual Living on Clark Street – contact info@soberandfree.org for tickets.

**SCYPAA** - Ben

(Young People in AA)

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- Ben thanked IG for letter of support – submitted ACCYPAA bid package for conference in Sacramento 2/27 – 3/2 – preregister on [www.accypaa.org](http://www.accypaa.org).

**Open Forum** (What's on your mind?)

- NCAA: Marilyn announced for the first time in 10 years we will have the NCAA in San Jose (73rd year of conference)
- Fundraiser Dance: Feb 8th
- Need volunteers (also need to register and pay the registration fee): Friday at 3:30 PM there will be a long timers meeting, Saturday (lots of different items on the agenda). Need people to help greet and setup – give Marilyn your number.
- See flyers
- Conference: March 13, 14, 15 – Holiday Inn on First Street in San Jose – plenty of parking – please register (\$20) at [www.norcalaa.org](http://www.norcalaa.org) or register the day of the event. Please take the volunteer form or take picture of the flyer.

**Cleanup Announcement**

- If you can please help in cleaning up the space around you, we would like to return this space cleaner than we found it.

**Treasurer's Report—Mary**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$95

**Close with the Responsibility Statement:** “Who is Responsible...”

**Event: Friday-Saturday, May 1st-2nd**



May 1 - 2, 2020  
Billy DeFrank Center  
938 The Alameda  
San Jose, CA

Sober & Free is a fun-filled weekend of sobriety sponsored by the LGBT members of San Jose Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our conference provides dynamic speakers, insightful workshops, and exciting entertainment to carry the message of recovery.

<http://soberandfree.org/>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**February 2020**

	Feb 20	Feb 19	Jan - Feb 20
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
3030 - Contributions-General	16,974.50	12,847.94	41,098.98
3031 - Contributions - Birthday	210.00	0.00	640.00
3050 - Group Insurance (Group premium payments)	222.50	0.00	235.00
8010 - Literature Sales	4,235.90	3,692.34	9,273.85
8020 - Meeting Guide Sales	328.00	494.00	663.00
8055 - Central Office Events	0.00	105.00	0.00
8060 - Printing	186.01	311.07	876.36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,158.91</b>	<b>17,450.35</b>	<b>52,787.19</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 - Cost of Goods Sold			
5100 - Cost of Inventory Sold	3,428.28	3,053.00	7,553.54
5150 - Cost of Meeting Directories	700.94	279.00	801.83
<b>Total 5000 - Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>4,129.20</b>	<b>3,332.00</b>	<b>8,355.37</b>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>4,129.20</b>	<b>3,332.00</b>	<b>8,355.37</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,027.71</b>	<b>14,118.35</b>	<b>44,431.82</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6015 - Activities Committee Expense			
616 - Chili Cook-off Expense	650.00	0.00	650.00
617 - Sponsor Brunch Expenses	660.28	0.00	660.28
618 - Oldtimers Meeting Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
<b>Total 6015 - Activities Committee Expense</b>	<b>1,460.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,460.28</b>
6025 - Central Office Events Expense	0.00	213.93	0.00
6225 - Insurance - Emp. Health Plan	1,325.42	600.59	1,988.13
6240 - Employee HRA Plan	1,050.20	362.34	1,522.80
6330 - Office Expense	3,118.32	890.78	3,842.08
6380 - Payroll Taxes	823.12	377.30	1,777.11
6480 - Rent	3,403.50	3,384.50	6,807.00
6540 - Salaries - Office			
6541 - Vacation Pay	-392.26	787.46	395.20
6542 - Sick Pay (Sick Pay)	0.00	0.00	0.00
6540 - Salaries - Office - Other	9,495.17	4,441.21	19,083.09
<b>Total 6540 - Salaries - Office</b>	<b>9,102.91</b>	<b>5,228.67</b>	<b>19,478.29</b>
6560 - Payroll Expenses	128.48	237.49	309.74
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20,410.23</b>	<b>11,295.60</b>	<b>37,185.43</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,382.52</b>	<b>2,822.75</b>	<b>7,246.39</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
8025 - Rebate	0.00	-36.37	70.54
8030 - Interest Income	156.54	223.97	238.30
8070 - Returned Check Charges	10.00	0.00	10.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>166.54</b>	<b>187.60</b>	<b>318.84</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>166.54</b>	<b>187.60</b>	<b>318.84</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,215.98</b>	<b>3,010.35</b>	<b>7,565.23</b>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of February 29th, 2020

