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Try This



✓ **STEP ELEVEN AND TRADITION ELEVEN**

STEP Eleven: “Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for the knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

TRADITION Eleven: “Our public relations policy is based on attraction, rather than promotion: we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

✓ **QUOTE FOR REFLECTION**



✓ **MEMBER'S CORNER**



Thank you to our Santa Clara Intergroup, our volunteers, and our members for their unwavering efforts to create a sober community abundant with fellowship.

Gloria V. details below how A.A. Santa Clara County shines at celebrating recovery! We are also grateful to Kristin F. who contributed her poem, “Survivor”. We love to hear about a great meeting, a celebration, or a story that brings inspiration to recovery! More information about writing for **The COIN** can be found at:

coin@aasanjose.org

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!!

The 16th annual picnic hosted by Saturday Morning Los Gatos and Spiritual Progress Group of Los Gatos (SPG celebrating their 65th Anniversary) was a great success.

The event took place on Saturday, September 16th and was filled with joy and camaraderie. Our Volunteers (BBQ, Decorations, Ticket Sales, Side Dishes, Raffle, Set-Up/Clean-Up) worked tirelessly, and their efforts were greatly appreciated. The picnic featured delicious food, including tri-tip, chicken, burgers, hot dogs, and several sides. The weather was beautiful, adding to the enjoyment of the day.

Total Donation to Central Office:
\$3,400.00 after expenses.

The highlight of the event was the fellowship among the 160 attendees, which can best be described as Priceless.

Thank you!

CELEBRATING EARLY MORNING RISERS

Primary Purpose of San Jose meets at 6am Monday through Saturday. These early risers recently celebrated one year of meetings with a picnic on Saturday September 30th!

We had a blast celebrating recovery with our Fellowship while enjoying delicious BBQ!

After we paid our expenses, we were able to make a donation to Central office of \$1,220.

We are so excited to be part of the Santa Clara County AA Community!

Thank you!



A FAMILY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SOBRIETY

On October 27, 2023 a celebration was held for the Easthouse brothers (Vern and Gary) who celebrated 100 combined years of sobriety at the Living Solutions meeting. This meeting was founded by their father Al in the 1980's.

The standing room only crowd enjoyed a potluck feast and fellowship to honor this once in a lifetime occasion. The Living Solutions AA meeting followed at 7pm where we learned about the legacy of the Easthouse family in our flourishing AA community. The topic of the meeting was "Keep Coming Back".

Al Easthouse got sober July 22, 1951. On October 30, 1951 he attended the presentation of the Lasker Award to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous for Distinguished Service in the Field of Public Health. It gave formal recognition of AA's success in treating alcoholism as an illness and in blotting out its social stigma.

Al met and shook hands with our founder Bill Wilson who was at the ceremony in San Francisco to accept the award. There is a photo of them taken at the event.

Interested in finding out about other family sobriety legacies, Gary wrote the following to the Grapevine in August 2023 (shared with permission).

“We live in the sober rich environment of ‘quality sobriety’ in Silicon Valley. There are over 700 AA meetings weekly in Santa Clara County.

My brother Vern and I got sober in the 1970’s. Vern’s sobriety date is 10/02/70 and mine is 10/12/76 we have 100 years of sobriety between us.

We’ve spoken with Archives at GSO in New York as well as members of the huge Pacific Group in Southern California and I have not found brothers with 100 years. I’m told Clancy has 3 daughters with 100 years which is impressive.

Our father Al Easthouse passed away 7/27/13 with 62 years. We are fortunate to have 10 members of our extended family in Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are curious to know if any brother combination in the US has 100 years.

In gratitude, knowing that ‘GOD’S IN CHARGE’.”

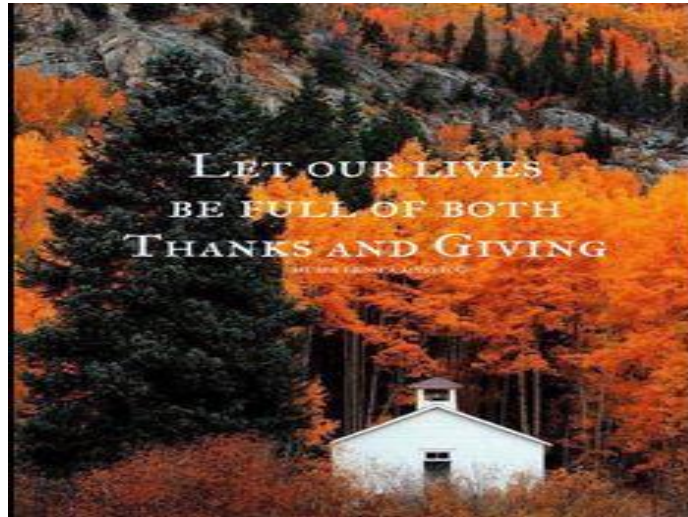
Gary E.



SURVIVOR by: Kristin F.

Couldn't find the words
Never said them aloud
Now I stand up daily
Announcing myself in front of a crowd
It wasn't something I was proud of
I felt so ashamed
Often sitting wondering
How'd my life end up this way
Now I wear it like a badge of honor
Like those who have fought in battle
Because this journey's a matter
Of life and death
Not to be taken lightly
Or a line you can straddle
It takes hard work, dedication
And rigorous honesty
Met with courage and strength
Is the only way to fight this malady
You must be willing to surrender
Become part of, not hang around the rim
You'll want to join the fellowship
If you stand a chance to win
Today I'm a member of an elite group
Sit with those who chose to become fighters
Today I stand tall, knowing that I
Am also a survivor

✓ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



There are many ways to show your gratitude for your sobriety.
Please consider a volunteer position or by making a financial contribution to our Santa Clara Intergroup Office.

