



Sonoma County  
Intergroup  
Fellowship

# NEWS

APRIL  
2014

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

## A.A. Founder's Day Picnic



**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

Rincon Valley Community Park  
5108 Badger Rd, Santa Rosa

**Picnic 10am - 4pm --- A.A. Meeting 11am - 12 noon**

- Bring a chair, blanket, and mitt
- Games & prizes for the kids
- Volleyball, softball, and much more!



- Buy hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks
- Bring a side dish or dessert to share

**Volunteers Needed! Call Lori S. 529-9664**

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### BOOKSTORE

#### SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Manager: Linda M.  
Phone: (707) 546-2066  
Fax: (707) 566-9677  
[bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org](mailto:bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org)  
WinterHours

Monday-Thursday	10-5
Friday	10-6
Saturday	11-3

**The bookstore is staffed by volunteers.**  
**Occasionally it is closed due to lack of staff - Call first!**

**The Bookstore is closed on these Holidays**

Memorial Day	May 26
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 1
Thanksgiving	November 27
Christmas	December 25
New Year's	January 1 & 2

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# Tradition Twelve: Anonymity in the Digital Age

A Seminar and Discussion

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SCIF Central Office/Bookstore  
750 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

Information: Lori S. 707-529-9664

## NEW MEETINGS

### Petaluma

**Monday Morning Meditation**, Monday, 6:30 a.m. (O) Elim Church, 504 Baker, off Stanley (upstairs)

### Sebastopol

**Literature Study**, Friday 9:30 a.m., (O)(W) Church, 500 North Main St.

**Santa Rosa** (Spanish Speaking)  
**Viviendo Libre**, Tues., & Thurs., Fri., Sat. (O)(Kids OK) 7 to 9 p.m., 1015 Petaluma Hill Road.

## NO LONGER MEETING

### Rohnert Park

**Chopstix**, Saturday, 9:30 p.m., no longer young people's; now **Candlelight**.

### Santa Rosa

**Young Persons Meeting**, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., new name, **Midweek Madness**

## SEEKING JOB APPLICANTS

### CENTRAL OFFICE/ BOOKSTORE MANAGER

The Manager is responsible, with the aid of the Intergroup Central Service Committee (ICSC), for the business operations of the bookstore, overseeing sales, keeping adequate merchandise levels through reordering, maintaining an attractive display of merchandise, and ensuring the security of the bookstore itself and of the cash and goods in the store.

The Manager is responsible for recruiting, training, and motivating the volunteer staff at the Central Office.

The Manager must attend the second-Monday meetings of the ICSC and the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship (SCIF) Steering Committee, as well as the SCIF General Meeting on the fourth Monday of each month.

Applicant must have a working knowledge of Word, Excel, and QuickBooks. Experience with Intuit POS is a plus.

This is a part-time paid exempt position. Five years of sobriety is required. Applicant must have excellent people skills. Previous experience in retail management or general business management preferred.

Application form and Job Description may be picked up at the SCIF Bookstore. Completed applications may be mailed to:

ATTN: Jay and Virginia, SCIF Bookstore, 750 Mendocino Avenue #10, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. For information, contact Virginia W. at 758-6237 or Jay S. at 799-5949.

**Application deadline: Friday,  
April 25, 2014**



# ACYPAA XLII

*All California Young People In  
Alcoholics Anonymous Round-up*

**April 3-6, 2014  
Redding, CA**

**Redding Civic Auditorium**

**Red Lion Hotel  
1-800-733-5466**

**Promo Code: ACYP0403  
\$99.95/night**

## SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

**Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting** – February 24, 2014. The meeting opened at 8 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

**Readings:** John read the Preamble; Barb read Tradition Nine; John read Concept XI.

**Birthdays:** Cindy W. 2 years; Christy 18 months; Gus 12 years; Craig 1 year; Pete J. 13 years; Leanne, 1 year; Christina 7 years; Holly H. 15 years.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**Chair:** (Patty G.) Election of officer positions continued tonight and we will complete election of committee chairs. We will be electing liaisons to General Service and Spanish Central Office next month as well as the ICSC nominating committee members. Joann L. will explain the Third Legacy procedure for elections and will run the elections this evening.

