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### No matter what, don't drink!

1. No matter what amount of gray is showing, don't drink.
2. No matter who is President, don't drink.
3. No matter who is running for President, don't drink.
4. No matter what the football score, don't drink.
5. No matter how many spouses you've had, don't drink.
6. No matter that you've lost your job, don't drink.
7. No matter that you "got the job," don't drink.
8. No matter who has passed away, don't drink.
9. No matter who has forgotten your birthday, don't drink.
10. No matter who tracked dog poo onto your carpet, don't drink.

No matter what, a drink will not make it better.  
No matter what, don't drink!

Bill K.  
Santa Rosa

### 2nd ANNUAL WOMEN'S HAT LUNCHEON

The 2nd Annual Women's Hat Luncheon will be held at 12 noon on March 15th. Watch for flyers for more info.

Volunteers needed for selling tickets, set up, clean up, decorations and other things.

Contact Wynny B.

This luncheon will be in honor of Gloria P., our late SCIF bookstore manager, who MC'd last years Luncheon.



### Happy New Year From the Activity Chair

I hope 2008 will be a great and sober year for us all. I just celebrated my 18th sober year and am glad 2007 is over. The 2007-2008 New Years Dance was a GIANT success. DJ Rosie rocked the house and Nicky gave a great message.

Thank you to all who volunteered their services and to the fellowship who attended and supported our annual big bash. The volunteers did an awesome job of decorating. As always, Rich came through with a wonderful snack bar and kept our thirst quenched. John B. and group coordinated our balloon drop with 1400 balloons. Thank you to Mike D. and Peter for the use of their compressors. And my loyal friends stayed to pack us all up at 12:30—you know who you are. THANKS!

My last and final event of my term (unless I am re-elected) will be the Valentine's dance: "What's Love got to do with it?" Yes, it is a pajama party. I am truly a salesperson at heart and I know the fellowship will not be able to resist the curiosity of seeing what there fellow AA's will wear. This is not just a dance for couples so all need to attend! Bring chocolate and roses to share! We will have a great meeting followed by our dance. The event is on a Friday night Feb. 15th at 7:00 pm at the Sebastopol Community Center.

February is the month we elect a new Activities Chair.

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SCIF Presents the First  
(and possibly last) Annual  
**Valentines Day Pajama Party**  
*What's Love got to do with it?*

Friday night  
February 15, 2008



Are you single and celebrating? Or the Perfect Pair?  
Put on your nightshirt, gown, smoking jacket, robe, and your fluffy slippers.

**Sober fun!**

**Where: Sebastopol Community Center**

**When: Meeting and sobriety countdown at  
7:00 PM**

**Dance from 8:30 to Midnight**

To volunteer call Laurie E.

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# Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting January 2008

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

PREAMBLE: Carol B.  
 TRADITION 12: Matt M.  
 CONCEPT XII: Mike C.

**Introduction of new representatives:**

Cary M. Redwood Winners, Windsor, Thurs 7:30 pm  
 Howard B. TBDME, SR, Thurs 6 pm  
 Larry T. Young & Young at Heart, Cotati, Wed 8 pm  
 Doug S. Petaluma Early Bird, Mon - Sun 6:30 am  
 Mark F. Big Book Study, SR, Thurs 8 pm

**December Birthdays:**

Kari W. Nine months  
 Kris M. Four years

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHAIR: Diane W.** Reviewed business discussed at the Steering Committee meeting: Motion to draft a letter of support for SOCYPAA to host the 2009 ACYPAA conference; increase the Prudent Reserve; elect a new ICSC member; and the Bookstore inventory January 1.

**VICE CHAIR: Tim P.** New rep orientation is at 7:30, before the General Meeting. He stated Intergroup makes 12th step work possible for the groups of Sonoma County. Group contributions pay for Teleservice, Meeting schedules, Newsletter, Website, Central Office, Seminars, Activities and the Bookstore. \$50,000 has been contributed by the groups this year. We have a record number in attendance at this meeting. Intergroup is doing very well. He also mans the sound system for this meeting.

**TREASURER: Larry O.** November was a bit of a down month financially but good considering all factors. Group contributions were \$2574, YTD \$50,440. The Bookstore made \$332 and the Alkathon made \$208. There were no activities in December. There were a lot of pre-paid expenses regarding the New Years Eve dance—hopefully returning to the coffers in January 2008. The PD ad for the SCIF Hotline phone number did not run from November 1 to November 22. Also did not run the whole month of September due to change in PD personnel. Thus Teleservice expenses are less than normal.

