



sonoma county Intergroup Fellowship **NEWS**

May 2008

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21ST ANNUAL CACHE CREEK WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP



It's right around
the next bend
June 21st & 22nd

Don't miss it!

For information call
Chris
Laurie
Jarrett

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents...



A seminar about Parenting and Sobriety
– Child-care provided –
Wednesday May 14th 6.30-8.00 P.M.
Elim Lutheran Church, 504 Baker St., Petaluma
Elim Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Baker and
Western in the West side of Petaluma. Baker is off Washington,
past Howard St. Western is off Petaluma Blvd south. If you get
lost ask for help or seek your higher power.

28TH ANNUAL LAKE PILLSBURY CAMPOUT

May 16, 17, 18 at
Sunset Beach

Saturday Night
meeting under the
stars and potluck

\$13 per site
8 persons per site

For information call
Preston



HELP WANTED

Sonoma County Intergroup
has openings for the
following positions:

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR
Coordinates newsletter, web-
site, and related activities
(TV, radio, movies, etc.); par-
ticipates in SCIF Steering
Committee meetings;
makes presentations to SCIF
membership. 2 yrs sobriety.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Collects articles for monthly
newsletter; edits for clarity;
produces copy in a format
suitable for printing. Famili-
arity with the English lan-
guage and page-layout soft-
ware. 2 yrs sobriety and/or
ability to read minds
(negotiable).

WEBMASTER
Maintains SCIF website
www.sonomacountyaa.org.
Familiarity with website pro-
duction software. 2 yrs sobri-
ety and/or ability to leap tall
buildings (negotiable).
Interested parties call Diane W.
526-1466.

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting March 2008

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer.
PREAMBLE: Connie C.
TRADITION #3: Adriane G.
CONCEPT III: Paul B.

Introduction of new representatives:

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|------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Tom M. | Petaluma Valley Group | Pet Fri 8pm |
| Rick T. | Expect a Miracle | S.R. Wed 12:15pm |
| Chris B. | Sunday Nighters | Sebastopol Sun 8pm |
| Sean F. | Yulupa Lodge Group | Santa Rosa Tues 8pm |
| Matt B. | Newcomers & Old Timers | S.R. Wed 8pm |
| Tim M. | Big Book Review | S.R. Sun 7:30pm |
| Maureen H. | Windsor Women's | Windsor Tu 12 noon |
| Pam F. | Hessel Big Book | Sebastopol Th 7:30pm |
| Eric W. | Round Table Discussion | S.R. Th 8pm |
| Anne M. | Traditions | S.R. Fri 8pm |
| Adriane G. | Sharing & Caring | S. R. Sat 8pm |

March Birthdays:

| | | |
|----------|------|----------|
| Bob P. | 3/5 | 15 years |
| Kay P. | 3/18 | 2 years |
| Kari W. | 3/13 | 1 year |
| Nicole R | 3/21 | 1 year |
| Dave R. | 3/22 | 6 years |
| Ann M. | 3/16 | 5 years |
| Linda M. | 3/5 | 6 years |

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: Diane W. Diane asked reps to strike Item 3 under Old Business on tonight's agenda. SCIF has rented a storage space to store activity and alcathon supplies.

VICE CHAIR: Bob P. There were seven new reps at the new rep orientation tonight.

TREASURER: Pat H. Group contributions were down. Typically February is a low month, and this was very similar to last year. The bookstore showed a small profit (\$850) for the month. Central Office showed a loss <\$1317>. The Valentines Dance showed a small loss <\$140>. Included in these numbers were the theft loss of \$396 in cash at the bookstore and the loss of \$382 for the sound system, which was charged to Central Office expenses. Also, repair to the front door cost \$368.

SECRETARY: Donna L. Donna requested and received approval for the February SCIF General Meeting minutes.

She also requested that officers, committee chairs and liaisons provide her with a written copy of their monthly report for accurate inclusion into the minutes.

REGISTRAR: Nan B. During February there were 363 meetings per week in Sonoma County. At the February SCIF General Meeting there were 155 meetings represented - 42% of the meetings.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Alcathon Chair - Barbara F.
 Newsletter/Communications Chair - still open

ELECTION OF LIAISONS

General Service - Connie C.
 Hospital and Institutions - Debbie B.
 SOCYPA - Kari W.
 Spanish Central Office - Shaline E.