Steering Committee members are working on the Pass-it-On packets for all positions.

**Vice Chair:** (Holly H.) Those new reps that did not attend the orientation tonight should arrive by 7:30 p.m. next month to attend the orientation. Include phone number and email when signing in.

**Secretary:** (Jennifer R.) The General Meeting minutes of January 2014 were put forth and approved.

**Treasurer:** (Jimmie B.) Financial Summary Report: Group contributions for January were \$4,924, which was \$1,476 less than January of 2013. After expenses, we had a gain of \$225. Bookstore income was \$7,672, and after expenses had a gain of \$203. Alk-athon income was \$150 from receipt of cleaning deposit. Overall we had a net gain of \$578.

**Registrar:** (Carolyn A.) Carolyn reported that in February there were 233 groups offering 366 meetings per week in Sonoma County. At the January General Meeting there were 88 representatives for a representation of 38 percent. As a side note, there were 15 new representatives at January's General Meeting, and in January 2013, we had 19 new representatives. New reps are encouraged to sign in on the correct day of week (clearly marked) and if the rep is an alternate or just picking up the items for another representative please be sure to sign up using their name, meeting name, and meeting time/city.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Bookstore:** (Linda M.) All volunteers' shifts at the Central Office/Bookstore have been filled. Volunteers must have at least one year of continuous sobriety, knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and some background in service work. The 75th Anniversary edition of the Big Book will be available April 2014 for a cost of \$12.00 per copy. The Bookstore has preordered 200 copies. There is a sign-up sheet at the Bookstore for people who would like to reserve a copy.

Through the Month of March the Bookstore will feature the book "Living Sober," for the sales price of \$4.49 per copy. Closure Days: Closing at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Closed 1:00 p.m. New Year's Eve.

**ICSC:** (Suzanne A.) Committee is going well.

**Activities:** (Lori S.) Founder's Day Picnic (June 7th) next event. Planning committee meeting March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza on Occidental Road in Santa Rosa.

**Communications/Newsletter:** (Barry D.) The newsletter is also available on line. Intergroup Representative is to carry the message back to the group. Experienced Volunteer needed to be the newsletter editor.

**Outreach:** (Ben G.) Went to three new meetings. One new meeting seeking a new rep for their meeting. Outreach volunteers sought, see newsletter for information or contact Ben G.

**Seminars:** (Chris M.) The upcoming March 26, 2014 seminar will be "How an A.A. Group Functions." May 28 the seminar will be "Tradition Twelve: Anonymity in the Digital Age."

**Teleservice:** (Joe B.) Open shift Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### LIAISON REPORTS

**SOCYPAA:** (Cassidy) Not present.

**Spanish Central Office:** (Rosa S.) Not present.

**H & I:** (Patrick W.) H&I carries message of A.A. to confined alcoholic. Will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month in January due to the holiday at the church on West Steele and Range in Santa Rosa. Orientation at 5:45pm, meeting at 6:15pm. Last month there was one (1) blackouts (H&I didn't show) and five (5) brownouts (facility not allowing meeting). Currently there are 19 H&I meetings coordinated in Sonoma county.

**General Service:** (Joann L.) General Service officers have condensed the Agenda Topics to Agenda Topics Summary. Agenda Topic is a proposed item of change for A.A. GSRs will be conducting sharing sessions at their groups. All sharing sessions must be held prior to the Pre-conference Assembly in Monterey April 5th and April 6th. District 12 business meeting is held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa. At 6:45 there is a Group Concerns Meeting, a Concept Study meeting and a New GSR orientation.

**Bridging the Gap:** (Bill D.) Bridging the Gap gets people to their first meeting from a facility. They need more volunteers, both to take people to meetings and to present at facilities. Contact info in newsletter. Business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at the Bookstore. At 6:00 pm there is a briefing on how to do a presentation.