**SECRETARY: Nan B.** Asked for and received approval of the November General Meeting minutes.

**REGISTRAR: Susy E.** There were 369 meetings per week in Sonoma County last month, 157 were represented, making a 42% representation.

**BOOKSTORE: Gloria P.** was absent. Larry O. reported no open positions at the Bookstore. She will be back from vacation 12/31.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ACTIVITIES: Laurie E.** Asked reps to talk up the New Years Eve dance. It is our biggest event of the year and needs to be supported. She needs volunteers for decorating and cleanup at 12:15 am.

The name of the Valentines Dance is "What's Love Got to Do With It?" It is a Pajama party theme. The date is February 15th at the Sebastopol Community Center. Bring chocolate and roses.

**ALKATHONS: Dale E.** The Thanksgiving Alkathon had a good turnout. There are open meeting shifts for Christmas, 2 am, 4 am, 6 am, 10 am, 2 pm and 6 pm and New Years Eve 10 pm, 12 midnight, 2 am and 4 am. The Steering Committee meeting for the Alkathons is 7 pm Wed, 12/19 at Starbuck's Farmers Lane. SOCYPAA is the New Years Alkathon Coordinator.

**ICSC: Rich S.** ICSC is considering raising the Prudent Reserve by \$5000 to \$30,000 and making capital improvements at our central office.

**NEWSLETTER: Dave H.** Yet another Newsletter.

**OUTREACH: Barbara F.-K.** Nothing to report.

**SEMINARS: Donna L.** The January 23rd seminar is on the topic "Being of Service at Meetings." She has four speakers lined up, Bob P, Rich T, Elizabeth W and possibly Stephanie G.

**TELESERVICE: Dave R.** was absent. **Rich S.** gave the report. There are two open shifts with Teleservice, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 pm to 8 am. This is not a busy shift, but it needs someone to cover it; Rich can no longer do it because of his employment.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**BRIDGING THE GAP: John B.** The purpose of BTG is to introduce AA to newly released residents of treatment facilities by taking them to their first meeting. By providing

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INTERGROUP OFFICERS

CHAIR Diane W.  
 VICE-CHAIR Tim P.  
 SECRETARY Nan B.  
 REGISTRAR Susy E.  
 TREASURER Larry O.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

SEMINARS Donna L.  
 ACTIVITIES Laurie E.  
 OUTREACH Barbara F.-K.  
 COMMUNICATIONS Dave H.  
 ALCATHONS Dale E.  
 TELESERVICE Dave R.

AA TELESERVICE

PHONE LINE COORDINATOR Dave R.  
 12 STEP COORDINATOR Rich S.

AA HOTLINES

SANTA ROSA 707-544-1300  
 LONG DISTANCE 800-224-1300  
 PETALUMA 707-762-5122  
 SONOMA 707-938-2027  
 SPANISH 707-829-1272



Open Shifts:  
 Wednesday overnight  
 10:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**You can help save a life.  
 Volunteer Today!**

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## A Special Worker

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Gloria P., our SCIF Bookstore Manager, passed away on December 26, 2007 at 75yrs. old in Santa Rosa. She had 20 years in the program. Gloria meant many things to many people. She was a friend, mother, mentor and confidant.

She ran the bookstore for 12 to 14 years. Gloria was loved by most everyone who knew her. She giggled, and in the same breath she would speak great words of wisdom.

She loved to cook, was a good cook, and wouldn't let anyone go hungry.

She was a wonderful sales lady. She had a knack for putting people at ease when they came to the store.

She spoke often of a Higher Power, and would help put people on the right track back to their Higher Power.

Gloria's glow and laughter and wisdom will be sorely missed.

Wynny B.

*on behalf of the volunteer staff at the SCIF Bookstore*

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We are sad to announce that on December 26, 2007, our Bookstore Manager, Gloria P., passed away suddenly after suffering a stroke. Born in Boise, Idaho, then moving to Sonoma County in 1962, she was 75 years old and had 20 years of wonderful sobriety. Gloria had been our Central Office & Bookstore Manager for 11 years. Along with her dedicated volunteers, expertise, hard work, generosity, and devotion served our Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship immensely.