	<b>Feb 29, 20</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1000 · Prudent Reserve	
1021 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 0429 (12 Mo. CD @ 1.49%, 08/12/19)	18,374.24
1023 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 3228 (12 Mo. CD @ .7%, 02/05/19)	17,096.89
1027 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 7681 (12 Mo. CD @ .7%, 4/29/19)	15,505.70
1028 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 6955 (12 Mo. CD @ .6%, 01/02/20)	20,724.53
1029 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 8182 (10 Mo. CD @ .6%, 8/8/19)	15,416.45
1031 · (PR) First Rep. Bank CD 9158 (20 Mo. @ 1.98%, 11/7/19)	13,679.21
<b>Total 1000 · Prudent Reserve</b>	100,797.02
1010 · Petty Cash	174.95
1020 · First Republic Bank (Checking account)	21,405.28
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	122,377.25
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1110 · Accounts Rec - Group Deposits	-2,723.22
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	-2,723.22
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1250 · Literature Inventory	21,554.02
1310 · Prepaid Insurance	3,444.75
1499 · Undeposited Funds	7,591.75
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	32,590.52
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	152,244.55
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	3,861.49
<b>Other Assets</b>	1,993.85
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>158,099.89</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Credit Cards	4,401.64
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2240 · Sales Tax Payable (due quarterly)	841.10
2340 · Accrued Vacation	3,528.73
2600 · Unity Day	3,536.53
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	7,906.36
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	12,308.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	12,308.00
<b>Equity</b>	
3900 · Unrestricted Funds	138,226.66
Net Income	7,565.23
<b>Total Equity</b>	145,791.89
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>158,099.89</b>

**INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, INC.**  
**Group Contributions**  
**February 2020**

	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 20</u>		<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 20</u>
1 INV Early Bird Group 70988	0.00	350.00	High Hope (Men's) 238 (Sat.)	2,151.00	2,151.00
1 Inv Freedom Fellowship 70840	0.00	990.38	Higher Power Hour (Men) 872 (Mon.)	0.00	689.50
1 INV Fremont & Hollenbeck Group 70807	178.98	178.98	HOW Group 71 (Mon.)	0.00	235.00
1 INV Gilroy Groups 70908	329.00	329.00	In the Solution 847 (Sat.)	362.60	362.60
1 INV One Day at a Time 70803	1,441.00	2,844.49	Invaders Group 44 (Sun.)	163.00	163.00
1 INV R and B Group 70972	0.00	728.00	Los Altos Group 226 (Thur.)	0.00	221.88
1 INV South County Fellowship 70964	300.00	600.00	Los Altos Men's Group 68 (Mon.)	100.00	270.00
1 INV Spiritual Progress Group 70979	58.77	58.77	Men's Big Book (Caveman Op) 868 (Sun.)	0.00	259.00
1 INV Sufficient Substitute 313	0.00	2,100.00	Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	0.00	473.90
1 INV Sunnyvale Noon Fellowship 70975	0.00	860.00	Men's Single Problem Study 88 (Mon.)	0.00	300.00
1 INV Winchester Fellowship 70980	778.20	778.20	Men's Single Problem Study Gp 220 (Thur.)	0.00	959.00
12 Step Discussion 866 (Fri.)	0.00	93.80	Midday Women's Group 81 (Mon.)	287.60	287.60
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 810 (Thur.)	0.00	142.62	Mountain View Group 360 (Sat.)	156.80	156.80
A.B.C. Women's Group 68 (Mon.)	0.00	101.00	No Bull Big Book 866 (Fri.)	500.00	500.00
Big Book 103 (Thurs.) 466	0.00	20.00	One Big Tent (Wednesday) 637	0.00	37.10
Big Book Speakers Group 289 (Fri.)	1,000.00	1,000.00	Personal 00911	1.00	741.40
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	0.00	437.00	Plaza Del Rey Group (Sun) 062	0.00	238.70
Boiled Owls (Men's) 818 (Wed.)	2,176.30	2,176.30	Queer and Sober 871 (Sat.)	280.00	280.00
Bowers Fellowship 48 (Sun.)	0.00	445.21	Raffle Meeting (Thurs.) 631	0.00	168.46
California Ave. Supper Group 716 (Thur.)	0.00	124.60	Saturday Night Young People (142) PA	0.00	897.19
Campus Group 234 (Thur.)	0.00	43.00	Serenity Speaker Meeting 633 (Sun.)	630.05	630.05
Character Defeat Freedom 201 (Tues.)	0.00	675.00	Simply AA 301 (Tues.)	0.00	242.62
Chip Winners (Chips) 188 (Wed.)	0.00	125.30	Sisters Seeking Serenity 868 (Wed.)	0.00	560.00
Conscious Contact Meditation Grp LG 883	330.00	330.00	Sober Thoughts 489 (Wed.)	371.00	371.00
Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	0.00	342.36	South Valley Men's 846 (Thur.)	315.00	315.00
Earler Way Group 280 (Fri.)	0.00	286.30	South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	0.00	123.44
Eleventh Step Meditation 873 (Fri.)	0.00	140.00	Spiritual Awakening 813 (Tues.)	36.00	168.75
FireSide Big Book Study 808 (Tues.)	0.00	115.00	Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	0.00	384.48
Friday Big Book Study 702 (Fri.)	0.00	93.80	Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	0.00	80.85
G 10 10 Group 70961	1,035.19	1,035.19	Step Study MH 232 (Thur.)	70.00	70.00
G @4 Group 70926	840.00	840.00	Survivors (The) Step Study 331 (Wed.)	0.00	128.80
G Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	200.00	400.00	The Promises 686 (Mon.)	0.00	125.00
G Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	0.00	524.65	Think Tank (Men's) 381 (Sat.)	72.75	233.10
G Forged From Adversity Group 70967	0.00	301.00	Tuesday Night Men's Mtg 626 (Tues.)	0.00	317.23
G Milpitas We Care Group 70934	700.00	700.00	Tuesday Noon Step Study 668 (Tues)	0.00	385.98
G Serenity at Noon (Ika Agnew) 70821	0.00	280.00	Unknown	0.00	98.70
G Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70983	0.00	831.98	Veterans of Alcohol 874 (Tues.)	0.00	266.22
G Sunrises Group/Dennys 70932	409.86	780.14	We Have Arrived (Men's) 819 (Mon.)	36.45	36.45
G West Valley Fellowship 70942	0.00	762.30	Wednesday Night Big Book 678 (Wed.)	0.00	350.00
Gay & Lesbian AA Big Book Disco 148 (Tues.)	0.00	63.70	Women's Brunch 840 (Sat.)	0.00	438.70
Gay & Lesbian Sober Experience 886 (Mon.)	0.00	332.50	Women on the Move 670 (Wed.)	0.00	200.00
Gay & Lesbian Step & Trad GP 221 (Fri.)	48.55	48.55	Women Sharing the Solution 618 (Thur.)	455.00	455.00
Gay & Lesbian Toplo Disco 618 (Sat.)	0.00	140.00	Women to Women 704 (Sat.)	0.00	236.60
Gay Men's Freedom 282 (Thur.)	0.00	280.00	TOTALS	<u>18,874.60</u>	<u>41,628.88</u>
Gay Reflections on the Solution 841 (Wed.)	210.00	210.00			
Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	848.40	848.40			
Gratitude Group 338 (Sat.)	102.00	102.00			
Happy Destiny (Women) 108 (Tues.)	0.00	939.36			