**PI/CPC:** (Diane) Provides accurate information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the public, and makes sure professionals have information and materials to help their clients. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, training from 7-7:30 p.m. and meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the City Hall underground meeting room in Santa Rosa. PI/CPC has been asked to give a presentation at Life Ring conference this year. A group conscience will be taken at the upcoming PI/CPC meeting whether to accept or decline the invitation.

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## SCIF GENERAL MEETING

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**Access Sonoma County:** (John F.) Not present.

**ICSC Nominating Committee:** (Mike C.) ICSC nominating committee is a three-person committee that selects candidates for the ICSC. ICSC oversees Bookstore. Candidates are needed in April 2014. Sobriety requirement of five years and some business background needed. Candidates interested, please contact Suzanne A.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ELECTIONS:** Results of 2014 election of officers and chairs: Treasurer: Carolyn A.; Secretary: Jennifer R.; Registrar: Jim W.; Activities: Richard H.; Alkathon: Ben G.; Newsletter: Joel H.; Outreach: Barry D.; Seminars: Lori S.; Teleservice: Joe B.

**DISCUSSION:** Alkathon sign-up process. Requesting input from the Intergroup Representatives on group sign-ups currently being used.

**GROUP SHARING:** (None.)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

**-In service, Jennifer R.**

## BRIDGING THE GAP

### The Messenger

I was first exposed to Bridging the Gap when I was a resident of Duffy's Rehab in Calistoga, and a couple of people from AA came to share that there was a way to transition from a safe, nurturing environment back into the real world with the help of AA. They had us fill out cards with our contact information and release dates, and told us that if we wanted it, that someone of the same gender would call us a day or two after completing our stay and take us to a meeting of AA to help us become familiar with our early recovery in a new setting, and meet a few people in the A.A. Fellowship.

Now being on the other side and making a decision to become a Member of Alcoholics Anonymous, my Sponsor told me at 6 months sobriety, to get myself to a business meeting of Bridging the Gap and give back what was so freely given. I now present that same information to the still suffering alcoholic in a recovery setting at Azure Acres. I can see the possible hope in their eyes, and for that, I am truly grateful.

Bridging the Gap is a subcommittee of General Service that does just that, shines the light to and through the doors of AA for those that have been in treatment or other institutions.

If your interested in being of service with BtG, you can sign up to be on the volunteer call list to take a newcomer to an A.A. meeting in your community, serve as a presenter at one of the monthly facility meetings, or just witness a meeting at the SCIF Bookstore, 750 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (orientation for new members at 6:00 p.m.).

**-In Gratitude and Service, Kim M**

## PI/CPC NEWS

### Thanks to you...

The temperature is a perfect northern California 75°, with a light breeze right now as I bask in the early spring sunshine, feeling amazingly content with my life. It's about 1:30 in the afternoon and my mind drifts back to a place in time a bit over 22 years ago. I had reached a bottom in my miserable, chaotic, alcoholic life. My then husband and I had initiated what was to be a devastating separation for me, and I was seeing a therapist. Although I cried through most of the first session or two, my therapist was able, in his wisdom to gather enough information from me to make a suggestion that I try attending a couple of A.A. meetings! As desperate as I was, I trusted this man, and I was willing to try anything he suggested if it might relieve the pain I was feeling.

The sense of belonging, relief and hope that I found after just my first AA meeting was beyond wonderful! I really believed a happy, joyous, and free new life awaited me. I was so grateful that my therapist knew enough about A.A. to suggest it to me.

It would be many years of sobriety later that I would learn about our PI/CPC committee (Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community), and their job: To give accurate information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the public and to professionals who work with alcoholics (like my therapist).

Today, I am reminded of the gratitude that is expressed to me by recipients and benefactors of our presentations. I have heard it said "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends."

So, to our committee members and speakers, who lay down their lives each time they go out to speak and share, we are eternally grateful for your service and we say "Thanks to you lives are truly being transformed and saved!"