Gloria's passing has left a great void in our fellowship and our hearts. We all appreciate the hard work, love and service that she provided for us. She will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

With Love,

The ICSC

Intergroup Central Service Committee

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### SCIF General Meeting *(Continued from page 2)*

a temporary contact, BTG helps newcomers make the transition to AA in their community. If you are interested in volunteering, you should have at least six months of sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps. The monthly meeting is held at the Bookstore the third Tuesday at 7pm. They are looking for contacts in the West County and the City of Sonoma. There is no meeting this month; instead they are having a pizza party at Round Table near Coddington.

**GENERAL SERVICE: Lauralyn C.** General Service recently passed a motion to buy a computer to be used by the recording secretary and other district officers as needed. Through Dec 31st you can buy one Grapevine subscription at the regular price of \$20 and the second subscription for \$10. Jan 3rd is the next Lick-n-Stick party for folding newsletters. It is at 6 pm at the Faith Lutheran Church. Address in Newsletter.

**HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Mark V.** H&I takes meetings into hospitals and institutions where people cannot get out to meetings. The H&I Business meeting is the first Wednesday at the Bennett Valley Rd Senior Center at 6pm. New reps meeting at 5:30.

Tradition Eight says that AA should remain nonprofessional, "but our service centers may employ special workers." Gloria P. was our special worker—special in this instance meaning one who is intimate with local AA people and practices.

In various service capacities I worked with Gloria for the past eleven years. We got along very well, and I enjoyed visiting with her at the Bookstore. It will definitely not be the same without her.

The office manager's job description was pretty general when she was hired, and much of what the job entails today evolved from her tenure. And today our Intergroup Office/Bookstore is one of the best.

Most years she would attend the annual meeting of Central Office managers from the U.S. and Canada, hosted by the General Service Office. She also attended annual meetings of Bay Area AA office managers. On returning from these events she would always share that Sonoma County is fortunate indeed in the level of financial support and group participation we enjoy.

To her it was always personal. That made it both rewarding and difficult at times. It was rewarding because of the number of people she helped and befriended... But some people who came by seemed to have nothing but criticism to offer... She'd suggest they get involved if they wanted to make a difference; that there were plenty of volunteer openings. Rarely would she hear from them again.

Personally, I thought I had a pretty special relationship with Gloria, but after attending her memorial service recently, I know I was just one of many who felt that way.

Go well, Gloria; we will miss you.

—Tim P.

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A one-hour Memorial Service was held for Gloria P. on January 12th, at 1pm at the Center For Spiritual Living, 2075 Occidental Road in Santa Rosa.

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**PI/CPC: Nick R.** PI/CPC meets the 2nd Wednesday at the Santa Rosa City Hall. Speaker training is at 7; business meeting at 7:30. In January they will be actively recruiting people to join. They need volunteers!

**SOCYPAA: Sean M.** The bookstore has updated SOCYPAA meeting schedules. Their business meetings are the first and third Sundays of the month. 32 of 36 positions in SOCYPAA have been filled. They are preparing a bid to bring to ACYPAA to Sonoma County in 2009, and asking Intergroup to draft a letter vouching for SOCYPAA's excellent participation in AA in Sonoma County. There are ACYPAA conference flyers available.

**SPANISH INTERGROUP: Elvia P.** was absent.

**ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: Jamie T.** was absent. The next meeting is Thursday, January 10.

**CACHE CREEK: Mark V.** Flyers are ready. The Cache Creek date is June 21 and 22.

**HOUSEKEEPING MOTION:** that SCIF provide SOCYPAA with a letter of support for its bid for the 2009 ACYPAA Convention. Result of the motion: We recognize that SOCYPAA is a responsible, active, sober and helpful organization to AA in Sonoma County. There were no

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## PI/CPC

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The Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community distributes AA literature and meeting schedules to many places around the county, including libraries, hospitals, police stations and numerous healthcare facilities and social service organizations. We also participate at health fairs and make presentations to professional organizations if requested. We make frequent presentations about AA to High Schools and on a regular basis to County DUI classes. We recently did the information packets for the Clergy and the Healthcare Professional.

Our committee could always use some help. Our business meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at City Hall underground, 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Santa Rosa Ave. 7 PM Speaker training and 7:30 Business Meeting. As we typically speak to non-AA groups, 2 years sobriety and training (orientation) required.

Dave R.

