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NEWS

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a. Already?
b. Finally?
c. Again?

If it's not quite 2008 yet—or your response was c—there may still be time to get to the Christmas & New Years Alcathons and the Silver Starry Night New Years Dance!

The Silver Starry Night New Years Dance is at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Hall. The Speaker Meeting starts at 7 PM. The dance goes from 8:30 to Midnight.

For more information, call Laurie E.

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The Alcathons are at the Carpenter's Union Hall, 1706 Corby Avenue. The Christmas Alcathon starts at 6 PM Dec 24. The New Years Alcathon begins at 6 PM December 31. Both Alcathons go until 11:30 the following night.

For information on the Alcathons, call Dale E. or Jill S.

The January Seminar
at a New Time This Month!

Being of Service At Meetings
Wednesday, January 23, 2008
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

SCIF Bookstore
750 Mendocino Ave.
Santa Rosa

Featuring four speakers with time for discussion. Bring your sponsor or sponsee.

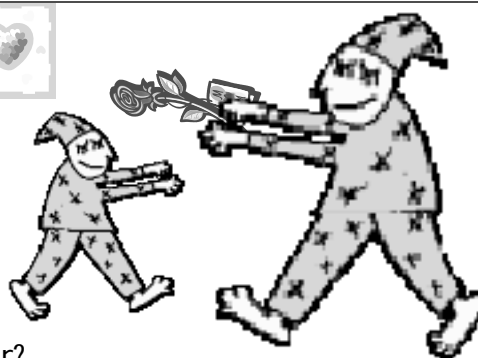
COMING IN
FEBRUARY!

The Valentines Dance
What's Love Got To Do With It?

– February 15, 2008 –
Sebastopol Community Center
390 Morris St., Sebastopol

Single and Celebrating? The Perfect Pair?
It's a Pajama Party! Throw on your favorite robe, smoking jacket, night shirt, fluffy slippers. Bring your teddy bear! Bring some chocolate, or a red rose.

Bring the bear, the chocolate, AND the rose!
The meeting starts at 7:00. Dance from 8:30 to Midnight. Donation is \$10.



Have a
Happy, Sober,
Wonderful
New Year.

Make your birthday a part of the Sonoma County record. Call and leave your name, your Sobriety Birthday, your phone number, and where you attend meetings, and we will publish it in the newsletter.

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

PREAMBLE: Dean M.
 TRADITION 11: Dave O.
 CONCEPT XI: Rhea F.

Introduction of new representatives:

Jim M. Moment of Silence, SR, 11am Sunday
 Tony C. River Grace, Guerneville, 9am Sunday
 Michele W. H.O.W. it Works, SR, 7pm Sunday
 Rosie S. 12 x 12 @ 12, Cotati, 12 noon
 Thea B. Drop the Rock, Cotati, 12:15, Monday
 Tim M. Discussion Meeting, RP, 5:30pm Sunday

November Sobriety Birthdays:

Jim M. 1 year	Dave H. 7 years
Noel G. 2 years	Pat F. 11 years
Travis 2 years	Jim R. 15 years
Pam N. 6 years	Tim P. 22 years

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIR: Diane W. Thanked Tim P. for filling in for her at the last General and Steering Committee meetings.

Thanked the volunteers for Unity Day. Reminded us that the December General Meeting would be on the 17th.

VICE CHAIR: Tim P. The New Rep orientation is at 7:30, before the General Meeting. He suggested we read the *Suggested Procedure for Doing Business at SCIF* to our groups.

TREASURER: Larry O. October group contributions were \$3,770; the Bookstore netted \$701; the Halloween Dance netted \$43. Teleservice expenses were down because we were not charged for our September Press Democrat Hotline ad (inquiries are being made). October net was \$1,236 and year-to-date net is \$14,734. Group contributions have exceeded last year's total: 2006 - \$47,413; 2007 - \$47,866. The 2006 income tax returns, (state and federal), were prepared and signed by Pat H., reviewed by John S. and approved, signed and mailed by Larry O. on 11/12/07.

