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Bookstore

SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Manager: Donna K.
Phone: (707) 546-2066
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aasonoma@sonic.net

Summer Hours

Monday-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 Labor Day, September 1.

A.A. Hotlines

Santa Rosa (707) 544-1300

Toll Free (800) 224-1300

Sonoma (707) 938-8508

Spanish Speaking (707) 623-6702

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship presents

"OUR EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US"

A Powerful and Entertaining Play about the Adoption of Our Twelve Traditions



A Two-Act Play for One Night Only in Sonoma County

**Sunday September 28, 2014
at the Glaser Center**

547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

A.A. Meeting 5:00pm

Play 7:00pm

\$15 Donation in advance; \$20 at door

Tickets online at Brown Bag Tickets

<http://brownpapertickets.com/event/784316>

Food and Drink for Sale at Event

Info: Lori S. (707) 529-9664 seminars@sonomacountyaa.org

"...we recoiled from meditation and prayer as obstinately as the scientist who refused to perform a certain experiment lest it prove his pet theory wrong. When we finally did experiment, and unexpected results followed, we felt different; in fact, we knew different; ...we were sold on meditation and prayer."

Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions page 97

Processing the Steps

Step Eight

We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory.” Oops! I had followed the procedure outlined in Step Four in the Big Book to the best of my ability. I had listed all my resentments and the causes and the effects and my part in them. So, I did have a list of people I resented to whom I now realized I owed amends. But that seemed like just the tip of the iceberg. There were numerous people (about 60, it turned out) that I didn’t consciously resent, so they hadn’t made my Fourth Step list or come up in my Fifth Step, but anytime I thought about them, I got a knot in my stomach. So, I wrote them all down and then I was stuck. It probably would have helped if I had had a sponsor at the time. But no, I sat on my list for a couple of years until my life was in the toilet and I finally found myself a serious sponsor.

We went through the steps from the beginning and when we got to Eight, I pulled out my list. Once she had stopped laughing, she gently pointed out that perhaps I had overestimated my importance in other peoples’ lives. She helped me group what I considered to be my amends list, and we were able to eliminate quite a few folks: 1) people to whom I had been obnoxious but who had no doubt gone on with their lives without giving me a second thought. I was still carrying shame and guilt, but I hadn’t actually harmed them; and 2) people who had, like me, been loaded most of the time. Yes, I had been unreliable, selfish and checked out but that – she told me – is what we sign up for in those situations. I didn’t owe amends to my connections or to the friends I hadn’t supplied with drugs. I could let those knots go. Big relief!

The list I ended up with was workable and, to date, has been sufficient. There were conversations to have, letters and checks to write and – most importantly – the living amends. In the process of showing up with integrity, I was making amends to myself as well – healing the shame and guilt which had plagued me forever. Today, those old knots are gone and, blessedly, I have maintenance steps to keep new ones from forming.

Told by Susan C., Sonoma County

When I finally reached the point of seeing the true nature of my behavior as a practicing alcoholic (selfish, self-centered, fearful, volatile, abusive and did I mention inconsiderate?) and how it affected those around me, I became overwhelmed. Little did I know at the time that step eight, the one step I balked at, would prove to be such a turning point in my sobriety.

As a result of working steps one through seven, the realization came that despite my best efforts, I had become just like my father in the worst of ways. Now I was faced with three options, two of which were recipes for disaster. The first option was to run, something I had done since I could remember. The second was to continue doing nothing until the pain drove me to that first drink (the same inevitable result as with the first option). The third option was to face reality.

With every ounce of willingness I could muster (and sincere prayers for the willingness to be willing), I finished the list. Almost immediately, circumstances arose that made it clear I was being guided by a power greater than me. The ensuing miracles gave me the faith and the courage to move forward with my ninth step. Subsequent eighth steps have provided deeper insight into my own deep lying fears and insecurities that stand in the way of my relationships with others. Not only is step eight the action step that demonstrates my willingness to continually strive for the best possible relations with others; it is a fundamental step towards true freedom and a faith that works under any circumstance.

