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Intergroup
Fellowship**

NEWS FEBRUARY 2016

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

The Role of Intergroup in Sonoma County

a seminar and discussion



Wednesday, March 23, 2016 6:30 - 8:00pm

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Labor Day	September 5
Thanksgiving	November 26
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SONOMA COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE
DISTRICT 12
Agenda Topics Workshop 2016



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa

Saturday, February 20th

8:30 AM ~ 3:30 PM

8:30-9:00 Registration ~ Continental Breakfast ~ Fellowship

2016 Conference theme:

“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts”

Delegate: Raymundo L., District & Area Members, Guests

POTLUCK LUNCH



Please bring a dish to share ~ If your last name begins with
A~L bring a Dessert; M~R Main Dish; S~Z Salads/Sides ~ Beverages will be available

District 18 participating ~ Spanish interpretation will be provided

- A workshop to present the Agenda Topics for the 66th General Service Conference.
- How to set up sharing sessions for GSRs and their groups.
- Meet and share with your Area Delegate, Raymundo L.

Bring Your FM Radio for Interpretation and Assisted Listening

Co-Chairs: Kevin H. (707) 494-8435
Lora L. (707) 477-4643

GENERAL SERVICE

The 2016 General Service Agenda Topics Workshop is just around the corner! It will be held on February 20, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1300 St. Francis Road in Santa Rosa). This informative and fun event is open to everyone, and will include the opportunity to meet our Area Delegate Raymundo L.; listen to presentations regarding the agenda topics process; and participate in mock sharing sessions to teach us how to conduct our own sharing sessions.

I hope to see you there!
In service, Lora L.

After they [alcoholics] have succumbed to the desire again, as so many do, and the phenomenon of craving develops, they pass through the well-known stages of a spree, emerging remorseful, with a firm resolution not to drink again. This is repeated over and over, and unless this person can experience an entire psychic change there is very little hope for his recovery.

The Doctor's Opinion, page xxix, Alcoholics Anonymous

NEW MEETINGS

Santa Rosa

Without a Prayer (o)(w)
Tuesday 6:30 pm
(Non-traditional, alternating format)
Orenda Center
1430 Neotomas Avenue

Santa Rosa

12 and 12 Women's Book Study (c)(w)
Friday 11:30 am
545 White Oak Avenue

Santa Rosa

AA Chronic Pain in Sobriety (c)(w)
Monday 6:30 pm
Colgan Meadows Community Room
2701 Creek Park Lane

Petaluma

Friday Serenity (o)
Friday 6:30 am
Elim Church, 504 Baker Street

MEETING CHANGE

Healdsburg

Healdsburg Group
Friday 8:00 pm
moved to 1402 University Street

NO LONGER MEETING

Cloverdale

Eleventh Step Meditation
and Discussion
Saturday 5:30 pm

Need to report meeting changes?

Send an email to:
meetingchanges@sonomacountyaa.org
or contact SCIF Office at 546-2066

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Please send any corrections, suggestions, submissions or comments about the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship to:
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SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

December 28, 2015

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

Readings: Linda G. read the Preamble; Janine H. read Tradition 12; Dennis read Concept XII.

New Representatives: Chris S., Without a Prayer; Thorne D., Simply AA; John L., Beginners Group; Russell, Thursday Round Table; Christina, Serenity Fellowship; Vanessa, Newcomers at Orenda; Donna, Think About It 7:00 a.m.; Diane W., Moment of Silence; Julie, 12 x 12 Discussion Group.

Birthdays: Amy, 3 years; Donna, 2 years; Linda W., 27 years; Russell, 18 months; DeeDee, 3 years; Mike, 18 months.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (Holly H.) Officer elections at the January General Meeting, and Committee Chair elections at the February General Meeting. The job descriptions are available on the table. Let your meetings know about the elections. If you know someone who might be a good fit for any of these positions, ask them to come to the next General Meeting. The Alkathons have been going well, and Steve is looking for some volunteers to help with the New Year's Alkathon. James is also looking for some volunteers to help with the New Year's Dance. Thank you so much to all of you who have been of service to Intergroup in the past year. A huge thanks go to fellow officers, committee chairs, and the ICSC members who have not only gone the extra mile, but were such a pleasure to do service with. This is definitely a "we" program all the way.

