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## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

The Santa Clara Intergroup Central office supports the fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous in Santa Clara County from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

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## **May 2026**

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**STEP Five:** *“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”*

**TRADITION Five:** *“Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”*

Long Form: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Practice These Principles – 1. Do I ever cop-out by saying, “I’m not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn’t apply to me”? 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of A.A. help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan? 3. Have I today imposed on any A.A. member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic? 4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me? 5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose? 6. Do I remember that A.A. old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

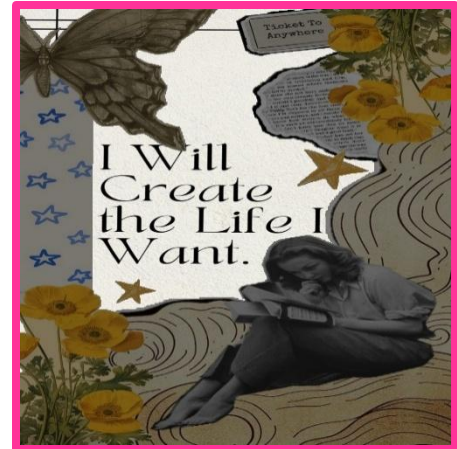
These questions above were originally published in the A.A. Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions from November 1969 through September 1971.

## MEMBER'S CORNER

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*Sending heartfelt appreciation to Jennifer for her story contribution! We would love to publish your story, a song, a poem, anything that brings inspiration to your recovery! Find more information for submitting writing at: [aasanjose.org/coin](https://aasanjose.org/coin)*

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*I'm dictating this writing for the Coin newsletter for the first time. I've been writing for the coin newsletter of Alcoholics Anonymous in Santa Clara County since around 2023. May is my birthday and I'll have 17 years of sobriety. All praise to my God. I do believe in a higher power and this is what is keeping me sober in the midst of continual and unimaginable suffering, on all realms.*

*Prayer, confessions, journaling, spiritual meditation, reading, collaborating, socializing, updating my sponsor, and attending meetings. These are all ingredients that have made it possible for me to near 17 years of sobriety. And recovery from a severe drinking problem on May 2nd 2026. My anniversary is less than 60 days from now. God Willing.*

*It is March 10th and March 11 and I am writing once again. Thank you so much to all of you members of the Coin newsletter for publishing my writings in January and February 2026. May is crucial for me because*

*that is when I finally became sober after numerous attempts.*

*My story is one of curiosity. I remember my parents always having a kind of armoire or cabinet of alcohol readily available. As well as an assortment of Seagrams Gin, Vodka and Wine. I remember watching my parents working all day and working hard to provide for my brothers and I. They would come home to have a night cap, is basically what it is, of alcohol. And then they would rest comfortably.*

*I wondered as I approached my teen years. Is this something that possibly would be something that would help me with my anxiety and my awkwardness? A dissociation of experiences that I felt in middle school. I believe that first drink of alcohol of mine was in middle School. Probably when I was 12 or 13 years old.*

***I used to water down my parents' alcohol bottles. I feel so bad thinking that they wouldn't know but of course they did. Fast forward I then became a drunkard on campus in high school. Having one of the members of the high school there call my parents. Then saying to them "pick up Jennifer, she's passed out on the campus, kids are trying to go into their classrooms, and she's totally drunk and you know missing classes, and more willing to drink than do anything like studying."***

***This then led to me finally stopping my drinking when I became pregnant with my children as a teenager. But I was drinking when I wasn't pregnant during the intervals. This went all the way up to early 2001. I remember my first bout or attempt to detox which was in 2001. I was in graduate school to get my Master's Degree and I was just totally exhausted.***

***I'd fallen down as I was mopping the porch of my house. At that time cleaning obsessive compulsively (OCD). I have battled that too with obsession when it comes to cleaning like how I was before. I was 29 years old at the time of this occurrence. I was cleaning all day, and I worked, and I had studied, and my husband at the time was with the kids inside of the house.***

***I was actually mopping my front porch and I fell down, and I hurt myself pretty badly. I remember opening the front door of my house. Asking my husband at that time, I said Chris call a detox program, a drug***

