

### Sonoma County

## Intergroup Fellowship

# NEWS

June 2014

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#### **Bookstore**

#### **SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

Manager: Linda M.
Phone: (707) 546-2066
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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 these Holidays

Memorial Day May 26 Independence Day July 4

Labor Day September I
Thanksgiving November 27
Christmas December 25
New Year's January I & 2

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

A.A. Founder's Day Dienie





## Saturday, June 7, 2014

Rincon Valley Community Park 5108 Badger Rd, Santa Rosa

Picnic 10am - 4pm --- A.A. Meeting 11am - 12 noon

- Bring a chair, blanket, and mitt
- Games & prizes for the kids
- Volleyball, softball, and much more!



- Buy hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks
- Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Volunteers Needed! Call Lori S. 529-9664

"But there is another kind of hangover which we all experience ... that is the emotional hangover, the direct result of yesterday's and sometimes today's excesses of negative emotion—anger, fear, jealousy, and the like."

-Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p 88-89



## 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

"...I became willing to clean house..."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

#### New Meeting

#### Cloverdale

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

#### Meeting Changes

#### **Sebastopol**

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

#### Healdsburg

Norcal Young n'Done, Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Church, I 100 University Ave., new name: Topix.

#### No Longer Meeting

Santa Rosa

Monday 6:30 p.m. Stepping Lively. Petaluma

Friday, 10 p.m. We Have Recovered.

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

#### Processing the Steps

So the difference between "the boys and the men" is the difference between striving for a self-determined objective and for the perfect objective which is of God.

-12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Step Six, page 68

I was taught that the spiritual principle of the Sixth Step is Willingness. Although this step gets short shrift in the Big Book (a single measly paragraph), if we look to the 12&12, we get a much broader view on this difficult lifetime job of patient improvement.

My first journey through Step 6 was fairly simple. I was instructed to make a list of my defects, and underline, circle or highlight those defects I was willing to be rid of. All of them. I was willing to have God render me pure as the driven snow. I was willing to achieve perfection!

Then my sponsor pointed out that perfectionism was a defect of character.

A later sponsor suggested that I label these assets and defects as "characteristics," and judge them as "useful" or "not useful," letting go of the judgments of good and bad. This appealed to my pragmatic nature, but I was still hindered by the fact that I was the arbiter of asset (good/useful) vs. defect (bad/not useful), and so still fell short of letting go of a self-determined objective.

Still later, after hearing stories of prayers to remove defects that (sometimes years later) turned out to be useful assets, it became clear to me that there were no clear lines of demarcation between the two. That I had, in fact, experienced defects that had served me well, and assets that had been, or had become, liabilities.

So am I willing to let go of my own (self-determined) judgment of asset/good or defect/bad? Am I willing to let a Higher Power decide what It needs from me in this life, this day, or even this moment? Am I willing to strive towards the perfect (and unknowable) objective which is of God?

Sometimes.

Submitted in love and service, Siobhan X., Sonoma County

The first time I really looked at Step Six was on Thanksgiving Day. 1985. I had just done my Fifth and, following the Big Book, I went home and spent an hour on Six, Seven and Eight. I had just shy of six months sober after five years of homelessness and over ten years of a fifth a day, not to mention the mountains of drugs. I was pretty beat up. Our Big Book doesn't offer much help on Six, so went to the 12 & 12. As you know it starts with saying that this is the one that separates the men from the boys, but after that it gets pretty gentle. So I figured yeah, sure, why not? I had some notion of what my defects were and I guessed I was willing to let God, if there was one, remove them. No brainer. So I got on my knees and said the prayer. Little did I know.

Through the ensuing years of successes, failures, relapse and three years as a newcomer before finally, with my sponsor's help, getting back home in 2002, I learned what he meant by "separating the men from the boys." If you think about it, being willing to have God remove all one's defects of character means being willing to aspire towards sainthood. It means always trying to be good, to do what's right, rather than chase pleasure and happiness. I am a self-centered alcoholic. I want what I want when I want it, preferably right now. Step Six asks me to disreagard those desires and do what is right and good. Not too difficult for a minute or two. But to do this consistently, year after year, to make it a way of life, is one of the most difficult things I can imagine. Six is tough, I would go so far as to that it is the only one of the 12 Steps that presents any difficulty at all. But the spiritual truth is that making Six a way of life is the only chance I have at happiness. One often hears that happiness is a byproduct of right living. Easy words to say, hard words to live up to. But with the help of God's Grace, not impossible. Step Six is the key.