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## SOCYPAA

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Wow, can you believe it's already February? Are you excited about Valentine's day, or the upcoming dance Intergroup will be holding? Finally have an excuse to try out 13th stepping. Just Kidding!

SOCYPAA, or Sonoma County Young People in AA is having our first event for this year. We are having our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ski trip. But this time it's going to be WAY MORE HAPPENING than the last two. Instead of a simple one day trip we are going to go for a whole weekend in the snow.

Arrival February 8th, 2008- Departure February 10th, 2008. We requested a late checkout—11am. \$ 145 per

person. Call Gary W., the SOCYPAA Events chair, for more info.

So, you might be asking yourself, "What's this great thing you speak of, and what do my socks have to do with sobriety?" SOCYPAA is a service group in AA that is for the young and young at heart. We try to show that you can be serious about your AA program and still have fun in sobriety. We try to make it so that young people, and the young at heart, have a place in AA through young people's meetings that we've started, and events that we throw. We try to have some kind of event almost every month—sometimes big, sometimes smaller—but always fun.

Our second mission is to put a bid in for ACYPAA, the All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous convention which is held each year in different cities throughout California. This year it's in April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. You can register at <http://acypaa2008.org/>. SOCYPAA is putting in a bid to get it to come to Sonoma County in 2009. If you want to be part of SOCYPAA, and maybe help us to get the convention (which is one of the wildest, most fun parties, full of meetings, dances, workshops, World Class speakers, and fun, fun, fun!!) then come and get involved. We have our business meetings the first and third Sundays of the month at 1551 Montgomery Dr. in Santa Rosa at 7:15 PM.

We have a bunch of young people's meetings around the county, too. If you are a proud card carrying member of OGPAA (Old Grumpy People in AA) come and check us out. You'll be surprised and you'll see a lot of fun, but some serious sobriety at our meetings. Come get involved!

Till next month, Take care,

Craig G. (Batman) SOCYPAA's Outreach Chair

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objections to providing the letter.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Job descriptions for Registrar, Alkathon chair and Seminar chair.
  - a. **Registrar:** Susy E. The registrar counts reps that sign in at the General Meetings. She keeps a list of these members on an Excel spreadsheet. The time commitment is one hour a month, three years sobriety are needed.
  - b. **Alkathon chair:** Dale E. The alkathon chair secures the venue for the Alkathons and works with the venue for insurance for the events. They work with the meetings to host the alkathon meetings. They hold steering committee meetings to ensure availability of flyers and supplies and coordinate volunteers. Sobriety requirement is two years and the time commitment is 5 to 10 hours a month.
  - c. **Seminars chair:** Donna L. There is one seminar held every other month. The Seminars chair chooses a topic and secures speakers for two-hour seminars. The Newsletter needs information on the seminar two months in advance. The time commitment is 6 to 10 hours a month and there is a two-year sobriety requirement.
2. Motion that SCIF increase its Prudent Reserve from

- \$25,000 to \$30,000. This motion is proposed by the steering committee upon recommendation of the Treasurer and the ICSC. The task is to discuss the motion and get a group conscience. The reason for raising the Prudent Reserve is so we have three months expenses covered. The ICSC wants to develop a disaster plan rather than base Prudent Reserve on expenses. Disaster would be, for example, if the bookstore building burns down. The current value of the inventory is approximately \$30,000. The Prudent Reserve has been at \$25,000 since year 2000 when it went from \$21,000 to \$25,000. We are self insured.
3. Volunteers are needed for the January 1 Bookstore inventory. Mike C. volunteered. Former volunteers will be called.
4. ICSC needs a new nominating committee. There were no volunteers.

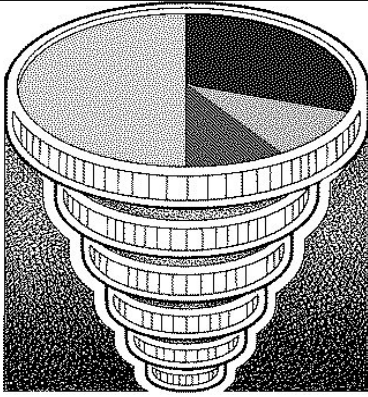
**GROUP SHARING AND CONCERNS:**

Mary from Cloverdale Fellowship Hall stated they are interested in the Prudent Reserve being raised, and asked if the remaining funds might be used to put on a free event. She was told that if she wants to make a formal proposal about the funds she should attend the Steering Committee meeting the second Monday and submit the proposal in writing.

