



Sonoma County
Intergroup
Fellowship

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

STEPS 6 & 7

a seminar & discussion

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018
6:30 - 8:00PM

A.A. Bookstore, 750 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa

Info: Donna L. (707) 568-5330

FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC: BIG SUCCESS!

The Founders Day Picnic at Lady Bug Park in RP was a resounding success. We sold over 140 hot dogs and hamburgers. About 30 desserts were brought by participants, so, everyone had enough to eat. Good fellowship took place all day and Amy E. gave a wonderful Founders Day talk and share at the group meeting to start the festivities.

As shared by Shellie W., Activities Chair

Love and Tolerance

I understand the need for "special" meetings such as stag meetings, women's meetings, LGBTQ meetings, Spanish Speaking meetings, etc. Many of us feel different and have the need to connect with others like ourselves to feel safe or maybe to be able to share more openly than when we are in a mixed meeting. Perhaps you attend one of these meetings for one of these very good reasons. But what happens when a woman shows up at your men's meeting? Or a three year old boy accompanies his mother at your womens meeting? A transgender man at a mens meeting, a transgender woman with "too much facial" hair at a women's meeting? In each of these cases, the alcoholic was turned away. Here in Sonoma County. I experienced this myself when a male newcomer was not allowed into my women's meeting. He died 30 days later, across the street in his home, from acute alcoholism.

I was blessed to meet and know this man. His name was Chris. I was devastated when he died. He was a suffering alcoholic, yet I had seen that hope in his eyes and I so wanted him to recover. I picked up a resentment toward that women's meeting who turned him away. His wife had just left him, and maybe all he needed that night was some women, alcoholic women to embrace him. Maybe if we had, he wouldn't have drunk that night or the next day. Maybe, maybe, maybe.

I talked to my sponsor. She told me she stopped going to exclusive meetings years ago, as she believed it was in violation of the 3rd and 5th Traditions. I started going to meetings that had a predominantly male population so that I could be there for the woman newcomer who walked in. But it was not enough.

(Love—Cont. pg. 3)

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SPRING-SUMMER HOURS

Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 11am - 3pm
Sunday Closed

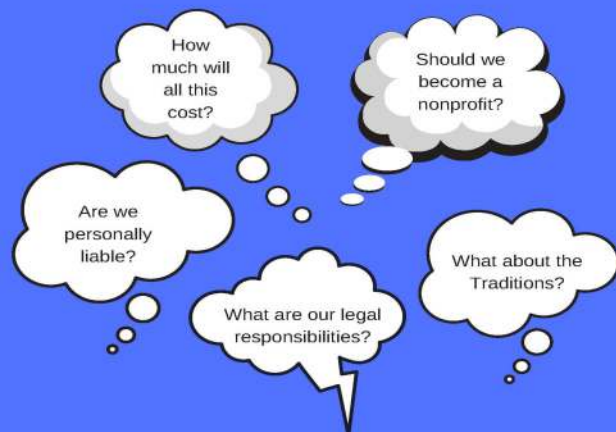
The Bookstore is Closed
on these Upcoming Holidays

Independence Day July 4
Labor Day Sept 3
Thanksgiving Nov 22

www.aa.org
www.aagrapevine.org
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Legal, Tax, and Insurance Considerations for A.A. Groups August 25 | 3pm - 5pm

A workshop that looks at the organizational structures available to A.A. groups and service committees and the tax, insurance, and spiritual consequences of the options available.



Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd,
Petaluma, CA 94954 | www.cnca06.org

All Welcome

Simultaneous Spanish/English Interpretation (bring your FM Radio)

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

2018 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Saturday August 11, 2018

Fortuna River Lodge
1800 Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna, CA 95540

Registration: 8:45 - 9:45 A.M.
Orientation: 9:45 - 10:00 A.M.
Business Meeting: 10:00 - 12:00 P.M.
Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Workshop Session I: 1:00—2:15 p.m.

Workshop Session II: 2:30—3:45 p.m.

(Interpretation available at all workshops.)

