



Sonoma County
Intergroup
Fellowship

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

A.A. Founders' Day Picnic Potluck & BBQ



Saturday, June 10, 2017

*11am - Speaker Meeting with Gail C. from Ukiah
BBQ, Potluck & Live Music to Follow*

Ladybug Park, 8517 Liman Way, Rohnert Park

Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers & drinks for sale
Bring something to share!

Last initial=A-M: side dish, N-Z: dessert

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on

Info/Volunteer: Debbie J. 707-888-3123

BOOKSTORE

SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

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SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Monday-Friday 10am - 6pm

Saturday 11am - 3pm

Sunday Closed

The Bookstore is Closed
on these Holidays

Memorial Day May 29

Independence Day July 4

Labor Day Sept 4

Thanksgiving Nov 23

Christmas Dec 25

New Year's Day Jan 1

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SOBER OUTDOOR FUN

37th Annual Lake Pillsbury Camp-out!



May 19, 20 & 21, 2017

Saturday Night Potluck & Campfire AA Meeting*

For all AAs, Family & Friends

**Time to be arranged by campers.*

\$16.00 per site per night; \$3.00 for second vehicle and \$1.00 per pet;
(\$5.00 per Boat Launch, but if camping \$5.00 for entire stay.)

SUNSET CAMPGROUND

(On the East Side of the Lake.)

Please Note: THE COUNTY ROAD AND THE LOGGING ROAD ARE CLOSED. CAMPERS MUST COME IN FROM UPPER LAKE VIA MENDENHALL/ELK MOUNTAIN ROAD.

For More information call:

Preston M. at (707) 291-9118 or Laurie E. at (707) 287-2481

NEW MEETINGS

None last month

MEETING CHANGES

Santa Rosa

Una Nueva Ilusion (Spanish) Daily 7pm,
moved to 42 W. College Ave.

12 & 12 Step Study Friday 11:30am WAS
Women's meeting, NOW men too.

NO LONGER MEETING

Healdsburg

Lytton Springs ARC Men's Meeting, Mon-
day 8pm at Lytton Springs

Petaluma

Give It Up, Sunday 5pm, Alano Club

Looking for a meeting? There's an APP for that!

With big thanks to our webmaster Sam K., Sonoma County A.A. meetings are now included in the "**Meeting Guide**" app. This free app, with versions for Android and iOS mobile devices, can be downloaded from Google Play or iTunes.

Also, check out the new searchable meeting list on our SCIF website at:



www.sonomacountyaa.org



Cache Creek A. A. Rafting Trip
June 16, 17, & 18, 2017

www.cache-creek-group.org

GENERAL SERVICE

General Service Representatives and other A.A.s from all over the Northern California Coastal Area met in Assembly the weekend of March 8-9 to present their groups' consciences on this year's Agenda Topics to our Area Delegate, Joann L.

Groups, through their GSRs, shared their thoughts with the delegate on such diverse topics as revisions to pamphlets, social media, communication with our brothers and sisters in the armed forces, correspondence services with incarcerated members, finances and donations by members, Grapevine and La Viña, safety in A.A., and a host of other items of importance to our fellowship as a whole. We deeply appreciate everyone's contribution to this process.

Our delegate, fortified with the information we shared with her, and bolstered by our love and well-wishes, proceeded to hop on a flight to New York to meet with her fellow delegates from all over the U.S. and Canada and discuss these items at this year's Conference.

We look forward to her return, and hearing her Conference report at this year's Post-Conference Assembly at the Lake County Fairgrounds on May 13th (all are welcome!), so that we, in turn can report back to our groups.

~Eric H.

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
PRESENTS:

POST-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2017

"Supporting Our Future"

Saturday May 13, 2017
Lake County Fairgrounds - Fritch Hall
401 Martin St, Lakeport, CA 95453

Registration:	8:00-9:00 a.m.
Orientation:	9:00-9:10 a.m.
Business Meeting:	9:10-12:00 p.m.
Lunch:	12:00-1:15 p.m.

Discussion Panel on Conference Theme:
1:15-2:00 p.m.

Delegate's Report:	2:15-3:45 p.m.
(ASL Translation)	
Question & Answer:	3:45-4:30 p.m.
What's On Your Mind?	4:30-5:00 p.m.

More info: www.CNCA06.org



Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

Tradition 7

*Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting,
declining outside contributions*

- a seminar and discussion -



Wednesday, May 31, 2017
6:30 - 8:00pm

SCIF Bookstore / Central Office
750 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa

Info: Dan F. (707) 694-8201



General Service invites you to

THE DELEGATE'S BBQ!