BOOKSTORE REPORT: Linda M. Things are going well at the Bookstore. Linda is still learning about the position of Bookstore Manager and the operations of the bookstore. Volunteer staff is stable, there are no openings at this time. Volunteers have been wonderful, knowledgeable and dependable during the transition to a new Manager. The quarterly bookstore inventory will be held Monday, March 31 at 6pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ICSC: Rich S. ICSC bought a new safe, a new PA system, reviews the financials, approved placing a motion before the Reps re: the POS Computer system purchase, and are reviewing capital improvement options.

ACTIVITIES: Laurie E. Laurie et. al. cleaned out the Central Office storeroom and moved supplies to the storage unit. The Valentines Day PJ Dance was a success. The next Dance will be a Bunny Sock Hop on April 25...spread the word!

ALCATHONS: no report

NEWSLETTER: Dave H. Here is the April newsletter. Dave will produce the May newsletter since we don't have a new Chair yet for this position...thanks Dave!

OUTREACH: Sean M. Sean is getting his bearings in this new position. He reminds Reps to outreach to their meetings.

SEMINARS: Doug S. The March seminar on Sobriety Across

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| <u>INTERGROUP OFFICERS</u> | | <u>AA TELESERVICE</u> | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| CHAIR | Diane W. | PHONE LINE COORDINATOR | Dave R. |
| VICE-CHAIR | Bob P. | 12 STEP COORDINATOR | Rich S. |
| SECRETARY | Donna L. | <u>AA HOTLINES</u> | |
| REGISTRAR | Nan B. | SANTA ROSA | 707-544-1300 |
| TREASURER | Pat H. | LONG DISTANCE | 800-224-1300 |
| <u>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u> | | PETALUMA | 707-762-5122 |
| SEMINARS | Doug S. | SONOMA | 707-938-2027 |
| ACTIVITIES | Laurie E. | SPANISH | 707-829-1272 |
| OUTREACH | Sean M. | <u>OPEN SHIFTS</u> | |
| COMMUNICATIONS | Dave H. | Tuesday | 5 - 8 PM |
| ALCATHONS | Barbara F. | Friday | 9 AM - 1 PM |
| TELESERVICE | Dave R. | Sunday | 10 PM - 9 AM |



Note: Volunteer for Teleservice today!

Why We Belong to Access Sonoma County

Initially, I became involved in ASC because I was invited to do so by someone I respect a great deal. I wasn't altogether sure what ASC was about, but was impressed with the Signs of Sobriety meeting and felt strongly about wheelchair access. At the first couple of meetings, when we were trying to define which populations we would address, I was interested in the concept that we would address populations where steering committee decisions could make a difference.

Margie A.

I'm fortunate that I don't yet have physical limitations; I'm not deaf or blind and I can still walk all right. So I've spent most of my sobriety believing that everyone is in that same boat, that getting to meetings, getting to bathrooms, getting to the coffee and the literature - that's no trouble for anyone. Working with ASC has made it clear that not everyone has the options I do. I needed to learn that; it's made me more conscious of the needs of others. And I like the opportunity to act out our Responsibility Statement.

Jamie T.

I first encountered ASC when the furniture in my home group got moved around. I asked why that had happened; it turned out to be an access issue. That phrase, "access

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Bridging The Gap—Volunteers Needed

Wow...springtime. I love this time of year. For me there is a feeling of hope and growth that lies ahead in the coming months. My name is Allen H. and I am an alcoholic. For the past year, I have had the privilege and honor of serving District 12 as your bridging the gap chair. Bridging the gap is a sub-committee of general service, and has been an official arm of General Service since its inception at the 1990 AA World convention in Seattle.

Bridging the Gap is often referred to as "AA's welcome wagon." We try to bridge the gap for clients being released from alcohol treatment facilities (and medical or correctional facilities) to the client's hometown AA group. We do that by providing a temporary AA contact in the newcomer's home community to take them to their first AA meeting.

