

# Santa Clara County Intergroup Council

MEETING AGENDA – August 2020

- *Welcome to Intergroup - Zoom*
- *Zoom Best Practices - if you wouldn't do it at an in person meeting, don't do it here! Please be mindful to turn off your video & audio when making noise or moving around, so as not to disrupt or distract others. You may unmute yourself when called upon, but please remember to mute yourself when you are done speaking.*
- *A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer*
- Reading of the Definition of Intergroup - Barbara Z.
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions - Rose W.
- Introduction of New Group Representatives - Barbara Z. - 8:30 AM Woman's Thursday at noon, Clare Womens Amethyst mtg
- Visitors - Stuart, Tim, Mel, Michael L. Tamlyn
- Birthday announcements - Sharon W. - July 13 - 31 years, Jackie- 24th July - 28 years, Aneerli 18 months, Greg 4 years in June, Melissa - 11 mos,
- Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Reports listed in the Coin. NA
- Observe our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – via Venmo

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## REPORTS

### **Intergroup Chair**

Jaye S. 408-489-5309

[javezdaisy@yahoo.com](mailto:javezdaisy@yahoo.com)

If you need to bring something to the meeting that requires more than a 3-5 minute discussion, please email me in advance so I can add it to the agenda. I am the new intergroup chair taking over for Frances and hoping to continue in October after elections.

Gloria - nominating committee: Nominating committee: Mike B, Mary Pat is travelling, Darcy - not in attendance, Mike W. Actively vetting candidates. Tonite IG reps will be asked if they are available for a position in October.

Nominating committee is in full swing and would like to thank and introduce the members of the committee:

Mike Blanchard Anne Kepner Mary Pat Panighetti Darcy Swinnerton Mike Whelan

We are actively vetting candidates and selected candidates will make their presentations at the September 2 IG Meeting.

It is customary to poll all current intergroup representatives at this phase of the process to give them the opportunity to be considered for the open positions:

I ask that all current IG reps only to use the "Raise Hand" feature on zoom, I will give you a few seconds to find it. I will start at the top of the participants list. I will say your name and you will respond YES or NO to your availability to serve in a position up for election in October.

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In order to serve you must meet the following sobriety requirement of 5 years for the Central Service Board and IG Chair and Alternate Chair; and 2 years for Recording secretary and alternate recording secretary.

If you answer YES you will need to send your contact information, email, phone# and the position you are interested in and your years of sobriety to the email address I will post in the chat and you will contact via email with further information on the nominations process.

I will ask again at the end of tonight's meeting in case any IG Reps arrive late.

## FULL QUALIFICATIONS

3 Central Service Board members requirements:

- 5 years continuous sobriety,
- US Citizen,
- Resident of Santa Clara County,
- Intergroup Rep experience
- Business experience, IT, Finance, HR are ideal
- This board oversees the operation of Central Office a non-profit business with paid employees
- 2 year commitment

IG Chair and Alternate Chair,

- 5 years continuous sobriety,
- IG Rep experience and knowledge of the function of the Intergroup Council.
- 2 year commitment;

- Recording secretary and alternate recording secretary,
- 2 years continuous sobriety,
- 1 year commitment.

If any current Intergroup Rep is interested in being considered for one of these positions, please contact me via email [gloagogo@yahoo.com](mailto:gloagogo@yahoo.com) with your full contact information and position you are interested in.

Alex B - not avail

Joe F - not avail

Stacey F. not avail

Moriah W - not avail

Greg G - Not avail

Jennifer B - not avail

Paul J - not avail

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Elle - not avail

Laura H - not avail

Amber - not avail

Anthony - not avail

Barbara Z. - not avail

Clare - not avail

Dan P. not avail

Gregory - not avail

Matt G - not avail

Jill B - avail

Laura H - not avail

Linda - not avail

Lori R - not avail

Melissa H - not avail

Nan C -

Neerlie - not avail

Rob O - not avail

Sharon L. not avail

Tom A - Yes

Christopher - Available

Anthony - not avail

**Committee Reports-** *Please keep reports to 3-5 minutes. As a reminder, please be sure to highlight your "Take Away".*

1. **Central Service Board:** Elected Group overseeing Central Office Operations  
Robby 408-373-2465

We met 2 weeks ago virtually and are keeping abreast of what is going on with Covid. Making operations as virtual as possible. Thank you for making donations - Carol B reported - cut expenses by 12K with a loss of \$8400 per year due to chili cook off and decline in literature.

2. **Central Office:** Central Office Updates

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Bruce 408-478-0712

Still offering curbside delivery. Kurt is there on Sat 10-2. 2020 convention was virtual because face to face was terminated and will be extended through the month of August - Phil will list on the website. Change is in the air at central office - chat is up and running and being used!!! Virtual solutions have had a great impact on the office. Will be changing the look of the online schedule/hybrid meetings. Phones will be changing, quick books will be online. Phil will report on the technical side.