Vice-Chair: (Barry D.) Five (5) new reps tonight. Those new reps who did not attend the orientation tonight should arrive by 7:30 next month to attend the orientation. Include phone number and email when signing in. What to take back to your meeting....

Secretary: (Jennifer R.) The General Meeting minutes of December 2015 were approved.

Treasurer: (David B.) Group Contributions were \$2,371; expenses were \$2,561. Bookstore income was \$8,169; expenses were \$8,655 for a net loss of \$486. The year-to-date income is \$13,701, which is \$7,635 more than last year.

Registrar: (Madeleine T. - not present) No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bookstore: (Andy M. for Linda M.) All volunteer positions are filled. There were no blackout days. Volunteer applications are being taken for future openings. Grapevine title books are on sale for 20% off while supplies last.

ICSC: (Andy M.) (Ryn L.) Assistant Bookstore manager, Glenn C., was promoted to manager.

Activities: (James C.) Need volunteers at 2:00 p.m. to set up for the New Year's Dance. Also need volunteers to clean up afterward and replace the furniture the way it was.

Alkathon: (Steve V.) A male volunteer is needed at the Alkathon from 1:00 to 5:00 a.m. Clean up volunteers are needed.

Communications/Newsletter: (Barry D. for Woody T.) Check out the Newsletter.

Outreach: (Thomas J. - not present) No report.

Seminars: (Lori S.) The next seminar is Turning It Over on Jan. 27.

Teleservice: (Gus G.) No open shifts. There is a waiting list for the Vets call list and 12 step call list.

LIAISON REPORTS:

SOCYPAA: (Janine H.) Hot Cocoa/Speaker/Game Night tentatively scheduled for 1/16/16; Scavenger Hunt in Windsor on 2/20/16; Traditions panel/tacos/dance on 3/12/16. Business meeting is held the 1st Sunday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa.

Spanish Central Office: (Open) No one has made themselves available.

PI/CPC: (Michelle G.) PI presented at six (6) classes at Analy High School. We need young speakers with a minimum of two (2) years of sobriety. We presented to the Sheriff's Department in December for the first time. Two additional presentations are scheduled. We are in contact with Santa Rosa Police Department and the Petaluma Police Department to set up presentations. If you would like to join us, we meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the Santa Rosa City Hall Underground. Speaker training is at 7:30 p.m.; the business meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m.

Hospitals and Institutions: (Mary B. - not present) No report.

General Service: (Robert F. for Jennifer B.) The Agenda Topics Workshop is scheduled for February 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa. There is a potluck lunch. This is a workshop on how to conduct sharing sessions with A.A. groups to improve communication between the groups, thereby strengthening services in A. A. through cooperation.

Bridging the Gap: (Bill D.) Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore. Volunteers are needed to take new members recently leaving residential facilities to meetings.

Access Sonoma County: (Cindy W. for John F.) The workshop on mental health is on January 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Center For Spiritual Living. Childcare and a Spanish interpreter are provided. There is a new closed meeting, A.A. Chronic Pain in Sobriety, at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays.

ICSC Nominating Committee: (Mike C.) The next ICSC election will be in April. Interested candidates must have five years of sobriety and a management or business background. It is an 18 month commitment.

OLD BUSINESS: Pros and cons regarding the motion to move the meeting time to 7:30 p.m. The church is available to move the meeting time.

Comments:

1. Cindy W.: Make sure the outlying area groups can make it to the meeting.
2. Pat: Other service groups meet earlier than Intergroup.
3. Micelle O. : 30 minutes earlier makes a huge difference for her.
4. Darren: Why change something that is already working? When someone volunteers for Intergroup they are aware of the time and dates.