This is how Bridging the Gap works in our district: A team of 3 or 4 AA volunteers goes once a month to a treatment facility at a pre-arranged time and puts on a presentation. The presentation is designed to let the clients know about AA—what AA is and what AA is not. We show the AA video "Hope" which portrays a newcomer's release back to his home community and his first attempts to go to AA meetings. After the video, a few of the team

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SCIF General Meeting

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Generations was great. Doug plans five seminars for the coming 12 months. The next one will be in May (date and location TBD) and will be on Parenting in Sobriety.

TELESERVICE: Dave R. Teleservice has some open shifts - see page 2 of the April newsletter. An additional open shift is Thursdays 2-6pm.

LIAISON REPORTS:

BRIDGING THE GAP: John B. John described the purpose of Bridging the Gap. He stated they are getting volunteers as contacts but need help at the committee level and in doing presentations at treatment centers. Please attend their business meeting 3rd Tuesday 7pm at the bookstore. Special thanks to Reps making announcements at meetings, they are getting good response to requests for help.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Mark V. H&I business meeting is 1st Wednesday of month at 6pm at Senior Center in Santa Rosa. The 37th Annual H & I Conference will be held April 25-27 in Burlingame. The theme is "Carrying the Message".

PI/CPC: Nick R. Dave R. reported for Nick. PI/CPC distributes AA -approved literature, makes presentations at DUI classes, schools, health fairs, etc. They meet the 2nd Wed of the month.

SOCYPAA: Kari W. Socypaa is hosting a Dodge ball event on April 19 with a 11am meeting followed by BBQ and Dodge ball. The ACYPAA conference will be held in Sacramento April 3-6. SOCYPAA is putting in a bid for the 2009 ACYPAA conference. Socypaa is holding elections during the next two months. They meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: Jamie T. ASC is purchasing the Big Book and pamphlets in the language used by each of its Language Database volunteers to aid them in talking with

alcoholics who speak other languages.

GENERAL SERVICE: Lauralyn C. The pre-conference assembly is coming up on April 12&13 at the Contra Costa Fairgrounds in Antioch. At the Area 06 meeting last Saturday in Petaluma, the following motion was passed: That the Interpretations & Translation Committee provide interpretation for every workshop at Summer Assemblies.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

* The motion to eliminate the Seventh Tradition contributions at the SCIF General Meeting was passed with only two opposed.

* Sign Language interpreters for Intergroup functions. This fund will be controlled by Intergroup for its own events only - to include workshops, speaker meetings, alcathons and Intergroup meetings. An interpreter will only be hired for an event if specifically requested by at least one deaf member, who would thereby commit to attending. They are asking that Intergroup set aside \$1500 for this purpose initially, and that the program be evaluated annually." Will be taken back to Groups for sharing sessions and group conscience.

NEW BUSINESS:

* The motion" That SCIF install a POS system (computer + monitor + peripherals + software) for more efficient tracking of sales and inventory, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000" will be taken to Groups for sharing sessions and group conscience.

GROUP SHARING AND CONCERNS: None

SUMMATION: Bob P.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in Service,

Donna L.

A Note From the Chair



It's April as I write this for the May newsletter, and I'm reflecting on Tradition Four: *"Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole"* and Tradition Five: *"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."*

To some extent, Intergroup exists to help us balance those two Traditions. We come together as a forum, representatives from groups delegated to reflect consensus on matters that may affect AA as a whole (in Sonoma County). Each local group is autonomous in how it interprets Tradition Five—does it support the "green cans" or "AA dances"?

About 40% of our groups participate in Tradition Four (and Seven) by contributing to SCIF and sending representatives to our meeting. Every group in the county is eligible to participate in SCIF decisions about how our local AA community collectively fulfills Tradition Five. There is no requirement that the group contribute funds in order to send a representative to have a voice in those decisions.

How does Intergroup help groups fulfill these two Traditions? Your contributions underwrite the cost of meeting directories, Teleservice Hotline service, Central Office volunteers answering phones and directing AA's to local meetings, our website and newsletter keeping us all informed and connected, and the costs of the Intergroup meetings.