Please join us on this life saving journey. PI/CPC meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at City Hall (Lounge by underground parking) in Santa Rosa. Speaker training is at 7:00pm and the business meeting follows from 7:30-8:30pm.

**Diana W.**

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### Every Group Deserves Representation

The primary purpose of the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship is to meet the needs of the A.A. groups in the county and to provide services as required. In order to do that, we need to hear from as many groups as we can. Currently, there are many groups without Intergroup representation. The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation by spreading the work about the importance of Intergroup participation.

We are recruiting members for the Outreach Committee who are willing and able to attend one or two meetings a week to visit groups that are not represented and help them find a representative. Our Fellowship has so much to offer newcomers and groups, we want the message of A.A. to be available to everyone. If you are interested, please call Barry D. at 849-9858 or email outreach@sonomacountyaa.org.

**Barry D.**

## ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY

There are no "special needs" in AA! We all need to hear and carry the message, attend meetings and work the steps, but for some there are significant barriers. The mission of Access Sonoma County is to explore, develop and offer resources to make the Alcoholics Anonymous message and participation in our program available to everyone who reaches out for it. Our AA and Mental Health Workshop was very well received last fall and we hope to do a workshop on another "access issue" this year. Barriers also include a lack of childcare, physical disabilities, and speaking a language other than English.

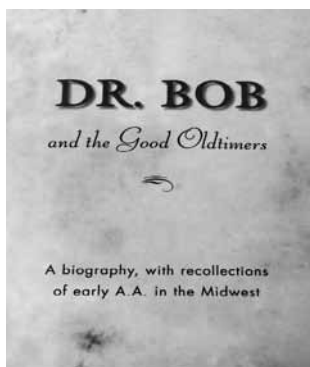
We are in need of a new chairperson to lead this small, but lively committee. Please come to the business meeting the second Thursday of month at 6:30 pm at the SCIF Bookstore to get involved!

**Jennifer B.**

## NEWS FROM THE BOOKSTORE

This month your Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Bookstore will feature: "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" on sale for only \$11.84 per copy. "This book attempts to give a portrait of Dr. Bob as full-scale and balanced as possible- for the most part in the words of those who knew him personally". So drop by the Bookstore and learn more about the history of AA when you buy a sale copy of "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers".

The Bookstore signup sheet to reserve copies of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book is filling up fast. We have pre-ordered 200 copies of this 1st Edition reprint from AA World Services and expect them to be shipped to us sometime in April. There are approximately fifty copies remaining that are available for reservation, so drop by and reserve your copy soon.



**In Service, Linda M.**

### Retirement Announcement

We are saddened to announce Linda Miller, Sonoma County's Bookstore and Central Office Manager, is retiring from her position in June.

Linda has served the Fellowship as our Manager for over six years. She implemented the Point of Sale system at our sales desk, oversaw the renovation of the bookstore, as well as the smooth transition from an all cash sales system to credit/debit purchasing.

As any volunteer at the bookstore will share, Linda has been a wonderful manager to volunteer with.

On behalf of the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship, we thank her for her service and support of the Fellowship in this county, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

**Patty G.**

## HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

"I asked myself, "Why can't the Twelve Steps work to release me from this unbearable depression?" By the hour, I stared at the St. Francis Prayer: "It is better to comfort than to be comforted."

"Suddenly I realized what the answer might be. My basic flaw had always been dependence on people or circumstances to supply me with prestige, security and confidence. Failing to get these things according to my perfectionist dreams and specifications, I fought for them and when defeat came, so did my depression.