Told by Chrit L., Sonoma County

SAVE THE DATE



OCTOBER 11TH

UNITY DAY 2014

**Volunteers &
Raffle Prizes Needed**

Mauricio M. (707) 889-5785

New Meeting

Cloverdale

Saturday 5:30 p.m., Eleventh Step Meditation and Discussion, Cloverdale Fellowship Hall, 2nd and Commercial St.

Jenner

Saturday 4 p.m. Grain of Sand, open meeting, format to be determined, Jenner Community Center, behind the gas station.

Meeting Changes

Santa Rosa

The Serenity Fellowship on Airway Dr. is moving to a new location. The Fellowship is still considering their choices, but they will discontinue meeting on Airway Dr. after July 29, 2014.

Sebastopol

Stein Group, Sunday, 6:00 p.m., now meets at Senior Center, 167 North High Street.

Fulton

Alive & Well in Fulton (men), Monday, 8:00 p.m., Church, Fulton Road & B Street. Now an Open meeting.

Guerneville

Saturday Night meeting, 8 p.m. Has a new address: 16290 4th Street, Herbert Hall.

No Longer Meeting

Santa Rosa

Monday 6:30 p.m. Stepping Lively.

To report meeting changes, send email to:
meetingchanges@sonomacountyaa.org
or Contact SCIF Office at 546-2066

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING –

June 23, 2014

The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Lee read the Preamble; Linda G. read Tradition Six; Jude read Concept VI.

New Representatives: Shawn S., Let's Discuss It (Fridays/Cotati); Jilli I., Sundays Healdsburg; Lynn S., Sober Sisters (Tuesdays/Sebastopol); Barbara M., Women's Step Study (Tuesdays/Sebastopol)

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (Patty G.) Things are going well. Founder's Day was successful. Recent celebration for the retirement of Linda M., Bookstore Manager.

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 May 2014 were put forth and approved.

Treasurer: (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for May were \$2951 which was \$81 more than May of last year. After expenses we had a net loss of \$742. Bookstore income was \$6828, and after expenses there was a net loss of \$39. Overall we had a net loss of \$782.

Registrar: (Jim W.) Last month there were 235 groups offering 356 meetings per week in Sonoma County and at May's general meeting there were 72 representatives for a 31 percent participation. In addition, there are 117 meetings that regularly send an Intergroup rep. to the General Meeting. Of that group, 62 percent attended the May meeting. As a side note, there were 6 new representatives at May's General Meeting and in May 2013, we had nine 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: (Donna K.) The upcoming featured books for the month of July are "Spiritual Awakening I & II" for \$10 each. 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book available for \$15. Volunteer shift available Tuesday mornings, four hour shift. Applications available at the Bookstore.

ICSC: (Virginia W.) Donna K. has begun her position as the Bookstore manager. Budget planning for coming year going well.

Activities: (Jim W.) Founder's Day Picnic, 140 tickets were sold for food. Halloween Dance will be co-chaired by SOCYPAA on 10/31/14 at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Alkathons: (Benjamin G.) Forms now available for the Alkathon Lottery Meeting draw. Currently in planning for upcoming Alkathons. Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the Bookstore. Volunteers needed.

Communications/Newsletter: (Joel H.) The newsletter is also available online. Intergroup Representative is to carry the message back to the group. If you would like more information about service, there are sections related to service in the Newsletter.

Outreach: (Barry D.) The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation. If you are representing more than one group, please list each group on the sign-in sheet.

Seminars: (Lori S.) The next seminar will take place on July 23 and will be "Taking A Group Conscience." The following seminar will be on September 24, "History of A.A. in Sonoma County."

Teleservice: (Joe B.) All shifts are covered.

LIAISON REPORTS:

SOCYPAA: (Mike H.) Business Meeting is the first and third Sunday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa. SOCYPAA is hosting an ice cream social/game night July 19. Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m., ice cream and games to follow at Elim Church 504 Baker Street Petaluma. \$5 or free if you pre-register for the Variety Show July 20 at the Odd Fellows Hall. Variety Show to include comedians, rappers and burlesque.

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

H & I: (Patrick W.) H&I carries message of A.A. to the confined alcoholic. Business meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. Orientation at 5:45 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m. West Steele and Range Avenue in Santa Rosa. Last month there was one (1) blackout (H&I didn't show) and one (1) brownout (facility not allowing meeting). Currently there are 19 H&I meetings coordinated in Sonoma County and three outside Sonoma County, in San Quentin, Solano and Napa State Hospitals.