Will move forward at the General Meeting in January to vote.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Group Discussion: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

-In service, Jennifer R.

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented here is your 2015 Annual Report in compliance with SCIF Policies and Procedures and Section 6321 of the California Corporations Code. We hope you find the information complete, concise, and easy to understand.

Group Contributions for the year were \$49,645, which was up \$2,644 from 2014. Bookstore revenue was \$84,493. Activities net income for the year was \$76; Alkathons net income was -\$71; and Unity Day net income was \$175. Our overall net gain was \$13,751.

A complete list of group contributions is included in this newsletter on page 9. We encourage all groups to compare the listed contributions with their own financial records. Thank you to all the groups and members who contributed. Your support helps cover the cost of the newsletter, meeting schedules, pamphlets, seminars, the 24 hour Teleservice hot line and the intergroup website. In addition, there are Alkathons, dances, and the Founder's Day Picnic that are self-supporting. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help make it possible to carry the message in Sonoma County.

In accordance with the formula approved at the October 2009 General Meeting, the Prudent Reserve was reduced by \$986 on December 31, 2015. The new Prudent Reserve is \$37088. That will leave \$3116 available for distribution. The Prudent Reserve calculation was as follow:

Operating Expenses:	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Central Office Expenses	25,748	27,181
Teleservice	4,126	5,884
Directories	2,416	2,297
Pamphlets and Cards	2,948	2,306
Newsletters	5,788	6,149
Bookstore Expenses	82,702	86,487
Cost of Goods Sold	-50,970	-54,710
TOTAL	<u>72,758</u>	<u>75,594</u>
Two year total divided by 4		<u>37,088</u>

I certify that the accompanying financial statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation. David B. SCIF Treasurer

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP, INC.			
BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECEMBER 31, 2014			
		Dec. 31 2015	Dec. 31 2014
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash in Checking	\$ 9,511.48		\$13,910.71
Cash in Savings	41,992.11		38,127.58
Petty Cash	200.00		210.00
Total Cash		\$51,703.59	\$52,248.29
Other Current Assets			
Bookstore Inventory	36,057.59		22,922.50
Prepaid Expenses	4,148.67		4,108.83
Total Other Current Assets		40,206.26	27,031.33
Total Current Assets		91,909.85	79,279.62
Fixed Assets			
POS System	-		-
Renovation	582.80		5,411.09
Dutch Door	450.00		450.00
Furniture & Equipment	4,332.83		2,772.89
Leasehold Improvements	1,715.46		1,715.46
Software	-		-
Total Fixed Assets at Cost	7,081.09		10,349.44
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,495.54)		(8,074.63)
Net Fixed Assets		3,585.55	2,274.81
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$95,495.40</u>	<u>\$81,554.43</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,540.73		\$ 1,091.30
Sales & Payroll Taxes Payable	3,959.14		3,437.20
Total Current Liabilities		\$11,499.87	\$ 4,528.50
Total Liabilities		11,499.87	4,528.50
Equity - Reserves			
Literature Reserves	36,057.59		22,922.50
Fixed Assets Reserve	3,585.55		5,324.81
Prepaid Expenses Reserve	4,148.67		4,108.83
Prudent Reserve	37,088.00		38,074.00
Operating Reserve	(10,635.63)		(2,162.10)
Net Income (Loss)	13,751.35		8,757.89
Total Equity - Reserves		83,995.53	77,025.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u>\$95,495.40</u>	<u>\$81,554.43</u>

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP, INC.