***alcohol treatment facility program for me please.***

***It was the first time I had ever reached out for help. I found one at that time on the Westside of my hometown of Fresno, California. They've since closed and their housing the homeless now. I paid them a visit several times over the years.***

***I went in there with a Hello, how are you? My name is Jennifer and I am now clean and sober from a severe alcohol drinking problem. All Praise and Thanks to God, you were my first attempt, at this location in 2001 March, to stop drinking.***

***It took me approximately 8 years and 2 months later to become sober. But I wanted to let you know that I'm still alive. I'm involved with my children. I'm no longer married to Chris. But I'm very grateful for all of the things you have done for women, men, and children, and Fresno County.***

***We had moved from Fresno in 2001, in July. My children and I and Chris, but I wanted to go back and let them know that all is well with me. I had finally reached sobriety and recovery from alcoholism. I've also contributed a little something to the people there. That's very important in my religion and most religions. To give back and help the neighbors, poor, sick, travelers, needy, starving, etc.***

***Especially when we've reached the final point in our lives, where we've accomplished our goals. Whether it be educational programs, treatment centers, specific programs, on and on.***

***But that's where it started for me. We moved, and I got worse and worse, especially when we moved into Monterey County.***

***As my marriage fell apart my drinking got worse. Then I started going to hospitals and we talked about that in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. This book of guidance talks about that. Alcoholic behavior that is crazy making. A spiral case of drinking that goes nowhere.***

***I used to drink a lot when I was cleaning. A lot of my alcoholic ill behavior and drinking was during cleaning. I was actually cleaning my house or listening to music. Doing things like that; and it's important to be aware of trigger points. So, we don't go back to old places and pathways that caused us a lot of disturbance and suffering.***

***I'm aware of that now with nearly 17 years of sobriety and recovery. But it got worse and it mentions that. When we don't stop drinking and we go untreated as alcoholics: we end up in the hospital. And that was finally my story after that first detox attempt in March 2001. It finally happened in 2004.***

***My alcoholic drinking peaked i believe in December 2004, and January 2005 after the finalization of my divorce from Chris. I landed in the hospital for the first time detoxing and was taken from Monterey County, Salinas to San Jose, California. Where I finally went into a treatment program for 30 days.***

***Yes, I'm very thankful for this opportunity. What pursued is my pattern of trying to get sober. And I did but never longer than a year, and I kept relapsing and relapsing. My kids came back to stay with me in 2006. Unfortunately, I relapsed in 2007, I had a really bad relapse. I lost my job a really good job, in a government position, and a county job.***

***All praise to God I think I needed that experience to be able to finally work on myself. I know I have accomplished a lot of things in my twenties. I had children really young. I needed that respite and that time away for the first time in my life. And this is when I was around 33 years old when I went into that rehabilitation center. And then the sober women's home.***

***In 2005, I first went into a men and women treatment facility in San Jose for 30 days. Then we discharged and it was required at that point to be discharged into a women or men sobriety home. I finally got my own apartment again in summer 2005. In Sumner 2006, my children are back with me again.***

***Unfortunately, I had that relapse and its rehabilitation again for me in 2006. It was another substance abuse treatment center in San Jose. I discharged from there and I had another alcohol relapse. This went on and on and on for like 8 or 7 years in total, from my first sobriety and recovery attempt in 2001 to stop drinking alcohol.***

**Finally, all praise to my God I found a religion of my choice that keeps me grounded. It is the only thing that keeps me sober. We are in our Holy Month right now. I choose not to state my religion. And it is the only thing that has helped me on a long-, term basis. In my religion we are not supposed to drink alcohol. I understand why. Alcohol damages families, individuals and society.**

**Knowing our body patterns and habits is important. Originally, I was detoxing with natural fruits, helpful reading materials, going to meetings, attending medical appointments, and living with women. We were all trying to get our children back. My children were still very young at that time. Finally in 2009, I was able to at least get one year of sobriety in 2010, 2 years in 2011 and then 3 years of sobriety from alcohol in 2012.**

**That year my youngest two children came back to stay with me. They were preteen in middle school and in high school; my youngest son and my only daughter. All praise to God, and the older two I was trying to reunify with them. They were already nearing adulthood by the time I was completely sober. My oldest son was 18, my second son was 15, my daughter was 12 and my youngest son was 9. These were their ages when I became sober from alcohol.**