General Service: (Joanne L.) The next assembly will be held in Vacaville on August 9th. The 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. The summer edition of Box 459 is available electronically at aa.org.

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. Last month Bridging the Gap were in 10 venues; 55 cards filled out, half out of our area. There will be a volunteer appreciation lunch held on August 28 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at the Bookstore. At 6:00 p.m. there is a briefing on how to do a presentation.

PI/CPC: (Diana W.) PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) is a Sub-committee of General Service in District 12. Our purpose is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers by conveying accurate A.A. information to the general public, and to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession, when requested, including the media. We do this by: speaking; at schools, Drunk Driving classes, health fairs, to clergy, probation workers, healthcare professionals, and so on. This month we gave presentations to three classes at Analy High School and six DUI classes.

Currently updating and reviewing job descriptions and forwarding to their Chair. If you like to read, like to talk, if you love A.A. or are passionate about giving back: we would love for you to come and visit us on any second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. for Speaker training, followed by our business meeting from 7:30-8:30 at the Santa Rosa City Hall underground. Must have two years sobriety, the steps and a working knowledge of the Traditions, and willingness to share what you were freely given.

Access Sonoma County: (Dan F.) Surveys have been out regarding accessibility at meetings and can be dropped off at the Bookstore. New service to take meetings to homebound individuals, "Meetings on Wheels." Looking for volunteers to bring meetings into hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. See newsletter calendar for meeting times and date.

UNITY DAY: (Michael M.) Need volunteers for the upcoming Unity Day 10/11/14 at the Emanji Buddhist Temple, Sebastopol. Planning meetings to be held every 3rd Wednesday at the Bookstore at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OTHER INFORMATION: (Monica B.): Traditions play September 27 "Our Experience Has Taught Us." This play will also be performed at the International Conference. There will be a meeting prior to

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SCIF General Meeting

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the play from 5:00-6:00 and the play from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. There will be a planning committee meeting on June 30 at the Bookstore at 6:05 p.m. Contact Monica B. who will be the coordinator for the play. Committee is in search of a location.

DISCUSSION: New Groups being added to the directory. Currently, there is not a review process. Intergroup representatives asked to bring item to their groups for discussion and bring back to the General Meeting in August.

(COMMENTS re: discussion):

Kevin (Saturday Solutions): Liked the idea of hard copy; did not like the idea of "application." Will there be a periodic review?

Scott C. (River Grace Meeting): Group would like a written form; would like to see it in compliance with the Fourth Tradition.

Cindy W.: Would like to see someone go out to meeting and check to see if it is (still) in existence.

Jeremiah T. (Healdsburg Lost and Found): Would like to see Outreach follow-up with new meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

In service, Jennifer R.

Outreach Committee

Why Reach Out? It Could Be You

My first contact with Alcoholics Anonymous came when I called the A.A. Hotline to inquire about a meeting. A friendly voice answered and directed me to my first meeting. I have been fortunate enough to have been part of the A.A. Fellowship ever since and life just keeps getting better — but it is only that way because the hand of A.A. was there when I needed it.

That is what this way of life is all about: Those of us who have had our lives transformed by A.A. reach out to the next person who needs help. It's a spiritual life boat we're on, but unlike a real life boat there is room for everyone and the more of us there on the boat the less chance it's going to sink.

The Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship is a collection of many service committees and groups committed to making sure A.A. is there when someone calls, or walks into a meeting, or happens upon an Alkathon or dance. Intergroup's mission is to support the many A.A. groups and its members and provide services, including the Bookstore and Central Office, A.A. Hotline, activities, and working with other service organization. We want to do everything we can to keep our Fellowship connected and vibrant.

The way we stay connected is by asking each group to send an Intergroup Representative to the monthly SCIF General Meeting that is on the fourth Monday of each month. Intergroup Reps. pick up newsletters, meeting schedules and hear about upcoming events and issues. They are the connection between their group and the Fellowship.