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

REGISTRAR: Susy E. Diane W. filled in while Susy is recovering from surgery. There were 366 meetings per week in October, 129 were represented by 70 reps for 35% representation.

BOOKSTORE: Gloria P. The bookstore has an opening of every other Thursday morning. They need a female volun-

teer to assist a female wheelchair-bound volunteer the last Saturday of the month from 11 to 3. Bookstore earnings are up \$2000 from this time last year. There are a lot of mark-downs at the Bookstore and they make great holiday gifts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ICSC: Pat H. The committee is very happy with the financial reserve and have begun discussion of the best way to put it to use. Some possibilities are adding \$5000 to the prudent reserve, making improvements to the SCIF office, and sending money to New York. November 15th was our tax deadline and we filed on time.

ACTIVITIES: Laurie E. Flyers for The New Year's Eve Dance are available. Decorating will start at noon on New Year's Eve. The decorations are extensive and will require 50 volunteers. Volunteers can call Laurie in advance or just show up. The most difficult job to fill is typically cleanup, and volunteers are greatly appreciated for this. She also needs a speaker.

ALKATHONS: Dale E. The volunteers for the Thanksgiving Alkathon did great jobs, especially Jeff S. and Jill S., volunteer coordinators. There are two more Alkathons coming up and there are flyers for those.

NEWSLETTER: Dave H. We were reminded that the deadline for submitting items for the next Newsletter is the second Monday at midnight.

OUTREACH: Barbara F.-K. Outreach goes to meetings to let our community know what Intergroup does and to encourage meetings to send a representative. There is a new meeting on Ridley Ave. she will try to attend.

SEMINARS: Donna L. There will be a change in the day and time the next seminar will be held. It will be Wednesday evening, January 23, from 6:30 to 8:30. The topic is *Being of Service at Meetings*. There will be flyers at the Bookstore and at the next General Meeting.

TELESERVICE: Dave R. Dave was absent. Tim P. reported in his absence. There are open shifts Tuesday 10 pm to 8 am (overnight), Wednesday 8 am to 11 am, 10 pm to 8 am (overnight) and Friday 1 pm to 6 pm.

LIAISON REPORTS:

BRIDGING THE GAP: John B. The purpose of BTG is described on page 4 of this newsletter. If you are interested

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INTERGROUP OFFICERS		AA TELESERVICE	
CHAIR	Diane W.	PHONE LINE COORDINATOR	Dave R.
VICE-CHAIR	Tim P.	12 STEP COORDINATOR	Rich S.
SECRETARY	Nan B.	AA HOTLINES	
REGISTRAR	Susy E.	SANTA ROSA	707-544-1300
TREASURER	Larry O.	LONG DISTANCE	800-224-1300
COMMITTEE CHAIRS		PETALUMA	707-762-5122
SEMINARS	Donna L.	SONOMA	707-938-2027
ACTIVITIES	Laurie E.	SPANISH	707-829-1272
OUTREACH	Barbara F-K.	Open Shifts	Also needed:
COMMUNICATIONS	Dave H.	Tuesday 8 – 10 PM	Friday Coordinator
ALCATHONS	Dale E.	Wednesday 8 – 11 AM	—
TELESERVICE	Dave R.	Friday 1 – 6 PM	Recording Secretary



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and What's Love Got To Do With It?

Greetings Fellowship!

I can not believe 2008 is here! A new year is always a time of hope and anticipation of the promises that lie ahead. This last year was truly wonderful and presented a lot of challenges, lessons and growth. I want to thank you for entrusting me with the position of Activity Chairperson. I learned to turn a lot over to spirit this year and let go. Fear disappeared and made way for confidence. I thank you for the opportunity to exercise my faith, to learn, and to grow.

I hope you all had a wonderful time at the New Years Dance. I know each year I celebrate another sobriety birthday—and this year is 18 (January 2nd)—it is all due to God's grace and the 12 steps.

