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SECOND Step:

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to Sanity."



SECOND Tradition:

"For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."







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, a poem, 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

The A.A. Moon Shot: I Admired Her Courage

By Rick R.

I got sober on October 15, 1969, at a time when the Space programs were on the Television in black and white and I was up deep into the nights watching as it happened. About twenty years later, I was in a meeting when I heard a very young, very sincere, single mother of two, sharing that her first experience in the AA program. She spoke about the thought of having to do all this stuff for the rest of her life and she didn't find it too comforting. It sounded to me that, from her perspective, she knew that she had to do it, but it wasn't going to be easy or fun. I admired her for her courage and conviction, and I tried to encourage her by explaining things that I had experienced when I was faced with the life changing challenges of sobriety. I was a father of a boy, I was in the Navy at the time, and I was divorced. It was a difficult time, but I had to go through it, drinking or not.

I likened it to the first Apollo Space Mission to the moon. It goes something like this. When you first see the size of the spacecraft and consider the amount of energy it would take to put it into space, it is hard to fathom. After the countdown is complete, the engines fire and a tremendous burst of flames and smoke engulf the entire area and, in a few moments, it slowly starts to lift off. As it lumbers its first hundred feet, it is expending a tremendous amount of fuel. Slowly it starts to gain momentum and pick up speed, still shuddering along. Soon the booster tanks are depleted, and they are ejected, and the main tanks begin to propel it further along the flight path with even more thrust as it is reaching for orbit. Next, the main tank is depleted just before orbit and is ejected. What is left is a very small portion of what arose from the launchpad. Soon the craft leaves orbit and heads towards the moon and something else happens that sometimes goes unnoticed. Somewhere between the earth and the moon, the gravitational pull of the moon has more influence on the craft than the gravity of the earths has, and it is gently drawn along its path. Very little energy is except for minor course corrections.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, when we first get started, it appears to be an insurmountable task that requires a tremendous amount of effort just to get off the launchpad. Not every launch is successful and some of us don't make it the first time, and we need to exert all that energy on each successful attempt. As we do get our way, it starts to get easier as we head for our objective. When we go through the twelve steps, we finally reach orbit.

After we are satisfied that everything is in order, we can now set out for the moon. If we stay on course, the spiritual gravity of values we have adopted in the AA program will far outweigh the negative gravity of the past as we eject all the dead weight that held us down. As we continue to adjust to the day-to-day mistakes that we make and adopt am unselfish approach to life, somewhere along the flight path, we will cross that line where we are drawn towards a life and serenity that is hard to imagine when we are setting on the launchpad. The most important part of the journey is the lift off. If we can get through that most difficult time, it does get easier, and then we need only to stay the course.

***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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 is to attend the monthly Intergroup Meeting – the first Wednesday of every month.

Next Intergroup meeting: Wednesday, February 7th - 7:30 to 9:00 Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3151 Union Ave, San Jose



Every Third Saturday Date:

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Intergroup Central Office

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





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?

https://aasanjose.org/product/faithful-fiver

⊕ FEBRUARY and UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS





2024

60th International Women's Conference

ONLINE!

Registration

INTERNATION ALWOMENS CONFERENCE, ORG

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

Questions? IWCPORTLAND24@GMAIL.COM

Old-Timer Meeting

Saturday February 10, 2024 1:00-3:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

We invite you to bring homemade cookies to share.



Hear from our old-timers with 50, 40, 30, 25+ YEARS of Sobriety

Join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship!

- 1. Volunteer to make cookies.
- 2. Volunteer to make coffee.
- 3. Be a greeter, help with set and clean up, give an old-timer a ride and much more.

At Christ the Good Shepard Lutheran Church 1550 Meridian Ave, San Jose, CA

Contact us to get involved: Gary M.: 408-690-1869, or Central Office: 408-889-1001



Concept Workshop

3rd Saturday of Every Month



What are the 12 Concepts For World Service? How do they apply to my service work in A.A.? What are the spirtiual principles that can be applied to every area of my life?

Study material provided

January 27th | 3:30-5:30 PM

Zoom ID: 894 1698 1622 Password: Service

155 Oaks Ave., Los Altos, 94022



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The next meeting will be held Saturday, February 17th



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, DCMs, 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.





* 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

ANNOUNCING UPCOMING EVENTS!!

FROM THE A.A. SANTA CLARA INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE

WE HOPE YOU MARK YOUR CALANDERS 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 FREE MONTHLY, ONLINE NEWSLETTER:

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PLEASE JOIN US!

NCCAA 75th Annual Spring Conference

"Celebrating 75 years of Conferences!"

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

Friday I	March 1	15, 2024
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2:00 PM Registration Opens 5:00 PM Long Timer's Panel

8:00 PM Open Speaker Meeting

Ronald W. Los Angeles, CA

Saturday March 16, 2024

8:00 AM – Steering Committee 11:00 AM – NCCAA Delegates

8:00 PM Open Speaker Meeting

Sarah I. Philadelphia, PA YP Speaker

Sunday March 17, 2024

8:00 AM Meditation Meeting

10:00 AM Open Speaker Meeting

Rick K. Sunol, CA

Additional program information on back of flyer

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

The following hotel is offering Conference rates for those attending the 75th Annual NCCAA Spring Conference March 15, 16, 17, 2024 in San Jose, CA. To ensure a reservation at conference rate call prior to February 13th, 2024. The phone number is listed below, mention that you are with **NCCAA** to obtain the conference rate. We have a strong room requirement for this Conference and per the NCCAA Steering Committee, we will only list the host hotel.