There is a volunteer opportunity for you here in Santa Clara County! For a complete schedule - Please visit: <https://aasanjose.org>

A great way to learn about Volunteer Opportunities, to meet amazing people who keep our A.A. program in the flow, and to enjoy some delicious snacks is to attend the monthly Intergroup Meeting – the first Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting: November 1st – 7:30 to 9:00 Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave, San Jose – ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



JOIN

THE FAITHFUL TWENTY-FIVERS!!!



Who are The Faithful Twenty-Fivers?

- ❖ **The Faithful Twenty-Fivers** are members of our Santa Clara County A.A. community who provide a **vital** contribution of only \$25.00 per month (or any amount you choose!) to help “**carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**”

Where do contributions go?

- ❖ All contributions go **directly** to support our A.A. programs in Santa Clara County:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The 24 Hour Hotline▪ 12 Step Calls▪ Meeting Schedules (online and Print)▪ Sales of Literature and Sobriety Coins▪ Affordable Group Insurance Umbrella▪ Publishing of monthly Newsletter▪ Support of Outreach, Activities and Intergroup Committees | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maintain, protect and display archive materials▪ Maintenance of the Website▪ Advertising of Fellowship Groups▪ Printing for Groups▪ Cooperation with other A.A. services such as General Services and H&I▪ New Secretary and Diverter Workshops and many other workshops |
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How do I contribute?

Easy : <https://aasanjose.org/product/faithful-fiver>

✓ **NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Santa Clara County Intergroup
Presents
Annual Take Your
Sponsor to Brunch
Saturday, November 11, 2023
10am-1pm
12noon Speaker Meeting
Location:
Lincoln Glen Church
2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose
Food for all to enjoy
Tickets on sale at Central Office
\$15 donation per person
Get involved ... volunteer to help at the event...
make a raffle donation...buy a ticket for a friend
For information send an email to info@aaasanjose.org
or contact Gary Meade 408 690 1869**

Bill W. on Sponsorship - Grapevine April 1961
"Though three hundred thousand have recovered in the last
twenty-five years, maybe half a million more have walked
into our midst, and then out again.
"We can't well content ourselves with the view that all
these recovery failures were entirely the fault of the newcomers
themselves. Perhaps a great many didn't receive the kind
and amount of sponsorship they so sorely needed.
We didn't communicate when we
might have done so.
So we AA's failed them." - Bill W.



ROCKETED INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION OF DRAG



Saturday, November 18th
7pm - 9pm

Music | Fun | Food | Drag

Purchase \$15 Pre-Sale tickets via Venmo @MarkSapien #DRAG

A portion of the proceeds go to Northern California Hospital
and Institutions and Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County.

**CENTER FOR
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1195 CLARK STREET
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LIVE AND LET LIVE





ANNOUNCING UPCOMING EVENTS!!

FROM THE A.A. SANTA CLARA
INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE

WE HOPE YOU MARK YOUR
CALANDERS NOW!

✱ **DECEMBER 6, 2023**
InterGroup Potluck Dinner

✱ **DECEMBER 9, 2023**
Central Office Tamale Party

✱ **FEBRUARY 10, 2024**
Old Timer's Meeting

✱ **APRIL 20, 2024**
Chili Cook-Off

✱ **JUNE 22, 2024**
Founder's Day Celebration

✱ **OCTOBER 19, 2024**
Take Your Sponsor to Brunch

✱ **DECEMBER 4, 2024**
InterGroup Potluck Dinner

✱ **DECEMBER 14, 2024**
Central Office Tamale Party

DETAILS

WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE A.A.
SANTA CLARA CENTRAL OFFICE
WEBSITE:

<https://aasanjose.org>

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY BY
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email](https://aasanjose.org/#join-email)

PLEASE JOIN US!

✓ OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



| Birthday Celebrant | Years | Contributor | Birthday |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Samantha B. | 26 | John S. | 10/12/1997 |
| Alexis W. | 8 | John S. | 10/23/2015 |
| Tracy A. | 11 | John S. | 10/18/12 |
| Frank F. | 33 | Frank F. | 10/02/1990 |
| Doug G. | 36 | Doug G. | 10/03/1987 |
| Jerry C. | 43 | Jerry & Sheila | 10/10/1980 |
| Andrew | 31 | Anonymous | 10/12/1992 |



188 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!

Birthdays are listed in recognition of contributions made directly to the 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 the Santa Clara Central Office, or on-line at <https://aasanjose.org/contributions>.

✓ **SANTA CLARA CENTRAL OFFICE RESOURCES**

The Santa Clara Intergroup Central Office supports the fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous in Santa Clara County, serving communities from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

Executive Director, Central Office Lead:
Jody W.

Our Santa Clara Central Office offers a bounty of support resources including books, literature, videos, and coins. Their website provides detailed information on Meetings, Events, Financials/Meeting Minutes and Intergroup updates. You can find them at: <https://aasanjose.org>

For the love of our Primary Purpose, please encourage other A.A. members to subscribe to **The COIN**. Drop our subscription in the chat at your meetings and please tell your members to subscribe to stay in the know on what's happening with Santa Clara A.A.
<https://aasanjose.org/coin>

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