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# S.C.L.F. PRESENTS: THE HOT CA PRATE DANCE



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## ARRGGH-THE DANCE BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26H



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DARCE: 8:30 TO MIDINGHT SUGGESTED DOEATION \$10.00

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1:00 to 11:00 Saturday, September 17th

At Luchesi Park

**MUSIC \* BBQ \* DANCE** 

#### ACTIVITIES

- Kickoff at 1pm
- Family relays and GAMES with PRIZES!!
- Ongoing PLAY and CRAFTS... facepainting, make your own God Box, Cakewalks
- Fortune Tellers
- Juggling
- Special Magic Show
- 2:30 Speaker (picnic area)
- 3:30 Live Music
- 4:30 Start your BBO (The fellowship sup-plies plates/forks/chicken/burgers/hot dogs)
- 6:00 Speaker (meeting room)
- You'll bring a dish to share
- 8:00 Dance to your own DJ

**Contact Denise** 

Freddy

Lynn

Suggested donation \$5

#### PI/CPC

For a number of years now, I've had the privilege of doing service as an AA speaker to classes of the county's Drinking Driver Program. This service has not only helped me to stay sober, but it's given me the opportunity to meet and work with some exceptional members of our fellowship - people from all over the county whom I might otherwise never have met in the course of attending AA meetings and other events. It's the practice of the PI committee to send two speakers to each class, and whenever possible we try and schedule both a man and a woman to work together. In ten years I've worked with many women and a number of other men, and the experience is one I wouldn't trade for

These men and women not only have the courage to share their stories with people outside the fellowship, but they do it with honesty, humor, and an unfailing compassion for their 'captive' audiences. They are often asked very personal, and pointed, and occasionally even hostile questions, and in their answers I've admired their ability to stay focused on the principles, and to avoid judging the personalities.

While they make it clear that they don't speak for AA, without exception the people I've worked with have conducted themselves in the best traditions of the fellowship, and I've been humbled by their example. If you're looking for a new way to be of service, and you want to work with some really fine people, you might just want to check out becoming a speaker for PI/CPC. Come to one of our business meetings at the Santa Rosa City Hall Employees Lounge. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. (Aug 10th)

Dimitri P.

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### **ACTIVITIES**

August? Can it be August already? Remember when you were a kid, and summer seemed like it went on forever? Now it seems that just as I'm getting myself in the mood for summer, it's already over.

What a cruel joke it was the way the school system set us up for the whole summer vacation thing. I mean you have twelve years, and more if you go to college, thinking that summer equals vacations, and nice long 3 months ones at that. But then you join the real world and NO, there are no more long months with nothing to do. If you want one, then you'd have better have saved it up, or take it with no pay. Man, I'd better watch it or I might be working on a resentment that I forgot to put on my 4<sup>th</sup> step.

Ok, so, Summer flew by as it seems to each year, and I keep thinking that this year will be different, (wow, that kind of thinking sounds kind of familiar, doesn't it?) but it has been a great summer, and we do still have another month before it's totally over, so let's make the best of it.

This month we've got a great event, and one that people seem to be really excited about. I mean it's a well known fact that just about everybody's favorite holiday is on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Of

course I'm talking about International Talk Like a Pirate Day!! Now you might have already put it together that Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, is NOT in September at all! So, why would I be having a Pirate themed dance the month before our treasured holiday? Well, that's a great question, and I have a great answer. We usually have an event in August, and it's been called Hot August Nights in the past, but isn't that getting a bit dull? So, I thought I'd jump ahead on the calendar and changed the name and theme to "The Hot Caribbean Pirate Dance" in honor of Talk like a pirate day. For some ideas of what to wear, or how to talk like a pirate, go check out www.talklikeapirate.com . No, I don't think they sell anything there, and if they do, this is not an endorsement, but it has some great ideas, and tells you all about the wonderful holiday coming up.

So, to get ready, I'll finish this in Pirate talk:

We'll be havin' t' dance at t' Sebastopol Community Center in Sebastopol, on Friday, t' 26th. I'll be needin' volunteers t' help with setup, and cleanup. Deserters will be made t' walk t' plank. So, be aye t' call.

It will be t' normal format o' DJ and band, but this time with a new band, "Bluesomatic." T' meetin' goes from 7-8 PM, and t' dance starts at 8:30 PM, with t'

band startin' out t' evenin'. Be aye t' come dressed as a pirate, a fair maiden, or a wench. We'll have lots o' fun. Arrgghh!!

See you there, Craig G. (Batman)

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### HAPPY TRAILS

This months meeting/hike will be on Sunday August 28th. We will hike into Sugarloaf from the Kenwood side. I'm not sure of the exact trail at this time. Lloyd will be leading the hike and is checking them out first. Call for location of the trailhead or maet at the SRJC Bailey Field parking lot at 10:00 to carpool. Bring a smile, lunch and water.

