



Sonoma County  
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Fellowship

# NEWS July 2014

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## Bookstore

### SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Manager: Donna K.  
Phone: (707) 546-2066  
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[bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org](mailto:bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org)

### Summer Hours

Monday-Friday 10-6  
Saturday 11-3

*The bookstore is staffed by volunteers.  
Occasionally it is closed due to lack of staff -  
Call first!*

The Bookstore is closed  
on Independence Day, July 4.

## A.A. Hotlines

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

# Taking a Group Conscience & Reporting to Your Group

*A Seminar with Joann L. for Intergroup Reps,  
General Service Reps & Everyone Else*



**Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

SCIF Central Office / Bookstore  
750 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa

**Info: Lori S. (707) 529-9664**

*"A whole lifetime geared to self-centeredness  
cannot be set in reverse all at once."*

*Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions page 73*

## “OUR EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US”

Powerful and Entertaining Play of the Adoption of Our Twelve Traditions  
A Two Act Play for One Night Only in Sonoma County



SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTS:

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Meeting: 5-6 PM

Play: 7-9:30 PM

Location: TBA

FOOD AND DRINKS FOR SALE  
TICKET SALES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Volunteers needed and encouraged to help with this function:  
Monica at 702.688.1576  
Lori at 529.9664

Next Planning Meeting: June 30, 2014 at 6:05 p.m.  
Bookstore (750 Mendocino Ave #10)

### New Meeting

#### Cloverdale

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

#### Jenner

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

### Meeting Changes

#### Santa Rosa

The Serenity Fellowship on Airway Dr. is moving to a new location. The Fellowship is still considering their choices. But they will discontinue meeting on Airway Dr. after June 30, 2014.

#### Sebastopol

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

#### Fulton

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

### No Longer Meeting

#### Santa Rosa

Monday 6:30 p.m. Stepping Lively.

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

## Processing the Steps

### Step Seven

“Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings.”

It wasn't until I started my first 12&12 book study that I started to take a real hard look at the Seventh Step. The operative word in this step is humbly. The sentence, “Humbly asked...” as a word and as an ideal, has had a very bad time of it in our world. Not only is the idea misunderstood, the word itself is often intensely disliked.

I began to wonder why. What I discovered was that many of us associated the word with its derivative, humiliation, and its sometimes-assumed meaning. What's missing is the fact that we, most of the time, are our biggest humiliators.

My definition of humility, as it applies to me, is that I'm not in charge of nor am I better than you. My introduction to humility as a way of life came in the first grade when my teacher, Ms. Allen, taught us the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

As I carry this principle into my program, it simply becomes stronger the more I practice it along with A.A.'s other principles contained in other steps. The shortcomings that have crept into my life over time are of my own making. This is because I deemed myself qualified to totally run my life without any input from my Higher Power, whom I call God. I delegated Him to the backroom, calling on Him only when I dug a hole too deep for me to step out of. Once I opened the door and gave Him his job back, those shortcomings became fewer and farther between. Step Seven has been a real turning point for my life and has become one of my favorite steps.

*Told by Lee J., Sonoma County*

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To me, Step Seven concerns itself with understanding, gaining and feeling humility as a beautiful gift to life. After thoroughly, painfully and emotionally taking the previous six steps, I got a truer understanding of who I am as a person; the total package—mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pride stood at the top of my defects as we call them. It destroyed most good relationships and life endeavors that I was lucky enough to be a part of. This was made clear by my loving sponsor, along with other traits that were destroying my serenity and my quest for a inner spiritual life. I have come to believe it is so much more rewarding and serene to try to live a life of honesty, open-mindedness and willingness—while always remaining teachable. If I keep my mind, heart and soul open to everyone I may cross paths with, I have faith and know I am being guided to lead a useful and happy life towards myself and others. Praying my ass off daily hasn't hurt either.

*Told by Diane D., Sonoma County*

## Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

### SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

MAY 26, 2014

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

**Readings:** Louise Y. read the Preamble; Louie W. read Tradition Five; Tom F. read Concept V.

**New Representatives:** Stognol M., Cotati Men's Stag (Cotati, Monday); Tony B., Good Neighbors (Geyserville Thursday); Barbara F., Expect a Miracle (Santa Rosa, Wednesday); Ross M., Friday Night Vets (Santa Rosa, Friday); Robert D., Men's Stag (Santa Rosa, Wednesday); Rick M., Attitude Adjustments (Santa Rosa, Daily meetings).

