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January 2024

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✓ **STEP One:**

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.”

✓ **FIRST Tradition:**

“Our common welfare should come first: personal recovery depends on A.A. Unity.”

“True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the profound desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God.” ~ Bill W.

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We suddenly realized that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.
MEMBER’S CORNER

A heartfelt thank you to Rick R for this month’s writing contributions! We love to hear about a great meeting, a celebration, or a story that brings inspiration to recovery!

I welcome your feedback on The COIN – please share your thoughts at the link below. Jeanine M., The COIN Editor: coin@aasanjose.org

A Life of Joy and Happiness: I Reap More Than My Share
By Rick R.

Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore, the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.’s Twelfth Step.

(12&amp;12 pg. 125) How appropriate it seems that there are Twelve Months in a year, and we have Twelve Steps in the Program. The joy of good living is the theme, and it blends right in with Thanksgiving in November, and all the Religious Holidays in December, and is topped off with the New Year’s Eve celebration. The Holiday season does bring a lot of joy to most of us, but it also brings distress to some of the less fortunate ones who have not yet been blessed with the gift of sobriety and peace of mind, in and outside of Alcoholics Anonymous. (A.A.)

I used to be uncomfortable about the holidays as I never knew how to act around normal people. I felt like a charity case and never got into the spirit of reaching out to others. My family always celebrated Christmas, and I always (due to My discomfort) would put a damper on it by complaining about the tacky gifts that people would buy for each other and the mad rush to go shopping and all the commercializing it had become. I explained this to a dear friend once, and he asked, “Does the rest of the family enjoy it?” I said yes. He then said, “why don’t you just take a back seat and watch the joy in their eyes as they experience these things?” I did that exact thing and have been doing it ever since and it has changed my appreciation of this time of year.

This change of attitude has inspired me to apply the unselfish lessons that I have come to understand, and I spend the holiday season looking for the opportunity to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than myself. I often do these things anonymously and without fanfare. I also consider how I used to feel when I was the one on the receiving end of a charitable gesture and am very careful to do these things in a way that preserves their dignity. I do not have to wait for the holidays to do these things. Every day is Christmas at my home.
More recently I started to contemplate the difference between Joy and Happiness as I always thought that they were synonymous, and they are in some respects, but they do have some different qualities. I am a happy person as the result of being very diligent when it comes to working the steps of the program and practicing the principles in all my affairs. I am not without the little inconveniences and irritations that come with my day-to-day living activities, but they are nowhere near the problems I encountered prior to becoming a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. They do not lower my level of happiness because I simply take them as they come. Over a period, as I mature in this journey, my mean level of happiness continues to rise, and I am generally very happy as the result.

When I look at the word Joy, I do not feel that I am in a constant state of Joy, but I do have many little things that happen on a day-to-day basis that rise above my state of happiness, and they sometimes bring tears to my eyes. We all can identify with the term “tears of joy.” Even unhappy people can have tears of joy occasionally.

I was introduced to the principle that “happiness is a byproduct of right living and not an end in itself” I have been living by that principle ever since and you can believe me when I tell you that I reap more than my share of joy.
There are many ways to show 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](https://aasanjose.org)

A great way to learn about Volunteer Opportunities is to attend the monthly Intergroup Meeting – the first Wednesday of every month.

**Next Intergroup meeting**

January 3rd – 7:30 to 9:00
Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave, San Jose
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

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**Diverter Volunteer Workshop**

- Call with questions or if interested “Peter C.” Tel: 650-563-1575 (also available for one-on-one training "per request per month")
- If you are interested in becoming a “Diverter Volunteer” please join us at the upcoming Workshop.

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274 E. Hamilton Ave, Suite D
Campbell, CA 95008

© Sobriety requirement is One Year and a good understanding of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Service Saves Lives!
Serve on 2024 Unity Day Committee

Committee Elections Coming Soon:
Feb. 10, 2024
10:30AM
Central Office
274 E. Hamilton Ave, Suite D Campbell, CA 95008

Committee Positions:
- Coordinator
- Alternate Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Food Coordinator
- Setup/Cleanup Coordinator

Support a full day with our Santa Clara County AA fellowship coming together to meet our service bodies and each other.

We NEED YOU, the membership, to service on the 2024 Committee
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:

- 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
- 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

How do I contribute?
Easy: https://aasanjose.org/product/faithful-fiver

The COIN January 2024
✓ JANUARY and UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

Please visit the Santa Clara Intergroup website at aasanjose.org for a complete list of January meetings and upcoming 2024 events.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
NEW YEARS ALCOTHON & POTLUCK
JOIN US FOR FOOD AND MEETINGS EVERY EVEN HOUR FOR 48 HOURS!!
Crossroads Bible Church, 1670 Moorpark Ave, San Jose, CA

SUNDAY 12/31
12PM LGBTQ+ SOBER EXPERIENCE
2PM OVER THE HUMP
4PM INVADERS GROUP
6PM BILL'S BASEMENT
8PM LGBTQ GRAB BAG
10PM RAFFLE GROUP