Report Back: 4:00-4:30 pm
What's On Your Mind?: 4:30-5:00 pm

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ENGLISH/SPANISH INTERPRETATION

Lodging available

Best Western Country Inn

2025 Riverwalk Drive,
Fortuna, CA
707-725-6822

Mention CNCA for

Group rate

Bestwestern.com

Comfort Inn & Suites

Redwood Country
1583 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA

Group rate link:

<http://bit.ly/2Hu5hOT>

Super 8

1805 Almar Way
Fortuna, CA
707-725-2888

Riverwalk RV Park

(RV's/tents/cabins)
2189 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA
Riverwalkrvpart.com

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Because of space and legibility requirements, group contributions will be shown on a quarterly basis beginning next month.



**Northern California
Council of
Alcoholics Anonymous**

Fresno, CA

Doubletree Hotel – 2233 Ventura St. Fresno, CA 93721

October 5, 6 & 7, 2018

Friday, October 5, 2018			
2:00 PM		Registration Opens	
3:30 PM		Early Bird Speaker	
5:30 PM	Al-Anon	Al-Anon in Action Panel	
8:00 PM		Open Speaker Meeting	
		Dolly A.	Cleveland, OH
Saturday, October 6, 2018			
9:30 AM		General Service Panel Meeting	
11:12:30 PM		Open Delegate's Business Meeting	
1:00 PM		Hospitals and Institutions	
3:30 PM		Young People's Speaker Meeting	
		Allison C.	Goleta, CA
5:30 PM	Spanish	Miguel H.	San Jose, CA
8:00 PM		Open Speaker Meeting	
		Kent L.	Wetumpka, AZ
10:00 PM		Dance Following Drawing	
Sunday, October 7, 2018			
9:00 AM		All A.A. Services Panel Meeting	
10:30 AM		Open Speaker Meeting	
		Theresa N.	Bruce, MS

Al-Anon and Spanish Participation & Speakers Fellowship – Panels – Speakers – Marathon Meetings

HOTEL CONFERENCE RATE CUT OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 13th, 2018

PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

PRE-REGISTRATION – \$20.00 (PER PERSON) – AT THE CONFERENCE – \$25

Pre-Register on the NCCAA website: <http://www.norcalaa.org>

BOOKSTOR/CENTRAL OFFICE

Per tradition, there will be no book sale for July or August.

Intergroup is now offering liability insurance for meetings so they can be covered under Intergroup's General Liability insurance policy. Please call or come by the bookstore to get the form to request the insurance. The cost is **\$50/year** and a check must be included when you return the completed form to the bookstore. Coverage amounts are: Each Occurrence (Commercial General Liability) \$1,000,000; Damage to Rented Premises \$50,000; Medical Expense (one person) \$20,000; Personal & Adv Injury \$1,000,000; General Aggregate \$2,000,000; Products – Comp/Op Agg \$2,000,000; Liquor Liability \$1,000,000.

(Love—Cont. from pg.1)

I went back to that Women's meeting and I told them the story of what happened to Chris, and that I did not wish to criticize, shame or blame. I only wanted to dialogue and asked that we re-think our policy when it comes to letting in someone who may be "different" into the meeting, regardless of their gender. It happens so infrequently, I would hope that members could put aside their sense of discomfort for just that one hour, to truly practice "love and tolerance is our code" and that we be more aligned with our responsibility statement "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there, and for that I am responsible."

After two business meetings, 4 votes (3 at group level), we changed our policy. We would welcome anyone, regardless of gender into the meeting. We would advise them this is a women's meeting, but they are welcome to stay, be provided a meeting schedule and ask that they find another meeting for the following week. My hope is that other exclusive meetings will rethink their policies, too.

Two weeks later, a young man walked in half way through the speaker's share. He immediately looked round the room and asked "Is this a women's meeting?" Nods, yes. He spun on his heels and was gone in a flash before anyone could say a thing. And the woman originally most opposed to having a man in the room ran after him with a meeting schedule in hand. Moments later, they both came back. He was welcomed into the meeting by the speaker and everyone in the room. It was birthday night and he was given his 3-month sobriety chip. We all cheered and clapped for him, knowing that this was absolutely no accident.

