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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

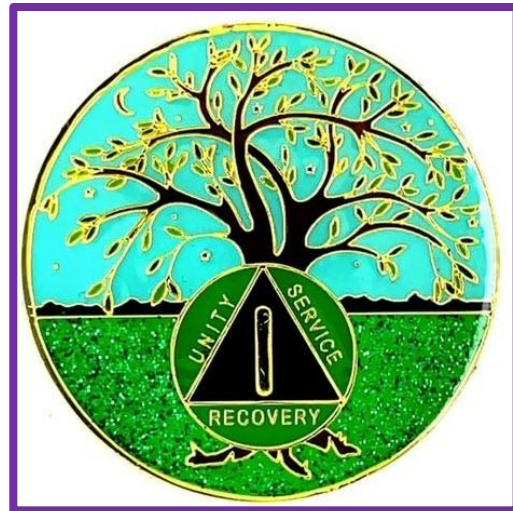
The Santa Clara Intergroup Central office supports the fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous in Santa Clara County from Palo Alto to Gilroy.

Come visit us at:

274 East Hamilton Ave. Suite D Campbell,
CA 95008 408-889-1001

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



June 2026

June Issue:

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STEP Six: *“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character”.*

TRADITION Six: *“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose”.*

LONG FORM: Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.- and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Practice These Principles: Tradition Six 1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several A.A. beds in our local hospital? 2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building? 3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for A.A.s familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (free from GSO)? 4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism? 5. Some alcoholics will stay around A.A. only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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

Sending heartfelt appreciation to Lisa R. 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: asaanjose.org/coin

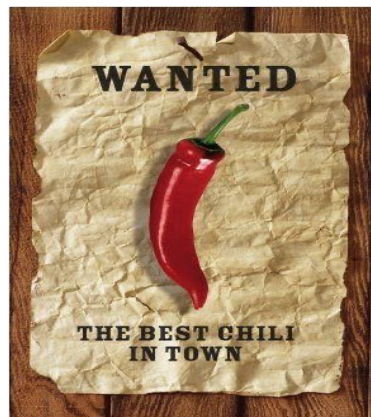


Annual Chili Cookoff Brings Fellowship, Food, and Fun

Alcoholics Anonymous in Santa Clara County held its 18th Annual Chili Cookoff on April 25th, bringing together fellowship members from across the county for an afternoon of food, fun, and unity. Thirteen teams participated in this year's competition, with approximately 250 people attending the event.

A large crew of dedicated volunteers helped make the event possible, and heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who contributed their time and energy. The purpose of annual Intergroup events is to strengthen unity within the fellowship, and the Chili Cookoff especially highlights the importance of the homegroup connection.

Attendees enjoyed friendly competition, a wide variety of chili and cornbread recipes, and crowd-favorite root beer floats. A great speaker and an exciting 50/50 raffle added to the festivities and helped make the day memorable for all who attended.



Congratulations to this year's winners!!

***1st Place: Gilroy Group
2nd Place: Ripple Effect
3rd Place: There Is a Solution Men's Group***

In addition to receiving a beautiful trophy, the winning groups were awarded certificates for literature credit at the SCC Central Office — along with bragging rights for the coming year.

Chili Event Financial Summary

Expenses: \$3,252.02
Income: \$4,472.21
Net Proceeds: \$1,220.19



**Intergroup Central Office
celebrates 50 years of service to
AA in Santa Clara County**

Enjoy an afternoon with friends in Alcoholics Anonymous,
celebrating our history and looking towards our future together

\$10 suggested donation
to cover costs



**First Congregational
Church 1980
Hamilton Ave, SJ**

Raffle! Yes, you can help!
AA Trivia! events@asaanjose.org 408-807-4443

Looking ahead, the next Intergroup event will be the annual Founders' Day Celebration.

This year's event will also commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the SCC Intergroup Central Office and will take place on Saturday, June 13, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church.

Ideas, input, and help with the program are welcome. Please share flyers at meetings and throughout your networks to help spread the word.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Intergroup Events Chairperson Lisa at 408-807-4443 or by email at events@asaanjose.org.

Submitted by: Lisa R.



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

SANTA CLARA COUNTY A.A. GROUP HISTORY CORNER

We are delighted to present a monthly section dedicated to Santa Clara County A.A. Group Histories. Thank you to the "The California Avenue Supper Club" 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



The California Avenue Supper Club

The California Avenue Supper Club meeting has the same name since their founding in 1987. It meets on Thursdays at 6pm with a speaker/topic/discussion format just like it did in its beginning.

Janice P., Susan H., Paula, Jim B., Dave G., Sally, and Michael M., were the founders of the group. They all got sober the same year. The founders had one year of sobriety when they were "kicked out" of a newcomer's group they attended. They wanted to stay together, and decided to form their own group.