**All Praise to God, as I calmly remember these occurrences and situations previously in my life. While I am focusing and writing in these type of newsletters. Especially as I'm multitasking and waiting for people to**

**answer their phone for different services that I need. Whether it be a disability Social Security call, employment interview, doctor's medical appointment, housing interview, etc. It's really important that we remember those on the receiving end of the call who need help.**

**When we have people on hold, we have to be mindful of how long they're on hold. Let me tell you I know a lot of people that would have relapsed and started drinking alcohol again over this very situation that I'm going through. I'm in day two of making a mandatory phone call. They're not answering and if they answer they hang up. I choose to talk about it versus pick up the alcohol beverage that will lead to my destruction.**

**Also, notifying my sponsor of these thoughts, cravings, going to a AA meeting, writing to deflect, rewriting my script, play, dialogue and monologue to redirect in a perfect and positive way. These are things that we have to remember to do instead of drinking alcohol. There are alternatives that we could do instead of going back and doing things that are harmful. Because for me with nearly 17 years of sobriety and recovery from a severe alcohol problem, I have to remember the Hell that drinking alcohol caused me.**

**Consequently, I have a lot of health problems because of my drinking. These include an abdominal hernia, cyst in my liver, kidney stones, a benign tumor on my left side pelvis. I had total arthroplasty, left hip**

**replacement with inserting and attaching a prosthetic metal object to replace my leg. This surgery was in Summer 2019.**

**These stemming from all of the falls I have endured. The drinking and dancing and all the different stuff you know leading to the deterioration of my cartilage. My whole body aches, and my knees are bad, and the vertebrae in my back. As well as short-term memory loss requiring me to constantly repeat myself and write things down to remember. All these disabling factors of alcoholism. But I'm very grateful to be able to write for this Coin Newsletter. I am grateful to God for being alive to discuss Step Five and tell my story.**

**So, in reviewing the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, I am now completely a Fifth Step, and divulging the details of my life while drinking alcoholically. I am completing a physical, moral, spiritual and psychological inventory of my life; while identifying the problems and admitting my wrongs. It may be difficult for some to complete this Fifth Step, especially if they have difficulty with being accountable and responsible. Professional help may need to be sought. Getting a Alcoholics Anonymous Sponsor is crucial.**

**I am doing this all while remembering that it's important to take breaks, exercise, communicate, take rest, eat appropriately, take our vitamins if needed, watch our diet, and be in tune in the here and now. In Step Five, these confessions, revelations and truth told**

**outwardly to another person; essentially establishes freedom from guilt and shame. Not carrying it inside but safely and speaking and talking it out of ourselves. Acknowledging wrongs are a must.**

**Step Five of Step Twelve; according to the Alcoholics Anonymous Literature is as follows:**

**ADMITTED TO GOD, TO  
OURSELVES, AND TO ANOTHER  
HUMAN BEING THE EXACT NATURE  
OF OUR WRONGS.**

**My Name is Jennifer, I am a recovering alcoholic, I have 16 years of sobriety and recovery from alcoholism on May 2, 2025. I wronged everyone around me when I was young and as an adult, due to selfishness. I didn't think about the consequences of my behavior, especially when I was drinking alcohol. I committed moral and physical sins and Step Five provides me with freedom, as I reveal my wrong doings to my sponsor, and other people as appropriate. For this I am truly grateful.**



**With Sincerity and Mercy, Jennifer**

Healing happens  
when stories are  
told in safe spaces.



## ***The COIN wants to publish your Story!!!!***

*One of the great ways to carry the message is telling your own stories to other alcoholics. If you have personal stories, opinion pieces, learnings, questions, thoughts, and ideas, please send your messages to The COIN.*

*The COIN is the Central Office Intergroup Newsletter of Santa Clara County. It is a publication forum for your personal stories celebrating sobriety and recovery. Any recovering alcoholics who want to share the message can be writers and be able to publish their writings to The Coin.*

