



# SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP NEWS October 2003

**HALLOWEEN  
MASQUERADE BALL**

MEETING 7:00-8:00PM      Music by:      DANCE 8:30-Midnite

**THE PULSATORS**

Friday October 31, 2003

Sebastopol Community Center  
390 MORRIS ST. - SEBASTOPOL

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

TO VOLUNTEER CALL: LARRY O. 795-4081

## UNITY DAY: It's All About Service

When the subject of AA service comes up, you sometimes hear people say, "I don't care about that stuff. It's just business and politics. All I need is my own recovery in my home group."

What these people don't realize is that they have *already* been helped by AA service. Not just from the time they first called AA. but well *before* that! How did they even know there *was* an AA to call? How did their family, doctor or pastor *know* about AA to tell them? Because a basic part of the service effort (PI\CPC) has worked for years to tell people *what* AA is about and *how* to reach us.

How did AA's number get into telephone book? Why was a concerned AA member at the other end of the phone when they called for help? Because AA Teleservice put them there. They received AA literature. How did that literature get written and printed and distributed so it would be there when they

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## The Alcathons Are Coming!

The Alcathon committee is gearing up for another round (pardon the expression) of holiday festivities, and it is *not too soon* to check in with your group to see if they would like to sponsor a meeting at one of the Alcathons. This year the meetings on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Eve will start on at

6:00PM and end 24 hours later at 6:00PM. There will be meetings every two hours. The meetings will last 1 1/2 hours with a half hour break between meetings. That's a *lot* of meetings, and we can always use *more* cheerfully willing volunteers to help make the Holiday Alcathons happen!

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**Need a meeting? Check our online schedule for up to date info: [www.SonomaCountyAA.org](http://www.SonomaCountyAA.org)**

# SCIF BUSINESS MEETING

## INTERGROUP OFFICERS

- ◆ CHAIR: James C.  
829-3690
- ◆ VICE-CHAIR: Bruce McL.  
544-6958
- ◆ SECRETARY: Kay S.  
526-5502
- ◆ TREASURER: John S.  
328-1678
- ◆ REGISTRAR: Richard B.  
869-0103

## INTERGROUP COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

- ◆ SEMINARS: Steve B.
- ◆ ACTIVITIES: Larry O.
- ◆ OUTREACH: Mark F.
- ◆ COMMUNICATIONS:  
Rory B.  
318-5065
- ◆ HOTLINE/TELESERVICE:  
Kim C.
- ◆ ALKATHONS: Terry T.  
823-1855

## AA HOTLINE TELESERVICE

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- ◆ SCHEDULER: Loretta D.
- ◆ 12 STEP COORDINATOR:  
Teri T.  
664-0768
- ◆ SANTA ROSA HOTLINE  
544-1300
- ◆ LONG DISTANCE ONLY  
800-224-1300
- ◆ PETALUMA HOTLINE  
762-5122
- ◆ SONOMA HOTLINE  
938-2027
- ◆ SPANISH HOTLINE  
545-7417

## SCIF MINUTES

August 25, 2003

**Serenity Prayer** recited, Tradition 8 read by Debbie, Concept 8 by Rudy.

**Introduction of new Reps** Pam N., *New Women in AA*; Adrian C., *Oaks Fellowship*; Jerry R., *Mature and Sober*; Mark V., *Working Winners*; Teresa F., *The No Frills Group*; Kim J., *Just for Today*; Marcus H., *Sunday Niters*, Andie, *Sober Sunday*.

**June Birthdays:** Adrian with 2 years, Jerry -2 years, Marcus -12 years, Tom -10 years, Colleen - 2 yr., James - 7 years, and Ben with 23 months.

The **July minutes** were approved

**Registrar:** Richard. Absent; report was given by Mark F. who said there are about 50 to 60 represented groups, which leaves about 150 un-represented, we need the involvement of all the groups.

**Outreach:** Mark F. We are still making efforts to attract more group reps.

## LIAISON REPORTS

**General Service:** Donna K. The Palo Alto conference had 302 members present. Packets will soon be available to take to your Doctor to educate regarding alcoholism. A Spanish speaking sub-district was created, but the motion to change some of the wording of Steps 3, 7, 11 and Tradition 2 has been tabled for further discussion.