2. **IT Coordinator:** Responsible for updating the AA website

Phil 408-656-2236

Calling in from Yosemite. A lot happening. Launch web hotline (Katy will talk about this). Virtual solutions committee: Documents on aasanjose.org. Will have virtual phone solution. Will use a cloud system. Figuring how to display hybrid meetings in the guide.

3. **Activities Committee:** Organize the many great activities for A.A, in Santa Clara County

Tiffany 408-831-8854 Alternate: Marquis 408-590-1459

No update - waiting to see what will happen with Covid

4. **Twelfth Step Committee:** Phone and visitation contact with callers in need

Blake 408-316-3938

Connect 12 steppers with chatters.. Introduce new members to the app. Take away - To be a coordinator you need to have at least 6 months of Sobriety - can do in person or over the phone. Next training will be August 15th at 10 AM via zoom - call Carol for Zoom details.

5. **Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator:** After-hours phone coverage for A.A. Hotline in SCC.

Carol B 650-743-5023

It is my privilege to be the Diverter Coordinator. Diverter Volunteers provide after-hours phone coverage. Other AA fellowships may call this service the 24-hour hotline or the AA hotline. We call it the Diverter because in the late 70s-early 80s we had a call-forwarding machine called The Diverter.

When our Central Office is closed, incoming calls are diverted (or forwarded) to a person who is on call. 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. 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.

- Currently we have no DIVERTER shift openings.
- Please think about becoming a DIVERTER if you don't yet have a shift; it's a great way to appreciate your sobriety.
- We are now conducting the DIVERTER/Web Hotline/12-Step Workshop on Zoom. The next Zoom workshop for these service positions will be Saturday, August 15, at 10:00. Please attend this workshop to understand how the Diverter service, the Web Hotline, and 12-Steppers help the alcoholic who still suffers. To receive the Zoom Meeting ID, contact [carolbuchser@aol.com](mailto:carolbuchser@aol.com) or text 650/743-5023.

Takeaway:

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- Diverter shifts are only once/month for an average time of 3-4 hours. You can take your shift wherever you happen to be: at home, on a Zoom meeting, at dinner, or out of town. This is an easy way to help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer or a person with long sobriety who is struggling.

Thank you for granting me the privilege of being in service.

6. **Web Hotline:** Coordinates web hotline functions

Katy F 408.368.0787 [thekwf@gmail.com](mailto:thekwf@gmail.com)

If you go to AAsanjose.org 8 AM - 8PM an app will launch if people want to chat. 18 trained members to help - service on Slack. Email Katy at [sccwebhotline@gmail.com](mailto:sccwebhotline@gmail.com). People can help when they are available. Sobriety requirement is 1 year of sobriety. Must complete 12 Step/Diverter training. Pool of volunteers - system in place to take questions.

7. **Secretary Workshop:** Discuss the Secretary's role as the facilitator of an A.A. Meeting

Cheryl 408-838-4188

No update

8. **Outreach Committee:** Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings

Jennifer 650-814-4434 Jesse 650-814-4167

Educate local AA groups about the purpose of AA and encourage meetings to have an IG rep. In virtual format right now. Post fliers in chat. 1 year sobriety to be in the Outreach committee.

9. **Newsletter Committee:** Help prepare our monthly newsletter the Coin

Mel 408-656-1521

August newsletter is coming out soon. Submit by Aug 19 step 9/tradition 9 and Justice. Need artwork, poems, stories or fun facts about AA. Send articles to [Coin@AAsanjose.org](mailto:Coin@AAsanjose.org)

10. **Nominating Committee:** Help with nominations and fill service roles

Gloria 408-656-9524

email: [GLOAGOGO@yahoo.com](mailto:GLOAGOGO@yahoo.com) - please email Gloria if you are interested in filling an open position.

Recording secretary, Alt rec secretary. Alt chair

11. **Virtual Solutions Committee:** Providing virtual solutions

Joe & Lisa Joe 408-427-1608 Lisa 408-807-4443

-The purpose of our committee is to be able to provide solutions to help groups make the decisions that are best for their group as it relates to going back to in-person meetings, online meetings, and online/in-person meetings. I'd like to thank the entire team (Lisa, Tamlin, Phil, and Gary) for all of their efforts these last couple of months.

-We are proud to report that there is a new tab on [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) website! It is called "Future In-Person" meetings. Under this tab you will find a menu; Overview, COVID-19 Group Inventory, Considerations for Future Meetings, Public Health Resources, Health Measures Checklist and Hybrid Meetings.

-The staying in line with our purpose statement, the information posted here is nothing more than suggestions or "have you considered" items to help groups/meetings with autonomously figuring out what works best for them in this Covid-19 era. There are no musts in these documents other than where it is pointed out that we MUST follow public health requirements as set out by the Santa Clara County Public Health Orders.

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- How your group chooses to handle the “musts” dictated by government health regulations is a matter for your group conscience to decide. While there are no “musts” in the A.A. program, we do need to abide by the laws that govern our larger community. Fortunately, our program of recovery has taught us how to be responsible citizens, both inside and outside the rooms of A.A. Tradition One tells us “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.” Tradition Four states, “Each group is autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole”, which cautions us to be mindful of how our actions may impact the wider A.A. community.