I wish to thank to all those who volunteered and made not only the New Years Dance but the entire year a success.

Having said all that, our next event is the Valentines Dance. *What's Love Got To Do With It?* will be a pajama party. So dress in comfort, wear your Hugh Heffner smoking jacket, silk robes, night shirts, gowns and fluffy slippers and teddy bears. Bring chocolate or a rose to share. If you are single and celebrating and despise the emphasis on couples, come boogie the night away. If you're the perfect pair, come spice up your love life. I guarantee whether you're single or coupled you will have a fun time. The place is the Sebastopol Community Center. The date is February 15th. The time is 7:00 for the speaker meeting and 8:30 - 12 for the dance. The donation is \$10. Come dance the night away in the comfort of your P.J.s!

I have made myself available for another year of service as your chair, but in the spirit of rotation I would welcome a new chairperson. I wish you all a very Happy and sober 2008!

In loving service,

Laurie E.

SCIF General Meeting *(Continued from page 2)*

in volunteering, you should have at least six months sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps. The monthly meeting is held at the Bookstore the 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. In November, they had 45 contact requests: 22 were local, 7 outside the district and 10 outside the area. They had 4 local requests from an outside district. There were 2 letter requests from local institutions.

GENERAL SERVICE: **Lauralyn C.**, alternate DCMC for District 12. They had a packed assembly in Watsonville on Nov 3. They spent the afternoon doing the Biennial Area Inventory. On Nov 5th, they spent the evening doing the yearly District inventory. The evening of Nov 27th will find the district officers meeting to do another inventory.

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 meet at 5:30.

Rem R. reported that Unity Day was a huge success. 220 people registered at \$5 which covered all the expenses. Extra money is being returned to the donor service organizations. The Spanish community was well represented. The food was superb. The entertainment, "You're an Alcoholic, Charlie Brown," was well enjoyed, and the panels all did a great job.

PI/CPC: **Nick R.** This group meets the 2nd Wed at the Santa Rosa City Hall employee lounge. Next meeting is in January. They need help and volunteers.

SOCYPAA: **Sean M.** Sonoma County Young People in AA is for anyone with room to grow. The Bookstore has updated meeting schedules for SOCYPAA meetings. For anyone interested in getting involved, the business meetings are the first and third Sunday before the weekly meeting. They are preparing a bid to bring ACYPAA to Sonoma County in 2008. Broom Ball was a great success. Over 100 people attended. The next event is Game Night at the Chops Teen Center, meeting from 7 to 8, games from 8:15 to 1 am. \$10 at the door. See flyer for date.

SPANISH INTERGROUP: **Elvia P.** She could not attend the last Spanish Intergroup meeting.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: **Jamie T.** Diane W. gave the report in Jamie's absence. ACS helps groups remove attendance barriers for people with special needs. In November, they took a group inventory. There will be no meeting in December.

CACHE CREEK: **Mark V.** The next meeting is June 21 and 22. Flyers are available at the General meeting and the Alkathons.

OLD BUSINESS: Election of new ICSC member. Nominating committee member, Matthew M., nominated Steve B. last month. Steve was the only nominee. Diane asked the if the nominating committee should continue its search for another candidate. The assembly voted 65 to elect Steve with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS: Job descriptions were presented by the Secretary, Activities Chair and Outreach Chair.

A description of all the positions is in the January (this) Newsletter (page 7).

The December Bookstore inventory has been changed to Jan 1st at 3pm.

GROUP SHARING AND CONCERNS:

Dale E. from the Friday night Traditions meeting at Church of the Roses in Santa Rosa reported the meeting is struggling and needs support. They are having low attendance and trouble filling their service positions, some of which require five years sobriety. The Steering Committee meeting is the third Friday at 7pm.