CONFERENCE RATE FOR HOTEL CUT OFF DATE IS February 13, 2023

Host Hotel	King Bed	Double Beds	Amenities
Holiday Inn San Jose – Silicon Valley 1350 North 1st Street San Jose, CA 95112 Phone: 1-408-453-6200 Ask for NCA Group Code Link to Hotel Bookina: NCCAA	\$149.00	\$149.00	Outdoor Pool Fitness Center On-site Restaurant Free for Parking Free Wi-Fi

Program Highlights

Visit NCCAA website for previous programs.

Friday	2:00 PM	Registration Opens
	3:00 PM	Marathon Meeting Begin
	5:00 PM	Long Timer's Panel
	8:00 PM Friday Night Speaker Meeting	Ronald W. from Los Angeles, CA
Saturda y	9:00 AM	Registration & Marathon Meetings Resume
	11:00 AM	NCCAA Delegates Meeting
	Hospital & Institution Panel	Al-Anon Speaker Program
	Area 06 & 07 Update	Spanish Speaker
	8:00 PM Saturday Night Speaker Meeting	TBA
Sunday	8:00 AM	Meditation Meeting
	10:00 AM Sunday Morning Speaker	Rick K. From Sunol, CA

Pre-Register for Conference online at www.norcalaa.org/Registration PRE-REGISTRATION - \$20.00 (per person) - ATTHE CONFERENCE - \$25.00 Please print in the form below for pre-registration. Pre-registration cutoff date is March 1, 2024

Name			AA	Al-Anon
City	State		ate .	
Home Group)·	700	
Name			AA	Al-Anon
City	State			
Home Group		,		
	Enclose an Extra \$20.00 to "Sponsor a Newcomer"			

Total Pre-Registration Included:

Please remit with payment to: NCCAA Treasurer, P.O. Box 3835 San Ramon, CA 94583 On-line pre-registration for conference is available at http://www.norcalaa.org

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated!

SJANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Birthday Celebrant	Years	Contributor	Birthday
John S.	32	John S.	01/25/1992
Chris H.	24	John S.	01/01/2000
Tommy O.	17	John S.	01/01/2007
David R.	32	David R.	01/16/1992
Dave K.	11	John S.	01/01/2013
Brenda M.	10	John S.	01/02/2014
Donna B.	10	John S.	01/02/2014
Tom K.	54	Tom K.	01/06/1970
Mary Pat P.	41	Mary Pat P.	01/28/1983
Peg M.	15	John S.	1/30/2009
Laura C.	41	Anonymous	1//22/1983
Kathleen H.	24	Kathleen H.	1/1/2000



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 INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE December 2023 Group Contribtions

12/02/2023	Sunrise Big Book Online ID80026	524.58
12/04/2023	One Day at a Time 70903	817.33
12/04/2023	Underground Book Study (Men) 401	133.00
12/04/2023	D.I.V.A 830 (Wed.)	40.60
12/07/2023	South County Fellowship 70954	300.00
12/07/2023	Gilroy Groups 70906	500.52
12/07/2023	Back to Basics Saratoga Noon 151(Tues.)	29.39
12/08/2023	There Is a Solution (Men) MH 732 (Thur.)	660.00
12/09/2023	Conscious Contact Mediation Grp LG 663	1,000.00
12/09/2023	Palo Alto Group 302 (Fri.)	150.00
12/10/2023	Cornerstone Fellowship Group 70908	1,050.00
12/11/2023	Freedom Fellowship 70940	1,681.00
12/11/2023	Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	394.00
12/12/2023	Spiritual Progress ONLINE ID80023	639.00
12/15/2023	Spiritual Progress Group 70979	1,127.80
12/15/2023	Sunrisers Group/Dennys 70932	302.48
12/16/2023	Los Gatos Saturday Noon Meeting (80004)	50.00
12/18/2023	South Valley Women's Surrender 88 (Mon.)	133.00
12/21/2023	Gilroy Groups 70906	238.20
12/26/2023	Monday Night Men's group	160.00
12/26/2023	Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	100.00
12/27/2023	Get Up and Go (Women) 187 (Sat.)	854.54
12/28/2023	Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed.)	2,823.10
12/28/2023	Single Problem Topic (Men's) 582 (Mon.)	541.00
12/29/2023	Early Tuesday Group 119 (Tues.)	700.00
12/29/2023	Raffle Meeting (Thurs.) 531	583.00
12/29/2023	Saturday Nite Live Group 70905	70.00

Total for Group Contributions \$15,602.54

SANTA CLARA CENTRAL OFFICE RESOURCES

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Executive Director, Central Office Lead: Jody W.

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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

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