Although the name of the group hasn't changed over the years, that is not the case for the meeting location. The group first met at David G.'s house followed by a shared meal. Soon after they moved to the Little Mermaid, a bakery located on California Avenue. Next it moved to Antonio's Nuthouse. Supper was always part of the meeting. After moving to the Lutheran Church on College Avenue in the late 1990's, dinner was after the meeting at Joanie's Cafe on California Avenue. Once the meeting moved to the University Lutheran Church in 2012, Joanie's stopped serving dinner, which caused the group to have their 'meeting after the meeting' at the Green Elephant on Charleston Avenue.

The founding members were most interested in attracting newcomers to the group and did this by word of mouth. From the seven founding members the meeting grew to 20 members and this number has fluctuated through the years. Some of the Founders have passed and today the meeting consists of an age range from 40-80 years.

The group generally has a good mix of men and women but this changes at times to predominately male attendees. Group business and group inventories are informally conducted after the meeting during dinner. One time a new secretary made changes to the meeting script. The "How It Works" was divided into three parts by the secretary. Discussion ensued with the decision made to allow the change. Eventually the secretary left his position. This led to more discussion and the decision to restore the original script.

The group is small and maintains service positions for long periods of time because the size makes rotation difficult and members want to be in service. Recently a member stepped up to a General Service Representative position in order to improve the group's connection with all of A.A.



The California Avenue Supper Club is in District 04, Area 06. During the Covid 19 pandemic the group's core members held it together. The meeting went on-line until it could resume in-person meetings with the church's permission. One hybrid meeting was attempted but due to inadequate technology, members decided to go back to an in-person format.

In the early years, there were cakes for a member's first birthday. But that morphed into cookies every week. Besides taking care of meeting business, the supper/dinner after the meeting provides a way to celebrate members. Visiting speakers, and new people are treated to dinner by the regular members. And sometimes there's a visit to the neighborhood ice cream store in order to celebrate birthdays.



Besides supper after each meeting, another unique feature of the meeting is its location in Palo Alto close to Stanford. Occasionally the meeting has interesting visitors in attendance such as a Poet Laureate, professors, medical personnel and family members of patients who are at Stanford Hospital.

Another interesting fact about the California Avenue Supper Club is the use of technology to archive members' histories. The group has recordings of the stories of two past members; a founding member and another member who made the most of his sobriety as he approached his final days on earth.

If you would like a meeting followed by fellowship with a supper meal, it can be found at the California Avenue Supper Club.

*Please join us at the University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave.
every Thursday at 6pm.*

Submitted by Michael M.

Edited by Mary U., District 04 Archivist

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 You may also learn about volunteer opportunities at the monthly Intergroup Meeting – All are welcome!



**Next Intergroup meeting:
Wednesday, June 3rd - 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

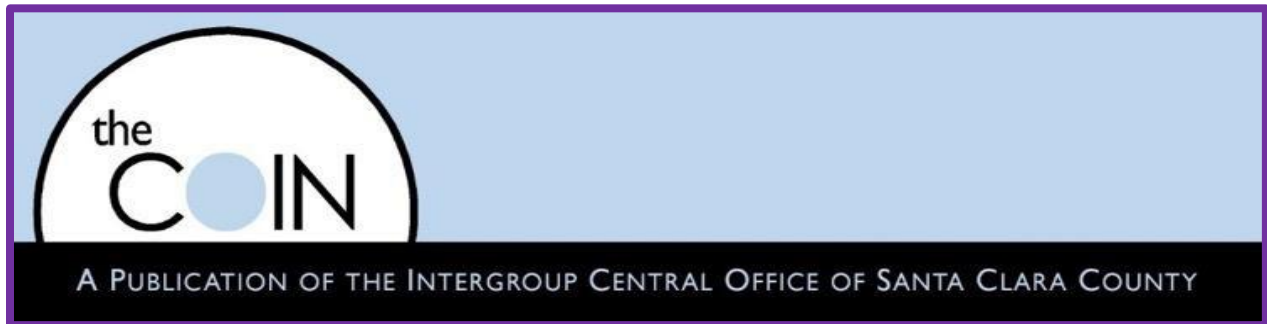
Our information voice to the general public and professionals

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



A Heartfelt note from Jeanine M., COIN Editor

Dear Members and loyal readers of The Coin,

I am writing to let you know I am retiring as The COIN editor. It has been an honor and a privilege to be of service in this capacity for over three years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to meet amazing folks in our fellowship, gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of our vibrant AA community here in Santa Clara County, and be a valued contributor to our fellowship. As COIN Editor, this position has given me pride and joy.

I would like to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to Jody at our Central Office, the many members who contributed personal stories, Group Histories, and Meeting and Event updates.

I hope you all have enjoyed reading The COIN as much as I have loved producing it.

The COIN Editor position is still available – and I highly recommend this opportunity to be of service. Wishing you all peace, love and joy.

Please email Jeanine M., for further information and specific responsibilities at:

coin@aasanjose.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

Contact us: 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

Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)
Alcoholics Anonymous • Santa Clara County Fellowship

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Public information



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

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

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

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

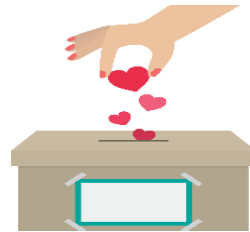




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FAITHFUL TWENTY-FIVERS!!!



