

Santa Clara County Intergroup Council

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Welcome to Intergroup!

- 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.
 - Please put IGR after your name to indicate you are an Intergroup Rep
- A Moment of Silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*: Jaye S.
- Reading of the Definition of Intergroup: Tammy
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions: Austin R.
- Introduction of New Group Representatives: Cathy: Monday Los Gatos Big Book Meeting; Greg: Young at Heart; Gail W: Tuesday Women's Group -- Jill B. discussed the new Intergroup Orientation. The tab/link on aasanjose.org says New Intergroup Orientation. New reps should fill out the form you'll find on the tab. New IG orientation is every month on the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please attend if you are a new Intergroup rep
- Visitors: Brian D.; Bob E.
- Birthday Announcements: Neerali: 2 yrs. on 1/21; Mel: 4 yrs. on 1/18; Gary: 28 yrs. on 1/1; Ashley: 5 yrs. on 1/9; Ray from NOLA: 39 yrs. on 12/24; Stephanie: 10 yrs. on 1/17; Barbara: 7 yrs. on 1/14; Billy Bob: 3 yrs. on 1/22; and Phil W.: 9 yrs. on 2/1.
- Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Reports listed on the website: Under PI/PCP last month, Jacob was misquoted as saying PI/PCP was looking for a political outreach coordinator. PI/CPC does NOT have any such position.
- Treasurer's Report – Alexis
 - Observe our 7th Tradition – Either by Venmo (select the QR code shown below or type in @Alexis-Winslow-1 in the Venmo App) or by mailing a check to Alexis Winslow - 375 Oleander Dr, San Jose, 95123 winslowalexis2@gmail.com Thank You! January: 80. Total 604. Current 684

@Alexis-Winslow-1



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- Voting Member Count – Jill: 40

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Intergroup Chair

Jaye S. 408-489-5903

jayezdaisy@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. Please remember, there is a difference between New Business and Open Forum.

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.

Email flyers to Jaye or Central Office to be published on our website.

Committee Reports- *Please keep reports to 3-5 minutes.* Please be sure to highlight your “Take Away”. Also, please email your reports whenever possible to Christopher – xtopherjahn@gmail.com

1. **Central Service Board:** Elected Group overseeing Central Office Operations
Carole R. 408-621-9300 caroleruvalcaba@gmail.com

The Central Service Board met last month, on Thursday Jan 28, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

1. The CSB reviewed business matters relevant to our next several board meetings.
2. Treasurer shared the December 2020 Treasury Report, details follow.

DEC 2020 FINANCIAL REVIEW – TREASURY REPORT

Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County, Incorporated

I. Treasury Summary (as of DEC 31, 2020):

- ƒ Group **Contributions** for DEC 2020 **\$20,448.06** Down -3% over the same period LY \$-586.10
- ƒ Group **Contributions YTD:** **\$173,129.82** Down -1% over the same period LY \$-2,198.15
- ƒ Total Ordinary **Income YTD** was **\$193,448.48** Down -20% change over the same period LY. (Vs. Total Ordinary Income LY YTD = **\$241,697.44** delta= \$-48,248.96
- ƒ Total **Expenses YTD** were **\$189,944.09** Down -12% over the same period LY \$-25,781.68
- ƒ Net **Income YTD** was **\$-9,283.82** Down -7% over the same period LY \$-640.60
- ƒ **Prudent Reserve** Balance **\$86,157.72**

II. Group Contributions Analysis:

- ƒ **Monthly:** DEC 2020 **\$20,448.06**
- ƒ **Sequentially:** Compared to NOV 2020 at **\$5,046.85** Up 305% (Month-over-Month)
- ƒ **Year-Over-Year:** Compared to DEC 2019 at **\$21,034.16** Down -3% or \$-586.10 (Year-over-Year)
- ƒ **Yearly-to-date:** Contributions – DEC 31, 2020 **\$173,129.82**
vs 1-yr-ago **\$175,327.97** DOWN -1% YoY or \$-2,198.15

Source: Central Service Board Meeting - Treasury Report Summary 2/03/21

[See full Financial Report on the website at:

<https://aasanjose.org/co-intergroup-financials-and-minutes>

Message from Central Service Board

Attention: Intergroup Reps & Volunteers

Please share this **7th Tradition Contributions Announcement** at all AA meetings you attend.

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Your **7th tradition contributions** pay for more than just meeting expenses; each group uses a percentage of excess funds to contribute to **Santa Clara County Central Office**. Central Office is an essential service for our community; supporting aa members by selling books and literature, maintaining the AA San Jose website, AA phone hotline, storing Santa Clara County aa archival documents, and covers any expenses incurred by providing these services to our community.

Even though we don't currently have *in-person* meetings, there are still expenses associated with keeping Central Office operating and running. Without these important services, it is difficult to **carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers**. When deciding how much to contribute during the 7th tradition collection, we ask you to keep these local support services in mind.