SCIF supports autonomy by separating out other functions as "self-supporting" (see the financial report in your newsletter). Those functions include: An Activities Committee that organizes social events (dances, picnics, other outings) that are designed to be self-supporting, since only a minority of our members participate in them. We organize seminars or workshops on recovery or service topics, also appealing only to some members. Our annual series of Alkathons during the winter holidays provide succor, respite, and celebration to AA members at a time that can be stressful for us. And our Bookstore provides service to local groups as a resource for literature, AA pamphlets, and chips, while also giving individual members the chance to shop for AA-centered merchandise to enhance the sober lifestyle—jewelry, book covers, tapes and CD's, license-plate holders (!), etc. Bookstore operations, under the oversight of the Intergroup Central Service Committee, and Activities and Seminars, under the oversight of the Steering Committee, endeavor to be self-supporting—at no cost to groups.

Intergroup practices the Fourth Tradition by asking groups to decide on larger issues that affect the AA community—current issues include providing ASL translation at Intergroup events and implementing technology upgrades to Central Office/Bookstore operations. How we respond to these questions depends on how each group interprets both Traditions. Is your group participating in these decisions? We encourage you to do so.

Diane W.

Cache Creek



Believe it or not we are almost to the Cache Creek Trip final payment time. If you have your deposit in, please mail you final payment as soon as possible. There are still a few spaces left but they go very fast right about now. Don't be left out!

The trip is the weekend of June 21 & 22, but payments coming in ASAP help us to secure more spaces if we need them. Come one, Come all...if you haven't been on this trip, well...it's a trip. But if you miss it this year, don't worry. All you'll miss is an entire weekend of fun, sun, and fellowship for the minimal price of \$140. That includes rafting, food, campsite, and some very "suspect" pirates that pilot the river with water guns. It truly is a weekend many folks look forward to every year.

Paul S.

Bridging the Gap (Continued from page 3)

members give a brief talk about what it was like for them to find and get started in AA. Then they ask if any clients would like to have a temporary contact hook up with them and accompany them to their first AA meeting upon release. If the answer to this is yes, then they fill out a blue request card which asks for name, phone, age, sex, release date and zip code destination. These "blue cards" are collected and sent to a phone coordinator whose job it is to find a volunteer in the newcomer's zip code. This volunteer will be the same sex as the requester and as close in age as possible. The Bridging the Gap volunteer then contacts the person requesting the service before they leave the treatment facility and extends the offer to take them to a meeting on or close to their first day of release from treatment.

This is the vital 12 step work we do. As our responsibility statement says:

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, we want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that we are responsible.

Bridging the Gap in district 12 needs volunteers! To be a temporary contact volunteer an AA member should have at least 6 months of sobriety and have a working knowledge of the twelve steps. If you volunteer you will be asked to attend a short orientation meeting. These orientation meetings are held on every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the bookstore located at 750 Mendocino Ave., suite #10. The regular business meeting follows at 7pm. Anyone is welcome at either meeting.

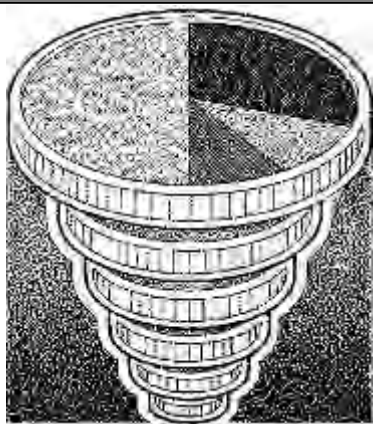
We need volunteers everywhere in district 12, especially in the out lying areas...Glen Ellen, Sonoma, Kenwood, all of west county, Windsor, Healdsburg and Cloverdale.

Make yourself available to help a newcomer. As a BTG volunteer, you will probably only be called upon a few times a year, at most. The secret is to open your heart and be AVAILABLE...to yourself, your higher power and to the still suffering alcoholic.

Allen H.