**H&I:** Scott. We are self supporting through the pink can.

**PI/CPC:** Mary Jo. Wrote a letter to the schools with information about AA and that PI/CPC is willing and able to bring literature to school districts. More young people needed. They have done nine 9 presentations.

**Bridging the Gap:** Report was presented by D.J.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Chair:** James C. Unity day coordinator still needed to coordinate H&I,

General Service and Intergroup Service Conference. Archivist will be there. Colleen volunteered, and was accepted.

We need a Grapevine representative, and an H&I Liaison from Intergroup. Bruce G. will activate his service again.

Also reminded people that have a concern that they may come to the Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting on the second Monday of the month to discuss issue.

**Vice-Chair:** Bruce McL. There were seven new meeting reps at the orientation seminar at 7:30.

**Treasurer:** John S. The Intergroup Office continues to lose money. We were \$2000 down in June. To see the complete balance sheet come to the bookstore, or Call John at 328-1679.

**Bookstore:** Gloria. We had the best month ever!! All shifts are full.

**Seminars:** Steve B. Everything is in place for the seminar on Steps 6 and 7 to be held at the Bookstore on Saturday, September 20.

**Activities:** Larry O. We made \$123 at the last dance! The Halloween Masquerade Ball will be on Friday, October 31 at the Sebastopol Community Center, with the *Pulsators* playing. We will probably have a DJ for the New Years dance.

**Teleservice:** Dave. Put out the hand of AA participate in your recovery We need help, call Loretta today!!! Meeting is at 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the bookstore.

**Communications:** Rory B. The page numbers are incorrect in the September Newsletter. Our apologies, etc.

**Alkathon:** Absent

**ICSC:** No elections today.

**OLD Business:** None.

**NEW Business:** None

**Group Concerns:** Joanne said some meetings are not accepting court papers, she thinks we should continue to sign them.

Jeremy said that anyone can go to meetings, then the individuals can decide. Adrian stated that meetings at the Oaks Fellowship

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# GENERAL SERVICE

## Greetings Fellowship!

The latest news is that District 12 has two district officer positions open and available: Archives and Literature. Check the requirements for the positions, and if you are eligible, come to our District meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> and let us know if you'd like to take one of these commitments! We will be holding a Third Legacy procedure at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> business meeting at which time we hope to have the new panel members on board. We always need fresh energy in this branch of service. It is rewarding and you get to hang out with a lot of nice folks.

At this month's District 12 business meeting held on September 1<sup>st</sup> we welcomed Jim G. our newest GSR. We celebrated the following sobriety birthdays:

Congratulations to Martha, 5 years and Don, 26 years! Keep coming back! You are living proof that it works!

Our area guest this month was CNCA Chair, Ross J. from Sunnyvale, who came to share about his position as Chair. Unlike Congress, CNCA does not operate from Robert's Rules of Order. We use what is affectionately known as "chair's rules." Mostly those guidelines are drawn from years of experience and are designed to ensure that everyone who wants to share an opinion gets that chance. There is no railroading of issues through the process.

For decisions involving procedure, usually, the vote is a simple majority.