Dale E. of the Friday Night Church of the Roses meeting said the meeting just had its rent doubled from \$50 to

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# SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER 2007



## 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

## 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."

Together we can! Thank you for your support!

### GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Meeting	4th Qtr	YTD
Acceptance Is The Answer		
Anonymous donor		
Anonymous group contribution		
Big Book Study		
Cazadero Group		
Harmony Group		
Heart's Desire		
Hessel Big Book Study		
Hessel Group		
Moment of Silence		
Saturday Afternoon Winners		
Saturday Night Living Right		
Serenity Fellowship		
Signs of Sobriety		
Simply AA		
Stick Around		
Sunday Niters		
Think About It		
Third Step Group		
Thursday Big Book		
Up The Steps		
Wed Night Women's Step Study		
Women's Perspective AA Group		
Young & Young At Heart		
<b>Total</b>		

Paid to interpreters:  
Prudent Reserve:

	Dec. 2007		Dec. 2006		Year to Date		2007	2006
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net
<b>Group Supported:</b>								
Central Office								
Groups								
Individuals								
Teleservice								
Web Site								
Newsletter								
Interest								
<i>Subtotal</i>								
<b>Self Supported:</b>								
Bookstore								
Activities								
Alkathons								
Seminars								
<i>Subtotal</i>								
<b>TOTAL</b>								

Assets & Liabilities		
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		<b>Memo:</b> Cash in Bank & Petty Cash
Prepaid Expenses -		
Liabilities		
Subtotal		
Literature Inventories		
Property		Prudent Reserve
Total Assets & Liabilities		Liabilities
		Operating Reserve

### Activities Chair

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I would love to see someone step up to the plate or at least make themselves available for 2008 as a trainee. I have put together a new binder to help a new person with vital information. So if you're interested you would coordinate dances, picnics, and other activities within Intergroup. You need to be able to delegate responsibility and have about 15- 20 hrs a month to be of service. It is very rewarding to stand back and see everyone having such a good time! I of course will make myself available for another year.

February is the month for LOVE and all I know is that when I get out of myself and give back (better to love than be loved) I become a compassionate person. This year you loved me in a big way and I am very blessed to have had all your love and support. Hopefully love and forgiveness will heal my heart this year, and I wish the same for you. Enough of that!

In loving service,  
Laurie E.



THE STORY IS TOLD of an inebriate who, finding a large tree in his path, carefully felt his way again and again about its trunk. Finally, giving up in disgust, he exclaimed, "It's no use; I'm walled in."

## HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS



"Had I not been blessed with wise and loving advisers, I might have cracked up long ago. A doctor once saved me from death by alcoholism because he obliged me to face up to the deadliness of that malady. Another doctor, a psychiatrist, later on helped me save my sanity because he led me to ferret out some of my deep lying defects. From a clergyman, I acquired the truthful principles by which we AAs now try to live.

"But these precious friends did far more than supply me with their professional skills. I learned that I could go to them with any problem whatever. Their wisdom and their integrity were mine for the asking.

"Many of my dearest A.A. friends have stood with me in exactly this same relation. Oftentimes they could help where others could not, simply because they were AAs." [Bill W., *Grapevine*, 1961]

Welcoming in the New Year at January's meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee were new meeting reps Gordon, for the Sunday Nighters (Sebastopol); Stephanie, Not Just Another Newcomer Rohnert Park); Ralph, As Bill Sees It (Penngrove); Diane, New Sobriety; Keith, Wednesday Fellowship (Petaluma); Brian, Healdsburg Group; Maurice, Saturday Afternoon Winners; Sharon, Early Risers (Petaluma); Ryn, Sober Sisters (Sebastopol); John W., 12 x 12 Discussion and Angela, Kenwood smokeless discussion. Thank you for your service!

A Happy New Year hello to our visitors: Roz, Cheryl, Chris, Paul L., Ann, John P., Ginger, Sarah and Karen.



A total of 59 years and 7 months of sobriety were being celebrated by Brian S., with 12 years; Donna K., 16; Jeffrey, 2; Allyson, 7; Keith, 1; Barbara, 4; Ralph, 1;

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Calling all Horseback  
Riders  
**NEW MEETING!**



Sober Riders  
2nd Sunday, 10 AM  
Starting in February  
at Spring Lake Park  
Call Judy R. for  
information.

