SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLO WITH A NEW YORK October 2003



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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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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SCIF BUSINESS MEETING

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 2nd 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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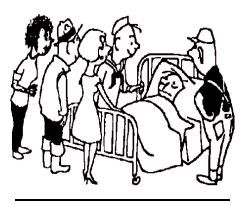
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS

"I may attain 'humility for today' only to the extent that I am able to avoid the bog of guilt and 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., June 1961 Grapevine.]

Ten new meeting reps introduced themselves at the September 3 meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee. They are: Rochelle, Andy, Jackie, Alex, Wendy, Valerie, Terry, Sal, Matt, and Jane. A hearty welcome to all of you! In addition, we had some visitors checking us

out: Jim, Vince, Dan, Dave, Richard, Mary and Chris—we're glad you're here, too!

Remember those 99 bottles of



beer on the wall? Well, we can do better than that. We had **99 years of sobriety** to celebrate with Carolyn, who has 2 years; Jude, 11; Al, 21; Aldo, 9; Mark, 2;

Kim, 23; Pete, 28; Ben, 2; and Wendy, 1. (I like those numbers a lot better, don't you?) Many happy returns to you all!

Freddie gave the five-minute share for this month.

Searching for service? Why not swing by the Santa Rosa Senior Center on Bennett Valley Road on Wednesday, October 1? There you will find a lot of sobriety and dedication with those who carry the message to other alcoholics. The time is 6:15, and if you *really* want to get the inside scoop, you are welcome to attend the 5:45 orientation. We are not a glum lot, either!

In Service, Mardi

SCIF Minutes

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on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday have become very popular. The owner is concerned that there are too many people, presenting a fire hazard. They now have a Sergeant at Arms and lots of people are upset at being turned away.

General discussion: It is important to remember that we are just guests, and we should look at how we treat facilities, the agency has strict local, state regulations to follow, and the Fire marshal may have the final say. A suggestion was made that maybe it is time for the group to do an inventory. They may add another meeting or look for another place.

Summation: Bruce McL.

- ▲ Halloween Ball Friday, October 31
- ▲ Intergroup contributions are down
- ▲ Seminar September 20, Saturday from 3-5 at the bookstore.

Closed in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

In Service, Kay S.

ACTIVITIES

The Petaluma Unity Day was a delightful affair, the weather was hot, the food delicious, and the large crowd was having a good time. Ken P. is the Petaluma Activities Coordinator and he did a

great job with Unity Day.

Speaking of Ken P., he will be our guest speaker for the Halloween Masquerade Ball on Friday, October 31, 2003 at the Sebastopol Community Center. The meeting starts at 7:00PM. Be sure to dress in costume for this Halloween event and spare no expense, if

ever there was an occasion to be outrageous, this is it!!!

Remember, this is a family event, so a little naughty is nice but vulgar is a nono. I will try to have some sort of costume contest and maybe some door prizes. "The Pulsators" are a local dance

band and have a strong following in Sonoma County and the Bay Area, the music they play is a mix of old, traditional and new music, the common thread is a good dance beat. Volunteers

are vital to the success of our events, some of the tasks that are asked of the volunteers are: Set up Committee: sets up tables and chairs and decorates the venue the, Clean up Committee: breaks down we're tables and chairs in a neat orderly fashion and cleans the venue according to the written directions,

Cashiers: collects and counts admissions, donation money and food sales money and delivers them to Treasurer or Coordinator, Coffee Making Committee: makes and sets up Coffee service and cleans pots for storage. Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated, if

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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 6th

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 3rd 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 1st 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.

Rossgenerously questions answered summer about the 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 15th at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 4325 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa.

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

In love and service, Mary W.

CNCA 06

Presents the

2003 FALL ASSEMBLY

Topic:

" AREA INVENTORY"

Schedule:

Registration	9:00 АМ
Orientation	9:30 АМ
Business Meeting	10:00 АМ
Lunch	12:00РМ
Area Inventory	1:15 РМ
What's On Your Mind?	