"Reinforced by what grace I could find in prayer, I had to exert every ounce of will and action to cut off these faulty emotional dependencies upon people and upon circumstances. Then only could I be free to love as Francis had loved." [Bill W., Grapevine, January 1958]

The March 2014 meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee welcomed a substantial group of new H&I meeting reps Ron D., representing the Great Reality Group; Sharon T., Lost Then Found (Healdsburg); Jim N., Beginners Group; Juliana B., Just For Today (Cotati); Liz W., Oaks Fellowship (Campobello); Rick M. Alcoholics Only 12X12; Lupe R., Women's Step Study (Sebastopol); Deneé J., Daily Nooners (Sebastopol); Nancy E., Sober Sisters (Sebastopol); Syd G., Keep it Simple; Don F., Harmony Group; Patrick W., Early Birds (Petaluma); David G., Good Neighbor Group (Geyserville); Amy B., Women's Step Study & Discussion; Nancy D., Cloverdale AA; Deanna T., South Park Survivors; Roger M., Primary Purpose (Sebastopol); and John G., Not a Glum Lot (Oakmont). Welcome and thank you all for being of service!

We also extend a warm "hello" to our visitors Brandon D., Marc B. and Lynn D. We hope you find something here that keeps you coming back.

How can you help an alcoholic who is confined? Come find out at the next meeting of the H&I Committee on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 6:15 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the orientation that begins at 5:45. The location is the Community of Christ Church, 1495 W. Steele Lane, on the corner at Range Avenue (parking is off of Range, behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena). We look forward to seeing you there!

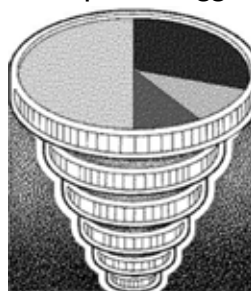
**Mardi H.**

## CACHE CREEK GROUP

### "Meeting on the River"

Watch next month's Newsletter or check online for updates to the "Meeting on the River" [www.cache-creek-group.org](http://www.cache-creek-group.org)

### Example of Suggested Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities:



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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## California Northern Coastal Area 06 Of Alcoholics Anonymous Pre-Conference Assembly 2014

"Communicating Our Legacies - Vital in a Changing World"

" SATURDAY/SUNDAY APRIL 5 & 6, 2014. 2004 Fairground Rd., Monterey

### Saturday

8:00-9:00 AM Registration  
9:00-9:30 Orientation and remarks from Delegate  
Conference Process review and Group Consciences  
9:30 AM Business meeting  
Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM  
1:00 PM *Sharing on the Conference Theme*  
1:30 PM Group Consciences  
Agenda  
Literature  
Finance  
Grapevine  
What's on your mind?  
5:00-5:30 PM

Please clean up all your belongings

### Sunday

8:30-9:00 AM Registration  
9:00 AM Group Consciences  
Public Information  
Report and Charter  
International Conventions/Regional forums  
Policy and Admissions  
Cooperation with the Professional Community  
Corrections  
What's on your Mind?  
12:30-1:00PM

"If extra time is needed..." to hear group consciences, we will break for lunch and return at 2:00PM to continue."

Please clean up all your belongings

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Renew  
Subscribe  
Give a gift  
Try i-poll  
Use GV in meetings  
Submit your story or art

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Visit us at [AAGrapevine.org](http://AAGrapevine.org)



### TSR 2014

Thursday, May 15, 2014  
Friday, May 16, 2014  
Saturday, May 17, 2014  
Sunday, May 18, 2014

RIVERSIDE RESORT HOTEL & CASINO  
LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

- 24 Hour Hospitality Brawl with Fellowship - FREE G&C & Cookies
- 24 Hour Marathon Meetings
- AA and Al-Anon Archives - browse a world-class collection
- Ice Cream Social & Kickoff Speaker Meeting - Thursday night - FREE
- 1950s Costume Dinner & Sock Hop - Friday night
- AA Speaker Meeting - Friday night
- Al-Anon Luncheon & Speaker Meeting - Saturday noon
- AA Banquet & Keynote Speaker Meeting - Saturday night
- Golf Tournament - Friday morning - Laughlin Ranch
- Cosmic Bowling - Friday night
- Poker Run - Saturday morning
- SOBER Games - Saturday night - FREE