California Northern Coastal Area Delegate
Joann L
sharing her NYC Conference experience

Monday, June 5, 2017

Potluck and BBQ ~ 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Delegate's Report ~ 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm
(in lieu of the regular General Service business meeting)

Faith Lutheran Church ~ 4930 Newanga Ave., Santa Rosa
Parking is limited; carpooling recommended

Hot Dogs, Burgers, Veggie Burgers & Drinks provided
Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share

Volunteers Needed! Call Gina P. 707.294.7131

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with the Serenity Prayer. Preamble: Annie; Tradition 3: Natalie; Concept 3: Mike

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES: Mike - How it Works, Santa Rosa; Jalon - 12:15 Step Study, Sebastopol; Joseph - Sonoma Valley Fellowship; Leonar - Ask it Basket, Santa Rosa; Michael - Without a Prayer; Mary- River Grace, Guerneville; Jim - Windsor Group; Louie - There is a Solution, Santa Rosa.

BIRTHDAYS: Jim (2 yrs.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer: Joseph J. unanimously voted in.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (Barry D.) Still in need of a CPA, which is a paid, contracted position. Quarterly contributions **to be requested at your groups; less frequent contributions can cause a deficit in budget.**

Vice Chair: (James C.) Eight new reps, next rep orientation will be on April 24th at 7:00pm.

Secretary: (Patrick B.) Minutes from February 27th SCIF General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer: (Carolyn A.) Group contributions for March 2017 were \$2,044, plus \$1 interest from the bank, for a total of \$2,045, which was \$15 less than March of last year. After expenses we had a net loss of \$1,764. Bookstore income was \$8,002 and after expenses we had a net gain of \$343. Overall, we had a net loss of \$1,422 and year to date we are \$2,152 less than 2016.

Registrar: (Linda W.) As of today's date, there are 243 groups in Sonoma County offering 363 meetings each week. There are 157 meeting representatives on record, for 64% participation. There were 73 representatives attending the March 2017 General Meeting, for 46% participation. There were 8 new reps attending the March 2017 meeting.

ICSC: (Erica P.) Review and updating of policies and procedures, along with a new rep. to be elected. Sobriety requirement is five years.

BOOKSTORE: (Glenn C.) Sale book for April is "One on One – AA Sponsorship"; sale price is 20% off \$12.99, plus tax. We are still looking for a volunteer who can help us make specialty chips called "girly girls" by gluing rhinestones to a silver-plated chip. If interested, please call Glenn at the bookstore. Sales tax will rise from 8.5% to 8.625% on April 1.

COMMITTEES:

Activities: (Debbie J.) Founders' Day picnic will be held in Cotati at the Ladybug Clubhouse. Meeting followed by a live band. There is a need for volunteers for this event.

Alkathons: (Jared G.) Nothing new to report.

Communications: (Donna L.) The deadline for submissions is April 14th.

Outreach: (Judy H.) A strong effort is being made to encourage groups to have an intergroup representative.

Seminars: (Dan F.) Not Present; James C. filled in for announcement. Upcoming seminar will be on Tradition 7 at the bookstore in Santa Rosa on May 31st.

Teleservice: (Gus C.) One shift is available currently, Friday 1-6pm.

ICSC Nominating Committee: (Cindi W.) Elections to take place next month for ICSC positions.

LIAISONS:

SOCYPAA: (Courtney S.) One more event for the winter will be coming soon. ACYPAA is coming this weekend in San Ramon. Elections within SOCYPAA will be in the near future.

Spanish Central Office: (Larry F.) the 42nd Annual Convention for the Spanish speaking fellowship will be held on May 26th to May 28th in Sacramento.

H&I: (Lee J.) H&I is looking for more qualified people to help carry the message into institutions.

GENERAL MEETING (Cont.)

General Service: (Bob F.) Sharing sessions are taking place currently. Our delegate will be collecting all info from sharing sessions to bring to the next phase of the General Service process.

Bridging the Gap: (Bill D.) There is a need for male and female phone coordinators in our area. For more information contact Bridging the Gap.

PI/CPC: (John) Not present.