**Birthdays:** John W. 2 years; Jake S. 2 years; Heather G. 6 years; Jay S. 12 years; William W. 1 year; Shirley J. 31 years; Rick M. 3 years; Tom F. 12 years.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

**Chair:** (Patty G.) Things are going well. This is a busy planning time of year for the fellowship.

**Vice Chair:** (Holly H.) Those new reps. that did not attend the orientation tonight should arrive by 7:30 p.m. next month to attend the orientation. Include phone number and email when signing in.

**Secretary:** (Jennifer R.) The General Meeting minutes of April 2014 were put forth and approved.

**Treasurer:** (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for April were \$4,895 which was \$93 less than April of last year. After expenses we had a net gain of \$1,151.

Bookstore income was \$8,046 and after expenses there was a net loss of \$137.

Overall we had a net gain of \$1,013.

**Registrar:** (Jim W.) In April there were 233 groups offering 366 meetings per week in Sonoma County; and at April's General Meeting, there were 71 reps. for 30 percent representation. There were 12 new representatives at April's General Meeting and in April of 2013 there were 5 new representatives. New reps. are encouraged to sign in on the correct day of week (clearly marked) and if the rep. is an alternate or just picking up the items for another representative please be sure to sign up using their name, meeting name, and meeting time/city.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Bookstore:** (Linda M.) There are currently three (3) volunteer shifts open at the Central Office/Bookstore. Alternate Mondays 2:00-6:00 p.m.; Alternate Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Alternate Fridays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Must have one (1) year minimum sobriety, worked the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, knowledge of the 12 Traditions and must be computer literate. The featured book in June is *Grapevine Daily Quote* on sale for \$11. The Bookstore is offering a new line of hand-painted special order medallions in various styles. They will be sold on a pre-paid basis only. Medallions can be shipped to either the Bookstore or a different location.

**ICSC:** (Virginia W.) Committee has hired a new Bookstore manager, Donna K. The 2014 budget is almost complete. This will be the first time in the history. Linda M.'s last day as manager will be 6/15/14, but she will be staying on as an advisory and training the new manager.

**Activities:** (Jessica W.) Founder's Day Picnic (June 7th). All chairs covered, volunteers are still needed. Generators have been donated for the coffee. Next event will be Halloween Meeting/Dance. SOCYPAA has been asked to co-host, they will be reviewing at their next committee meeting. The Veteran's Building is not available for Halloween; awaiting response from Sebastopol Community Center. Last choice would be the Odd Fellows Hall.

**Alkathons:** Community of Christ Church has been reserved for the Alkathons. Committee Chairs needed. Changes currently will be the modified lottery sign-up; meetings moved to the dining room for the 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. meetings.

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

**Outreach:** (Barry D.) The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation. If you are representing more than one group, please list each group on the sign-in sheet. No one has come to represent Cloverdale, The Rooms, Gualala or Sonoma.

**Seminars:** (Lori S.) May 28 the seminar will be "Tradition Twelve: Anonymity in the Digital Age." at the Bookstore. The following seminar will take place on 7/23/14 and will be "Taking A Group Conscience."

**Teleservice:** (Joe B.) 38 volunteers currently. Shifts currently available: Tuesday 8:00-10:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

**SOCYPAA:** (Jeanine) Business Meeting is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa. SOCYPAA is celebrating their 10th Birthday on May 31 at Dorothea Park in Rohnert Park, includes BBQ and kickball. SOCYPAA campout will take place at Lake Berryessa in June 13-15.

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

**H & I:** (Patrick W.) H&I carries message of A.A. to confined alcoholic. Business meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. Orientation at 5:45 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m. at West Steele and Range Avenue in Santa Rosa. Last month there was one (1) blackout (H&I didn't show) and four (4) brownouts (facility not allowing meeting). Currently there are 19 H&I meetings coordinated in Sonoma County and three outside Sonoma County: San Quentin, Solano and Napa State Hospitals.