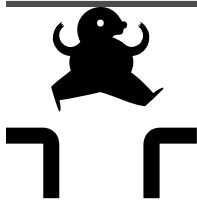
SUMMATION: Tim P. reiterated the next General Meeting is early, Dec 17. The treasury is \$15,000 to the good so SCIF is doing better than ever financially and representative-wise at 35%. Bottom line, thank you all for a healthy AA in Sonoma County. The New Year's Dance needs volunteers for decorating and cleanup. Please support the Christmas and New Years Alkathons. The next Seminar is Wednesday evening, Jan 23. Please support the Friday night Traditions meeting at Church of the Roses.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in Service,

Nan B.

STEP ZERO – GETTING TO AA



Bridging the Gap provides support for anyone who has just been released from a hospital, treatment center or correctional facility by providing temporary contacts who help the newcomer make the transition to Alcoholics Anonymous in his or her home community.

Patients and inmates are often introduced to AA while in treatment or correctional facilities, but they may not know how to proceed once released, and sometimes find it difficult to reach out to AA on their own. Statistics show that these people have a significantly higher chance of staying sober if they get to a meeting immediately following their release. Bridging the Gap volunteers act as liaisons, working in pairs to take the individual to his or her first AA meeting outside the institution.

People who are about to be released from an institution can complete a card requesting a temporary contact of the same gender and age group who can take the newcomer to a meeting. Temporary contacts answer questions that the newcomer has about AA, and share information about the importance of home groups, sponsors, and going to meetings.

Bridging the Gap committees exist at both Area and District levels. The cards are returned to the Area BTG chair, who then forwards them on to the appropriate district representatives. The CNCA Bridging the Gap committee invites anyone who is interested in BTG—either participating or just learning more about it—to attend the monthly committee meeting in Petaluma.

The meeting is held every fourth Saturday at 11:00am, at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



As we close out 2007, I'd like to express appreciation to you all for the level of participation this year by the groups of Sonoma County. Our Registrar has reported consistently this year that more than 40% of the meetings in the county are being represented at Intergroup meetings, and since most of us attend several meetings a week, it is likely that most of us have had an opportunity to participate through our representatives in services that Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship provides—Teleservice, the Bookstore, our Seminars, our activities.

Financial support this year has been very strong, and we are on track to end the year with more than enough money to provide for the future by increasing our prudent financial reserve with funds left over to support and improve our services.

Group participation has been lively and thoughtful, because of Intergroup Representatives who consistently attend our meetings, report to their groups, and report back to the fourth-Monday meeting with their group conscience.

All of this growth and participation is because individual A.A. members have made and kept commitments to serve the Fellowship: attending group conscience meetings; representing groups; serving as hard-working committee members to answer hotline phones, staff the Bookstore, plan and staff seminars, picnics, dances, alkathons; serving as officers to keep it all organized.

Whatever your role in preserving our fellowship this year has been, thank you.

-- Diane

HELLO FROM SOCYPAA

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. Welcome to the newcomers. This is the time of year when a lot of us hit bottom, and realize it's time to make a change in our life and get clean and sober. If you are new, you might be thinking, well, drinking and partying didn't work out for me, and I guess now I have to live a life of solitude, and boredom...in sobriety.

Well, I'm here to tell you that you have an incredible surprise ahead of you. Sobriety is not only about not drinking and using—it's about living life and having fun at the same time! I have more fun in sobriety than I ever had—even before things got bad. One of the most fun things I've done in Sobriety is getting involved with SOCYPAA. "What's that?" you say. It's a weird sort of acronym that kind of stands for Sonoma County Young People in AA.

SOCYPAA is gearing up to make a bid at the upcoming ACYPAA convention (All California Young People in AA). It is one big party of sobriety—one where there are 24-hour meetings, dances, banquets, and game rooms (not gambling rooms). You get to meet people from all over the country. It's a weekend of non-stop fun, and we are trying to bring it to Sonoma County in '09.