Please encourage your homegroups any AA meetings you attend to set up Venmo and PayPal accounts to **collect 7th tradition funds** during the pandemic, so that these critical functions of our Central Office can continue to be provided to our AA fellowship.

Thank you,
Central Service Board
Carole R, Board Chair 2021
02/03/2021

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

Please consider joining the ranks of the Faithful Fivers. This is a program which allows you to make recurring contributions to Central Office each month, in any amount. This can be done on our website and is very easy to set up.

If you missed the "Let's Talk Diversity" gathering, I think you missed something important. The participants I spoke with seemed very happy and excited about this and hope to continue this discussion. I'd love to see it blossom.

January is the time for several governmental corporate and business filings (what I call the care and feeding of a corporation):

- County Assessor:
 - o 1. Property tax statement
 - o 2. Welfare exemption
- Secretary of State – Statement of Information
- City of Campbell - Bus. License renewal

These have all been done.

A filing with the Attorney General is required and will be prepared along with the taxes.

Look for Newcomer packets on our website soon.

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If your group is planning an event, please send a flyer to Central Office. We can get this on our website, make copies, and assist with promoting this event.

And Central Office fairs well.

3. **IT Director:** Responsible for CO tech and updating the AA website
Phil

IT is working on with SF and East Bay central offices to work on tools to update our website. Web Content and Web Tech committees are in their early stages and under the umbrella of a Web Committee. The new intergroup reps can fill out their registration form on the central office website. Phil is doing something similar for the Outreach Committee. Every else is going smoothly. IT is preparing the website for an eventual reintegration of in person meetings, whenever that may be in the future.

4. **Virtual Solutions Committee:** Providing virtual solutions
Joe 408-427-1608 Lisa 408-807-4443 aasjvsc@gmail.com

The purpose of this committee is to be able to provide resources on 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.

- Our Committee is still at a pause until restrictions change for the County/State. We will continue to do research and post information when it is appropriate to do so.
- We ask that you please share with your meetings/group the “Future In Person Meetings” tab on the www.aasanjose.org website.
 - You may want to work with your General Service Rep and look over the document we created titled “AA Group Inventory for the COVID-19 Era”. It is a great resource for your group to either utilize or reference if you are interested in doing a group inventory. As a reminder a Group Inventory helps the group/meeting evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose to help alcoholics recover through A.A. 's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery.
 - <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Group-Inventory-for-the-Covid-19-Era.pdf>
 - Some feedback we have heard is that traditionally the GSR is responsible for heading the group inventory. Since every meeting/group is autonomous, and with these extraordinary circumstances, we believe that the group/meeting should discuss and decide for themselves who should best lead this.
 - This is NOT a full group Inventory; it has been tailored based on Covid-19 topics. It is meant to be either used as is or a starting point for your groups/meetings to use at their discretion.

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- We would like to ask the General Service Liaisons to please make sure and share this info from the website with General Service.
- Also feel free to post this inventory on any Santa Clara AA Social Media groups to help spread the word. For example, I know a lot of groups have created Facebook Groups, this would be great info to pass along so that members who may not attend business meetings have access to these resources.
- Feel free to contact the committee at aasjvsc@gmail.com with any questions.

5. **Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator:** After-hours phone coverage for A.A. Hotline in SCC.
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 one DIVERTER shift opening: the third Wednesday of the month from 6:00-10am beginning March 3. Does anyone want to raise your hand to take this shift? Or think about it and give me a note in the chat, including your phone number.
- 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, February 20, 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 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.

6. **Twelfth Step Committee:** Phone and visitation contact with callers in need
Blake 408-316-3938

12th step committee members can spend more time with callers on the phone. This committee has a 6 month sobriety requirement. Pre-Covid 12 steppers also sometimes met with callers in need in person or took them to meetings.

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Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop

(Every 3rd Saturday at 10am)

Upcoming: February 20th @ 10am

Meeting ID: 172 445 181

Passcode: 019237

Diverter = 1 year sobriety

Web Hotline = 1 year sobriety

12 Stepper = 6 months sobriety

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

Katy F. sccwebhotline@gmail.com

Service where visitors to website can interact with hotline volunteers via a chat bubble on the website. The sobriety requirement is one year. Attend the Diverter/12 stepper/ Web Hotline workshop to join .

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

Cheryl

The workshop is held on the first Saturday every month at 10 am. This month's workshop is on Feb.

6. See the website for details.

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

Jesse 650-814-4167

Outreach Committee: Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings

Committee Chair: Jesse B jbresnahan@gmail.com

Our purpose is to serve as ambassadors for Intergroup. We do this through the following actions:

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- Attending AA meetings and educating local AA groups about the purpose, activities, and service opportunities of Intergroup and Central Office.
- Encouraging AA meetings & groups to participate in Intergroup.
- Ensuring the accuracy of the Santa Clara County AA Meeting Directory

We are actively looking for AA members to participate in the Outreach Committee. It is recommended that volunteer ambassadors have at least 1 year of sobriety. Familiarity or previous experience with Intergroup is beneficial, but not required. There is no minimum service term.