-Over the next month the goal of our committee is to come up with its terms, figure out how we will make sure the info for the website stays up to date, and also eventually add more information on Hybrid meetings.

## Old/Ongoing Business: None

Motion: None

New Business: None

## Other Service Committee Reports- Please keep reports under 2 minutes.

### 1. **North County General Service**

Lori

Summer assembly happening this Saturday August 8th on Zoom. Starts at 9:00 w/orientation. Do we want a transgender pamphlet? There will be some cool workshops. Workshops start at 1:00 - Zoom meeting ID: 91511091230 pw: 1935

### 2. **South County General Service**

Scott 408-449-1625

District 40. Biggest news approved to add module to zoom acct to provide translation (spanish). Will meet on Zoom for the rest of the year. If you have a new GSR please contact Scott.

### 3. **Hospitals & Institutions:** Carrying the message to those confined to correctional & mental health facilities

Lisa 408-807-4443

Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Contributions are down 20-25%. Need books for jail, rehab, venmo@area71Handl to contribute. Will talk about inmate sponsorship program at the next H and I meeting - October 11th (Zoom)

### 4. **Bridging The Gap:** Helping alcoholics just released from hospitals, treatment centers or correctional facilities transition to A.A. in their local community

Christina C. 408.600.6806

Lori standing in - has been dark. Discussed to get in touch of all of the facilities to see about setting meetings up in Zoom

### 5. **PI/CPC:** Our information voice to the general public & professionals

Luisa 408-930-6046

None

### 6. **Sober and Free:** Annual LGBT Conference

Alex 484-477-3584

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7. **SCCYPAA:** Young People in A.A.  
Ben (510) 324-6302

None

8. **Unity Day:** August 29  
Stuart is Unity Day chair. Unity Day will be held on August 29th at 1:00 Pm on Zoom. Email will be sent out. Not asking for money because there is a reserve.

## Open Forum- What's on your mind?

St. Marks is closing due to a plumbing problem.

Not listing "in person" meetings on the website. Only Zoom meetings are listed in the directory. If it is not on the website we should not be talking about it. AA will be compliant with the law.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary, can we get a Treasurer's report for tonight? **\$26**

**Close with the Responsibility Statement:** "Who is Responsible..."

## Chat Notes

From Lori Renois IGR to Everyone: (7:36 PM): Lori Renois new IGR Second Tradition. Lrenois@aol.com. Please add me to the list. At present time I am still the liaison for District 04.

From Barbara Z, IGR for Thu 8:30am to Everyone: (7:36 PM): Please, add me to the phone list.

From Linda Yépiz ॐ to Everyone: (7:38 PM): hi! I still need to be added to the email list:  
[LINDAYEPIZ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LINDAYEPIZ@GMAIL.COM) = Thank you!

From Tamlyn/Virtual Solutions subcommittee to Everyone: (7:38 PM): Please check your muting and mute yourself if you are not speaking!

From Mary S. to Everyone: (7:39 PM): 7th Tradition - Please make your contributions via Venmo @Mary-Silv

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE TO SERVE IG COUNCIL OR CENTRAL SERVICE BOARD, SEND ME AN EMAIL GLOAGOGO@YAHOO.COM. I will be happy to send email with information or we can talk on the phone. Thank you for your consideration.

From Katy F - Web Hotline to Everyone: (8:14 PM): sccwebhotline@gmail.com

From Jennifer B-Outreach & IGR for Sunnyvale Noon Group to Everyone: (8:18 PM)  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bw\\_GBYbwxkoaFeRlgNLbZv7gnwjAKbHP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bw_GBYbwxkoaFeRlgNLbZv7gnwjAKbHP/view?usp=sharing)

From Mel M to Everyone: (8:23 PM): Hi Everyone - Check out the COIN at <https://aasanjose.org/coin>. Please submit contributions to coin@aasanjose.org. September 2020 topics are Step 9, Tradition 9, and Justice. Submissions for the September issue are due by August 19th. Thank you =)

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From Lisa Rund to Everyone: (8:28 PM): Contributions to H&I can be made thru Venmo @Area71HANDI or at the website [handiwork.org](http://handiwork.org) or [handinorcal.org](http://handinorcal.org)

From Stuart B Unity Day to Everyone: (8:32 PM): Unity Day Flyer can be located at: <https://aasanjose.org/event/https-aasanjose-org-wp-content-uploads-2020-07-save-the-date-with-agenda-pdf>

From Lisa Rund to Everyone: (8:35 PM): San Quentin sponsorship program: Jeff L. 408.234.2056. Meeting is 10/11 at 11 am. Jeff will give you Zoom Mtg number.

From Christopher J IGR (SNL) to Everyone: (8:40 PM): Christopher J IGR SNL, question about meeting app for Phil W., Cell: (619) 362-1595