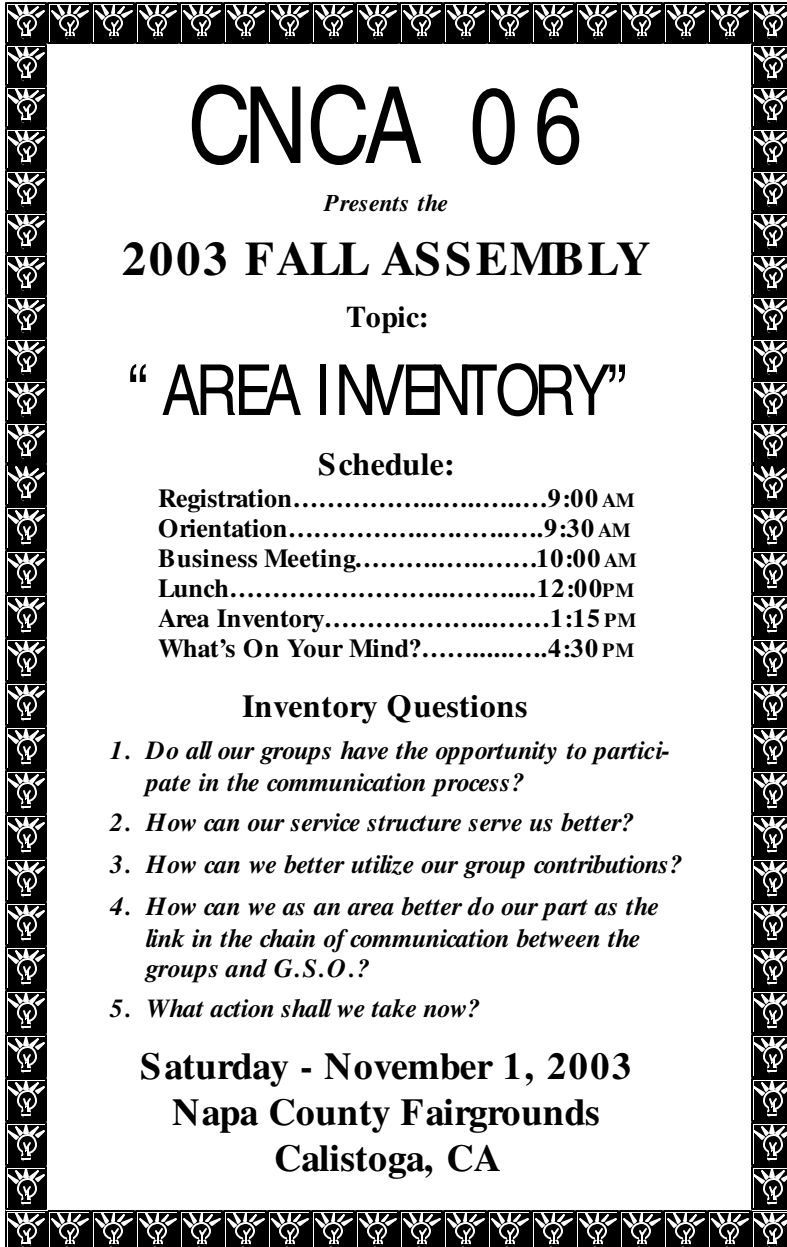
But if an issue will fundamentally change the way something is done, it requires a "substantial unanimity" meaning a two-thirds majority. Of course, after a vote takes place, those in the minority have another opportunity to voice their opinion.

Calistoga. The Area, every other year, takes its inventory. The questions are asked, AA's come to the microphone and voice their points of view. After the sharing has been completed, the opinions are consolidated and conclusions are drawn. Then, CNCA

will try and implement the changes called for. Much the same as the District inventory will do in November and December. Much the same as meetings do when they have an inventory and an AA does when she/he does their fourth step. We are trying to find out what is good, what is not so good, and what needs to be changed.

Ross generously answered questions about the summer assembly and clarified the difference between Area and Assembly business. A reminder to the GSRs that we will have new and old business at the next assembly and some items may be voted on. You are strongly encouraged to go to your groups and get a group conscience on those items.

**Unity Day**, a collaboration of Hospitals and Institutions, Intergroup and General Service, will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 4325 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa.



## CNCA 06

*Presents the*

### 2003 FALL ASSEMBLY

**Topic:**

### “ AREA INVENTORY ”

**Schedule:**

**Registration.....9:00 AM**

**Orientation.....9:30 AM**

**Business Meeting.....10:00 AM**

**Lunch.....12:00PM**

**Area Inventory.....1:15 PM**

**What's On Your Mind?.....4:30 PM**

**Inventory Questions**

1. *Do all our groups have the opportunity to participate in the communication process?*
2. *How can our service structure serve us better?*
3. *How can we better utilize our group contributions?*
4. *How can we as an area better do our part as the link in the chain of communication between the groups and G.S.O.?*
5. *What action shall we take now?*

**Saturday - November 1, 2003**

**Napa County Fairgrounds**

**Calistoga, CA**

Once that happens, the chair will ask if anyone, having heard the minority opinion, wants to change their vote.