The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation by spreading the word about the importance of Intergroup participation. If you attend a meeting and don't hear an Intergroup report, or if your home group doesn't have a Rep., please let me know by email or phone. If you are interested in being a member of the Outreach Committee — and are willing and able to attend meetings to visit groups that are not represented — please let me know. Our Fellowship has so much to offer newcomers and groups, we want the hand of A.A. always to be there when someone reaches out for help. If you are interested, please call Barry D. at 849-9858 or email outreach@sonomacountyaa.org.

Barry D.

PI/CPC News

My first activity for PI/CPC was speaking at the Drunk Driver Program. It was a reminder of what my world was like before alcohol became a problem for me. I tried to carry our message to folks who had not realized they were, or maybe weren't, alcoholic. I couldn't tell if I made any difference, but afterwards the counselor grinned, shook my hand, and my co-presenter's hand and told us "they heard you." That's what we live for, isn't it? PI/CPC also presents information to professional groups to pass on to their clients. PI/CPC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, speaker training 7:00-7:30 p.m. and business meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the City Hall underground meeting room in Santa Rosa.

Manuel A.

Grapevine

Hi everyone what a pleasure this month's *Grapevine* is. "The Prison Issue," That title shows just how simple we keep it. There's a great story on pg. 21: "A Free Woman." Several types of "prisons" are discussed in this issue. For me its the prison of my mind, sometimes telling me I'm all alone or terminally in a state of, "not catching up with the rest of the world." Just reading the *Grapevine* this month and thinking about writing to you, turned around a small attitude I was developing. Service helps in that way, clearly.

Remember to read some silliness at the back of the journal and submit the stories you want to tell. Call the Audio Project on pg. 60 and record your article. There are two new EBooks...check em out at aagrapevine.org.

Namaste thanks for being there for me too.

Suzanne A., Grapevine Chair, Dist 12

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

"Most surely, there can be no trust where there is no love, nor can there be real love where distrust holds its malign sway.

"But does trust require that we be blind to other peoples motives or, indeed, to our own? Not at all; this would be folly. Most certainly, we should assess the capacity for harm as well as the capability for good in every person that we would trust. Such a private inventory can reveal the degree of confidence we should extend in any given situation.

"However, this inventory needs to be taken in a spirit of understanding and love. Nothing can so much bias our judgment as the negative emotions of suspicion, jealousy, or anger.

"Having vested our confidence in another person, we ought to let him know of our full support. Because of this, more often than not he will respond magnificently, and far beyond our first expectations." [Bill W., letter 1966]

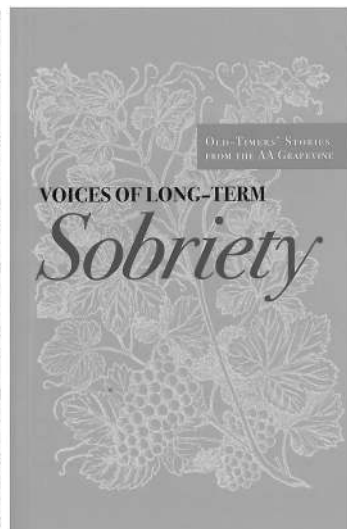
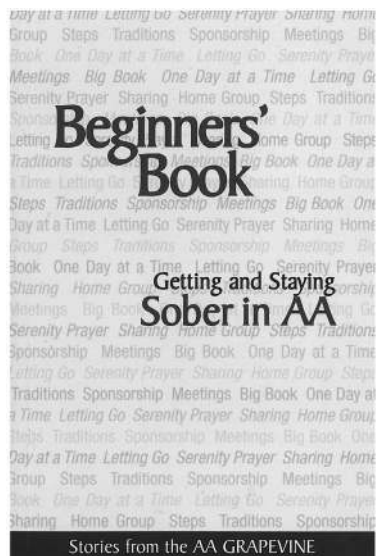
The July 2014 meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee welcomed new meeting reps. Debbie B., representing South End Solutions; Mel A., Oaks Fellowship; Tammy Z., Step Sisters; Wayne F.; Doyle Park; Jackie R., Quitting Time (Petaluma); Doug C., Simply AA; Debbie T., Book Study; Kim E., Kenwood Fellowship; Michele V. S., Saturday Afternoon Winners; Alex W., Sunday Night Big Book Review; and James C., Saturday Keep it Simple. Welcome to you all and thank you for being of service!