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY • 2008</h1> 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SCIF Bookstore .....750 Mendocino Ave. Suite 10 Faith Lutheran Church.....4970 Newanga Ave. St. Luke Lutheran Church.....905 Mendocino Ave . S.R Senior Center .....704 Bennett Valley Rd. S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge...First St. and Santa Rosa Ave.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>SOCYPAA</b> 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg.	<b>General Service</b> Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting		<b>Hospitals &amp; Institutions</b> S.R. Senior Center 5:30 New Rep Orientation 6:00 Business Meeting			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Sober Riders</b> 10:00 AM See notice this page	<b>SCIF Bookstore</b> 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 7:00 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting		<b>PI/CPC</b> S.R. City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting  <b>Newsletter</b> 6:30 SCIF Bookstore	<b>Access Sonoma County</b> SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Meeting		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>SOCYPAA</b> 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg.		<b>Bridging The Gap</b> SCIF Bookstore 6:30 New Rep Orientation 7:00 Business Meeting				<b>General Service Area 06 Committee</b> 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
24	25	26	27	28	29	
	<b>Intergroup</b> St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	<b>General Service</b> District 12 Officers Meeting 6:15 SCIF Bookstore				



The shocking and sudden loss of our Central Office/Bookstore Manager, Gloria P., last month hit us all hard. During the holiday season, we were reminded that the blessings of sobriety, and life itself, must be taken one day at a time. Gloria will be sorely missed, and tributes to her life and service appear elsewhere in this newsletter. But what is going on in her absence?

The Central Office and Bookstore is the primary service center for the Alcoholics Anonymous community in Sonoma County, and it continues to operate, thanks to the selfless service of the Bookstore volunteers who have continued to show up on a daily basis to serve the Fellowship. Many of those volunteers were very close to Gloria, but they have kept their commitments to us all in spite of their sorrow, and we thank them.

Your officers, committee chairs, and Intergroup Central Service Committee (ICSC) members were notified immediately about the sad news, and we met to enact contingency plans to keep the service center functioning in 2008. Notices of the need for a new Manager were distributed and announced at the H&I meeting on January 2 and the General Service District meeting on January 7, since Intergroup representatives are not meeting again until January 28. Application forms for the Manager's service position are available at the Central Office and will be accepted until February 11. The ICSC will meet in February to review applications, interview appropriate applicants, and - we hope - select a new Manager to begin by March 1.

This has been a stellar year for participation in the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship. Group participation through representatives, through volunteers, and through financial support has been awesome. We are looking forward to another year of coming together to strengthen our sobriety, our participation, and our commitment to alcoholics who still suffer - our commitment to the fellowship that has brought us a new way of life. I thank you all for allowing me to join you on the journey.  
Diane W.

Tradition 1 states our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. As February is fast approaching and the Agenda Topics Workshop (please see flyers), I am reminded that this is an excellent time to sharpen my skills and to *voice* my opinions in mock-sharing sessions hosted by Sonoma Co. General Service District 12. I would like to encourage all who would like to, to attend and participate. At every one of these service events there is opportunity to give, to share, and most of all, to grow spiritually. I cannot say enough about the depth of the power of a single A.A. member's ability to voice his or her opinion and to take part in the process.

I hope to hear your voice on Feb 16.

In gratitude and service,  
Dale E.

H&I Report *(Continued from page 6)*

Gretchen, 5; Russ, 1; and John C., 5. The list continues with Seth, who has 18 months; Ann, 6 months; Stephen, 18 months; Janai, 6 months; Sarah 1 month; and Paul L., 18 months. Many happy sobriety birthday returns to you all!

Brandy enthusiastically shared her experience in H&I from her first meeting ("I was scared to death") to how it continues to enhance her sobriety today. After taking in her first meeting to confined alcoholics, she knew she wanted to do more. "H&I became like my home group...I've only missed a meeting once or twice." As she visits various facilities, she is constantly reminded of what it used to be like—and what her life is like now. "I can't say enough about H&I service—I'm just lit on fire!"

Would you like to light a fire under someone new to AA? Or a confined oldtimer who needs to keep the fire going? Learn more about how your experience can benefit others by coming to the next meeting of the H&I Committee on Wednesday, February 6. The place is the Santa Rosa Senior Center located at the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue (one block east of Santa Rosa Avenue). The time is 6:00 p.m. for the regular meeting and 5:30 for new rep orientation (to which all are welcome). So come on down and bring a friend or two (or three...)