**General Service:** (Joanne L.) June 2 District 12 Annual Delegates BBQ/Potluck will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Newanga church. Assisted listening equipment will be provided. District 12 delegate, Padee, will be reporting and sharing her experience, strength and hope from the New York General Service Conference. At the Post-Conference Assembly in Ukiah there were 329 people in attendance. The next assembly will be held in Vacaville on August 9. The business meeting is held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa. At 6:45 there is a Group Concerns Meeting, a Concept Study meeting and a New GSR orientation.

**Bridging the Gap:** (Bill D.) Bridging the Gap gets people to their first meeting from a facility. They need more volunteers, both to take people to meetings and to present at facilities. Contact info. in newsletter. Last month Bridging the Gap was in 10 venues; 60 cards filled out; 36 were in our local area. Business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at the Bookstore. At 6:00 p.m. there is a briefing on how to do a presentation.

**PI/CPC:** (Diana W.) We are currently looking for an H&I Liaison.PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) is a Sub-Committee of General Service in District 12. Our purpose is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers by conveying accurate A.A. information to the general public, and to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession, when requested, including the media. We do this by: speaking at schools, Drunk Driving classes, health fairs, to clergy, probation workers, healthcare professionals, and so on. This month we gave presentations to four classes at El Molino High School in Forestville and 10 classes (over two days) at Analy High School in Sebastopol. Kaiser has made contact with us about reinstating our bi-monthly presentations on Sponsorship and Service as of 5/16.

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We reviewed and discussed some of the results that came out of our group inventory in January. One of the changes we are going to try is having the Drunk Driving program. If you like to read, like to talk, if you love A.A. or are passionate about giving back: we would love for you to come and visit us on any second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. for speaker training, followed by our business meeting from 7:30-8:30 at the Santa Rosa City Hall Underground. Must have two years sobriety, worked the steps and a working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions, and willingness to share what you were freely given.

**Access Sonoma County:** (John F.) Surveys passed out at April's General Meeting, surveys can be dropped off at the Bookstore. New Chairperson Dan F. New service to take meetings to homebound individuals. Tentative name, "Meeting on Wheels." Looking for volunteers to bring meetings into hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. See newsletter calendar for meeting times and date.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Traditions play 9/27/14 "Our Experience Has Taught Us." This play will also be performed at the International Conference. There will be a meeting prior to the play from 5:00-6:00 and the play from 7:00-9:30. Volunteers are needed. There will be a planning committee meeting on 6/16/14 at the Bookstore at 6:00 p.m. Contact Monica B. who will be the coordinator for the play.

**DISCUSSION:** Alkathon sign-up process will be a modified lottery drawing. Forms will be available to sign-up for a meeting next month and the deadline to submit the form will be August. Must be present in September to claim your meeting slot. Discussion was held with questions and answers. All three alkathons will be picked at the same time; groups can combine to have one Alkathon meeting.

Discussion regarding groups being listed in the directory. Currently a person can call in to say a meeting is being started, give a name/time/day and location. Other fellowships, i.e., San Francisco and Los Angeles, have short applications to fill out and sign. Should SCIF do the same?

**GROUP SHARING:** Kevin P. Cache Creek rafting will not be taking place due to water levels, but the group will be having a picnic on 6/21/14.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

*-In service, Jennifer R.*

## Grapevine

Good Day, fellow sojourners, what a fantastic way of celebrating the *Grapevine*—to live it out and then write about it for those who can't get out. Have you seen the list of topics on page 63 of the *Grapevine*? Did you go on line and vote for a cover? Do you have a *Grapevine* meeting in your regimen of meetings? Do you use the topics at one of your monthly meetings? I would love to hear about it. Please email me your stories.

While reading the stories this month and last month I realized how much each of these reminds me: I'm not the only one who may go through something harsher than I imagined in sobriety. We all have our "life on life's term" moments. The *Grapevine* is the little simple way of "knowing," I never have to do any of it without you or my higher power. I can stay sober, even if, I sleep on a couch, have no rent, someone lends me a place to live and I lose my buttocks! I just don't drink today and know you are standing there saying, "...Oh, yes you can..." in every *Grapevine* I pick up.