My heart swelled. Chris could not stay sober. He did not make it. But maybe because of him, someone else will make it and find sobriety.

Jude H., Guerneville, CA

CACHE CREEK: A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

A wonderful exciting time was had by all who attended the Cache Creek outing on June 15-16. The food was delicious, the fellowship was beautiful and the water was fast and exciting. As the water level was high, there were few boulders or obstacles. The weather was perfect, but a little cool on Sunday, so many decided to head home early. Participants included about 30 from Santa Rosa with a total of about 40 from No. Cal. and 50 from So. Cal. Get ready for next year. Check out **Cache Creek Group** on Facebook.

As reported by Shelly W., Activities Chair

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May, 28, 2018

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with the Serenity Prayer; Preamble; Tradition 5: Barbara ; Concept 5: Jane

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES: Mitch-Windsor group, Jennie- Russian River Woman's meeting, Diana- Healdsburg Lost and Found meeting
BIRTHDAYS: Rachael(15yrs) Michelle(31yrs) Manuel (28yrs) Jim(4yrs) Lis(10yrs) Dave(33yrs)

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Treasurer: No one made themselves available.

ELECTION TO THE INTERGROUP Liaisons :

H&I: Evan C. made himself available and was elected

General Service: Jeff R. made himself available and was elected.

Spanish Central Office: Kris M. made himself available and was elected.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (James C.) I have insurance information for meetings to sign up, and get coverage for their meeting location.

Vice Chair: (Justin C.) Welcome to our new reps to-night.

Secretary: (Patrick B.) Previous minutes were passed.

Treasurer: (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for April were \$6,063 which was \$1,679 less than April of last year; after adding \$3.00 in bank interest total income was \$6,066 and after expenses we had a net gain of \$2,527 Bookstore income was \$2,237 and after expenses we had a net loss of \$251. Overall, we had a net gain of \$2,276.

Registrar: (Craig H.) As of today's date, there are 231 groups in Sonoma County offering 347 meeting each week. There are 168 meeting representatives on record, for 66% participation. There were 67 representatives attending the March 2018 General Meeting, for 40% participation. There were 6 new reps attending the March 2018 new rep orientation.

Jerad- Cache creek signs ups are happening now. The rafting trip will be June 15th-17th, for more info go to cachecreek.org

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm with the Responsibility Statement.

COMMITTEES:

ICSC: (Andy M.) Barry fills in, our bookstore manager will be having a evaluation soon. SCIF has accrued 2200 \$ in credit card points which was deposited into the SCIF account.

BOOKSTORE: (Glenn C.) Sale book for June: *Sober and Out*; 20% off \$13.49 or \$10.80

Activities: (Shellie W.) Founders day is around the corner, please make sure to grab flyers to bring to your meeting. I am still in need of co-chairs for founders day.

Alkathons: (Max B.) Not present.

Newsletter: (Peter D.) I am continuing to learn the ropes with this commitment, the submission deadline for the next issue is June 15th.

Outreach : (Amber H.) I am looking for volunteers to assist me in my outreach work.

Seminars: (Donna L.) Our next seminar is this Wednesday, on steps 4 and 5.

Teleservice: (Gus C.) We have six open shifts, wed 9-1pm 1-6pm, Friday 1-6pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10pm-9am.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Monica B.) Not present.

UNITY DAY: (Evan C.) We will have upcoming planning meetings the fourth Thursday of the month at the bookstore at 6:30pm. the scheduled date for Unity day will be September 15th.

LIAISONS:

SOCYPAA: (Eliseo R.) Jessica fills in. Our event Campfire Olympics, will be held at pleasure cove at Lake Berryessa June 15th-17th.

Spanish Central Office: (Vacant)

H&I: (Lee J.) To be of service please come to our business meeting.

GENERAL SERVICE: (Bob F.) Our delegates BBQ will be June 4th at the Newanga church. There is a seminar August 25th, with a topic of insurance rules for meetings to attend.