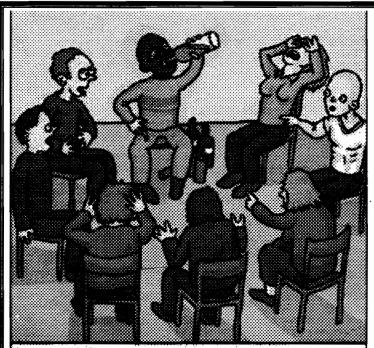
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(707) Lloyd Or (707) Jeanine

#### SOCYPAA 2nd Annual Campout

People in AA (or anyone with room to grow) is having its 2nd annual campout at Yuba River Aug. 12-14 space is limited and cost for a spot is \$10. We are organizing carpools because parking is limited. If you would like to reserve a spot or have any questions please contact Jessica S.at or Rob S.

### THE HOPEFULLY HARMLESS PAGE



Much to the rest of the groups horror Bob had completely misunderstood the concept of Alcoholics Anonymous. の回角の音を回角の音を回角を This we owe to A.A.'s future;

This we owe to A.A.'s future;

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our Fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depend our lives,

And the lives of those to come.

Marty wakes up at home with a huge hangover. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the side table.

He sits down and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed.

Marty looks around the room and sees that it's in perfect order, spotless, clean. So is the rest of the house.

He takes the aspirins and notices a note on the table: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping. Love You!"

So he goes to the kitchen and sure enough, there IS a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper.

His son is also at the table, eating. Marty asks, "Son, what happened last night?"

His son says, "Well Dad, you came home after 3 AM, drunk and delirious! Broke some furniture, puked in the hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door!"

Confused, Marty asks, "So, why is everything in order and so clean, with breakfast on the table waiting for  $me\bar{\imath}$ "

His son replies, "Oh, that! Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you said, "Lady, leave me alone, I'm married!"

A self-induced hangover - \$100.00 Broken furniture - \$200.00 Breakfast - \$10.00 Saying the right thing "PRICELESS"

The 18th annual Cache Creek trip is over and this year again it was a rousing success. The weather

while apparently a bit chilly for the end of June in the Santa Rosa was beautifully warm in the 80's on the river while we were rafting on the river this year. It always seems a bit warmer in those canyons, which is probably why it's a good place for a river!

Every year on the river is marked by one event or another and this year was warm weather and high water. The river was very high this year reminiscent of three years ago.

As always the highlight of the trip is the Saturday Night Meeting under the stars with 150 alcoholics. If you have never attended this meeting it is truly a sight to see, really something not to be missed next year!

This year the Steering Committee kept the trip down to 150 rafters to take the stress out of filling up all those last minute spots that we always have to do. We alcoholics love to procrastinate don't you know and this year was no exception. So next year DON'T wait until the last minute. Practice some planning, mark your calendars, send in your deposit right around March 1, 2006.— Paul S.

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"Ah, how much of a drama, how much of a struggle, how much misery, how much joy lies in the era before the plaque was put there [at St. Thomas in Akron]. No one can say. There was a Sister in the hospital, a veritable Saint, if you ever saw one. Our beloved Sister Ignatia. Dr. Bob often mentioned her. He told how she would deny beds to people with broken legs in order to stick drunks in them. She loved drunks. She was a sort of female Silkworth, if you know what I mean, So finally a ward was provided and you remember that Dr. Bob was an M.D. and a mighty good one. Now you know that quite within the A.A. Tradition, Dr. Bob might have charged all those drunks who went through that place for his medical services. He treated 5,000 drunks medically and never charged a dime, even in that long period when he was very poor. For unlike most of us to whom it is a credit to belong to Alcoholics Anony-

mous, it was no credit to a surgeon at that

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time. 'It was lovely that the old boy got sober,' his patients said, 'but how the hell do I know he'll be sober when he cuts me open in the morning.' And so that frantic effort went on in Akron and New York and we got back and forth a bit. You have no conception these days of how much failure we had. You had to cull over hundreds of these drunks to get a handful to take the bait. Yes, the discouragements were very great but some did stay sober and some very tough ones at that." [Part 6 of an interview with Bill W. about Dr. Bob]

We had an even dozen new meeting reps introduce themselves at the July 6 meeting of the H&I Committee. They are: Dayle, Reese, Tom, Barbara, Alex, Karen, Rhonda, Sarah, Andrew, Sherry, Christy, and Ivan—thank you for being of service to AA. Greg, Karen, J.S., Manual, Glen, Parker, Pat, Rhonda, Mary, Joe and Frank all identified themselves as visitors, looking to get involved.