*Thank you for letting me be of service, Suzanne A.*

### *Reaching out for those still suffering*

The Sonoma County Public Information Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is dedicated to providing our community with information about our personal form of recovery from alcoholism. We provide updated literature to police stations, libraries, emergency rooms, senior centers, court houses and the like. One of our services is to provide speakers knowledgeable about our recovery program to any institution desiring them. These speakers are A.A. members—former problem drinkers with some years of sobriety, and are well qualified to answer any questions about how alcoholics can recover in A.A. We encourage younger members to get involved or anyone interested.

On the subject of younger speakers, it is my privilege to be serving as your current Schools and Juvenile Drunk Driver Program coordinator. Being able to share information about A.A. with these young people is truly as rewarding as it sounds. Typically we present to freshmen classes at high school, and I can assure this is the class we all missed. The response from the students is remarkable, inspiring and extremely gratifying. We recently made presentations to Casa Grande, Analy and El Molino high schools.

If this kind of thing is appealing to you we encourage you to attend our committee meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at Santa Rosa City Hall in the employee lounge which is down at the lower level parking area. We have speaker training at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., please refer to the calendar in this newsletter for details.

We are responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, we want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that we are responsible.

*Yours in service, Nick R.*

## A.A. Archives

### *What are the Archives?*

Do you ever wonder how old your home group is? Or how long Alcoholics Anonymous has been around in Sonoma County? Your district Archivist can give you those answers. The purpose of the General Service Archives is to give A.A. members a sense of the past of our fellowship and to preserve the history being made today. As your Archives Chair, I collect, store and help to preserve items of historical significance from our District 12, Sonoma County.

What are archival items? Archival items can be A.A. literature, photos, old meeting minutes, Grapevines, Newsletters, speaker tapes, old or specialty chips, letters from long time members, etc. We have all of these in our District Archives. Groups are encouraged to complete group history forms and recently we have begun the process of collecting oral histories from long-time members of the Sonoma County Fellowship.

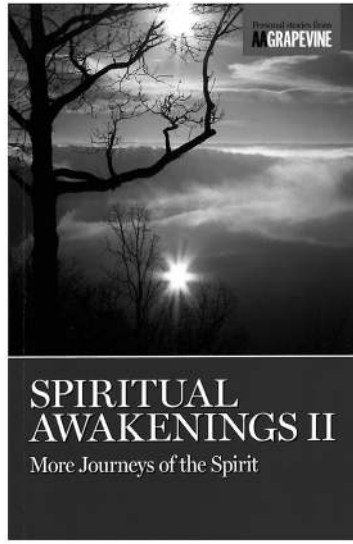
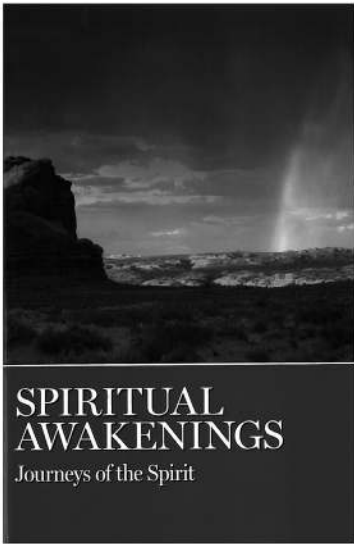
Preservation of individual members' anonymity is a primary focus of the Archives Committee. As some archival items identify individual members, the Committee is careful to preserve their anonymity at the level of press, radio and film, and particular care is taken when co-operating with non-A.A. researchers.

As part of Area 06, we are blessed to have a central Archives Repository. Our Archives are located at 193 Mayhew Way, in Walnut Creek. We have monthly workdays and help is always welcomed. The Archives are open to any members who wish to visit.

If you have items that you feel may be of Archival interest, please email me at [Archives@sonomacountyaa.org](mailto:Archives@sonomacountyaa.org). Please remember that each group is autonomous and as such, donations of group material should be cleared through the individual group before sending them on to Archives.

*In love and Service, Linda T., District 12, Archives Chair, Panel 63*

## News From The Bookstore



Hello to all of you whom I know and to those I have yet to meet. I look forward to serving you as your Central Office/Bookstore Manager. I invite everyone to stop in and say hello.