*Each month of the year has a topic following the twelve steps and the twelve traditions. For example, the topic for January will be the step one and the tradition one. Stories about the twelve Concepts for the World Service are also welcome, using the same schedule. Holidays or historic events also can be good sources. For example, relationships and romance for February topics and gratitude and arms giving for November, since there are Valentines Day in February and Thanksgiving in November. June is the month A.A. was founded, so it will be a good month to write about A.A. as a community. Other special topics may be announced a month or two ahead of time.*

*Please write about anything related to your personal experience in sobriety. Please keep in mind to respect the anonymity of other members in your writing, and to avoid a scolding or admonishing tone.*

*If you hear something at a meeting that makes you see things in a different light, write about it. If you have stayed sober through a difficult experience, write about it. If there's something you really like about a particular meeting, write about it. Please share your experience, strength and hope.*

*Sketches, photos, art and flyers are also welcome. We want to give A.A. members a chance to publish their original artwork and photos.*

*A good story length is 500 words to start. We accept writings from all A.A. members, then edit them for style, correct spelling, fonts, and more. As editors, we do not change the original message.*

*Words have powers. There is nothing more powerful than one alcoholic sharing message to support another alcoholic. Indeed, most of us never trusted a professional about our drinking. How could they possibly know about our drinking? But we alcoholics do! We are amateurs by design. Please do not be afraid to make your writing perfect. Keep the Twelve Traditions of A.A. and our principles in mind as you write. If you have an awesome story but are afraid of writing, then please contact The COIN editors, Jeanine and Jo. We can set up an interview, and assist you with your story.*

*Also, please send us any information of upcoming events and flyers happening in Santa Clara County, so we can comprehensively list those in The COIN.*

*We hope you all have fun carrying the message and grow happy, joyous and free in sobriety. Your COIN Editor, Jeanine M.*

*You can find more information on writing for The COIN here: [aasanjose.org/coin](http://aasanjose.org/coin)*

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY A.A. GROUP HISTORY CORNER

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*We are delighted to present a monthly section dedicated to Santa Clara County A.A. Group Histories. Thank you to the "Sufficient Substitute Group" for contributing their group history! If you would like to feature your home group – whether you already have a written group history or not – please contact: [sccgrouphistories@gmail.com](mailto:sccgrouphistories@gmail.com)*



### *Yes, there is a Substitute*

*Since its early days, the Sufficient Substitute Group has grown in size and its ability to serve the A.A. community. It now offers five noon weekday meetings every week. Its Tuesday and Thursday meetings often have over 100 attendees.*

*As part of their commitment to passing it on to the newcomer, they also extend a warm welcome to recovery program groups such as the New Life Recovery Home and Kaiser. And group members regularly give rides to older A.A. members or others who need them.*

*Things weren't always running this smoothly though. The origins of the group go back to the Alano Club West, when it was asked to leave its Minnesota Avenue location in late 2006. After several temporary homes didn't work out for the club, some of club's members from the noon Monday-Friday meetings suggested that they break away and find their own location. Other members disagreed and tried to prevent the break, but a few persisted and started meetings at a new location.*

*By January 2011, noon meetings were being offered Monday-Friday at the new location, the United Methodist Church at 1420 Newport Avenue in Willow Glen. All went well for a while, until some group members repeatedly ignored the church's rules about smoking and noise. Eventually, the church had had it and kicked the group out. So, the search for a meeting place was on again.*

*As luck would have it, one of the group members was also a member of what was then the Dwell Christian Church at 1292 Minnesota. He was friends with one of the elders*



*there and approached them about starting a noon Monday-Friday A.A. meeting there. In June 2013, group members Duane W. (deceased) and Alan N. (deceased) completed the paperwork with the church, and the group moved to its new - and current - location, which is now called Willow Glen Bible Church.*

*Meeting attendance was very low at first - sometimes only in the single digits. Susie S. was attending then and remembers that the start of service position elections was a turning point, although it created some resentments. Johnny O. started to attend regularly and other old-timers such as Butch M., and - later - Eddie M., and Lani C. The group soon had enough members for a steering committee. Early steering committee members were Susie S., Emma J., John T., Stacy, and Tammy P. played another important role in the group's history. Since she also works for the church, Emma has acted as a sort of liaison, helping the group maintain an exceptionally good relationship with its landlord. This relationship has meant that the church has trusted the group to use its facilities for other purposes, such as memorial services for several A.A. members. And, as good stewards of their meeting space, Sufficient Substitute worked with the church to replace worn carpeting with beautiful new flooring.*