BTG chair district 12

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY MARCH 2008



Example of Suggested Group Contributions to AA Service Entities

- 50-70% to Intergroup
- 10-30% to Local General Service
- 10-20% to CNCA
- 10-20% to GSO New York

| | March 2008 | | | Mar 07 | Year to Date 2008 | | | 2007 |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------|-----|--------|--|---------|-----|------|
| | Income | Expense | Net | Net | Income | Expense | Net | Net |
| Group Supported: | | | | | | | | |
| Central Office | | | | | | | | |
| Groups | | | | | | | | |
| Individuals | | | | | | | | |
| Teleservice | | | | | | | | |
| Web Site | | | | | | | | |
| Newsletter | | | | | | | | |
| Interest | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Self Supported: | | | | | | | | |
| Bookstore | | | | | | | | |
| Activities | | | | | | | | |
| Alkathons | | | | | | | | |
| Seminars | | | | | | | | |
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| Assets & Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
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| Prepaid Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
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| Property | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | Prudent Reserve | | | |
| | | | | | Liabilities | | | |
| | | | | | Operating Reserve | | | |

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

| Meetings | March | YTD | Meetings | March | YTD | Meetings | March | YTD |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------------------|-------|-----|
| 11th Step Meeting | | | Keep It Simple | | | Sober Sunday Group | | |
| 12 X 12 Plus Step | | | Kenwood Step Study | | | Sonoma Valley Fellowship | | |
| AA Sonoma, Fri Night Fellowship | | | Lost & Found Group | | | South Park Survivors | | |
| AA Sonoma, Tues Big Book Group | | | Lunch Bunch Group | | | Sunday PM Closed Discussion | | |
| Access Sonoma County | | | Moment of Silence | | | The Sunday Niters Group | | |
| Acres Fellowship Group | | | Monday Mood Swings | | | There Is A Solution | | |
| Any Lengths Group | | | Mon Night Alcoholics Only Step Study | | | Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion | | |
| Book & Discussion, Sonoma | | | Monte Rio Book Study | | | Thurs. Night Women's AA | | |
| Breakfast Club | | | Not Just Another Newcomer's Meeting | | | Tuesday Noon, Alano Club | | |
| Early Bird Fellowship of Petaluma | | | O God It's Monday | | | Up The Steps | | |
| FAHA Home Group | | | Open Door | | | Warm Springs Fellowship | | |
| Fourth Monday | | | Promises Group | | | Wednesday Wonders | | |
| Good Neighbors, Geyserville | | | Quitting Time Group | | | We're In The Now | | |
| Graton Fellowship | | | River Grace | | | Women's Book Group | | |
| G.R.B.B.S. | | | Rule 62 River Readers | | | Women's Step Study & Discussion | | |
| Gualala Group | | | Saturday Nite Living Right | | | Working Winners | | |
| Healdsburg Anonymity | | | Saturday Night Young People's | | | Young People's Tea & Recovery | | |
| Healdsburg Women's Book Study | | | Saturday Serenity | | | Young & Young At Heart | | |
| Hessel Big Book Study Group | | | Sebastopol AA Noon Movement | | | (group name not on check) | | |
| Higher Power Group | | | Sebastopol Men's Stag | | | | | |
| Highlander Group | | | Signs of Sobriety | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Total | | |

Feliz Cinco de Mayo



Happy Mother's Day

Happy Memorial Day

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS



"When we consult an AA friend, we should not be reluctant to remind him of our need for full privacy. Intimate communication is normally so free and easy among us that an AA adviser may sometimes forget when we expect him to remain silent. The protective sanctity of this most healing of human relations ought never be violated.

"Such privileged communications have priceless advantages. We find in them the perfect opportunity to be as honest as we know how to be. We do not have to think of the possibility of damage to other people, nor need we fear ridicule or condemnation. Here, too, we have the best possible chance of spotting self-deception."

[Bill W., Grapevine, August 1961]

The April meeting of the H&I Committee was pleased to welcome new meeting reps Sharon O., representing the Early Birds group (Petaluma); Adrienne B., Young People's Tea and Recovery; Julie, Russian River Women; Carol, Broads' Night Out; Kevin, Midweek Insomniacs; Jay S., Tuesday 12 x 12; Karen, Spirit of Akron; Tim, Saturday Night Living Right (Sebastopol); Jason A., Alcoholics Only; Christine, New Life II (Pet); Bill R., Steps in Windsor; Lem, The Up Group; Morgan, (RP/Cotati) Drop the Rock; and Ginger, No Frills Group; Thank you for being of service!

Also joining us were visitors Justine, Robert, Luther, John and Trevor—keep coming back; we hope you discover your "brand" of service.