In service,  
Mardi

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\$100 per week and they really need support in order to survive.

Stephanie S. suggested that surplus funds should go to help Alano Clubs. She was told this was unlikely to happen.

**SUMMATION:** Tim P. reviewed the meeting:

- Thank you to all the groups for making this such a successful year financially and attendance-wise.
- We are discussing raising the Prudent Reserve to \$30,000 in order to have three months operating expenses covered. He pointed out that the groups originally wanted six months operating expenses.
- Teleservice has Tuesday and Wednesday 10pm to 8am slots open.

- Please support the New Years Eve Dance.
- The Valentines dance is Feb 15 and has a Pajama Party theme.
- The Alkathons have slots open for meetings.
- The next Seminar is Wed, Jan 23.
- PI/CPC needs volunteers.
- BTG needs contacts.
- SOCYPAA will receive a letter of support to host the 2009 ACYPAA conference.
- We need three people for the nominating committee.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in Service,  
Nan B.

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2007

Meeting	Dec	YTD	Meeting	Dec	YTD	Meeting	Dec	YTD
11th Step Meeting			Higher Power Group			Sober Sunday Group		
12 X 12 @ 12 Group			Highlander Group			SOCYPAA		
12 X 12 Plus			How It Works Group			Sonoma County General Service		
A Vision For You			Just For Today			Sonoma Valley Fellowship		
AA Cache Creek Group			Keep It Simple			South Park Survivors		
AA Check It Out Group			Kenwood Group			Spirit of Akron		
AA Health Professionals			Kenwood Step Study			Stein Group		
AA Sonoma, Fri Night Fellowship			Lunch Bunch Group			Stepping Lively		
AA Sonoma, Thurs 11th Step Group			Mature & Sober Group			Stick Around, Santa Rosa		
AA Sonoma, Tues Big Book Group			Moment of Silence			Sunday Morning Smiles Group		
Access Sonoma County			Monday Mood Swings			Sun PM Closed Discussion Group		
Acres Fellowship Group			Mon Night Alcoholics Only Step Study			Sunday Sanity		
Alive & Well In Fulton			Monte Rio Book Study			TBDME For Young People		
Any Lengths Group			New Hope Book Study Group			T.G.I.F. Nooners		
As Bill See's It			New Life AA, Thursday in Petaluma			Thank God It's Monday		
Attitude Adjustment Group			New Sobriety Group			The Cross Roads Group		
B.Y.O.B.B.			Not Just Another Newcomer's Meeting			The Outsiders Group		
Be What You Want To See			O God It's Monday			The Saints and Sinners Group		
Big Book Review			Oaks Fellowship			The Sunday Niters Group		
Bodega Bay Fellowship			Occidental Tonight Group			There Is A Solution		
Book & Discussion, Sonoma			Open Door			Think About It Group		
Breakfast Club			Out of the Ashes Group			Third Step Group		
Brodz Nite Out			Petaluma Fellowship			Thurs. Big Book Step Study		
Came to Believe Group			Petaluma Thursday Night Real Life			Thurs. Men's Stag AA Group		
Cloverdale Fellowship Hall			Petaluma Valley Group			Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion		
Cotati Men's Stag			Prayer & Meditation, Sebastopol			Thurs. Night Women's AA		
Defects & Shortcomings			Promises Group			Thurs. Real Life, Petaluma		
Early Bird Fellowship of Petaluma			Quitting Time Group			Tuesday Afternoon Delight		
Expect A Miracle			Redwood Winners			Tues Night Big Book Study - Pet		
FAHA Home Group			River Discussion Group			Tuesday Nite Beginners AA		
Fourth Monday			River Grace			Unity Day Committee		
Fresh Air Group			Round Barn Big Book Study			Up Group		
Friday 10am Book Study Meeting			Round Table Discussion Group			Up The Steps		
Friday Nite Live Group			Rule 62 River Readers			Wm Springs @ Mt. Vista Farm		
Friday Nooners of AA			Santa Rosa Fellowship			Wednesday Night Men's Stag		
Gay Newcomers Group			Saturday Afternoon Winners			Wednesday Wonders		
Good Neighbors, Geyserville			Saturday Morning Beginners			We're In The Now		
Graton Fellowship			Saturday Night Living Right			Windsor Group		
Gravenstien Gay Group			Saturday Serenity			Women's Book Group		
G.R.B.B.S.			Sebastopol AA Noon Movement			Women's Lunch Bunch		
Great Reality			Sebastopol Men's Stag			Women's Perspective AA Group		
Gualala Group			Sebastopol Step Study Group			Women's Step Study & Discussion		
Healdsburg Anonymity			Serenity Fellowship Hall			Women's Tuesday At Noon		
Healdsburg Group			Sharing & Caring			Working Winners		
Healdsburg Men's Meeting, Sat. AM			Signs of Sobriety			Young & Sober		
Healdsburg Sunday Morning AA			Simply AA			Young & Young At Heart		
Healdsburg Women's Book Study			Single Purpose Group			(group name not on check)		
Hessel Big Book Study Group			Sisters of Surrender					
H & I			Sober Sisters					
						<b>Total</b>		