*One other possible reason for the group's growth and success may be their regular participation in the Annual Chili Cook-off. They first entered in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual event in April 2014 and won the next year, in 2015. That started a record-setting streak, using a recipe from a member who has since moved to Sacramento. The group's profile has certainly been raised because of their faithful cook-off participation.*

*In addition to their service at the Chili Cook-off, Sufficient Substitute regularly participates in General Service, Intergroup and H&I. They have also helped with Founder's Day and at the annual holiday Alcahons. Informally, some group members host game nights every other week for newcomers, recovery home residents, or anyone who wants some sober fun and fellowship.*

*The Sufficient Substitute Group takes its name seriously and strives to fulfill the promise made in "A Vision for You": that fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous can replace the fun times of our old drinking days.*

*If you're available at noon on any weekday, please stop by 1292 Minnesota Avenue for a great meeting with a welcoming group. We think you'll find that A.A. really is a "sufficient substitute."*

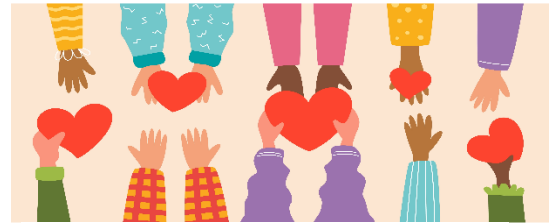
*By Emma J., Susie S. and the District 40 Archivist*

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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*There is a great need for volunteers in Santa Clara County! Below please find descriptions of volunteer opportunities. Detailed information can be found at: [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org) You may also learn about volunteer opportunities at the monthly Intergroup Meeting – All are welcome!*

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**Next Intergroup meeting:  
Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 to 9:00 Trinity Presbyterian Church,  
3151 Union Ave, San Jose**

## **Outreach Volunteers**

*Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings*

## **Diverter Volunteers**

*Providing after-hours phone coverage*

## **12 Step Volunteers**

*Phone and visitation contact with callers in need*

## **Daytime Phone Volunteers**

*Takes all incoming calls to Hotline*

## **Activities Committee**

*Organize many great activities*

## **Technology Committee**

*To make sure we all get the word out*

## **Website Committee**

*Help with current and future website needs*

## **Intergroup Representative (IGR)**

*Represents the group at the Intergroup meetings and reports to the group*

## **General Service Representative (GSR)**

*Represents the group at District meetings and reports to the group*

## **PI/CPC Committee Representative**

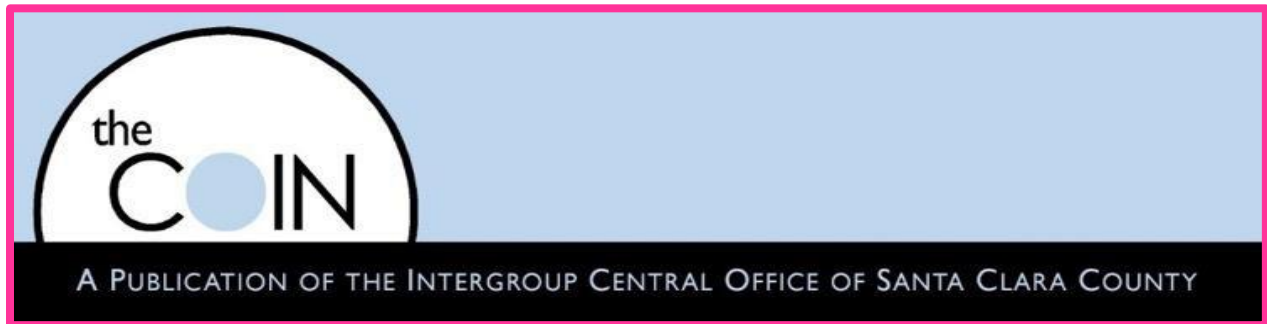
*Our information voice to the general public and professionals*

## **H&I Committee Representative**

*Carrying the message to those confined to correctional and mental health facilities*

## **BTG Committee Representative**

*Helping alcoholics just released from hospitals, treatment centers or correctional facilities transition to A.A. in their local community*



## **COIN EDITOR POSITION AVAILABLE!**

As COIN Editor, you will be responsible for producing The COIN, the engaging, online, AA Santa Clara County Intergroup Monthly Newsletter.