INCOME & EXPENSES

January through December 2015

Income			
Central Office Income			
Group Contributions	\$	49,644.68	
Individuals (Self Supporters)		3,137.25	
Total Central Office Income			\$ 52,781.93
Newsletter Subscriptions			8.00
Bank Interest			16.15
Alkathon Income			3,726.38
Activities Income			3,632.57
Unity Day Income			2,604.61
Seminar Income			0.00
Bookstore Sales			84,492.65
Total Income			<u>147,262.29</u>
Expense			
Central Office Expense			
Taxes & Fees		80.00	
Conference Expense		0.00	
Bank Charges		0.00	
Bookkeeping Expense		3,246.38	
Depreciation		416.00	
Insurance		602.60	
Office Expense		1,752.84	
Payroll		7,397.31	
Payroll Burden		680.19	
Rent		8,474.50	
Telephone & Utilities		2,289.13	
Web Site		809.13	
Total Central Office Expense			25,748.08
Directories			2,415.56
Pamphlets & Cards			2,948.04
Newsletter Expense			5,787.63
Teleservice			4,126.03
Bookstore Expense			
Cost of Sales		50,970.48	
Bank Charges		2,028.93	
Bookkeeping Expense		3,238.00	
Depreciation		416.00	
Insurance		661.58	
Office Expense		1,351.90	
Payroll		14,613.02	
Payroll Burden		1,370.36	
Repairs & Maintenance		0.00	
Rent		5,762.50	
Telephone & Utilities		2,289.01	
Total Bookstore Expense			82,701.78
Alkathon Expense			3,797.72
Activities Expense			3,556.31
Unity Day Expense			2,429.79
Total Expenses			<u>133,510.94</u>
Net Income (Loss)			<u>\$ 13,751.35</u>



44th Annual Hospital and Institution Conference

"Service in Sobriety"

April 29, 30 and May 1st, 2016

**Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Hall
1351 Maple Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

*AA/Spanish *Al-Anon* Panels * Speakers * Dance * Drawing

<u>Friday</u>	5:00 PM	Registration Opens!
	8:00 PM	Steve M. from Raleigh, North Carolina
<u>Saturday</u>	9:00 AM	<u>Panels Start</u>
	1:00 PM	"The Spiritual Principles of Service" Ronnie C. from Camas, Washington
	7:30 PM	Wallace B. from Sanford, North Carolina
	10:00 PM	Dance
<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 AM	<u>Panels Start</u>
	10:30 AM	Marcella A. from San Francisco, California ** See program for panel details**

Registration Form

Name _____ AA Al-Anon

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration \$15 per person, please pre-register by April 24th. Number of persons attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Make out checks to Nor Cal H&I Conference
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Check out the website: handinorcal.org

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Sunday**

**Feb 14 • March 13
April 10 • May 8**

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FRI 6PM-9PM

SAT 9AM-10PM

SUN 8AM-9AM

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February 2016



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1 General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep. Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	2	3 Hospitals and Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep. Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	4	5	6
7 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 7:15 Business Meeting	8 SCIF Bookstore 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	9	10 PI/CPC Santa Rosa City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business Meeting	11 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:15 Orientation 6:30 Meeting	12 March Newsletter Deadline is 5:00 p.m.	13
14	15	16 Bridging the Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	17	18	19	20 General Service Agenda Topics Workshop Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1300 St Francis Road, S. R. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
21 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 7:15 Business Meeting	22 Intergroup Meeting St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:00 Teleservice Meeting 7:30 New Rep. Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	23	24	25	26	27 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd. Petaluma 12:30 to 3:30
28 Happy Trails Meet at Coddington Post Office to carpool, 10:00 am call 291-2435 for details	29	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 Drive, Santa Rosa 4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa 905 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa 1495 W. Steele Lane, Santa Rosa First Street and Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa 750 Mendocino Avenue, Suit 10, Santa Rosa		

SCIF Bookstore Clearance Sale

Happy Valentine's Day from the Bookstore!
All Grapevine Titles are 20% off!
Hurry in while Supplies Last!

We are continuing our sale of ALL GRAPEVINE BOOKS that started in January. All Grapevine books will be discounted 20% as long as the supply lasts. This is a great time to stock up on books for your meetings or introduce a new book to a sponsee.