Access Sonoma County: (John F.) There is an upcoming workshop (Aging in Sobriety) that is in planning stages, and needs volunteers. Planning meeting be held on Sunday, April 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Group Representative Sharing: (Jason) NCCAA Conference coming up in Sacramento, and needs support with funding. (Bob N.) 30th annual Cache Creek rafting trip will be on June 16th to June 18th. (Sharon) The Out the Ashes meeting on Monday night in Petaluma is held at 6:45pm, not 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm with the Responsibility Statement

~Patrick B.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">MAY 2017</div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">SERVICE MEETINGS IN SONOMA COUNTY</h1> </div> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 General Service District 12 Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	2	3 Hospitals & Institutions Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	4	5	6
7 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15pm Business Mtg	8 Steering Committee SCIF Bookstore 6:30pm ICSC Meeting 8:00 Steering Meeting	9	10 PI/CPC Santa Rosa City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting	11 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Business Mtg.	12 JUNE 2017 Newsletter Deadline 5pm	13
14	15	16 Bridging the Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15pm Business Mtg.	22 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 6:00pm Teleservice 7:00 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	23	24	25	26	27 General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
28 Happy Trails Meet at Coddington PO at 10am to carpool	29	30	31			
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 Employee Lounge: First & Santa Rosa Ave., SR SCIF Bookstore: 750 Mendocino Ave., Suite 10, SR St. Luke Lutheran Church: 905 Mendocino Ave., SR		

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

On April 5, 2017, the Hospitals & Institutions Committee gave a bright spring welcome to our new reps: James B., representing New Hope Book Study (Rohnert Park); Tina E., South End Solutions; Stephen W., Friday Night Live (Rohnert Park); Stephen K., Petaluma Campfire Group; Blake B., Graton Fellowship; Carey L., Any Lengths Group (Forestville); AnnaMarie. M, Women's Lunch Bunch (Petaluma); Elly F., Chair It Or Air It (Petaluma); Sloan J., Women's Book Group (Sonoma); Allison L., The Up Group; Leekiesha H., Tea and Recovery (Sebastopol); and Melanie F., New Women in A.A. (Cotati). Thank you all for being of service!

The Committee also extended a warm welcome to our visitors Cynthia, Efrain, Travis, Ben, Sarah and Susan—we hope you like what you hear and come back! Over 140 years of sobriety was being celebrated for the month of April!!!

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, June 7, 2017, 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 off of Range, behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena).

~Mardi

PI/CPC

We have some new and exciting things we've been discussing at our committee meetings. The most recent is our plan to reach out to Veterans and those that work with them. Our job in PI/CPC is to provide literature and speakers. We let people know what AA is and what it is not. We have been speaking primarily at high schools and DUI classes, so we are really looking forward to extending these services to veterans groups as well. Wherever there is a need. If you or anyone you know is a veteran and would like to join us, come to our committee meeting or email us at picpc@sonomacountyaa.org.

In other news, we just dropped our sobriety requirement for our young speakers to 1 year with working knowledge of the 12 steps. All the other positions have a 2 year sobriety requirement. We are currently in need of a Hotels Liaison and an Intergroup Liaison.

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We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Santa Rosa City Hall Underground. Speaker training is at 7:00pm. The business meeting is at 7:30pm.

~Michelle G.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY

Access Sonoma County works to identify and eliminate barriers that make it hard for alcoholics to hear the life-saving message of A.A. Being blind, hard-of-hearing, or homebound are three issues that can make getting to meetings difficult. Recently, some of us got a chance to be of service to a member who reached out for help.

Six weeks ago or so, a woman called the SCIF Bookstore and said she needed a meeting to come to her in her home. She has been in need of a knee replacement for some time; her situation changed drastically when she broke the same leg. Isolated and in need of contact with the Fellowship, she found the courage to reach out. The folks at the Bookstore got in touch with our committee.

Two of us went to her home on a rainy afternoon. We took her some Grapevines, read part of Chapter 3 in the Big Book with her, and listened to her story. Two weeks later, we went again. This time, one familiar person went, and introduced a new visitor to our "friend in the bed". We're hoping to keep taking new folks in, to help build a support system. Good news is that she called one of us between visits, just to talk.

Could you spare an hour twice a month to carry the message to someone who can't get out to a meeting? H & I doesn't go to private homes, so it's up to the rest of us to be of service in these situations. Often, responsibility falls to our home group or our fellows. ASC is trying to help us look after anyone who falls through the cracks. It feels great to do this service--if you are interested, contact us. You'll find our information on the back page of the newsletter.

~Pat N.

BOOKSTORE

The sale book for May is "Spiritual Awakenings - Journeys of the Spirit" from the Grapevine. The sale price is 20% off \$12.99, or \$10.39, plus tax.

The General Service Office in N.Y. has produced a three-page document discussing safety and A.A. We have copies at the bookstore, or you can go to www.aa.org and search for SMF-209.