Sometimes it happens and the vote outcome completely changes. Ross also explained what will be involved in the upcoming assembly, November 1 in

Please join us for the next monthly business meeting, Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. AA service manual study is 6:45PM, new GSR orientation 7PM. See you then!

In love and service,  
Mary W.

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# UNITY DAY



- ▲ Panels
- ▲ Speakers
- ▲ Fellowship
- ▲ Food
- ▲ Raffle

*"Everything you  
always wanted  
to know about  
service but were  
afraid to ask"*

Saturday November 15, 2003  
9:00AM to 4:00PM

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
4325 Mayette Ave. Santa Rosa

*If you want more information or would like to volunteer to help make Unity Day happen, please contact Colleen H. at 573-9560 or Carolyn A. at 526-3279*

## HAPPY TRAILS

This months meeting/hike will be on Sunday Oct 26th. Next hike is Feb 2004. (No meetings Nov, Dec &



Jan) We will be doing a short 2.6 mile hike at Foothill Regional park in Windsor. The park is located on the

corner of Hembree Ln & Arata .We meet at SRJC parking lot at 10:00 or park at 10:30. Bring a smile, lunch and water.

Questions?

Jeanine 545- 10 18

E- mail: Sstargo@aol.com

# SCIF CALENDAR OCT 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>Hospital &amp; Institutions</b> S.R. Senior Center 5:45: New Rep Orientation 6:15: Business Meeting	2	3	4
5	6 <b>General Service</b> Faith Lutheran Church 6:45: Service Manual Study 7:00: New Rep Orientation 7:30: Business Meeting	7	8 <b>PI/CPC</b> S.R. City Hall 7:00: Speaker Training 7:30: Business Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 <b>SCIF Bookstore</b> 6:30: AA Teleservice Business Meeting 7:15: ICSC Meeting 8:00: Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 <b>District 18 (Spanish)</b> 5519 Old Redwood Hwy. Windsor 4:30PM
19	20	21 <b>Bridging the Gap</b> SCIF Bookstore 6:30: New Rep Orientation 7:00: Business Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Happy Trails</b> 10:00: SRJC Parking Lot at Bailey Field	27 <b>Intergroup</b> St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30: Newsletter Collating 7:30: New Rep Orientation 8:00: Business Meeting	28 <b>General Service</b> District 12 Officers Meeting - 6:15 SCIF Bookstore	29	30	31 <b>Halloween Masquerade Ball</b> Meeting 7:00-8:00 Dance 8:30-12:00 Sbastopol Community Center	



**NO LONGER MEETING**

Santa Rosa Keys Group (Women)  
(C) (W) Tuesday 8:00PM

Santa Rosa Bare Bones Book Study  
(O) (W) Sunday 7:30PM

**MEETING CHANGES**

Cazadero Fort Ross Group  
(O) (W) Monday, 6:30PM

*Name changed to **Cazadero Group**  
No longer has wheelchair access*

Rohnert Park Not Just Another  
(O) (W) Newcomer's Mtg.  
Monday, 8:00PM

*New meeting time -7:00PM  
Has moved to Lady Bug Park Clubhouse*

Santa Rosa Sunset Serenity  
(C) (W) Monday, 6:30PM

*Name changed to **Oaks Fellowship**  
Now an Open Meeting*

**Meeting Changes?  
Contact Russell**



*Gloria's Corner*

These shifts are open at the Bookstore:

- ▲ Tuesday 2:00-6:00PM
- ▲ Thursday 10:00-2:00AM

I will be gone September 24 - October 4,  
John will be handling the Bookstore in  
my absence.

We need people to help with inventory  
the last day of each month.

Thanks Everyone!



*Gloria*

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Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6  
Sat 11-3

The Bookstore is closed on these Holidays:

- Independence Day.. July 4th
- Labor Day.....September 2nd
- Thanksgiving.....November 22nd
- Christmas.....December 25th
- New Year's Day.....January 1st

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