We are currently fully staffed with volunteers, but if you are interested, please come into the Bookstore and fill out an application.

My name is Glenn and I'm an alcoholic. I am humbled and honored to be promoted to the manager of the Bookstore and Central Office after serving as assistant manager for a couple of years. I am grateful that Linda will be around for at least a couple of months to provide much needed "pass-it-on" services during the transition.

Thank you for letting me be of service - Glenn C.

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 and 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 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.

Within the past year a fellow A.A. member 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 meetings for many years will now have the 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 would like to request a meeting from Meetings on Wheels, please call 707-596-8485. And please pass this number along to anyone you know who may need it.

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 pm and the business meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

In Service, Shirley J.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

"In my own case, the foundation stone of freedom from fear is that of faith: a faith that, despite all worldly appearances to the contrary, causes me to believe that I live in a universe that makes sense.

"To me, this means a belief in a Creator who is all power, justice and love; a God who intends for me a purpose, a meaning and a destiny to grow, however little and halting, toward His own likeness and image. Before the coming of faith I had lived as an alien in a cosmos that too often seemed both hostile and cruel. In it there could be no inner security for me." [Bill W., Grapevine, January 1962]

On January 6, 2016, the Hospitals and Institutions Committee extended a warm new year's welcome to our newest meeting reps: Richard C., representing Friday Night Vets; Michael W., Hope 4 Today; David H., 12 & 12 Discussion Group (Thursdays); Jenna E., Young Women's Book Study (Rohnert Park); Tony W., The Up Group; Jeffrey K., There Is A Solution; Kati M., Newcomers and Oldtimers; Brian S., Monday Madness (Petaluma); Lisa T., Step Sisters; Will T., Petaluma Campfire Group; Will T., Lost & Found Group (Petaluma); Richie H., Young and Young at Heart (Rohnert Park); Trevor G., Fresh Air Group. Thank you for your service!

A big "hello" to our visitors Jeff and Rich---keep coming back.

Those New Year's resolutions are paying off: 134 years of sobriety were being celebrated for January!!! (Maybe service *does* help keep you sober.)

Would you like to share your gift with an alcoholic who is confined? For suggestions on how to do that, please come to the next meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:15 pm. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the new reps orientation that begins at 5:45 pm. The location is the Community of Christ Church, 1495 W. Steele Lane, on the corner with Range Avenue. The parking lot is on Range Avenue behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

In service,
Mardi

The idea that somehow, someday he will control and enjoy his drinking is the great obsession of every abnormal drinker. The persistence of this illusion is astonishing...

We learned that we had to fully concede to our innermost selves that we were alcoholics. The delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed.

We alcoholics are men and women who have lost the ability to control our drinking. We know that no real alcoholic ever recovers control. All of us felt at times that we were regaining control, but such intervals--usually brief--were inevitably followed by still less control, which led in time to pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization. We are convinced to a man that alcoholics of our type are in the grip of a progressive illness. Over any considerable period we get worse, never better.

Chapter 3, page 30, Alcoholics Anonymous

PI/CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

The purpose of the Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community is to provide speakers and informational literature for non-A.A. groups in Sonoma County. We speak at schools, DUI classes and any other professional organizations that my request information about A.A. It is also to furnish literature packets to doctors and clergy who may be in contact with a potential alcoholic.

Several months back we were approached by the Sonoma County Sheriffs Department to organize a presentation to a group of administrators. On December 2, 2015, fifteen committee members provided an open meeting and a short history of Alcoholics Anonymous. Although only a few people attended, the presentation was a huge success. The deputy in charge of organizing the event was so impressed with the presentation he asked if we would be willing to do future events. He feels the information we provided would be very useful to his entire administrative staff. He is also open to the idea of providing the presentation to the field of deputies.

In an effort to expand the number of schools where we do presentations, the committee is looking for additional young people to speak at schools. The suggested sobriety requirement is two years.