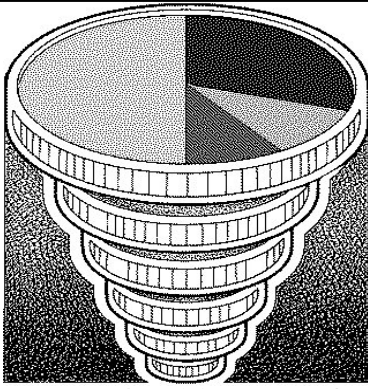
SOCYPAA is mostly a service entity. We've created several meetings aimed at the young and young at heart. We are very serious about our sobriety, but believe we should also have a lot of fun at it as well. We hold monthly events all year long—things like dances, game nights (we just held our 3rd annual one this last month) BBQ's, and much more. Are older people welcome? Of course! Anyone is welcome. But we want people who got sober young, and people who are young at heart, to feel like they have a place in AA, too!

We hold our business meetings every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1551 Montgomery Drive at 7:15 PM. The business meeting is preceded by a young person's meeting, Young and Sober, which meets every Sunday at 6:00 PM. We also have Mondays meetings in Petaluma at 6 PM, Wednesdays at 10PM at the Santa Rosa Alano Club, Thursdays at 6 PM at the same place as the Sunday meetings, and Fridays in Sebastopol at 6:30 PM.

So, come and check it out. I hope everyone has a great New Years, and this year is going to be GREAT for everyone. Till next month, take care, and don't forget...as the Big Book says, "We are not a glum lot!"

Craig G. (Batman) SOCYPAA's Outreach Chair

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2007



Example of Suggested
Group Contributions to AA
Service Entities

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

Group Supported:	Nov. 2007			Nov. 2006		Year to Date		2007	2006
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	
Central Office									
Groups									
Individuals									
Teleservice									
Web Site									
Newsletter									
Interest									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
Self Supported:									
Bookstore *									
Activities									
Alkathons									
Seminars									
<i>Subtotal</i>									
TOTAL									
Assets & Liabilities									
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash									
Prepaid Expenses									
Liabilities									
Subtotal									
Literature Inventories									
Property									
Total Assets & Liabilities									
						Memo:	Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		
							Prudent Reserve		
							Liabilities		
							Operating Reserve		

* Cost of Sales portion of expense is estimated.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

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

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS



“We A.A.s know the futility of trying to break the drinking obsession by will power alone. However, we do know that it takes great willingness to adopt A.A.’s twelve steps as a way of life that can restore us to sanity.

“No matter how grievous the alcohol obsession, we happily find that other vital choices can still be made. For example, we can choose to admit that we are personally powerless over alcohol; that dependence upon a ‘Higher Power’ is a necessity, even if this be simply dependence upon an A.A. group. Then we can choose to try for a life of honesty and humility, of selfless service to our fellows and to God as we understand Him.

“As we continue to make these choices and so move toward these high aspirations, our sanity returns and the compulsion to drink vanishes.” [Bill W., Letter, 1966]

Happy sober holidays and warm H&I thanks to our new meeting reps: Bill, representing We’re in the Now group; Rick, There is a Solution; John, Young and Young at Heart; Andy, Big Book Review; Raeanne, Ask-it Basket; Cathy, Check it Out; Bruce, Graton Fellowship; and Darcy, Good Neighbors Group (Geyserville). Welcome, also, to our visitor Steve—keep coming back!

December sobriety birthdays were being celebrated by Phil C., with 20 years; Lou, 3; Mike, 1; and Cindy W., 22. Not an easy time of year to get and STAY sober! Many happy returns of your day!

David B., our 5-minute chair, shared his long and grateful journey in A.A. and in H&I.

Come share your journey with an alcoholic who is confined. How? Why don’t you start off the New Year by attending the next meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee. When? Wednesday, January 2, 2008 (!) at 6:00 p.m. Where? The Santa Rosa Senior Center on the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue, one block east of Santa Rosa Avenue. As always, everyone is welcome to the orientation meeting that begins at 5:30.

I wish you all a happy, safe and sober holiday season—see you all next year!