For the month of July we will be featuring two books at a discounted price. The books will be *Spiritual Awakening I & II*. Both of these books relive some of the journeys A.A.'s have taken on the way from alcoholism to recovery. Their discovery of a new Higher Power, their integration of personal principles, spirituality of the Steps and Traditions and the practical ways they put their spiritual values into operation in their daily lives. In these stories from the pages of *Grapevine*, published since 1944, sobriety's message of miracles and redemption is shared with passion and humor.

These books will be offered at a discounted price of \$10 each + tax.

The Sonoma County Intergroup Bookstore currently has volunteer positions open for alternating Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We are accepting applications for not only these positions but also for any upcoming vacancies that may arise. We ask that you have at least one year of continuous sobriety, have completed the Twelve Steps, and have a working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions and some A.A. service background. Knowledge of retail sales, customer service and some computer literacy are very helpful.

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

## Intergroup Central Service Committee

### *Facts about the Intergroup Service Committee*

The Intergroup Central Service Committee (ICSC) is a management and oversight committee specifically charged with responsibility to set the policy, regulate the affairs, and oversee the operation of the SCIF Central Office/Bookstore. It also advises the Steering committee on matters affecting SCIF's status as a non-profit corporation, making sure that state and federal filings are completed as required. As such, it fulfills many of the functions cited as responsibilities of "the Board of Directors" in the California Corporations Code.

The ICSC is a rotating body of five members – two officers and three at-large members elected by the group representatives. The composition of the ICSC changes several times a year, providing both continuity and fresh eyes.

Reprinted from the January 2013 *SCIF News*

## Outreach Committee

### *Carrying the Message to Every Group*

We each find our own ways to enrich and maintain our sobriety. Most of us are part of an A.A. group that keeps us connected with other alcoholics and the larger Fellowship. One way groups in Sonoma County stay connected to A.A. as a whole is through the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship. SCIF helps groups carry the message by operating the bookstore and Central Office, publishing this newsletter, staffing the A.A. hotline, and hosting regular events and seminars.

Unfortunately, not all groups have a representative that can keep them connected to SCIF. Groups without an Intergroup Rep. may not know about the services and events that SCIF offers. They may not have access to printed materials or newsletters. They may not be receiving updates on items such as the elections of officers, the lottery system for selecting alkathon meeting times, or getting regular reports on the many ways that we can be of service in A.A.

The point of all this is simple: We want the hand of A.A. always to be there when someone reaches out for help. We never know what something might help a newcomer, or an old-timer. It could be a seminar or an alkathon meeting that keeps them coming back. But your group — and the newcomer at its meeting — may not find out about it without an Intergroup Rep.

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

— Barry D.

## Bridging the Gap

The death of two time All Star and Cy Young Award winner pitcher Bob Welch at age 57 due to unreported causes reports the *Press Democrat* on June 11. Welch pitched in the World Series for champions LA Dodgers and the Oakland Athletics. But in his book "Five O'Clock Comes Early: A Ballplayer's Battle With Alcoholism," Welch shares the devastating effect alcohol had on him after he picked up that first drink. We don't know if he died sober or not, but he recognized his disease and hopefully had some good years in his too short life.

As a presenter to both the Sonoma County Jails and Orenda Detox center, I have had the honor and privilege to extend A.A.'s "welcome wagon" to men and women whose disease have brought them to a very dark place. Hopefully—and perhaps luckily—you may not have had to reach your bottom through the criminal justice system or a public detox facility. Looking into the eyes of chronic relapsers can be discouraging at times. Our charge is to carry the message of hope and acceptance when the time comes for each and everyone of these men and women are "ready to take certain steps." Please join me in this rewarding Twelfth Step service. We have no way to know when the message is received and acted upon. The miracle happened to us. Can you think of a better way to pass it forward? Our next business meeting is Tuesday July 15 at 6 p.m. for orientation and 6:30 p.m. for the business meeting.