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>

May 2026 SCC GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Name	Amount
Sunrise Big Book Online ID80026	365.29
8 pm Nightly Meeting ID80030	337.00
One Day at a Time 70903	953.53
Other Wednesday Nite,The (Men) 209 (Wed)	800.00
10 10 Group In Person 70951	490.00
Desi's In Recovery (723)	66.00
San Martin Candlelighters 378 (Sat.)	100.00
Underground Book Study (Men) 401 (Sun.)	263.90
Think Tank (Men's) 361 (Sat.)	309.00
Better Way of Living 197 (Wed.)	224.00
Los Altos Group 225 (Thur.)	0.00
Spiritual Step Study 233 (Sun.)	356.87
A Vision For You 687 (Sat.)	143.50
Spiritual Progress Group [ID70979]	350.00
Men's Honesty Group 26 (Sat.)	350.00
Winchester Fellowship 70960	210.00
Spiritual Progress Group [ID70979]	1,170.00
Primary Purpose ID80018 6AM M-F	420.00
Fair Avenue Fellowship 70901	1,415.66
Bill's Basement 384 (Fri.)	814.00
Women Crushing Recovery id01010	123.90
Sunrise Group of Palo Alto 70963	585.00
Saints & Sinners Clubhouse ID 80052	20.00
Newcomers, Oldtimers (Women) 769 (Sat.)	50.00
10th Tradition Women's Meeting id01002	346.50
Sunday Funday ID80046	108.93
Ladies Amethyst AA Study Group 749 (Wed.)	131.35

Thank you!!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Get out your calendar – there are lots of great events in Santa Clara County – check them out at 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
50th Anniversary
1st Congregational Church

SATURDAY
OCT 17

Sponsor Brunch
1st Congregational Church

Wednesday
DEC 2

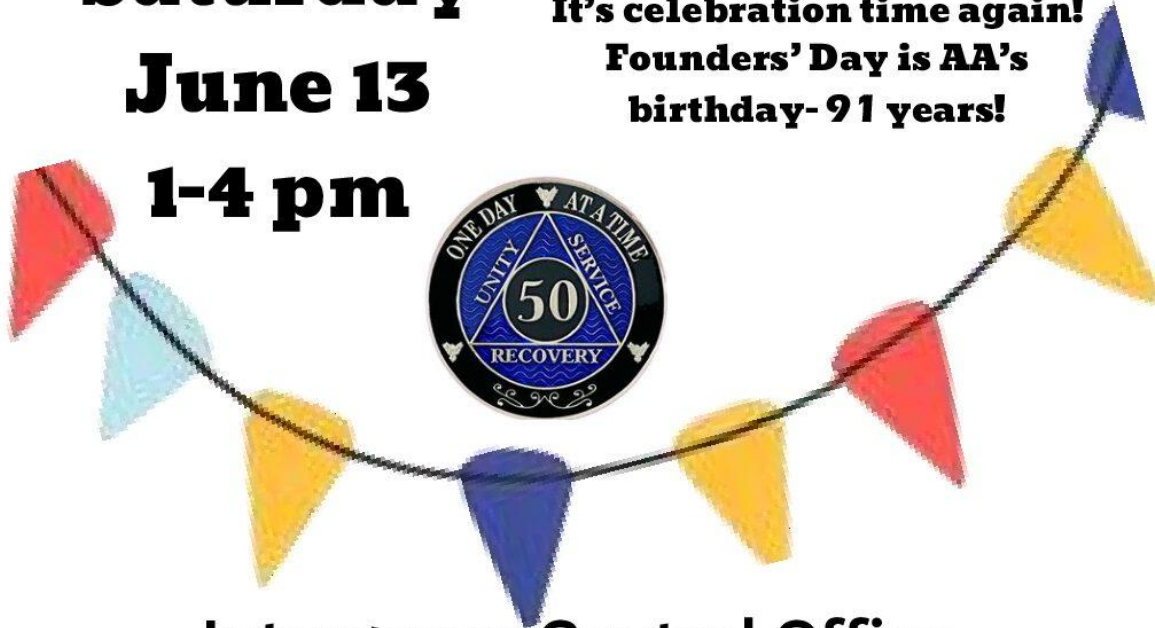
Intergroup Holiday Potluck
Trinity Presbyterian Church

➔ YES, you can help! ☎ 408-807-4443

Email events@aasanjose.com

**Saturday
June 13
1-4 pm**

**Did you hear?!
It's celebration time again!
Founders' Day is AA's
birthday- 91 years!**



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Raffle!
AA Trivia!

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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



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/

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.



***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 singing!!***





May BIRTHDAYS 2026

Birthday Celebrant	Birthday Date	Years of sobriety	Birthday Contributor
Veronica A.	05/14/2025	1	John S.
Amy B.	05/10/2011	15	John S.
Scott T.	05/25/2010	16	John S.
Cami L.	05/23/2005	21	John S.

Congratulations on 53 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.
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supports the fellowship of
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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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