This is a great way to be of service and do some twelfth step work. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the lower lounge by the underground parking lot at Santa Rosa City Hall. The speaker training session begins at 7:00 pm. The business meeting follows at 7:30 pm. I hope to see you there.

In service, John B.

BRIDGING THE GAP

I've been involved with Bridging the Gap since the fall of 2012. New to the area then, my initial involvement was to learn about the recovery facilities in Sonoma County so I could put my Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling Certificate to use. I haven't done that yet, but I've been actively with BTG ever since I walked into the first business meeting.

If you are not quite sure what it is, Bridging the Gap is a General Service sub-committee that supports that very important first step for alcoholics who have just been released from a hospital, treatment center or correctional facility. By providing a temporary contact, Bridging the Gap helps newcomers make the transition to Alcoholics Anonymous in his or her home community.

If you are interested in volunteering, please show up for our business meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Bookstore. There are a few ways to get involved: put your name on the list to be called when someone is being released to your zip code; be part of the crew making presentations at one of the facilities; or serve on the BTG Committee in some capacity. This is nitty-gritty twelve step work and it certainly helps keep us sober.

If you have questions, you can email btg@sonomacountyaa.org, or call Tom F., BTG Chair at 707-328-2533.

Linda W.

NCCAA CONFERENCE

The largest NCCAA conference is coming to Sonoma County on June 10, 11, and 12. The Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous will have three days of local and out of town speakers, with Al-Anon and Alateen participation. Food and coffee will be served on site.

The Saturday night dance will be sponsored by SOCYPPA.

A.A. speakers include:

- Jeffrey N., Santa Rosa, Friday at 3:30 pm
- Richard B., Ocean City, Maryland, Friday at 8:00 pm
- Oliver G., Concord, CA, Young Peoples Speaker,
Saturday at 3:30 pm
- Wayne B., St. Petersburg, Florida, Saturday at 8:00 pm
- To be announced - Sunday 10:00 am

If you want to volunteer, contact Victoria at 707-480-7900, cell or email her at vavaone@sbcglobal.net.

ASL QUARTERLY REPORT (GREEN CAN)

"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 2015	2015 Total
A Vision For You	\$61.00	\$61.00
Big Book S.S.		\$8.17
Came To Believe	\$33.49	\$119.24
Cazadero Group	\$17.50	\$90.50
Expect A Miracle	\$112.02	\$304.37
Harmony Group		\$98.00
Hessel Big Book		\$2.25
Higher Power Group	\$144.50	\$494.00
Individual Contribution		\$125.00
Mature and Sober	\$66.40	\$279.45
Moment of Silence		\$147.63
New Sobriety Group	\$30.14	\$30.14
Not Just Another Newcomer	\$46.95	\$86.73
River Women's Meeting		\$85.48
Saturday Night Live	\$109.60	\$109.60
Signs of Sobriety	\$50.00	\$200.00
Single Purpose Group	\$35.50	\$40.50
Step Sisters	\$59.00	\$184.00
Sunday Night Closed Discussion (RP)	\$39.56	\$127.11
There Is A Solution	\$100.00	\$400.00
Third Step Group	\$185.00	\$746.00
12x12 Discussion Group (Thurs Nt)	\$15.00	\$60.00
Up The Steps	\$81.10	\$277.49
We're In The Now (RP)	\$219.39	\$236.49
Women's Perspective AA Group		\$94.95
Women's Step Study & Discussion	\$82.39	\$230.58
Total	\$1,488.54	\$4,638.68
Paid to interpreters:	\$1,100.00	\$5,475.00
Prudent Reserve:		\$2,284.92