*Chris S., Alternate Chair, BTG Committee District 12*



# July • 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep. Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	3	4	5
6 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting	7 General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep. Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	8 Interpretation & Translation Committee 7:00, Aroma Roasters 95 Fifth Street, S.R.	9 PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business	10 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:15 Orientation 6:30 Meeting	11	12 Alkathon Planning meeting SCIF Bookstore 3:30 pm
13	14 SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	15 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	16 Unity Day Planning mtg 6:30 SCIF Bookstore	17	18 August 2014 Newsletter Deadline 5 p.m.	19
20	21 Play Committee mtg 6:00 SCIF Bookstore	22	23	24	25	26
27 Happy Trails Meet at Coddington Post Office to carpool, 10 am. Call John S. 494-9049	28 Intergroup Gen. Meeting St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep. Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	29	30	31		

## Access Sonoma County

### What if...all of a sudden...there weren't A.A. meetings anymore?

Seriously. Just no more meetings. Gone. That part of your life...over and done with. Just memories of what used to be. How would that feel?

Ouch, right? That'd be a painful experience for a lot of us. The support and the laughter; the feeling of belonging; those moments when we hear "just exactly what I needed to hear"? That would be a loss. A big one, for many of us.

You know what? That actually happens to a lot of us...someday, it'll be me and someday maybe you. Whether we're old and infirm and unable to get out to meetings anymore or perhaps younger and we have an injury or illness that takes us out of circulation for a time, meetings can effectively "disappear" for us. These things happen more and more as our local fellowship ages, and they're happening to the people who kept the doors open and were saving us a seat in the rooms of A.A.

It doesn't need to be this way... and it won't be for long. Access Sonoma County is entrusted with making the A.A. message available to persons with special needs and we're launching a new and exciting service opportunity called Meetings on Wheels to take meetings to current A.A. members who find themselves unable to get to meetings. Whether our brothers or sisters are homebound by age and infirmity or facing a temporary setback that keeps them from meetings, we're here to help and we humbly ask the Sonoma County Fellowship's support.

Many service positions are available! We're developing a list of volunteers to take meetings to our members. You'll need a phone, an email address and in most instances, your own transportation. We're also requesting at least a year of continuous sobriety as we're visiting people in their homes. Several "coordinator-type" positions are also available, so if you recognize the need for this service and see what a tremendous opportunity it is for you to be of service in this way, we'd love to hear from you! Just call or email Access Sonoma County listed on the back page of this newsletter, under the "Contact Information."

*Yours in service, Dan F.*

First United Methodist Church:  
Faith Lutheran Church:  
St. Luke Lutheran Church:  
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**SOCYPAA PRESENTS**

*Ice Cream Social  
Game Night*

Saturday, July 19th 2014

Speaker meeting from 7:00pm-8:00pm  
with Ice Cream and  
games to follow

\$5 or FREE if you  
pre-reg for Variety Show  
(September 20th)

Topping Potluck!  
Bring your favorite  
Topping to share  
(Whipped cream and flavored  
syrup provided)

Elim Church,  
504 Baker St. Petaluma

Details: [SOCYPAA.ORG](http://SOCYPAA.ORG) or Kristin W. (707) 477-5151

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## Group Contributions (Green Can)

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Meeting	1st Qtr 2014	YTD
Beginner's Group	\$29.82	\$29.82
Came To Believe	\$110.38	\$110.38
Cazadero Group	\$43.84	\$43.84
Hessel Big Book	\$21.00	\$21.00
Higher Power Group	\$147.00	\$147.00
Moment of Silence	\$81.54	\$81.54
Signs of Sobriety	\$50.00	\$50.00
Step Sisters	\$105.77	\$105.77
Sunday Night Closed Discussion (RP)	\$41.75	\$41.75
There Is A Solution	\$105.81	\$105.81
Third Step Group	\$100.50	\$100.50
12x12 Discussion Group (Thurs Nt)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Up The Steps	\$176.78	\$176.78
Women's Perspective AA Group	\$59.13	\$59.13
Women's Step Study & Discussion	\$65.49	\$65.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,168.81</b>	<b>\$1,168.81</b>
Paid to interpreters:	\$975.00	\$975.00
Prudent Reserve:	\$2,058.94	

## Announcements

# 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous July 2-5, 2015 - Atlanta, Georgia



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 The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia with the theme "80 Years - Happy, Joyous and Free." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year at this

event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels.

Do you have you have 4 hours of spare time twice a month?  
 Do you want to meet new people?  
 Then the bookstore is the place for you.  
**Come by and fill out an application.**  
 We are always looking for new Volunteer's.  
 Contact Donna K.

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