Hotel room discount for Tristate attendees.  
Roundup events and meals all non-smoking.  
Smoking is permitted in parts of Casino.  
Reserved seats for Saturday Banquet (must register together)  
Discount \$2 for registrations made by April 15, 2014  
Additional \$2 discount for Online Registration

**FELLOWSHIP ON THE RIVER**

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# APRIL • 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>First United Methodist Church:</b> 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa <b>Faith Lutheran Church:</b> 4930 Newanga Ave., Santa Rosa <b>St. Luke Lutheran Church:</b> 905 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa <b>Community of Christ Church:</b> 1495 W. Steele Lane, Santa Rosa <b>S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge:</b> First St. & Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa <b>SCIF Bookstore:</b> 750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10, Santa Rosa				
		1	2	3	4	5
			Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep. Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting	General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep. Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	Interpretation & Translation Committee 7:00, Aroma Roasters 95 Fifth Street, S.R.	PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business	Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:15 Orientation 6:30 Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting			May 2014 Newsletter Deadline 5 P.M.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting						General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd. Petaluma
27	28	29	30			
Happy Trails Meet at Coddingtontown Post Office to carpool, 10 am. Call John S. 494-9049	Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep. Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting					

# SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2014

	Income	Feb-14 Expense	Net	Feb-13 Net Comparison	Income	Year to Date Expense	2014 Net	2013 Net Comparison
<b>Group Supported:</b>								
Central Office								
Groups								
Individuals								
Teleservice								
Web Site								
Newsletter								
ASL Interpreter (\$1500)								
Interest								
Subtotal								
<b>Self Supported:</b>								
Bookstore								
Activities								
Alkathons								
Seminars								
Unity Day								
Subtotal								
<b>TOTAL</b>								
<b>Assets &amp; Liabilities</b>								
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash					<b>Memo:</b>	Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		
Prepaid Expenses						Prudent Reserve		
Liabilities						Liabilities		
Subtotal						Operating Reserve		
Bookstore Inventory								
Property								
Total Assets & Liabilities								

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

## GENERAL SERVICE

### AGENDA TOPICS WORK SHOP

My first experience attending a General Service Work Shop was not unlike that of my first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I arrived with of a feeling of nervous excitement. You know that you are about to learn something that will impact you and those around you, and all you can do is hope and pray that you can absorb enough to make a difference. I must say, for a group of folks who ought never be organized the entire event had the timing of a Swiss Clock, starting with the warm greeting upon arrival, to the color coded name tags that would lead us to our Mock Sharing Sessions later in the day. There were assorted beverages and of course what kind of A.A. gathering would it be without hot coffee available at all times. There were over 150 in attendance and according to the food tables, nearly everyone brought something! It was wonderful!

It was truly awe-inspiring to sit in a room with that many people from every walk of life who all had the same goal....to stay sober and to help the still suffering alcoholic in every corner of the world. I was brought to tears when Michael Q, our Area Registrar spoke of just a couple of experiences he's had in other countries. The desire to quit drinking is so strong yet A.A. literature practically non-existent. We, as individuals, may not be able to travel the globe sharing our experience, strength and hope, but our voice can be heard through the contributions we make both in the basket and at our meetings. The next time you drop a dollar in a basket imagine a Big Book being sent to some far corner of the world into the shaking hands of an alcoholic still suffering. The sharing sessions that we have are important; your thoughts and feelings matter. If you are under the impression that it takes forever for things to change, I'll leave you with what our Area Delegate Padee M. said: "the decisions we make may save a life!"

**Michelle O.**

## A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa (707) 544-1300  
Toll Free (800) 224-1300  
Sonoma (707) 938-8508  
Spanish Speaking (707) 623-6702

## TELESERVICE

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Dave R. (707) 538-5758  
**Teleservice Chair**  
Joe B. (707) 591-9376

## WEB LINKS

[www.sonomacountyaa.org](http://www.sonomacountyaa.org)  
[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)  
[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)  
[www.cnca06.org](http://www.cnca06.org)

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New York, NY 10163

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