This outstanding service position can be accomplished from the comfort of your home and computer! And it does NOT require previous graphic design or publishing skills – just two years of Sobriety and a willingness to be a crafty wordsmith! Training will be provided!

However, if you are a skilled Graphic Designer here is your opportunity for a valued service position!

This fun position may be shared if you know of a member who is willing to be your Assistant Editor.

Please email Jeanine M., your current COIN Editor, for further information and specific responsibilities at:

[coin@asaanjose.org](mailto:coin@asaanjose.org)



## Diverter Volunteer Workshop!

Call with questions or if interested "Peter C." Tel: 650-669-1578  
*(also available for one-on-one training throughout the month)*

If you are interested in becoming a "Diverter Volunteer" please join us at the upcoming Workshop...

**Date:** *Every Third Saturday*

**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

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Santa Clara County Central Office

## Secretary Workshop

**Every First Saturday of the Month at 10am**

**Topics will include:**  
 Role and Responsibilities  
 Connecting with Central Office  
 Elections  
 Group Consciences

**274 E. Hamilton Suite D, Campbell**  
**In-person only**



### PI/CPC

Help carry the message of recovery

Did you know that 70% of AA members come from outside referrals? If you're a member of AA, the public outreach division of Santa Clara needs your help! To get started, simply join our monthly Zoom meetings, and introduce yourself! Can't wait to see you there.

#### We meet online — first Sundays of the month:

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm | New member intro

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | Committee meeting

Meeting ID: 997 7572 1334

Passcode: PICPC1956

**Learn more:** [district04cnca.org/pi-cpc](https://district04cnca.org/pi-cpc)

**Contact us:** [sjpicpc@gmail.com](mailto:sjpicpc@gmail.com)

*Whatever the form, it comes down to 'one drunk carrying the message to another drunk,' whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media. — Bill W., AA Co-founder*

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### OUTREACH COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

The Outreach Committee is the Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings. We would love for you to join our team.

All are welcome to attend the next workshop held the first Wednesday of the month. 7:00 – 7:30pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church - 3151  
Union Ave, San Jose, CA,

*For more information, you may contact J.J. at: [Morrissey.jj@gmail.com](mailto:Morrissey.jj@gmail.com)*

## WANT TO SPONSOR AN AA MEMBER IN PRISON?

IT'S EASIER THAN  
YOU THINK!



YOUR ANONYMITY  
IS PROTECTED!

There's a vital need for AA members from the outside to sponsor AA members in prisons. In order to understand this need, all you need to ask yourself is:

### Could I have gotten sober without the help of a sponsor?

If your answer is 'maybe not', then you understand the vital need.

Inside members frequently tell our volunteers they're not comfortable sharing their deepest secrets with other alcoholics in prison due to the chance that the information may not remain confidential. The consequences of the wrong information being revealed on the inside can be catastrophic. This is why H&I pioneered our groundbreaking Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service (IVSS).

### SPONSOR AN INSIDE MEMBER FROM ANYWHERE IN NORTHERN CA

(Due to prison regulations, meeting volunteers are ineligible to participate at the facility where they volunteer)

#### The requirements for IVSS volunteers are:

Minimum five years' sobriety; Solid sponsorship experience; Knowledge & practice of AA's Steps & Traditions; Willingness to anonymously text, receive phone calls and exchange letters. ~ We match same gender sponsors, but ANYONE can help us with recruiting efforts. ~

For more information: EMAIL US AT: [HANDI.IVSS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HANDI.IVSS@GMAIL.COM)

Sign up to volunteer here



!!TELL YOUR FRIENDS, TELL YOUR SPONSEES, TELL YOUR SPONSOR!!

### I AM RESPONSIBLE

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

A service of the NorCal Hospital & Institution Committee (H&I)

## BRIDGING THE GAP

### Temporary Contact Program

Looking to get into service?