### February Sobriety Birthdays

David O	2/10	28	Santa Rosa	Manuel	2/9	8	Santa Rosa	Carrie S	2/18	5
Paul L	2/12	23	Cloverdale	Gina	2/13	8		Nathan	2/22	5
Nicky Y	2/1	20	Santa Rosa	Jim W	2/17	8		Don D	2/25	5
Ed G	2/20	18	Santa Rosa	Jo	2/7	7		Karen L	2/25	5
Bill C	2/14	17	Santa Rosa	Larry L	2/23	7		Janice	2/26	5
Alicia G	2/17	17	Santa Rosa	Trisha L	2/4	6		Katherine	2/28	5
Kelly T	2/17	17	Cloverdale	Gus C	2/8	6		Colleen H	2/3	4 Cloverdale
Bob G	2/22	16	Santa Rosa	Michael C	2/22	6		Steve D	2/7	4
Paul S	2/23	16	Santa Rosa	Mike	2/1	5		Saul	2/17	4
Joe B	2/22	14	Santa Rosa	Steven	2/2	5		Lester W	2/23	4
Kathy B	2/27	14	Santa Rosa	Beth B	2/3	5		Ken C	2/28	4
Kendra P	2/7	13		Shane W	2/4	5	Santa Rosa	Jeff M	2/3	3
James	2/24	13		Mitch L	2/7	5		Kathy C	2/4	3
Adam	2/1	12	Santa Rosa	Vincent V	2/7	5		Arsenio O	2/25	2 Santa Rosa
Robert W.	2/23	12	Cloverdale	Buxx O	2/11	5		Jeff F	2/7	2 Petaluma
Chris F	2/3	9		Chris L	2/11	5				
Jerry	2/9	8		David H	2/14	5	Santa Rosa			
								<b>Total</b>		<b>428</b>







## NEW MEETINGS

### *Petaluma*

Thu 7:00 PM (C) Petaluma Stag Group  
Lutheran Church , 504 Baker St. (upstairs)  
Note: Erroneously listed as no longer  
meeting in December and January News.

### *Santa Rosa*

Thu 7:30 PM (C)(W) Primary Purpose Group  
Big Book Study.  
Christ Tabernacle, 1363 Fulton Rd.

Sun 10:00 AM (O) Sober Riders (2nd Sun only)  
Horseback, various trails. Judy, 829-7263.

Tue 7 - 9 Español Grupo Arbol de la Vida  
Thu PM 2425 Cleveland Ave. #240

## MEETING CHANGES

### *Petaluma*

Fri 7:00 PM How It Works  
Now a discussion meeting

Sun 12 Noon Breakfast Club  
Moved to Petaluma Alano Club  
955 Petaluma Blvd., So.

### *Santa Rosa*

Fri 10:30 AM Women's Growing Pains Group  
Moved to Methodist Church  
1551 Montgomery Dr.

### *Sebastopol*

Sun 7:00 PM Stein Group  
Now an open meeting.

### *Windsor*

Wed 8:00 PM Windsor Group  
Moved to Lutheran Church  
167 Arata Lane

Thu 7:30 PM Redwood Winners  
Moved to Lutheran Church  
167 Arata Lane

## NO LONGER MEETING

### *Petaluma*

Sat 6:30 PM New Life Group

## MEETING CODES

(C) Closed meeting, alcoholics only.

(O) Open meeting, anyone can attend.

(W) Wheel chair access to meeting area.

To report meeting changes:  
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*Goodbye Gloria*



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