Told by Bill K., Sonoma County

#### Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

#### **APRIL 28, 2014**

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

Readings: Barry D. read the Preamble; Jessica W. read Tradition Three; John H. read Concept IV.

**New Representatives:** Ashley B., Wednesday Westsiders, Petaluma; Marcus W., Saturday Serenity, Petaluma; Michelle G., New Women of AA; Cotati; Diana T., Early Birds; Petaluma; Nicole F., Women in the Solution; Petaluma; Jackie F., Quitting Time, Petaluma; Suzanne A., Up the Steps, Santa Rosa; Jeff W., Fresh Air Group, Santa Rosa; Brian K., Tea & Recovery, Sebastopol; Susan T., Serenity Fellowship Hall, Santa Rosa; Susy E., Women's Perspectives, Santa Rosa; John H., 12x12 at 12 Noon, Cotati.

**Birthdays:** Joel H. 20 years; John C. 13 years; Kathy R. 29 years; Monty Q. 13 years; Patty G. 6 years.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Chair:** (Patty G.) Election for activities chair tonight. Things are going well. The ICSC committee is busy with budget planning and Linda Miller's retirement.

**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 March 2014 were put forth and approved with a correction of the address of the Bookstore.

**Treasurer:** (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for March were \$4894 and individual contributions were \$125; which was \$2630 more than March of last year. After expenses we had a net gain of \$1762. Bookstore income was \$7378 and after expenses there was a net gain of \$418. Overall we had a net gain of \$2180.

**Registrar:** (Jim W.) In February there were 233 groups offering 366 meetings each week in Sonoma County; and at February's General Meeting, there were 75 representatives for a 32 percent representation. 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.) The Bookstore will have on sale for the month of May "One on One: AA Sponsorship in Action" for \$10 and comes with a free pamphlet regarding questions and answers of sponsorship. One shift is available for a volunteer at the Bookstore, 2:00-6:00 p.m. alternate Mondays; sobriety requirement is one year and working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

**ICSC:** (Suzanne A.) Committee is going well. Linda Miller will be retiring and helping acclimate the new Bookstore manager when hired.

**Activities:** (Lori S.) Founder's Day Picnic (June 7) next event cosponsored with SOCYPAA. Planning committee meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore. A generator is needed for the event in order to supply coffee.

**Communications/Newsletter:** (Joel H.) The newsletter is also available online. Intergroup Representative is to carry the message back to the group. Currently working on updating the meeting schedule directory.

**Outreach:** (Barry D.) The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation. 52 percent of Groups do not have representation at Intergroup. Goal of Outreach is to increase the number of representatives.

**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 7/28/14 and will be "Taking A Group Conscience."

**Teleservice:** (Joe B.) All shifts are currently filled. Would like volunteers to be placed on a waiting list.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

**SOCYPAA:** (Michael) 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 Dorotea Park in Rohnert Park, includes BBQ and kickball. SOCYPAA campout will take place at Lake Berryessa in June.

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

**H & I:** (Patrick W.) H&I carries message of A.A. to the 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 one (1) brownout (facility not allowing meeting). Currently there are 19 H&I meetings coordinated in Sonoma County.

**General Service:** (Joanne L.) June 2nd District 12 Annual Delegates BBQ will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Newanga. Assisted listening equipment will be provided and District 12 delegate, Padee, will be reporting her experience, strength and hope from the New York General Service Conference at 7:30 p.m.. 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. A recording secretary is needed for Bridging the Gap and more reps needed in West County, North County and Sonoma. 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:** (Cindy L.) Provides accurate information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the public, and makes sure professionals have information and materials to help their clients. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, training from 7-7:30 p.m. and meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the City Hall underground meeting room in Santa Rosa. Volunteers are needed.

Access Sonoma County: (John F.) Currently looking at wheelchair accessibility updates. Looking for volunteers to bring meetings into hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. See newsletter calendar for meeting times and date.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 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. Volunteers are needed. There will be a planning committee meeting on 5/19/14 at the Bookstore at 6:30 p.m. Contact Monica B. will be the coordinator for the play.

**Unity Day:** Maurico M. explained what Unity Day is all about, Unity, Recovery, Service.

**ELECTIONS:** Activities chair: Jessica W. elected Activity Chair. Not present to attend general meeting due to business. Elected to the ICSC Committee, Tom F. Unity Day Liason elected, Michael.

**DISCUSSION:** Alkathon sign-up process and idea of lottery put to the group. Open for group input and the following ideas were shared:

Michael C.: A question if there has been some problems in the past?