Outreach Committee Orientations will be provided on request – please contact Jesse B.

In addition to visiting meetings, we are currently collaborating with the IT Coordinator (Phil W) to develop an online form to seamlessly submit corrections/updates/changes to meeting details and trusted servants. We hope that this will provide an easy solution for individual meetings to participate in ensuring the accuracy of the AA Meeting Directory as we transition back to in-person and hybrid meetings.

TAKEAWAY:

Please share the following flyer with your meetings, and encourage your members to participate:

[Outreach Committee Handout.pdf](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A-xDd_L15tX6hksnNENaVk0UgkETJVkr/view?usp=sharing

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

The Activities Committee Chair is open. There is a 2 year sobriety requirement. Coordinate and oversee activities sponsored by intergroup. The attend intergroup meetings monthly. Events include the Chili Cook-Off, Oldtimers Meeting and Sponsor/Sponsee Brunch. Email Jaye or Central Office if you are interested in that position.

11. **Newsletter Committee:** Help prepare our monthly newsletter the COIN

Mel

For March the topics are Step 3, Tradition 3 and Faith. Submissions should be made by February 15th. Mel now has a co-editor. The Coin is now up to date.

Old/Ongoing Business: None.

Motion: None.

New Business: None

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

1. **North County General Service**

Pris Alt. DCMC

North County General Service has 13 new GSRs. They are the link between your group and AA as a whole. GSRs are nominated by your groups. GSRs communicate the voices of their groups at District Meetings, General Assemblies and the General Conference. We are awaiting our final General Service Topics. We are in the works of finalizing an Agenda Topics Workshop that is slated for March 13th. It will be hosted by Districts 4 and 40. We have a DCM position open in District 4, Saratoga. This role needs to be filled by a GSR. PRASA will be held March 5th through March 7th. Thank you.

2. **South County General Service**

Veronica veroc1977@gmail.com

Make sure your group has a GSR. General Service meetings are held once a month. GSR Orientation Meetings are held once a month.

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

Provides meetings and sponsorship. At this time, of 29 facilities served by H and I, only 8 facilities are currently having zoom meetings. Monetary donations help provide books and pamphlets and appreciate your contributions. Julian Street Inn needs a Coordinator if you have some H and I experience. Stanford is trying to get Zoom meetings going; they need people to help with co-hosting. Jeff, the H and I chair for the NorCal area thanks everyone who voted for the inmate sponsorship program.

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.

The committee meets every third Monday of the month at 7pm. We need volunteers. Bridging the gap is currently helping people get to meetings via Zoom.

5. **PI/CPC:** Our information voice to the general public & professionals Jacob 925-727-6109

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The Santa Clara County Public information in cooperation with the Professional Community Committee is working on tech stuff (web presents) To help with connecting the public, corporate, medical, education, religious, and military..... with A.A. Landing pages are being custom built help focus resources on specific outreach programs. Military outreach is being discussed and built now. More will be announced after review and approval by the committee. Our committee looks good and it appears the personnel I have worked with so far, in a short amount of time, just want to help drunks.

Your trusted servant,
Jacob S.

6. **Sober and Free:**

Blake Joe filled in for Blake this month

Sober and Free is a fun-filled weekend of sobriety sponsored by the LGBTQ+ members of San Jose Alcoholics Anonymous. Our conference provides dynamic speakers, insightful workshops utilizing the Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and exciting entertainment to carry the message of recovery. We have various smaller events throughout the year to help raise funds for our annual conference which will be May 14th and 15th of this year.

-We had our annual Switch Hitters event this last Saturday night! I know I saw some of you there! Thanks for your support. It was fantastic!

-Our next monthly event will be on Sunday Feb 28th. We are finalizing the details and will share the flyer with Phil and Jaye so they can pass it along asap.

For more information on Sober and Free go to www.soberandfree.org , and thanks,
Joe N.

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

Ben

No report.

Open Forum- What is on your mind? Please raise your hand & wait to be called on so we do not have a lot of people talking over one another.

Jaye: Intergroup Activities Chair is open. The Activities Committee also oversees the Intergroup Holiday Party from December. Phil W.: Regarding Zoom accounts from NY Central Office. They will no longer host our Zoom Accts. for us as of February 28th. You can fill out a form on aasanjose.com to keep you Zoom ID, by transferring it to a different account. Tamlyn is looking for other groups to band together and share the cost for a new account.

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Treasurer's Report- Alexis, what were our contributions for tonight? \$ 51.00. Also, remember, you can contribute for February up until the 28th of the month to count for this month. Please put "Intergroup 7th Tradition" in the memo on your check or Venmo.

Close with the Responsibility Statement: "Who is Responsible...": Jaye S.