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Financial Summary									
	Dec-15			Dec-14		Year to Date		2015	
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	2014	
Group Supported:				Comparison			Comparison		
Central Office		(2,374)	(2,374)	2,285		(25,748)	(25,748)	(27,181)	
Groups	4,375		4,375	3,960	49,645		49,645	47,000	
Individuals					3,137		3,137	214	
Directories		(238)	(238)	(176)		(2,416)	(2,416)	(2,297)	
Pamphlets & Cards		(488)	(488)	(226)		(2,948)	(2,948)	(2,306)	
Newsletter		(556)	(556)	(479)	8	(5,788)	(5,780)	(6,142)	
Teleservice		(349)	(349)	(349)		(4,126)	(4,126)	(5,884)	
Interest/Bank Charges	1		1	1	16		16	11	
Subtotal	4,376	(4,004)	372	5,017	52,806	(41,025)	11,781	3,416	
Self Supported:									
Bookstore	6,127	(6,536)	(409)	935	84,493	(82,702)	1,791	3,189	
Alkathons	2,589	(2,589)	0	1,224	3,726	(3,798)	(71)	951	
Unity Day			0		2,605	(2,430)	175	254	
Activities	2,958	(2,871)	87	(524)	3,633	(3,557)	76	950	
Seminars			0				0	0	
Unity Day			0				0	0	
Subtotal	11,674	(11,996)	(322)	1,635	94,456	(92,486)	1,970	5,343	
TOTAL	16,050	(16,000)	50	6,651	147,262	(133,511)	13,751	8,759	
Assets & Liabilities									
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		51,704						51,704	
Prepaid Expenses		4,149						(37,088)	
Bookstore Inventory		36,058						(11,500)	
Property		3,586							
Subtotal		95,497						3,116	
Liabilities		(11,500)							
Total Assets & Liabilities		83,997							
								1,246	
								935	
								935	
								3,116	