Volunteer to be a Temporary Contact for Bridging the Gap to help alcoholics make the transition from a treatment facility into the local A.A. community where they reside

#### Working within our Traditions, Temporary Contacts:

- ✓ Call the newcomer and let them know you're willing to help them ease into A.A. in their own local community
- ✓ Provide transportation to A.A. meetings if needed, which allows time to get acquainted



Contact BTG:  
[btgsantaclaracounty@gmail.com](mailto:btgsantaclaracounty@gmail.com)

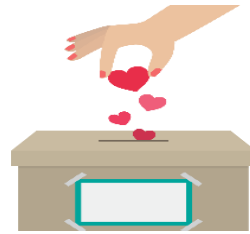
BTG District Business Meeting: 3rd Monday of the Month || 7pm - 8pm  
Currently Meeting on Zoom || Meeting ID: 856 6928 1545 Passcode: BTG  
24-Hour Voice Messaging: (408) 915-7958





*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 Twenty-four 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>

## April 2026 SCC GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Boiled Owls (Men's) 816 (Wed)	1,437.00
One Day at a Time 70903	1,858.77
East Enders Group 720 (Thur.)	500.00
Easier Way Group 290 (Fri.)	256.14
The Amethyst Group ID80035 Wed 7PM	203.00
Mountain Miracles 882 (Thur.)	550.00
Bowers Fellowship 46 (Sun.)	700.00
Free To Be Me (Women) 658 (Tues.)	121.00
Spiritual Progress 8 (Sun.)	100.00
Los Gatos Big Book 664 (Mon.)	150.00
Attitude Adjustment Hour (965) Denny's	3,645.00
R and B Group 70972	600.00
Midday Women's Group 91 (Mon.)	300.00
5 @ 4 Group	1,250.00
Happy Destiny (Women) 109 (Tues.)	438.00
Men's Single Problem Study 89 (Mon.)	3,500.00
Serenity Speaker Meeting 533 (Sun.)	70.00
Over the Hump 213 (Wed.)	100.00
SCCYPAA	130.39
Almaden Valley Discussion 30 (Sun.)	98.00
Defiance Meeting (80005)	246.40
Step Study (Women) LG 820 (Wed.)	67.91
3rd Steppers Book Study (Wom) 610 (Thur.)	335.00
Freedom Fellowship 70940	650.00
Spiritual Progress Group [ID70979]	350.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	1,184.00
Firing Line (The) 404 (Mon.)	3,909.00
Saints & Sinners Clubhouse ID 80052	20.00
Forged From Adversity Group 70957	303.97
High Hope (Men's) 239 (Sat.)	280.00
	<b>\$24,153.98</b>

***Self-support begins with me, because I am part of us – the group. We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and A.A. Literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Office.***

***If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of A.A.”***

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Get out your calendar – there are lots of great events in Santa Clara County – check them out at [aasanjose.org](http://aasanjose.org).



## SCCAA Intergroup EVENT SCHEDULE 2026

SATURDAY  
FEB 28

Oldtimers' Meeting  
United Church of Christ

SATURDAY  
APRIL 25

Chili Cookoff  
Milpitas Community Center

SATURDAY  
JUNE 13

Founders' Day & Central Office  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1st Congregational Church

SATURDAY  
OCT 17

Sponsor Brunch  
1st Congregational Church

Wednesday  
DEC 2

Intergroup Holiday Potluck  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

➔ YES, you can help! ☎ 408-807-4443

Email [events@aasanjose.com](mailto:events@aasanjose.com)

# IT'S A WE THING!

## RECOVERY CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY , MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**9 AM – 10 PM**

**AT THE SAN JOSE MASONIC CENTER**  
**2500 MASONIC DR, SAN JOSE**

TICKETS: [www.eventbrite.com/e/its-a-we-thing-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/its-a-we-thing-tickets)

*For more information call 408- 891-7035 (Fran)*

*Sponsored by Saturday Nite Live [www.saturdaynitelive.org](http://www.saturdaynitelive.org)*