We had a total of 110 years and 7 months of sobriety being celebrated for the month of July by: Ben, with 14 years; Karen, 7; Dave, 5; Pat, 40; George, 13; Jackie, 3; Karen, 3; Carmen, 18; Phil, 3; Pat, 18 months; Sarah, 10 months; Steve, 18 months; Ken, 9 months. I think y'all should keep coming back! We wish you many happy returns of your day. Our fiveminute chair was Dave, who shared what it was like, what happened and what it's like for him now in AA and H&I.

Does your meeting need a representative in H&I? Would you like to try a different kind of service? Do you have something to share with another alcoholic? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then we'd love to see you at the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, August 3 at 6:15 (or 5:45 for a brief orientation). The place is the Santa Rosa Senior Center located at the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue-1 block east of Santa Rosa Avenue.

In service, Mardi

#### Minutes of June 27, 2005 SCIF General Meeting

Tradition 6 was read by Brian and Concept 6 was read by Jack and the Preamble was read by Rex,

INTRO OF NEW REPS: Travis from the No Frills Group, Emily from Petaluma Spirit of Action, Laurie from Wednesday Matinee, Marcus from Tues Night Beginners, Julie from Orenda Center Women's mtg., Brian from Penngrove Highland Group, Janice from Quitting Time, and Rex from Gay and Lesbian Newcomer's at Kaiser.

June Birthdays: Vicki 3, Thomas 18 months, Susan 19, Gloria 18

Minutes of May 23, 2005, SCIF General Meeting were reviewed and then approved. Kim apologized for missing the last meeting due to a calendaring mistake, thanked the Intergoup Reps for dealing with the situation as best as possible, and thanked Bob/Steve and the volunteer (Susan) for pitching in to put together the minutes.

REGISTRAR: Deborah discussed sign-in/ registration forms and asked that folks check the box next to their name or if your name does not appear on page, please print it clearly.

appear on page, please print it clearly. H&I: Mark V. reported that H&I meets on the first Wednesday of each month with an orientation for folks new to H&I taking place at 5:45pm followed by the business meeting at 6:15pm. General Service: Bill filling in for Kenin explained that the members of AA from all over the world will be traveling to Toronto this weekend to help celebrate the 70th Anniversary of AA. From its beginnings; in 1935 in Ohio and New Your, AA now has a presence in over 180 countries around the world. For this 12th International Convention, there will be a first time appearance by Cuba, Mongolia, Qatar and the People's Republic of China. It was five years ago that a group of Chinese physicians attended as observers. Later that summer, two of the physicians assisted in establishing the first AA groups in Beijing. Today, AA members in China will be gathering to celebrate their own 5th anniversary of AA. Also at the Convention, the 25 Millionth Copy of the Big Book of AA will be presented to Jill Brown, the Warden of San Quentin Prison. The gift is a way of expressing gratitude for that institution's long history of supporting AA. The passing of the 25th millionth sales mark of the Big Book is something worth noting. It took 36 years to sell the first million copies; now AA distributes approximately One Million Big Books Per Year-in English language edition alone! If you are attending the International Convention this weekend, our Area, California Northern Coastal Area will be sitting in Section 210 of the Stadium during the Opening Ceremony.

PI/CPC: Dave: Dave indicated that they meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at SR City Hall Lounge w/ speaker training at 7:00pm and Business meeting at 7:30pm. He explained that the function of this committee and that they have been distributing literature to hospitals, police stations, senior centers and the like. Currently distributing copies of Living Sober and the Big Book to local libraries

Bridging the Gap: Susy indicated that the primary purpose of BtG is to introduce the newly released residents of treatment facilities to AA in their local community. BtG utilizes a list of AA volunteers to match up with the newly released AA newcomer and take them to their 1st meeting. All that is required to be a volunteer is 6 months sobriety, working knowledge of the steps and a car is helpful. We did 5 presentations last month and had 35 requests last month, with 17 local requests and 14 out-of-district requests and 4 out of area 6 requests. Azure Acres numbers were unavailable and will be added to next month's report. Intergroup Chair: Bob indicated that he made the decision not to distribute the newsletter and now apologizes and realizes that a group rep conscience should have been taken. He explained that his decision was based primarily due to the inappropriate cartoon printed in it and due to the incorrectness of the calendar and other data normally found in newsletter. Vice Chair: Steve B. indicated that 7 reps attended orientation tonight at 7:30-please attend orientation next month if you have not already.

Treasurer: Tom and directed everyone to page 5 to review monthly financial report, elaborated on the Year to Date Totals for expenses and contributions. Explained that based upon year to date totals averaging, Teleservice expenses average \$850.00 per month, Nesletter costs average \$550.00 per month, Running of Central Office costs average \$2000.00 per month, Schedules costs average \$300.00 per month, Pamphlets costs average \$300.00 per month and the Website runs \$20.00 per month and then indicated that he is available after the meeting or by phone for any questions regarding Intergroup finances.