There was a total of 108 years and 3 months' worth of sobriety being celebrated by Sharon, with 2 years; Roger A., 11; Chris, 4; Bob G., 14; John C., 7; Jason, 20; Peter S., 22; Jonathan, 3; Annie, 17; and Joni, 5. Miles had 5 months; Marcy, 11; and Lem, 22. Many happy returns of your sobriety anniversaries!

Our five-minute speaker was Duncan who shared that, at the "strong suggestion" of a friend with over 20 years of sobriety, he became an H&I rep. He

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Happy Trails



The Happy Trails Hike
May 25 is *Annadel Park!*

Meet at the bookstore
750 Mendocino Ave
at 9:30 A.M.

For more information
Call Linda L.

|  MAY • 2008  | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
| SCIF Bookstore750 Mendocino Ave. Suite 10 Faith Lutheran Church.....4970 Newanga Ave. St. Luke Lutheran Church.....905 Mendocino Ave . S.R Senior Center704 Bennett Valley Rd. S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge...First St. and Santa Rosa Ave. | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg. | 5 General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting | 6 | 7 Hospitals & Institutions S.R. Senior Center 5:30 New Rep Orientation 6:00 Business Meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 11 Sober Riders | 12 SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting | 13 | 14 PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting | 15 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Meeting | 16 Communications/ Newsletter Committee 6:30 SCIF Bookstore | 17 | |
| 18 SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg | 19 | 20 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:30 New Rep Orientation 7:00 Business Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma | |
| 25 Happy Trails 9:30 AM SCIF Bookstore | 26 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting | 27 General Service District 12 Officers Meeting 6:15 SCIF Bookstore | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

H&I Report (Continued from page 6)

soon was taking in meetings where he learned to get out of himself and speak unselfconsciously "I was told that my nervousness was just my ego getting in the way." All his sponsors (who had long-term sobriety and were members of H&I) helped him learn how, by showing and suiting up, doing what's suggested (including avoiding profanity), and making a commitment could change (and save) his life.

Looking to change your life—and maybe that of another alcoholic? Find out HOW at the next Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2, at the Santa Rosa Senior Center located at the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue (one block east of Santa Rosa Avenue). The regular meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.; orientation (to which all are welcome) is at 5:30. Come on down—and bring a friend!

In Service,
Mardi

Access Sonoma County (from page 3)

issue", has since become a working part of my vocabulary! For me, this service has been about raising my awareness of the needs of various members of Alcoholics Anonymous. I've learned new respect for members with different needs. As I've extended this consideration and respect to others, it's become possible (some days) to extend it to myself as well. The more disabled I become, the more I appreciate the work of this committee. Access is about making sure I can be part of the fellowship no matter what's going on with me physically. I need that assurance for my continuing sobriety and serenity. To me, it's worth working for.

Pat N.

What's your story? Please join us on the second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore in Santa Rosa. Or call Susan.

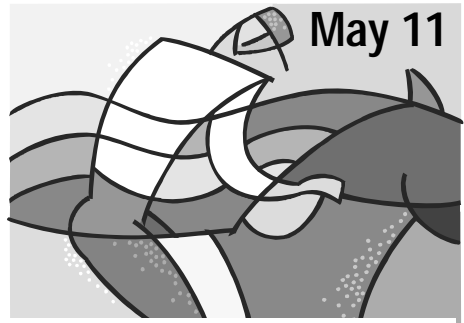
The Beach Is Back!

The first beach meeting of 2008 will be Friday, June 6.

Get in on the fun!

The steering committee is meeting Friday, May 9, at Adel's Restaurant on the corner of College and Mendocino.

There are commitments to be filled. Flyers will be forthcoming.



Sober Riders

For information call Judy R.

ASL INTERPRETERS - QUARTERLY REPORT

"Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question: 'Is this service really needed?' If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A."
Bill W., "AA's Legacy of Service."