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***



### TICKETS

**\$25 pre-sale**  
**\$30 at the door**  
**Package deal with swag!**

### GOOD EATS

**Continental Breakfast**  
**Coffee**  
**Catered Lunch**

### MEETINGS

**All Day Long**  
**7 Fellowships Hosting**  
**Great Topics**

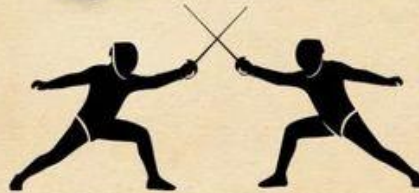
### ENTERTAINMENT

**Sober Comedienne**  
**Music**  
**Fellowship**  
**50/50 Raffle**

# SCCYPAA PRESENTS YPAA DUELS

DATE: MAY 23, 2026

LOCATION: TBD



MEETING TIME: 1PM-2PM

LIVE ACTION ROLEPLAY: 2:30PM-4:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME | SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN  
COMPETITIVE LARPING. BYO (SAFE  
AND CREATIVE!) WEAPON.  
EXPECT STRATEGY, ALLIANCES,  
BETRAYAL, AND A LITTLE CHAOS.

# MEETING UPDATES

**We invite you to check out new meetings listed below!!**

**There is always something new to try!**

**Do you have an update to your meeting? Is your group celebrating a milestone? Let us know here:**

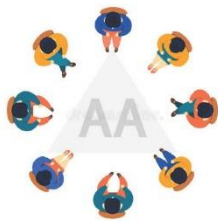
**[aasanjose.org/coin](https://aasanjose.org/coin)**

I FEEL SORRY  
FOR PEOPLE  
WHO DON'T  
KNOW US.

District 04/CNCA 06

## Safety and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Every 4th Wednesday of the Month  
7 to 8pm



On Zoom: 884 5128 7850

Passcode: Safety

[district04cnca.org/safety-committee/](https://district04cnca.org/safety-committee/)

## LAST SATURDAY BIRTHDAY & SPEAKER MEETING 7PM



ALANO CLUB WEST  
1401 PARKMOOR AVE., SUITE 200  
SAN JOSE, CA 95126

### BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US

- BBQ 6PM
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- SOBRIETY CHIPS
  - 30/60/90
  - 6 & 9 MONTHS
  - YEARS OF SOBRIETY

### PARKING - FOLLOW SIGNS

- LIMITED PARKING IN FRONT
- PLENTY OF PARKING AT THE BACK OF BLDG.



# SCCYPAA SECOND BUSINESS MEETING

**1200 BLOSSOM HILL RD  
SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2026  
STARTS AT 2PM**

SCCYPAA?  
What's that??

Santa Clara  
County  
Young People  
in AA!!

SICK!!!!



***Please join us on Sundays for the:  
Serenity Speakers Meeting***

***2 Speakers: 10 minutes & 45 minutes  
6 PM Pacific Sundays  
Zoom Meeting ID: 810 4600 2746 PW: 164***



***Annual Birthday Celebration at the end of each  
meeting with enthusiastic sin  
ging!!***

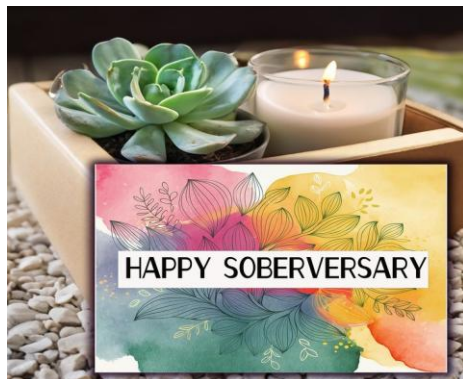




# APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2026

Birthday Celebrant	Birthday Date	Years of sobriety	Birthday Contributor
Christopher B.	04/18/1988	28	Mary Pat P.
Cathy N.	04/15/2010	16	Mary Pat P.
Alex C.	04/01/2019	7	John S.
Paula D.	04/10/2008	18	John S.
Glenn C.	04/29/2018	8	John S.
Katie W.	04/30/2008	18	John S.
Linda J.	04/08/2002	24	Mary Pat P.
Jill B.	04/22/1983	43	Mary Pat P.
Sheila D.	04/11/1986	40	<i>In Memory of Papido</i>

***Congratulations on 202 years of Sobriety!!! Bravo!!!***



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 County A.A. Intergroup CENTRAL OFFICE RESOURCES**

**The Santa Clara A.A.  
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>**

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