Bridging the Gap: (Bill D.) Jim fills in. We are in need of help with presenters in recovery houses.

PI/CPC: (Michelle Oda) Not present.

Access Sonoma County: (Pat N.) Not present.

OLD BUSINESS: Insurance sign up sheets.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Group Representative Sharing: Laura- Big Book Review will be having a potluck June 24th at our meeting location.

A VERY BIG MOVE, INDEED!

The 7:00 am *ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP*, Sonoma County's longest running daily meeting, will be moving due to the closure of the SR Senior Center after almost 35 years at that location. The meeting started in the back room of what is now Adell's Restaurant in February, 1983, before mov-

We will be moving to the Franklin Park clubhouse, at 2095 Franklin Ave (near the intersection of Mendocino and Steele Lane) in Santa Rosa starting on **September 1, 2018**. In the meantime **we will continue at the Senior Center until that date**. Please come and join us at our new location!

Aldo B., Attitude Adjustment SR

JULY 2018



SERVICE MEETINGS IN SONOMA COUNTY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 SOCYPAA Community of Christ Church 1-5pm Business Mtg.	2 General Service District 12 Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Mtg	3	4 Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep Orientation 6:25 Business Mtg	5	6	7
8	9 SCIF 6:30pm ICSC Mtg 8:00 pm Steering Mtg @ Bookstore	10	11 PI/CPC Santa Rosa City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Mtg	12 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Business Mtg	13 August 2018 Newsletter Deadline 7 pm	14
15 SOCYPAA Community of Christ Church 1-5pm Business Mtg.	16	17 Bridging the Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep Orientation 6:30 Business Mtg	18	19	20	21
22	23 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 6:00pm Teleservice 7:00 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Bus. Mtg.	24	25	26	27	28 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
29	30	31				

HAPPY TRAILS HIKE

Meet at Coddingtown P.O.
10 am Carpool

Community of Christ Church: 1495 W. Steele Lane, SR

Faith Lutheran Church: 4930 Newanga Ave., SR

First United Methodist Church: 1551 Montgomery Dr., SR

Santa Rosa City Hall Underground: First & Santa Rosa Ave., SR

SCIF Bookstore: 750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10, SR

St. Luke Lutheran Church: 905 Mendocino Ave., SR

GENERAL SERVICE

We had a great delegate's barbecue. Our barbecue committee did an extraordinary job. The potluck portion of the barbecue was amazing, and everybody got plenty to eat. Every year we have a wonderful mix of General Service, visitors and General Service alumni. It's always fun connecting with people we haven't seen in a while, and making new friends.

Joann's presentation after the barbecue was amazing. We got to hear about the proceedings at the Conference, and she shared with us her experience this year, as an elder statesman - in the second of her two year term.

She also shared with us good news about recent increases in donations to the General Service Office - donations that allow GSO to continue providing the many services they do, with less reliance on profits from literature sales. If each member were to donate \$8.00 per year, General Service would be truly self-supporting.

The upcoming summer assembly, with workshops and presentations on many issues of interest to our fellowship, will be held Saturday, August 11, 2018 in Fortuna. The Northern California coastal area is so beautiful this time of the year, you might want to check this event out and make a weekend of it.

We're also looking forward to the Pacific regional forum, coming up September 7th through 9th 2018, in nearby San Jose. Regional Forums are held in locations all over the US and Canada, and provide a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic. Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and A.A. Grapevine.

Eric

Article requests or suggestions?

I'm the new news editor for this little rag and I'd welcome any article ideas or suggestions. I'd like to post one or two articles about subjects of interest to our members. Especially, as they relate to our Sonoma County AA Community. Send to:
newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

"I may attain 'humility for today' only to the extent that I am able to avoid the bog of guilt & rebellion on one hand and, on the other hand, that fair but deceiving land which is strewn with the fool's-gold coins of pride. This is how I can find and stay on the highroad to humility, which lies between these extremes. Therefore, a constant inventory which can reveal when I am off the road is always in order." [Bill W., *Grapevine*, June 1961]

On June 6, 2018, the Hospitals & Institutions Committee welcomed our new meeting reps: Brittney B., representing Women's Step Study & Discussion; Hope L., Steps in Windsor; Charlotte T., The Young and Sober Group; Alec E., Sobriety Rocks; Jim R., Sonoma Friday Night; Joanne R., Midweek Madness; Tesia B., Petaluma Campfire Group; and Ross B., Tea and Recovery [?] (Sebastopol). Thank you all for your service!