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

| Meeting | 1st Qtr '08 | YTD |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| New Year's Alcathon | | |
| Cazadero Group | | |
| Harmony Group | | |
| Hessel Big Book Study | | |
| Keep It Simple | | |
| Mature & Sober | | |
| Moment of Silence | | |
| Saturday Afternoon Winners | | |
| Saturday Night Living Right | | |
| Sebastopol Single Purpose Group | | |
| Signs of Sobriety | | |
| Sunday Niters | | |
| TBDME | | |
| Third Step Group | | |
| Wed Night Women's Step Study | | |
| Women's Perspective AA Group | | |
| Young & Young At Heart | | |
| Total | | |
| Paid to interpreters: | | |
| Prudent Reserve: | | |

Sonoma County May Sobriety Birthdays



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|-------------|---------|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Cynthia B. | 5/17/71 | 37 Santa Rosa | Joan G. | 5/11/99 | 9 Santa Rosa | Christy M. | 5/24/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
| Julie | 5/5/77 | 31 Santa Rosa | Paula B. | 5/11/99 | 9 Petaluma | Justin B. | 5/24/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
| Kay S. | 5/23/81 | 27 Santa Rosa | Ryan T. | 5/11/99 | 9 Santa Rosa | Shannon D. | 5/24/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
| Dean C. | 5/3/82 | 26 Cloverdale | Jim M. | 5/22/00 | 8 Santa Rosa | David S. | 5/23/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
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| Kevin | 5/5/95 | 13 Santa Rosa | Robert H. | 5/3/03 | 5 Santa Rosa | Cody B. | 5/1/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
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| Joanne | 5/19/96 | 12 Santa Rosa | Kim T. | 5/26/04 | 4 Santa Rosa | Rick C. | 5/1/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
| TJ (Tom) B. | 5/9/96 | 12 Cloverdale | Kevin L. | 5/21/04 | 4 Santa Rosa | Wayne L. | 5/1/05 | 3 Santa Rosa |
| De W. | 5/6/96 | 12 Santa Rosa | Cynthia A.F. | 5/9/04 | 4 Fairfield | Jack | 5/26/06 | 2 Santa Rosa |
| Rory B. | 5/16/97 | 11 Santa Rosa | Lisa B. | 5/6/04 | 4 Santa Rosa | Tony | 5/6/06 | 2 Santa Rosa |
| Lenny S. | 5/8/97 | 11 Santa Rosa | Alan W. | 5/5/04 | 4 Santa Rosa | | | |
| Pamela K. | 5/11/98 | 10 Cloverdale | William | 5/29/05 | 3 Santa Rosa | | | |

684 YEARS!

NEW MEETINGS

Geyserville
 Mon 7:30 PM (C)(W) Geyserville Men's Book Study
 Church
 21300 Geyserville Ave.

Jenner
 Sun 6:00 PM (O)(W) Jenner Step Study
 Community Center

Santa Rosa
 Sat 3:00 PM (O)(W) Saturday Step Meeting
 Santa Rosa Alano Club
 465 Kenwood Ct.

MEETING CHANGES

Cloverdale
 Wed 6:00 PM Big Book, now at 6:30 PM

Santa Rosa
 Mon 12:15 PM No Frills Group
 Moving in May to City Life
 2425 Mendocino Ave

Fri 12:15 PM Friday Nooners
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NO LONGER MEETING

Jenner
 Tues 7:00 PM River Meditation

Santa Rosa
 Wed 6:00 PM Reading Skills in Sobriety

Sonoma
 Sat 4:30 PM Young Peoples Meeting

MEETING CODES

- (C) Closed meeting, alcoholics only.
- (O) Open meeting, anyone can attend.
- (W) Wheel chair access to meeting area.

*To report meeting changes:
 Contact Russell*

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Things seem to have settled down here and on March 31st we completed our 1st quarter inventory. Thanks to all the people who showed up and helped us count everything in the bookstore.

This past Monday, John S. made the biggest sale in bookstore recorded history: 200 Big Books to the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center at Two Rock. Thank you to John and our sober fellows in the Coast Guard.

We are beginning to plan for the summer season when our volunteers will be away on vacation, so we would welcome a call from people who are interested in being listed as "on call" to fill in for our vacationers.

Thanks to all of our volunteer staff and loyal customers who have made my new job a real joy. In Service,
 Linda M.



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*The bookstore is staffed by volunteers and is sometimes closed for lack of manpower.
 Call first!*

The Bookstore is closed on these Holidays:

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| Memorial Day | May 29th |
| Independence Day | July 4th |
| Labor Day | September 4th |
| Thanksgiving | November 23rd |
| Christmas | December 25th |
| New Year's Day | January 1st |

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