~Glenn C.

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY MARCH 2017

	Income	Mar-17 Expense	Net	Mar-16 Net Comparison	Income	Year to Date Expense	2017 Net	2016 Net Comparison
Group Supported:								
Central Office		(2,437)	(2,437)	(2,211)		(7,314)	(7,314)	(7,108)
Groups	2,044		2,044	2,059	9,096		9,096	11,790
Individuals	0		0	0	0		0	116
Directories		(260)	(260)	(272)		(505)	(505)	(598)
Pamphlets & Cards		(272)	(272)	(239)		(595)	(595)	(555)
Newsletter		(488)	(488)	(479)		(1,466)	(1,466)	(1,547)
Teleservice		(352)	(352)	(340)		(1,065)	(1,065)	(1,029)
Interest/Bank Charges	1		1	1	3		3	2
Subtotal	2,045	(3,809)	(1,764)	(1,480)	9,099	(10,945)	(1,845)	1,071
Self Supported:								
Bookstore	8,002	(7,659)	343	(615)	22,161	(21,773)	388	(377)
Alkathons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unity Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seminars								
Unity Day								
Subtotal	8,002	(7,659)	343	(614)	22,161	(21,773)	388	(376)
TOTAL	10,047	(11,469)	(1,422)	(2,094)	31,261	(32,718)	(1,457)	695

Assets & Liabilities

Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	46,306
Prepaid Expenses	4,379
Bookstore Inventory	19,794
Property	2,664
Subtotal	73,143
Liabilities	(6,319)
Total Assets & Liabilities	66,824

Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	46,306
Prudent Reserve	(37,374)
Liabilities	(6,319)
Operating Reserve	2,613

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

Meetings	March	YTD		
12x12 @ 12		\$135.00	River Women's Meeting	\$178.44
AA of Sonoma (Friday Night)		\$350.05	Saints and Sinners	\$57.00
AA of Sonoma (Thursday BB)	\$20.00	\$20.00	Saturday Night Living Right	\$325.00
AA of Sonoma (11th Step)		\$68.00	Saturday Serenity	\$190.17
Any Lengths Group	\$200.00	\$508.15	Saturday Solution Group	\$443.10
Be What You Want to See		\$71.07	Sebastopol Step Study Group	\$100.00
Beyond Belief		\$50.00	Sisters in Step	\$40.00
Big Book Review		\$59.60	Sober Sisters	\$384.97
BYOBB	\$10.00	\$10.00	Sober Sunday Group, Santa Rosa	\$517.19
Chronic Pain		\$10.65	South End Solution	\$150.00
FAHA Home Group		\$38.50	South Park Survivors	\$134.02
Gay Newcomers Meeting		\$92.40	Sunday Breakfast Club	\$99.67
General Service	\$25.00	\$210.00	Sunday PM Closed Discussion Group	\$23.34
GRBBS (Great Reality Big Book Study)		\$78.00	TGIF, Petaluma	\$94.69
Harmony Group		\$320.00	There is a Solution	\$300.00
Healdsburg Anonymity		\$30.00	Third Step Group	\$120.00
Language of the Heart Group	\$88.00	\$88.00	Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion Group	\$211.74
Men's Stag		\$100.00	Thursday Night Women's AA	\$159.00
Midday at Midweek		\$175.00	Thursday's Men's Stag	\$100.00
Moment of Silence 11th Step	\$85.00	\$385.00	Tuesday Night , Petaluma	\$250.00
Monday Night Book & Discussion		\$132.12	Wednesday Westsiders	\$390.80
Monday Night Alcoholics Only		\$188.50	Wednesday Women's Lunch Bunch	\$51.07
New Sobriety Group		\$139.00	Wednesday Wonder	\$51.00
Not a Glum Lot		\$77.86	We're In The Now	\$94.68
Open Door	\$200.00	\$400.00	Women in the Solution - Petaluma	\$21.00
Petaluma Valley Group		\$84.00	Women's Book Group, Sonoma	\$313.01
Promise's Group	\$111.20	\$111.20	Women's Step Study and Discussion Group	\$57.26
Quitting Time, Petaluma	\$100.00	\$190.00	Unknown	\$117.00
			Total	\$2,044.30
				\$9,096.25

A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa (707) 544-1300
Sonoma (707) 938-8508
Spanish Speaking (707) 623-6702



WEB LINKS

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www.sonomacountyaa.org
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www.cnca06.org
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www.aagrapevine.org

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SONOMA COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. (SOCYPAA)

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TELESERVICE UPDATE

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.