Visitors joining us included Chris Q. from Petaluma, Kim C., Elizabeth and Kristi McQ. (formerly of Oakland), and Tim G. from Rohnert Park. Keep coming back!

There was 100 years of sobriety being celebrated for the month of July!

How can you help an alcoholic who is confined? Come find out at the next meeting of the H&I Committee on Wednesday, August 6, 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.



In August we are featuring another duo of great *Grapewine* books that have been of great help to those newly sober and for those working with newly sober members of A.A. *Beginners Book; Getting and Staying Sober in AA*. Read stories from members who started their journey in A.A. and what helped them get sober and handle their new lives of recovery. Full of useful suggestions, insights, and solutions to problems common to newly sober members, this book provides solid tools of recovery.

Voices of Long-Term Sobriety: In this collection of stories old-timers share their wealth of experience in staying sober through good times and bad. These two books will be on sale for \$10 each plus tax.

I'm not sure how many of you are aware that on a monthly basis we receive copies of *Intergroup Newsletters* from not only all over California, but also from other places such as Minneapolis, Ohio and Tennessee. Please come by and have a cup of coffee and sit for a bit and read about what A.A. is doing in other states and cities. Don't forget that the SCIF Bookstore is your bookstore and is funded by your group's contributions.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Donna K.

S.C.I.F. Seminars

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity in the Digital Age" was the topic of May's S.C.I.F. seminar. When our Big Book was written our founders could never have imagined what would be possible with the Internet and social media today. Anonymity is often referred to as the greatest single protection the fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth, anonymity stresses the equality in A.A. of all its members. It is the A.A. message and not the messenger that counts. There was a diverse panel of speakers who shared their experience and knowledge about anonymity. Thoughts around anonymity vary greatly, from never posting any fellowship jargon or quotes, to being free to express yourself as long as the name of the fellowship is not mentioned. It is one thing to let people know you are in recovery but tagging others or posting anything involving our fellowship is blatantly breaking anonymity. This is not a black or white area rather there many shades of gray. We don't ever want to miss an opportunity to talk about the gift sobriety has given us but we always need to preserve the spirit of the traditions. It is clear that anonymity and what we post on the Internet will continue to be a topic of discussion, to more clearly define what follows our traditions, whether the Internet is used constructively or destructively will be up to us.

In Service, Lori S.

I think one of the keys to happiness in sobriety is service. I have spent my whole life thinking mostly about myself. In the end, it has not brought me much happiness. When I got sober, my sponsor got me involved in service right away and it really helped me feel more a part of A.A.

Having been through the steps, my favorite type of service is working directly with other alcoholics, "carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers." As it turns out, I am not alone in that. I found that most sober alcoholics who have been through the steps love doing Twelfth Step work.

That is why I really like being the phone coordinator for Bridging the Gap. Bridging the Gap is a subcommittee of General Service whose main goal is to reach out to newly sober alcoholics who are just getting out of treatment centers or jail and help them make contact with A.A. in their home areas. As the phone coordinator, I get to connect guys who are newly sober and returning home from treatment or jail with an established A.A. member in their area. It is the critical juncture where a newcomer could find a meeting or could go to a bar. We make it just a little easier to go to a meeting.

Even though I am not a part of the actual contact between the new guy and the established A.A., I feel like I am a little part of it by helping the spark that just might enable someone find the steps and this life-saving program. I get a Twelve Step buzz off that.

At first, when I would call the established A.A.s to make a Bridging the Gap contact, I felt awkward; like I was intruding on their life or I was some kind of telephone solicitor. But each guy I called had the same reaction. They were all psyched to get the number of a newcomer who reached out to A.A. They were excited to carry the message of hope and recovery. That's when I really started getting excited about BTG. Not only do I get to make contact with the new guy myself from time to time, but I get to be a part of connecting those who have this priceless gift of sobriety with those who desperately want it.

David B.

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE PRESENTS:

THE 2014 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY AUGUST 09, 2014
Ulati Community Center
1000 Ulati Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

Registration:	8:30 - 9:30 A.M.
Orientation:	9:30 - 10:00 A.M.
Business Meeting:	10:00 - 12:00 P.M.
Lunch:	12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Workshop Session I: 1:00 – 2:15 pm

1. Safety and Respect in the A.A. group.
2. Ego and Service Commitments.
3. The Value and Variety of Service of Sponsorship.