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#### **SCIF General Meeting**

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Cindy W.: Women's group she attends loved the idea to combine groups for Alkathon meeting.

Anyone interested in the discussion regarding Alkathon sign-up process, see Patty after the meeting.

**GROUP SHARING:** Kevin P. there will be no Cache Creek rafting trip this year due to the low water levels.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

-In service, Jennifer R.

#### Grapevine

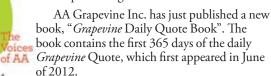
Did You Know? Founded in 1944, the Grapevine cannot receive group contributions and is supported entirely through the sale of subscriptions and products? Did yah? If you go over to the website you will see all the Anniversary packets that you can reveal to your groups.

Did you know that because of the 70th Anniversary there are FEA-TUREs on Page 7 every month. Little bits of *Grapevine* lore just for You!!

Story writers! Please submit your 300 -800 word stories to share your hope with other Alcoholics. TOPICS for 2014: My favorite A.A. slogandue by May 10. Sober for the Holidays-Due July 10. And Grapevine is also looking for stories about the Concepts. For more information on how to do this visit www.aagrapevine.org.

On another note....have you been Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the *Grapevine*? Do you need some ideas?

AAGrapevine.org has it.





Are you turning over your Grapevine Repness to a new person? Can you turn them on to the Website so they can review the Grapevine Rep training Manual?

Are you ready to be of service at the District Level? Have you seen all the job descriptions coming around so you can start visualizing what you want to participate in next? I can highly recommend the Grapevine Chair position. If you are interested please feel free to give me a call.

Read Note on page 6 about Retour a la Vie. Awesome Unity.

In service and grateful to have been available,

Suzanne A., Grapevine Chair, District 12

#### PI/CPC News

#### PI/CPC

At the end of my drinking, it was partly my contrariness that got me sober. I had too many occasions where my disease made it clear that it was boss and offered me no choice whether to drink or not. I was too proud and stubborn to give in, too aware to give in without a fight, too tired of fighting and losing to my disease to go on that way. I was fortunate enough to have a sister who was sober in Alcoholics Anonymous and to know a couple other sober members of A.A. So I knew where to go for help.

What about problem drinkers who want help but don't know about A.A.? Those are some of the people the Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Committee are here to reach out to, either directly or by getting information into the hands and hearts of the professionals whom drinkers go to for help-their therapists, doctors, clergy, or social workers, among others.

PI/CPC is a sub-committee of General Service. Its purpose is to reach out to people who are not members of Alcoholics Anonymous who may want or need to know about what A.A. is (and isn't!) and make information available to them. Sometimes we are the first contact someone has with A.A. and we are honored and humbled by that responsibility. We do not want anyone to continue suffering from the disease of alcoholism because they don't know about A.A. We want to make personal contacts to pave the way for any alcoholic to walk into a meeting knowing that A.A. members are ready and able to welcome them and offer the same help we received when we were new.

We meet once a month on the second Wednesday in the Santa Rosa City Hall employees' lounge next to the underground parking area at 7:30 p.m. Each month the meeting is preceded by a speaker-training workshop that begins at 7:00 p.m. Any Alcoholics Anonymous member who is interested is welcome to attend. One of the main functions of the committee is to prepare and provide speakers for non-A.A. groups, such as DUI classes and public school classes. PI/CPC speakers have a working knowledge of the steps and no less than two years of sobriety. We need more young people, as we have many requests for young speakers.

There are many ways to be of service in PI/CPC, such as delivering A.A. pamphlets and meeting schedules to public places, such as libraries, clinics, and senior centers. If you would like to be of service as part of this committee, you may attend the monthly meeting or email picpc@ sonomacountyaa.org with questions.

Suzanne A.

## NCCAA 67th Annual Summer Conference June 27, 28, 29 2014

at Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E. Lockford, Lodi, CA

Friday, June 27, 2:00 PM Registration Opens 3:30 PM Klck-Off Meeting

> 8:00 PM Open Speaker Meeting Luther W., Palm Desert, CA

Saturday, June 28, 9:30AM Hospital & Institutions Panel 11:00 AM Safety In AA Workahop 1:00 PM CNCA Delegates Report

3:30 PM Young People's Speaker Meeting Katie H., Orangevale, CA 8:00 PM Open SpeakerMeeting Hector E., Los Angeles, CA 10:00 PM Dance Following Drawing

Sunday, June 29, 9:00AM All A.A. Services Panel Meeting 10:30 AM Open Speaker Meeting Don R., San Francisco, CA

