

# Santa Clara County Intergroup Council

MEETING AGENDA – September 2, 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 - Nancy A.
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions - Diane O.
- Introduction of New Group Representatives – if you are a new Intergroup Rep, please email me your address so we can send you a New Rep Packet and you can get the COIN monthly. None
- Visitors - Glenn E. from Gilroy, Tim, Greg - Men Seeking Guidance,
- Birthday announcements - Jaye 6 years on 8/31, Diane 46 years, Virginia 14 years on Aug 6th, Bonnie 35 years on Aug. 9th
- Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Reports listed in the Coin. None
- Observe our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – via Venmo - @mary-silv

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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 to me in advance so I can add it to the agenda.

Also, we will be keeping the meeting open for 10 minutes after the close of the meeting for any questions and to give people extra time to get items of interest / links out of the chat.

Tonight, the nominating committee will be presenting us with their nominees for the service positions within Intergroup as well as the Central Service Board

**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

Continue to make good progress w/Phil - website: Centrally service board has thought carefully about meetings see: [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org) for current list of meetings

2.    **Central Office:** Central Office Updates  
Bruce                      408-478-0712

Financial support for the office is appreciated. Don't forget about H and I and supporting other services. Curbside service continues on Saturdays 10-2 at Central Office. Shout out to Carol, webchat team these people are doing a great job. Thanks to Kurt and the Unity Day Team!!! Central office fairs well.

3.    **IT Coordinator:** Responsible for updating the AA website  
Phil                      408-656-2236

Not in attendance

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

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

None

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

Blake 408-316-3938

12 steppers carry the message of AA. If you have 6 months of sobriety you can be a 12 stepper. Workshop is every 3rd Saturday at 10 AM. 12 steppers help w/Diverter, Web Hotline. Sept 19 is the next training. If you have 6 months please consider being a 12 stepper

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

Carol B 650-743-5023

Carol B.:

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, September 19, 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:

- 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.

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

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

None

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

Cheryl 408-838-4188

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Have not had a workshop the last couple of months, but will have one this Saturday (see website for details). Cheryl would like a resource on how to secretary a meeting in Zoom. Check w/Amber on Zoom.

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

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

Jessie reporting: Educate local AA groups on IG - attend meetings to see if they have an IG rep or see if they are interested in having an IG. Need ambassadors to help. Get flyers to Bruce at Central Office

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

Mel 408-656-1521

September coin will be published shortly - October submissions are due on 10/9 Topics are perseverance step 10 tradition 10 submit to "coin@aa sanjose.org".

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

Gloria 408-656-9524

Presentation of Nominees for Central Service Board:

-Steve D: Sober since May 5 1991, Attorney by profession since 1985, Need to give back to keep sobriety, brought meetings to James Boy Ranch, GSR, Handl, secretary numerous times, spent time in Alcohol Recovery Homes (handled county funds for recovery homes). Spent 12 serving on the board of ARH (6 years as the director). Served in various other AA commitments. Facilitator for Mental Health organization. In the beginning process helping people get through the process to help in the jails

-Mary D: IG rep for 6 years, Diverter volunteer, General Service, Unity day coordinator, meeting secretary numerous times, Going to Elmwood, setup/clean up. 30 years in business strategy/program management, managing a staff of over 350 people, manages a budget.

-Mark K: Sober since October 4 1977 in Minnesota. No central office in Minnesota so published own phone number(with a few other people) and listed it in the phone book. Did outreach service in the Doctor's office, junior college. Various AA positions and have held every service position. Professional experience managed electronics company, owner of transportation service.

-Wendy S: Sober since July 25 2013. Service: making coffee, IR, Secretary, H&I, secretary coordinator, Norcal finance chair, proposed 2021 budget for H&I . Supervise legal office (30 years), helped setup ways to work remotely, volunteered at 3 sons schools

-Bill S: Sober since Jan 26 2002. GSR rep, Professional life - restaurant industry for 15 years. Manage 6 people, participate in the department budget, report to executives what is needed, in charge of a 6 million budget, collaborate well with others. Practice the principles

Presentation of Nominees for Intergroup Chair:

-Jaye S: Aug 31, 2014, 10-12 meetings per week, service: mtg secretary, chips, make snacks, recording secretary. Alt. chair for the last 2 years, covered for Francis while on maternity, Unity Day spokesperson. Loved being IG rep. Professional job: run kitchen administrative department for corporate catering department, manage 5 employees

Presentation of Nominees for Intergroup Alt. Chair:

-Jill B

Presentation of Nominees for Intergroup Secretary:

-Christopher J: sober since March 12 2017, coffee commitments, IG rep, weekly setup/breakdown, volunteer for mental health facilities, works for the school district (counseling and therapy). Secretary different meetings, attend business meetings. Works with sponsees. Bachelor degree in Anthropology, masters in ???, medical billing, good with computers, Google Apps, Empathic with others, loves to surf and go to the cinema.

Presentation of Nominees for Alt. Intergroup Secretary:

-Linda Y: Not in attendance. Jun 19 2007, IG rep

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Elections will be next month during IG

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

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

- Our committee has officially built terms and submitted them.
  - § Updated Purpose Statement: The purpose of this committee is to be able to provide resources on [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) to help autonomous groups make autonomous group decisions during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The resources provided will relate to in-person meetings, online meetings, online/in-person (hybrid) meetings, and Covid-19 public health resources.
- A reminder to please share with your meetings/group the “Future In Person Meetings” tab on the [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) website.
- Since last month there have been no changes to SCC Public Health Order. If/when updates happen, which pertain to “Gatherings”, we will make appropriate revisions to the [www.aasanjose.org](http://www.aasanjose.org) website.
- Feel free to contact the committee at [aasjvsc@gmail.com](mailto:aasjvsc@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

**Motion:**

**New Business:** None

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

1. **North County General Service**

Lori  
Preparing for elections which will take place in October. Making yourself available and what does that mean. Electing area officers.

2. **South County General Service**

Scott                      408-449-1625  
None

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

Lisa                      408-807-4443

Working on getting literature into institutions (hospitals and jails) 15 meetings per week. H&I Zoom meeting was bombed - very traumatic - working with Elmwood to process clearance. Mariposa lodge was evacuated, but are back now and are going to try some in person meetings. Contributions for July \$997, ytd \$29,951

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

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Supports people who have just been released by providing a contact to help connect them to AA on the outside. Just started joining facilities via Zoom. Mtg on 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM

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

Luisa 408-930-6046

None

6. **Sober and Free:**

Blake 408-316-3938

LGBTQ event is free (international event)

7. **SCCYPAA:** Young People in A.A.

Ben (510) 324-6302

none

8. **Unity Day:** August 29

Stuart

none

67 people in attendance

18 IR reps

**Open Forum-** What's on your mind? Please raise your hand & wait to be called on so we don't have a lot of people talking over one another. Larry is very interested in web chat. Carol will check with Katy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary, can we get a Treasurer's report for tonight? \$32

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