In service,

Mardi

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
				1		2 Hospitals & Institutions S.R. Senior Center 5:30 New Rep Orientation 6:00 Business Meeting		3		4		5	
6 SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg.		7 General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting		8		9 PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting		10 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Meeting		11		12	
13		14 SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 7:00 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting		15		16 Newsletter 6:30 SCIF Bookstore		17		18		19	
20 SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg		21		22 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:30 New Rep Orientation 7:00 Business Meeting		23		24		25		26 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma	
27		28 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting		29 General Service District 12 Officers Meeting 6:15 SCIF Bookstore		30		31		S.R. Senior Center —704 Bennett Valley Rd. S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge —First St. and Santa Rosa Ave.			

SCIF Officers — Elected in January

Chairperson: Presides over monthly Intergroup and Steering Committee meetings. Maintains direct communication regularly with other Intergroup officers and committee chairpersons. Serves on ICSC. Must have general knowledge of A.A. Service Manual, Robert's Rules of Order, and SCIF business procedures (for conducting Intergroup Business Meeting). Length of sobriety: 4 years. Average monthly time commitment: 8 – 15 hours.

SCIF Vice Chair: The Vice Chair's Job is to support the Chairperson in the performance of his or her duties, and to fill in for the Chairperson should he or she be absent or unable to perform that office. The Vice Chair should be informed on these matters:

- 1) Intergroup history and responsibilities
- 2) Current and pending business
- 3) Chair's Rules – that is Parliamentary procedure as informed by AA's Twelve Traditions.

In addition the Vice Chair has customarily run the new Rep orientation before the regular business meeting, gives the summation at the end of the meeting, and may be asked to liaise with other committees, or to fill in for absent officers/ committee chairs.

Length of sobriety: 4 years. Average monthly time commitment: 8 – 12 hours a month.

Treasurer: Pays SCIF-related bills. Collects and records contributions from groups and prepares monthly financial statements. Reports to Steering Committee, ICSC, and General Meeting. Submits information for inclusion in Newsletter. Accounting & computer background helpful. Receives all monies collected at Alkathons & Activities. Serves on ICSC. Length of sobriety: 4 years. Average monthly time commitment: 30+ hours.

Recording Secretary: Attends regular SCIF meetings and takes minutes. Delivers correct copy of minutes to Newsletter Editor. Attends Steering Committee meetings and records minutes. Length of sobriety: 3 years. Average monthly time commitment: 6 – 8 hours.

Registrar: Maintains a list of groups and meetings available within the county. Keeps track on a monthly basis of which groups have representatives and how often reps attend meetings. Works with Outreach Committee to contact those groups that are not active in SCIF meetings. Average monthly time commitment: 4 – 6 hours.

Committee Chairs — Elected in February

Seminars Coordinator: Determines what workshops the Fellowship is interested in. Arranges for speakers and/or panels; contacts participants; sets up time and room for meetings; gets information into Newsletter; encourages participation; attends monthly SCIF and Steering Committee meetings. Average monthly time commitment: 6 – 10 hours.

Teleservice Chairperson: Oversees day-to-day operations of Teleservice. Conducts monthly Teleservice business meetings. Average monthly time commitment: 8 – 10 hours.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster: Collects articles, reports, and meeting changes for monthly Newsletter. Produces copy in a format suitable for professional printing, and delivers the copy to the printer. Maintains list of current subscribers. Prints mailing labels. Sends PDF version to email subscribers. Requires familiarity with image and page formatting software, or interest in and ability to learn such software. Familiarity with Microsoft Office is necessary, particularly Word and Excel, as is a working knowledge of the English language. Maintains the www.sonomacountyaa.org website. Requires a basic understanding of webpage construction, or the ability to finagle somebody else to do it for you. Familiarity with FTP, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and/or Dreamweaver is helpful. Attends SCIF and Steering Committee meetings. Average monthly time commitment: 16 – 26 hours.

Activities Coordinator: Coordinates dances, Summer picnics, and other activities and functions within Intergroup. Basically, puts the functions together. Must be able to delegate responsibility. Complete guidelines have been formulated for this position. Length of sobriety: 2 years. Average monthly time commitment: 20+ hours.