Contact for online event registration/info: www.norcalaa.org

#### **Access Sonoma County**

#### 2014 Access Survey

Has your home group completed the accessibility survey? This month we gave out blue survey forms to Intergroup and General Service reps at their business meetings. The purpose is to help members have more information about meeting facilities and meeting preferences. There are no "good" or "bad" answers to the questions. Our intent in collecting the information is not to change anything about your meeting, but simply to help make the information available. The answers are helpful for a person who has mobility issues, or childcare issues, in terms of planning and choosing where to go. For example, a person in a wheelchair can know ahead of time that a wheelchair accessible space does not also have an accessible restroom. Or a parent can know what meetings are child friendly (or even have childcare) and what meetings prefer no children at all (perhaps because they are closed meetings). Our current list of meetings that have policies about children is available at the bookstore, and we hope to keep updating it with new information. In the future, we would like to make something similar for members in wheelchairs. If your group wants to participate but didn't get a survey, you can pick one up at the bookstore, or contact Access Sonoma County directly.

Interested in being a part of Access? Our next project is developing a system for bringing meetings into homebound and hospitalized members. Please join us the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the bookstore at 750 Mendocino Ave. You can also call 707-596-8485 or email asc@sonomacountyaa.org

Thank you so much for helping us be of service!

#### News From The Bookstore

During the month of June the SCIF Bookstore will feature the new Grapevine publication *Grapevine Daily Quote Book* on sale for only \$11 per copy. This pocket-sized book covers 365 days of quotes all of which first appeared in the pages of the "Grapevine Magazine" or other Grapevine publication. Each page offers an inspiring passage of experience, strength and hope to bring into your daily life.

Available at the Bookstore now is the large print version of the 4th Edition Abridged Big Book which contains the first 164 pages of the regular edition of the "Big Book". This handy, smaller sized, large print edition is priced at

only \$8.80 plus tax.

The SCIF Bookstore is introducing a new line of Founders, Anniversary, and engraved personalized medallions. These medallions will be on display at the Bookstore showing the available colors and styles. All orders for these customized medallions will be prepaid by the customer at point of sale. The Bookstore will then submit the order for the medallion, which will be shipped directly from the manufacturer. The price for these medallions is \$19.95 + tax.



I greatly enjoyed and benefited from the experience of being the SCIF Central Office

and Bookstore manager for the past six and one half years. I would like to thank all of our past and present Central Office/ Bookstore volunteers for their reliable service and support. I would also like to thank all of our past and present Intergroup Central Service Committee members who have served the fellowship with integrity. Without the support and service of Central Office/Bookstore volunteers and ICSC Members it would, in my opinion, be impossible for the SCIF Central Office and Bookstore to continue to function, serve the fellowship, and maintain the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In service, Linda M.

#### **Outreach Committee**

#### Every Group Should Have a Voice

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship (SCIF) is a partnership among all the A.A. groups in the county. On behalf of all A.A. groups in Sonoma County, SCIF operates the bookstore, the A.A. hotline, meeting directories, publishes this newsletter, maintains the website and coordinates events. We want the hand of A.A. to always be there, as it was for us.

Did you find your first meeting when you called the hotline? Did you find your home group in the Meeting Directory or on the website? Maybe you walked into the Bookstore and found a book or pamphlet. All of these roads to recovery are made possible by SCIF. Our Fellowship in Sonoma County is active and vibrant — there are 233 groups that hold approximately 360 meetings every week. But not every group has a voice in SCIF. Of those 233 groups, more than 100 either don't have an Intergroup Representative, or have not had a Rep. attend a meeting in over six months. How many of these groups and their members are aware of SCIF and what it offers to the alcoholic that is still suffering?

The SCIF Outreach Committee is making an effort to increase participation in Intergroup so that as many groups as possible have a voice in A.A. We want every A.A. member to be aware of the services, events and publications that Intergroup provides. If your group needs more information about Intergroup, or would like an Outreach Committee member to visit your meeting, send an email to outreach@sonomacountyaa.org.

—Barry D.

#### Hospitals & Institutions

"Watch any A.A. with six months working with a Twelfth Step prospect. If the newcomer says, "To the devil with you," the twelfth stepper only smiles and finds another alcoholic to help. He does not feel frustrated or rejected. If his next drunk responds, and in turn starts to give love and attention to other sufferers, yet gives none back to him, the sponsor is happy about it anyway. He still does not feel rejected; instead he rejoices that his former prospect is sober and happy.