Bookstore: Gloria reminded everyone that Chips go on ½ price sale during the month of July. The Spanish editions of: Dr. Bob, As Bill Sees It, AA Comes of Age are all on sale as well. Volunteer openings on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays 11am-3pm and every other Friday from 10 am to 2pm.

OUTREACH: Charles filling in for Maurice thanked everyone for their help on committee.

ACTIVITIES: Craig reported that next activity being held on August 26th at Sebatopol Community Center w/ The Blusomatics playing along with DJ and has a Caribbean/Pirate theme. See bright yellow flyers for tips on speaking like a pirate which he said would be fun to do when announcing the event at your meetings. Volunteers needed and had a good turnout of volunteers at Founders Day Picnic. He explained that the losses/profits from each event is rolled into the next event so as to keep Activities self-supporting in accordance with traditions.

SEMINARS: Susy indicated that the next seminar will be a panel on Spiritual Awakenings on Saturday July 16th from 3-5pm at the bookstore.

ALCATHOINS: Brian indicated he and the Treasurer for Intergroup have executed the contracts which will secure The Light as the location for all of the 2005 Alcathons.

TELESERVICE: Dave L. indicated that there are two open shifts available on Fridays from 10pm to 8am and Fridays from 5pm to 10pm and then directed everyone to the calendar on page 6 of the newsletter and pointed out when Teleservice meets; invited everyone who is interested to show up.

NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATIONS: Charles

indicated that he has formed a committee to assist with newsletter so as to avoid a situation like last months and to keep offensive and risqué material out of newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chair announced that ICSC (committee that runs bookstore business) has a vacancy; please bring back to your groups and invite all interested to come to next Steering or General meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Much fervent discussion ensued regarding the withholding of the monthly newsletter in the previous month due to the cartoon/errors. Folks voiced both their passionate disagreement and passionate agreement with the decision.

#### **GROUP SHARING:**

Mark V.: Cache Creek Meeting on the River was a raging success-thank you to Intergroup for your support; 146 AA's attended. A rep read a letter from her group which in summary stated (incorrectly) that the current SCIF Steering Committee had taken recent action (printing pricing amounts on literature) without group conscience input and then later reversed. (In fact, the previous years' ICSC Committee, who's task it is to oversee the business affairs of the bookstore, (not the Steering Committee), actually implemented this and the former chair of Intergroup came to April Intergroup General meeting and took responsibility and apologized for this. At the May 2005 General Intergroup meeting, the Reps, based upon their group consciences' did in fact vote the pricing off literature). The letter purportedly, also was referring to the recent decision of the Intergroup Chair to not distribute a newsletter, at the May 2005 Intergroup meeting, which contained a half page crack-cocaine related cartoon the Chair thought to be inappropriately sexual in nature for the newsletter. He did in fact do so without a group rep group conscience and at this June Intergroup meeting apologized to Intergroup reps at this meeting for doing so and indicated he has since realized he should have taken a group rep conscience before doing so.

The letter went on to indicate that according to Article 6.2d of the SCIF By-Laws that ICSC members should attend all meetings of the SCIF and may participate in discussions and made reference that Integroup Steering Committee should do a service inventory with special attention to Tradition 2, Tradition 9 and Concept 12, Warranties 1, 4 and 6 and suggested a group inventory for Intergroup.

Gratefully in service, Kim

# Declaration of Unity

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## **New Meetings**

#### <u>Petaluma</u>

'Young Peoples Meeting'

Monday 7pm

201 Washington (Phoenix Th.) (O) (W)

#### Santa Rosa

'Living the Steps'

Thursday 6:15

845 Shady Oak Dr.

(off Brush Creek)

## **Meeting Changes**

#### <u>Petaluma</u>

'Quitting time'

Tuesday 7:30pm (last Tues ONLY)

Moved to Luchesi Park 320 N.McDowell

(July & August)

#### "Quitting Time"

Moved to Hillside Church 2689 Adobe Rd

Thurs/Sat/Sun 5:30

'How it Works'

Still meeting Fridays @ 8:30

#### Santa Rosa

12 x 12 Book Study Group

Tuesday 7pm

(changed from Thurs. 6pm)

3950 Doubles Dr.

#### Windsor

'Steps in Windsor'

WAS: Tuesday 8pm

NOW MEETS: 7:30pm

## No Longer Meeting

'Young Peoples Step Study'

Tuesday 6pm (Santa Rosa)

'Steps t Freedom'

Thursday 7:30 (Petaluma)

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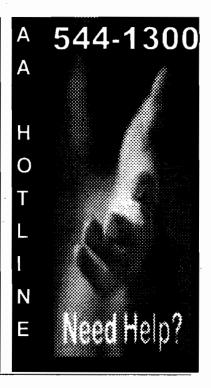
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