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

Meetings	Dec	2015 YTD	Meetings	Dec	2015 YTD	Meetings	Dec	2015 YTD
11th Step Healdsburg		200.00	Lytton Springs ARC Men's Meeting		100.00	Step Sisters		419.50
11th Step Meeting, Petaluma		210.00	Mature and Sober		309.76	Steps in Windsor		162.20
12x12 @ 12		190.00	Midday at Midweek		100.00	Sunday Breakfast Club		560.04
12x12 Plus Step		500.00	Midweek Madness		67.72	Sunday Morning Meeting -Windsor		431.00
A Vision for You	200.00	420.00	Monday Lost & Found	200.00	400.00	Sunday Morning Villa A.A. Group		298.00
A Vision for You-Petaluma	42.15	42.15	Monday Night Book & Discussion		346.46	Sunday PM Closed Discussion Group		618.86
Acres Fellowship		1,000.00	Monday Night Alcoholics Only		1,274.09	Sunday Smiles		50.00
Alcoholics Anonymous of Sonoma	263.23	1,065.61	Monday Night Book Study Sonoma		137.32	Tag Meeting		198.40
Anonymous	100.00	279.74	Monday Night Sonoma AA		282.00	The Eldridge Group		712.36
Any Lengths Group	108.38	517.11	Monte Rio Monday Noon	100.00	100.00	The New Womens Group Of AA	100.00	150.00
Attitude Adjustment		350.00	New Sobriety Group		862.70	The River Discussion Group		55.00
Be What You Want to See		489.41	Nor-Cal Primary Purpose Group		142.47	The Rooms		1,500.00
Beyond Belief		75.00	North Bay Dog on the Roof		600.00	There is a Solution	300.00	1,200.00
Big Book Review		96.20	Not a Glum Lot		405.99	Think About It Group of AA		600.00
Big Book Study Petaluma		178.15	Oaks Fellowship		250.00	Third Step Group	255.00	255.00
BYOBB		50.00	Tonight Group, Occidental		125.00	Thurs 11th Step		182.00
Cazadero Group		40.00	Out of the Ashes		212.00	Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion Group	191.75	763.21
Chronic Pain	20.00	20.00	Open Door	200.00	1,200.00	Thursday Night Women's AA		311.01
As Bill See It, Cloverdale		50.00	Petaluma Alono Club	128.00	128.00	Thursday Night Big Book Step -City Hall		50.00
Drop the Rock	80.00	200.00	Petaluma Valley Group	282.50	505.58	Tuesday Big Book -Sonoma		50.00
Expect A Miracle		738.00	Promise's Group		319.03	Tuesday Night Beginners		250.00
FAHA Home Group		75.25	Quitting Time, Petaluma		672.92	Tuesday Afternoon Delight		397.20
Fresh Air Group		345.00	Redwood Winners		90.00	Tuesday Outside Group		50.00
Friday Night Tradition		150.00	RS Meetings		50.00	Tuesday River Discussion		140.00
Friday Night Vets	250.21	2,030.63	River Discussion		175.00	Tuesday Steps in Windsor		50.00
Friday Noon of AA		25.00	River Womens Meeting		67.11	Up the Steps		138.60
General Service		235.00	River Grace		130.00	Warm Springs Fellowship		800.00
Good Neighbor, Geyserville		66.82	River Nooners		0.00	Wednesday Big Book Study Rio Nido		150.00
Monday Morning, Glen Ellen		76.75	Rule 62 River Readers		100.00	Wednesday Guerneville Womens Group 6pm		229.00
Graton Fellowship	150.00	800.00	Santa Rosa Saturday Night		154.30	Wednesday Matinee Group	25.00	85.00
Gravenstein Gay Group	50.00	50.00	Saturday Morning Women's Discussion		199.18	Wednesday Night Men's Stag		256.50
GRBBS		383.90	Saturday Night High Steppers		108.94	Wednesday Westsiders		662.00
Grin and Win Group		200.00	Saturday Serenity		468.40	Wednesday Women's Lunch Brunch		508.87
Happy Hour Group		180.00	Saturday Solution Group	189.00	1,345.24	We're Not Saints		75.00
Harmony Group	195.00	325.00	SCGMAA		596.45	We're In The Now		450.14
Anonymity Group, Healdsburg		296.81	Sebastopol Men's Stag	88.00	88.00	Women in the Solution - Petaluma		50.00
Hessel Big Book Group		75.00	Sebastopol Step Study Group		451.00	Women's Big Book Study, Healdsburg	40.00	40.00
Higher Power Group		409.00	Serenity Fellowship		200.00	Women's Book Group, Eldridge		109.12
Hope 4 today		20.00	Sharing & Caring	510.00	699.00	Women's Book Group, Sonoma		253.09
How it Works		300.00	Signs of Sobriety		75.00	Women's River Meeting		53.74
Just for Today		70.80	Single Purpose Group Sebastopol		185.00	Women's Step Study and Discussion Group		701.17
Kenwood Group		393.86	Sober Sisters		719.01	Women's Tuesday at Noon in Windsor		260.00
Kenwood Step Study		73.50	Sober Sunday		1,071.77	Working Winners		182.38
Kittens on the Steps		49.50	SOCYPAA		334.30	Young and Sober		37.75
Knuckleheads		350.00	Sonoma Co. Mens Stag		470.75	Young at Heart Guerneville		228.82
Language of the Heart Group	132.00	346.00	Sonoma Valley Fellowship		2,921.00	Individual		3,223.25
LGBT Newcomers Group		196.00	South End Solution		245.00	unknown-		147.86
Lunch Bunch Group	111.30	411.30	South Park Survivors	63.75	391.20	unknown-		163.50
								Total 4,375.27 52,782.75

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TELESERVICE FLASH

The Hotline—A.A.'s Front Line

As a hotline volunteer, you are the voice of hope. You can help alcoholic and non-alcoholic callers. Calls range from directions to meetings to Twelve Step work. Get into service, help a drunk in need. If you're interested, contact Gus C. at 623-6662, or email teleservice@sonomacountyaa.org and sign up for a shift or get on the waiting list. We are currently collecting names for the future hotline waiting list, the Twelve Step volunteer list, and the vet's list.