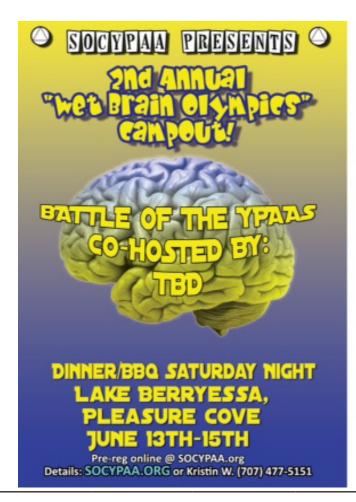
"And he well knows that his own life has been made richer, as an extra dividend of giving to another without any demand for a return." [Bill W., Grapevine, January 1959]

The May meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee gave a warm spring welcome to new meeting reps Rick M., representing the Higher Power Group; Melody R., Women Empowering Women (Rohnert Park); Tom H., 12x12 at Church of the Oaks and 4th Edition; Rich R., Dogs on the Roof; Rick. M., Working Winners; Susanna P.,11th Step Group (Petaluma); Will J., Midweek Madness; Peeko B., 12x12 Plus Group; Shawndra S., Saturday Night High Steppers, (Rohnert Park); Louis M., Men's Stag Meeting (Cotati); Patrick J., Breakfast Club (Petaluma Alano); Christina F., Hens on the Hill (Petaluma; Mary H., Winners Group (Windsor); Ess H., River Women's Meeting (Guerneville); Tom J., Up Group; Marchelle W., Step Sisters; Susann W., Came -To Believe; Ann S., 12x12 (St. Francis Rd); Quinn H., Tonight Group (Occidental); and Rich, Kenwood Step Study. Thank you all—we are grateful for your service!

Welcome to our visitors A.J. from Petaluma and Randy M. and Dennis from Santa Rosa—we hope you find something here that brings you back.

May was definitely a month to get sober: over 200 years of sobriety was being celebrated by H&I folks—keep coming back, it's working!

How can you help an alcoholic who is confined? Come find out at the next meeting of the H&I Committee on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 6:15 p.m. 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 off of Range, behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena). We look forward to seeing you there!







## June • 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting	General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep. Orienta- tion 7:30 Business Meeting	3	Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep. Orienta- tion 6:15 Business Meeting	5	6	Founder's Day Picnic Rincon Valley Community Park5108 Badger Rd, Santa Rosa. Picnic 10 am -4 pm. A.A. meeting 11 am -noon.
8	SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	Interpretation & Translation Committee 7:00, Aroma Roasters 95 Fifth Street, S.R.	PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business	Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:15 Orientation 6:30 Meeting	13	14
SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting	16	17 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orienta- tion 6:30 Business Meeting	18	19	July 2014 Newsletter Deadline 5 P.M.	21
Happy Trails Meet at Coddingtown Post Office to carpool, 10 am. Call John S. 494-9049	Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep. Orienta- tion 8:00 Business Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
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#### **Announcements**

#### HappyTrails Group Monthly Hike/AA Meeting

Happy Trails meets the last Sunday of every month and is Sonoma County's only hiking fellowship.

This month our destination will be Armstrong Redwoods State Park. We will be hiking through ancient redwoods and holding a meeting in the Forest Theater. It's a great mid-summer venue because almost the entire hike will be in the shade.

Bring water and a lunch and meet us in front of the Coddingtown Post Office the last Sunday of the month. We leave at 10 a.m. sharp. For more information call Bill D. (707) 291-2435

#### Our Experience Has Taught Us

Intergroup Fellowship is pleased to announce the hit play "Our Experience Has Taught Us" will be coming to Sonoma County for a one night only engagement. This is a great way to see the history of A.A. come to life. The play will be presented the evening of September 27 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Santa Rosa. There will be an A.A. meeting before.

We are looking for volunteers to help in the planning and on the day of festivities. I am thrilled to be part of the planning committee for this event. I heard so many rave reviews about the play from people who saw it in San Francisco. "Our Experience Has Taught Us" dramatizes our fellowship's coming of age,

from the founding of the first groups in Ohio, New York and Los Angeles to the First International Convention in 1950. Powerful and entertaining, this play brings to life the often comical and sometimes tragic experiences of the "flying blind" period of our history that led to the adoption of the Twelve Traditions. There are many ways to help out and get involved. If you are interested in volunteering there will be a planning meeting Monday Iune 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bookstore, 750 Mendocino Ave. #10. If you can't make the planning meeting you can still volunteer, just let us know you want to be involved. Contact Monica B at 702-688-1576 or Lori S at 707-529-9664 if you have any questions.

In service, Monica B.

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