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

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2003

- ▲ 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 &



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

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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 545-1018

E- mail: Sstargo@ aol.com

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

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We need folks to be **Greeters**, **Coffee Makers**, **Food Servers**, **Setup** and **Breakdown Helpers**. If your home group would like a meeting slot, or you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact one of the Dream Team:

Gary T. - 823-5417
Thanksgiving Coordinator
Bruce W. - 823-5926
Christmas Coordinator
Mike S. -1-415-250-1302
New Years Coordinator

Come join us for Sobriety, Sharing and the joy of Fellowship! Much love and many blessings to all!

Terry T.

In Memoriam

Ir ene G. was called home by her Heavenly Father in August 2003. 22 Years of Sobriety, God Bless you Ir ene.

Activities Report

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you want to get involved in our events call me: Larry O. @ 795-4081 leave a concise message. I have a strange feeling that this Halloween Masquerade Ball will be one to remember.

And so this Summer season slips by into the cooler Fall and Winter as 2003 suddenly becomes old as faded newspapers that blow on the winds of change. 2004 looms on the horizon and our New Years Eve Dance will mark the transition day, DJ Batman and Friends (Hot August Nights) will be back to provide the sights and sounds and our guest speaker will be Long Hair George, the venue will be the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Hall on Wednesday, December 31, 2003.

In Service, Larry O.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

PI/CPC is a service provided by our fellowship, to provide public information to the community about what AA is and is not. One of our efforts at this time of year is to contact all Sonoma County Schools, public and private, who edu-

cate 6th grade students on up (125 schools total). We do this by sending them the following letter:

Dear Educator,

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. One of the services we offer is, at no cost, 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 questions about how alcoholics can recover in A.A. Because more and more young people are finding sobriety in A. A., we can generally provide speakers who are reasonably contemporary to student populations. We would welcome the opportunity to give our presentation to students, parents, or faculty. Our experience shows that even people without a drinking problem find such programs intensely interesting, because in our society almost everyone has a close relative or friend whose drinking problem is a cause for concern. If we can provide your school with speakers, videotapes or literature please contact: Cori

Wood, Schools Coordinator (707) 887-7067, or Tom Pierce, PI/CPC Chairperson (707) 526-9241.

Please keep in mind that our members wish to remain anonymous, therefore no publication of their last names should occur. Sincerely,

Tom Pierce, Sonoma County PI/CPC

P.S. We would appreciate it if you would share this letter with your school's health instructor, or other appropriate faculty members. Thank you."

Some of these school administrators contact us after receiving the letter, asking for AA to present information to the student body at-large. As such, we are always looking for speakers. As you can imagine, the students are more responsive when they see young, contemporary speakers. If you fit this description, or know someone in the fellowship who does, please encourage them to consider joining PICPC and help us deliver the message!

Unity Day

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needed it? The member who dismisses service as having no relation to his own recovery has missed the point.

He is sober today because *service* made it possible.

Unity Day is an occasion when the service arms of Sonoma County AA come together to "show and tell" what it is they do. Sponsored by Intergroup, General Service and Hospital & Institutions, Unity Day 2003 will

feature panels on AA History, The Traditions and AA Service Today. There will also be a featured speaker (see next months Newsletter for details) and a Sobriety Countdown. Lunch will be provided with a "potluck dessert"

menu" (feel free to bring a dessert to share!). This year **Unity Day** will be hosted by Sonoma County Intergroup. It will be held on Saturday November 15 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The location will again be at St. Mark Church,

4325 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa. You'll have an opportunity to

get an introduction to service from real people with real experience.

With this information you can make an informed choice about service and where you can best make a contribution to helping others as well as your

own sobriety. We hope you will join us for this day of Unity and to learn more about service in Alcoholics Anonymous. If you'd like to help or want more information, please contact Colleen H. at 573-9560 or Carolyn A. at 526-3279.



NO LONGER MEETING

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

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

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



Gloría's Corner

These shifts are open at the Bookstore:

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

I will 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!





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Independence Day...July 4th

Labor Day.....September 2nd

Thanksgiving......November 22nd Christmas.....December 25th

New Year's Day......January 1st

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