Outreach Chair: Checks attendance for registered groups. Checks with groups to encourage them to send reps to Intergroup. The main emphasis of this committee is to encourage groups to participate in the AA community and Intergroup, so finding volunteers to attend meetings is necessary. Average monthly time commitment: 6 – 12 hours.

NEW YEAR BIRTHDAYS!											
578 YEARS SOBER											
Chelsea	1/28/1973	35	Berry S	1/4/1994	14	Carl P.	1/22/2000	8	Amy E	1/29/2003	5
Brent B.	1/22/1976	32	Chip B	1/4/1994	14	Adam C	1/3/2001	7	Andrew S	1/18/2003	5
Carl	1/31/1976	32	Larry S	1/2/1994	14	Bob A	1/29/2001	7	Brian W	1/28/2003	5
Bill F.	1/16/1978	30	Andrea L	1/24/1996	12	Matt P	1/20/2001	7	Charles L	1/13/2003	5
Terry R.	1/13/1983	25	Connie	1/1/1996	12	Norma F	1/3/2001	7	Rafael O	1/22/2003	5
John McM	1/18/1984	24	Cathy T	1/24/1998	10	Pete	1/?/2001	7	Rebecca S	1/27/2003	5
Dale R	1/25/1988	20	Dennesa	1/20/1998	10	Denise L	1/12/2002	6	Tim D S	1/15/2003	5
Dan P	1/16/1988	20	Ryan Lynn	1/1/1998	10	Jesse F	1/17/2002	6	Terry	1/29/2005	3
Larry O.	1/22/1989	19	Eric W	1/24/1999	9	Julianne S	1/30/2002	6	Christy S	1/23/2006	2
Laurie E.	1/2/1990	18	Jack M.	1/1/1999	9	Liz K	1/2/2002	6	Gene	1/18/2006	2
Michelle G.	1/29/1990	18	Mary C	1/1/1999	9	Scotty O	1/18/2002	6	Karen	1/29/2006	2
Dee S	1/15/1991	17	Ron K	1/3/1999	9	Shannon L	1/1/2002	6	Sylvana	1/29/2006	2
Donna K	1/24/1992	16	Tony S	1/7/1999	9	Tara C	1/1/2002	6			

NEW MEETINGS

Santa Rosa

Mon 12 Noon (O) Speaker Discussion
(W) S. R. Alano Club
465 Kenwood Ct.

Mon 6:30 PM (O) Manic Monday
(W) 1711 Ridley Ave.
at Guerneville Rd.

Wed 12 Noon (O) 12+12
(W) S. R. Alano Club
465 Kenwood Ct.

Wed 6:30 PM (O) Midweek Madness
(W) 1711 Ridley Ave.
at Guerneville Rd.

Thu 7:30 PM (C)(W) Primary Purpose Group
Christ Tabernacle Church
1363 Fulton Road

Sun 4:00 PM (O) The Way Out
(W) 1711 Ridley Ave.
at Guerneville Rd.

MEETING CHANGES

Petaluma

Fri 7:00 PM H.O.W. It Works! On Friday
Now a discussion meeting

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

Sebastopol

Sun 7:00 PM Stein Group
Now an open meeting

NO LONGER MEETING

MEETING CODES

- (C) Closed meeting, alcoholics only.
- (O) Open meeting, anyone can attend.
- (W) Wheel chair access to meeting area.

*To report meeting changes:
Contact Russell*

Gloria's Corner

We have a full crew, all shifts covered! We still need a female volunteer to assist another female volunteer the last Saturday of every month.

Sales are way up over last year. We still have a lot of items on sale at super-low prices!



Happy holidays and have a happy new year all year long!

Gloria

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The bookstore is staffed by volunteers and is sometimes closed for lack of manpower.

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The Bookstore is closed on these Holidays:

- Memorial Day May 29th
- Independence Day July 4th
- Labor Day September 4th
- Thanksgiving November 23rd
- Christmas December 25th
- New Year's Day January 1st

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