MONDAY 01/01
12AM WINCHESTER FELLOWSHIP
2AM WORD OF MOUTH
4AM SERENITY FIRST FELLOWSHIP
6AM THE FIRING LINE
8AM THE KNUCKLEHEADS
10AM LIVE & LET LIVE
12PM BOWERS
2PM FAIR AVENUE FELLOWSHIP GROUP
4PM SINGLE PROBLEM STUDY (THE GORILLA)
6PM THE ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT HOUR
8PM YOUNG AT HEART
10PM GILROY FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 01/02
12AM SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
2AM LGBTQ+ HAPPY DESTINY
4AM LIVING WITH OTHERS
6AM GATHERED TOGETHER FOR SOBRIETY
8AM ODAAT
10AM GET UP AND GO
12PM 10:10 GROUP

For volunteer opportunities call Matt at 408-417-7814 or email sccalcothon@gmail.com
Saturday Nite Live's New Years Eve

TALENT No Talent Show

Time to Shine like a Star

The SNL Fellowship
1954 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA.

Event Details:
- 7pm Speaker Meeting & Sobriety Countdown
- 8:30pm Doors Open
- 9pm Talent Show
- 10pm Karaoke
- 12am Toast to 24!!!

www.saturdaynitenitelive.org

Sunday Dec 31st
8:30pm-12:30am
# Sobriety By The Bay

Friday, January 12th - Sunday, January 14th 2024

Redemption Church; 105 Nortech Pkwy
San Jose, California

REGISTER: SobrietyByTheBay.org
$30 before January 1st / $35 after January 1st

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Our mission statement is in accordance with the Fifth Tradition, which states,
"Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."
VIRTUAL SESSION: CLICK HERE
Meeting ID: 842 6106 1894
Passcode: 1935
Interpretation in English and Spanish
2024

60th International Women's Conference

ONLINE!

February 8-11, 2024
Live from Portland, Maine

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS broadcast to you from Portland, Maine
ENTERTAINMENT and fellowship Friday and Saturday nights
HYBRID PANELS: Attend select panels as they happen live
EXCLUSIVE online panels & workshops for attendees
OPPORTUNITIES to be of service to other sober women

$15
Registration

Questions? IWCPORTLAND24@GMAIL.COM
PRAASA 2024 is in San Francisco!

Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly

March 1-3, 2024

San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission St., SF

For online registration, hotel reservations, volunteer opportunities & more:

WWW.PRAASA.ORG

Registration: $40 (plus optional meals)  ●  Hotel Rooms: $189/night + tax
All A.A.'s Welcome  ●  Al-Anon Participation  ●  Spanish & ASL Interpretation

Join 1500+ A.A. members from all over the western U.S. and Canada, plus GSO and Grapevine Staff!

Three-day program features a speaker meeting Saturday night, lots of panels, and roundtable breakout sessions for: GSRs, DCNs, Literature, Grapevine, La Vina, H&I/Corrections, Intergroup/Central Offices, Young People (YPAA), Bridging the Gap, Archives, Public Information (PI), Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Accessibilities/Treatment, Remote Communities, Seniors/Cooperation with the Elder Community, Hispanic Women, Newsletters, Websites and Tech, Area Secretaries, Treasurers, Registrars, Chairs, Alternate Delegates, Delegates, and Past Delegates/Trustees.

The purpose of PRAASA is to:
- Develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of the Pacific Region.
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences.
- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Assembly and the PRAASA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous.
ANNOUNCING
UPCOMING EVENTS!!

FROM THE A.A. SANTA CLARA INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE

WE HOPE YOU MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

DETAILS

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

https://aasanjose.org

YOU CAN FIND A.A. EVENTS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY BY SUBSCRIBING TO THE COIN, OUR MONTHLY, ONLINE NEWSLETTER:

https://aasanjose.org/#join-email

PLEASE JOIN US!

* 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
**Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous**

**San Jose, CA**
Holiday Inn San Jose - Silicon Valley
1350 North 1st St., San Jose, CA 95112
March 15, 16, 17, 2024

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**Ronald W.**
Los Angeles, CA

**Sarah L.**
Philadelphia, PA
YP Speaker

**Rick K.**
Sunol, CA

Additional program information on back of flyer

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**Al-Anon and Spanish Speakers & Participation**

- Area 06 & 07 Updates – Marathon Meetings
- Saturday Night Dance – Free Drawing
- Sunday Morning Meditation Meeting

**Introducing New Officers at this Conference**

Visit NCCAA website for more information on how to be of Service to NCCAA.

**NCCAA Website**

norcalaa.org

**PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS March 1st, 2024**

CONFERENCE RATE FOR HOTEL CUT OFF DATE IS February 13th, 2024

**PRE-REGISTRATION** - $20.00 (per person) - **AT THE CONFERENCE** - $25.00

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT --http://www.norcalaa.org
Pre-registration is greatly appreciated!
### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Congratulations!**

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**130 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.

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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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