Workshop Session II: 2:30 – 3:45 pm

4. Anonymity and Social Media.
5. Diversity in A.A.: Our Heritage of Inclusion.
6. Gratitude in Action: The Joy of Service.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting	4 General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep. Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	5	6 Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep. Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	7	8	9 Alkathon Planning meeting SCIF Bookstore 3:30 pm
10 Sub-comm. Events 7:30 p.m. Bookstore	11 SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	12 Interpretation & Translation Committee 7:00, Call 568-5330 for location.	13 PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business	14 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:15 Orientation 6:30 Meeting	15 August 2014 Newsletter Deadline 5 p.m.	16
17 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting	18 Play Committee mtg 6:00 SCIF Bookstore	19 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	20 Unity Day Planning mtg 6:30 SCIF Bookstore	21	22	23
24 Happy Trails Meet at Coddington Post Office to carpool, 10 am. Call John S. 494-9049	25 Intergroup Gen. Meeting St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep. Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	26	27	28	29	30

First United Methodist Church:
Faith Lutheran Church:
St. Luke Lutheran Church:
Community of Christ Church:
S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge:
SCIF Bookstore:

1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa
4930 Newanga Ave., Santa Rosa
905 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa
1495 W. Steele Lane, Santa Rosa
First St. & Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa
750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10, Santa Rosa

Access Sonoma County

I was surprised to see Jerry R. at the long term care facility where my mother-in-law worked. I hadn't seen him for years at meetings, now I knew why. He had been living in this facility because of a terminal, debilitating illness. The sadness and hurt in his eyes as he told me how he had been forgotten by his fellows left me shaken. He was one of the people who established A.A. in Sonoma County. I couldn't help thinking that because of him and those other old timers, I had access to over 200 meetings a week. Before I had time to arrange a meeting for him, he died. This was over 20 years ago, and it has haunted me ever since.

A fellow A.A. member within this past year was unable to attend meetings for over five months due to an accident. He was fortunate to have people willing to bring him two meetings a week. These meetings were well attended by others willing to be of service to a suffering alcoholic. I asked him to describe how it felt to have this experience. "I was overwhelmed. I felt so loved and cared for by the fellowship."

Thanks to Meetings on Wheels, two other members who haven't been able to attend meeting for many years will now have meetings brought to them also. When I think about Jerry, alone and forgotten, and then think of the other alcoholics who will have access to meetings and fellowship, I become overpowered with gratitude. Now, no one has to ever feel abandoned. This new service is the spirit of carrying the message, which is our legacy and responsibility.

If you are interested in making sure that anytime anyone reaches out for help we're there, then join us. Access Sonoma County meets the second Thursday of the month at the bookstore. Orientation is at 6:15 and the business meeting meets at 6:30 pm

In Service, Shirley J.

**SOCYPAA PRESENTS**
LUAU DANCE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2014
MEETING FROM 8PM-9PM
FOLLOWED BY DANCE
COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH
1495 WEST STEELE LN (AT RANGE)
SANTA ROSA, CA
MUSIC BY
RULE 62
SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION \$10
DETAILS: SOCYPAA.ORG OR KRISTIN W. (707) 477-5151

SCIF Financial Summary May 2014

		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>Year to</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
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Group Supported:								
Central Office								
Groups								
Individuals								
Teleservice								
Web Site								
Newsletter								
ASL Interpreter (\$1500)								
Interest/Bank Charges								
Subtotal								
Self Supported:								
Bookstore								
Activities								
Alkathons								
Seminars								
Unity Day								
Subtotal								
TOTAL								
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		Liabilities						
Cash in Bank & Petty					Cash in Bank & Petty			
Cash					Cash			
Prepaid Expenses					Prudent Reserve			
Liabilities					Liabilities			
Subtotal					Operating Reserve			
Bookstore Inventory								
Property								
Total Assets &								
Liabilities								