A warm greeting was also extended to our visitors: Mandy, Ron and Mary Ellen—we hope to see you again soon.

Are you willing to share your gift of sobriety with an alcoholic who is confined? For suggestions on how to do just that, please come to the next meeting of the H&I Committee, Wednesday, July 11, 2018 (**please note date change**), at 6:15 pm. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the orientation that begins at 5:45. The location is the Community of Christ Church, 1495 W. Steele Lane, on the corner at Range Avenue (parking is on Range, behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena).

In service,

Mardi

NEW MEETINGS

Wednesday **Bodega Bay Fellowship**
 7:00 pm Church, Bayview St (off Taylor)
 Thursday **Everything Changes**
 6:00 pm 426 8th St., SR
 (OWK)

MEETING CHANGES

7:30 pm **Generations**
 Mon. 5901 Old Redwood Hwy., Windsor
 (Church)
 11:00 am **Step Study**
 Wed. 115 Pierce St., SR
 Thursday **Newcomers**
 7:00 pm Church, Hahman Dr./Patio Ct

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY 2018

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP

Financial Summary

	<u>May-18</u>			<u>May-17</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	Income	Expense	Net	Net Comparison	Income	Expense		Net	Net Comparison
Group Supported:									
Central Office	-	(3,235)	(3,235)	(2,273)		(12,551)		(12,551)	(11,704)
Groups	2,953		2,953	3,365	20,690			20,690	20,203
Individuals	0		0	0	0			0	0
Directories		(235)	(235)	(195)		(977)		(977)	(896)
Pamphlets & Cards		(123)	(123)	(84)		(832)		(832)	(767)
Newsletter		(489)	(489)	(489)		(2,399)		(2,399)	(2,490)
Teleservice		(361)	(361)	(361)		(1,727)		(1,727)	(1,777)
Interest/Bank Charges	4		4	1	17			17	5
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>2,958</i>	<i>(4,442)</i>	<i>(1,484)</i>	<i>(35)</i>	<i>20,707</i>	<i>(18,487)</i>		<i>2,220</i>	<i>2,574</i>
Self Supported:									
Bookstore	6,427	(7,729)	(1,301)	(25)	36,462	(37,890)		(1,428)	(100)
Alkathons			0	0	0	0		0	0
Activities			0	0	0	0		0	0
Seminars			0	0	0	0		0	0
Unity Day			0	0	0	0		0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>6,427</i>	<i>(7,729)</i>	<i>(1,301)</i>	<i>(25)</i>	<i>36,462</i>	<i>(37,890)</i>		<i>(1,428)</i>	<i>(100)</i>
TOTAL	9,385	(12,170)	(2,785)	(60)	57,170	(56,377)		792	2,474
	Assets & Liabilities								
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		48,457					Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		48,457
Prepaid Expenses		7,288					Prudent Reserve		(38,308)
Bookstore Inventory		19,997					Liabilities		(9,283)
Property		<u>3,168</u>							
Subtotal		78,910					Operating Reserve		<u>866</u>
Liabilities		<u>(9,283)</u>							
Total Assets & Liabilities		<u>69,626</u>							

A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa (707) 544-1300

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ALANON/ALATEEN

District 5 Hotline

TELESERVICE

Teleservice staffs the A.A. hotline, providing 24-hour phone access to a live recovering alcoholic. This is vital Twelfth Step service; providing the hand of A.A. to the alcoholic reaching out for help. Calls are forwarded to your home or mobile phone, and training is provided. There are occasionally open shifts to fill. For information, see Teleservice listing above.