Group Contributions May 2014

Group Contributions 2014

Meetings

11th Step AA Moment of
Silence
11th Step Healdsburg
12x12 @ 12
12x12 Plus Step
AA Health Professionals
Any Lengths Group
A Vision for You
Attitude Adjustment
Be What You Want to See
Bodega Bay Fellowship
Big Book Review
Big Book Study Petaluma
Chair It or Air it
Cloverdale Fellowship
Drop the Rock
Early Birds Fellowship of
Petaluma
Expect A Miracle
FAHA Home Group
Fresh Air Group
Friday Night Tradition
Friday Night Vets
Friday Noon Group
Great Reality Big Book Study
Graton Fellowship
Gratitude Group
Gravenstein Gay Group
Grin and Win Group
Gualala Group
Healdsburg Anonymity Group
Hessel Big Book Group
How it Works
Just for Today
Kenwood Group
Kenwood Step Study
Language of the Heart Group
LGBT New Comers
Lost and Found Group

Lost and Found Group
Lunch Bunch Group
Monday Night Book Study
Sonoma
Monday Night Book &
Discussion
New Hope Book Study
New Sobriety Group
Nor-Cal Primary Purpose
Group
North Bay Dog on the Roof
Not a Glum Lot
Oaks Fellowship
Open Door
Promise's Group
Quitting Time
River Grace
River Nooners
Rule 62 River Readers
Saints and Sinners
Saturday Night Living Right
Saturday Serenity
Saturday Solution Group
Sebastopol Men's Stag
Sebastopol Step Study Group
Sharing & Caring
Signs of Sobriety
Single Purpose Group
Sebastopol
Sober Sisters
Sober Sunday
SOCYPAA
SCIF
Sonoma Valley Fellowship
South Park Survivors
Step Sisters
Sunday Breakfast Club
Sunday Nitters
Sunday PM Closed Discussion
Group
The Rooms
There is a Solution

South Park Survivors
Step Sisters
Sunday Breakfast Club
Sunday Nitters
Sunday PM Closed Discussion
Group
The Rooms
There is a Solution
TBDME-The Best Damn
Meeting Ever
Third Step Group
Thurs. Night 12 X 12
Discussion Group
Thurs. Night Real Life Mtgs of
AA
Thursday Night Women's AA
Thurs Women's Sonoma
Tuesday Big Book Group
Tuesday Noon
Tuesday River Discussion
Vision for you
Warm Springs Fellowship
Wednesday Night Men's Stag
Wednesday Westsiders
Wednesday Women's Lunch
Brunch
We're In The Now
Women in the Solution -
Petaluma
Women's Book Group,
Sonoma
Women's Group in Guerneville
Women's Book Group,
Eldridge
Women's River Meeting
Women's Step Study and Discussion
Group
Women's Tuesday at Noon in
Windsor
Working Winners
Young at Heart Guerneville
Unidentified
Total

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Together we can! Thank you for your support!

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS
 Meeting 2nd Qtr 2014 YTD

Beginner's Group
 Came To Believe
 Cazadero Group
 Expect A Miracle
 Hessel Big Book
 Higher Power Group
 Individual Contributions
 Mature and Sober
 Moment of Silence
 Saturday Night Living Right
 Signs of Sobriety
 Single Purpose Group
 Step Sisters
 Sunday Night Closed Discussion (RP)
 There Is A Solution
 Third Step Group
 12x12 Discussion Group (Thurs NT)
 Up The Steps
 Women's Perspective AA Group
 Women's Step Study & Discussion

Total

Paid to interpreters:
 Prudent Reserve:

Announcements

The Alkathon meeting slot selection process is by lottery this year. Alkathon Lottery Forms are available at the General Intergroup Meeting and at the SCIF Bookstore. Even if your group doesn't have an Intergroup Representative, you can still sign-up. Any questions, contact Benjamin G. (707)393-0439.

Do you have you have 4
 hours of spare time
 twice a month?
 Do you want to meet
 new people?

Then the Bookstore is the place
 for you. Come by and fill out an
 application. We are always look-
 ing for new Volunteer's. Contact
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TRUNK OR TREAT

Family Fun, Meeting and Dance

Friday, October 31, 2014

Santa Rosa Odd Fellows Hall
 545 Pacific Avenue

A.A. Meeting 7pm
Dance 8:30-11:30pm

\$10 suggestion donation

Food & Drink Available! Costume Contest!

Volunteers Needed!

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