



sonoma county Intergroup Fellowship

NEWS

OCTOBER 2007

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NIGHT OF THE ~~SOBER~~ DANCING DRUNKS

OCTOBER 26, 2007

**at the Spooky SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY
CENTER**

**MEETING & SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN WHEN IT GETS DARK
AT 7:00 PM**

**DANCE LIKE A BLOODTHIRSTY MANIAC FROM 8:30 TO THE 12
O'CLOCK WITCHING HOUR**

\$10 DONATION

TO VOLUNTEER, CALL LAURIE E.

It might just save your life!

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Thanksgiving Alcathon 2007

The Thanksgiving Alcathon will be at Carpenter's Hall, 1706 Corby Ave. this year. 36 hours of meetings, food, and fellowship.



More will be revealed...
like, is it Alcathon or Alkathon? There are some things, we may never know...

Unity Day 2007

**November 10, 2007
Carpenter's Hall**

1706 Corby Avenue
Santa Rosa

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Saturday Night Live Celebrates 50 Years of Sobriety in Sonoma County

on Friday Night, November 16, 2007
at the
Santa Rosa
Veterans Memorial
Building

Self Serve Buffet – Guest Speaker – Dance
Doors open 7:15 PM
Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM
Dance 9:15 PM

- GENERAL ADMISSION FOR THE DANCE -
ADVANCE \$10.00 PER TICKET OR \$15.00 AT
THE DOOR NITE OF DANCE
FOR TICKET INFO: COME TO SATURDAY
NITE LIVE OR CALL MALCOLM

All donations & proceeds go directly to
benefit Saturday Nite Live & Its Services



*happy 50th
birthday*

Sobriety Birthdays

David J.	10/13/1970	37	Santa Rosa	Rice A.	10/1/2002	5	Santa Rosa
Roseann M.	10/16/1975	32	Santa Rosa	Jennifer S.	10/4/2003	4	Santa Rosa
Mary W.	10/17/1977	20	Santa Rosa	Bruce B.	10/10/2006	1	Santa Rosa
Don S.	10/21/1977	20	Santa Rosa	Mark R.	10/31/2006	1	Santa Rosa

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

PREAMBLE: Ann Marie D.

TRADITION 8: Kay P.

CONCEPT VIII: Tim P.

Introduction of new representatives:

Beth A. Brodz Nite Out, S.R. Alano Club, Thu., 7 pm
 Liz G. No Frills, Santa Rosa, Mon., 12:15 pm
 Mike C. Fresh Air, Santa Rosa, Tues., 8:00 pm
 Barbara F. A Vision for You, S.R., Tues, 12:15 pm
 Andy W. Alive and Well in Fulton, Mon., 8:00 pm
 Steve R. Sonoma Friday Night, Sonoma, Fri., 7 pm
 Jann H. Living in Solution, Petaluma, Sun., 4:00 pm
 Robbie Promises, Sebastopol, Tues., 8:00 pm

August Birthdays:

Beth A. 3 years
 Silvana 18 months
 John S. 21 years
 Larry C. 21 years

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIR: Diane W. Reviewed no smoking on church campus rule. Spanish Intergroup sends a liaison, Rebecca M., to SCIF, though she has recently been unable to attend. Spanish Intergroup holds their meeting each week. Diane attended their last meeting. She asked for bilingual volunteers, and Elvia P. volunteered for the position. She will attend, though not weekly.

VICE CHAIR: Tim P. He holds new rep orientation at 7:30 monthly before the General meeting. He reviewed what group contributions to Intergroup pay for: Teleservice, Newsletter, Meeting Schedules, Website, Bookstore and Activities (although activities are intended to be self-supporting). He distributed a document on how AA was founded in Sonoma County in 1945.

TREASURER: Larry O. July contributions were the highest ever at \$9221. Petaluma groups contributed \$4500 of that. The Bookstore netted \$367. The picnic netted \$391 so year to date activities is in the red only \$236. Our total net for the year is \$6233. Expenses were normal.

SECRETARY: Nan B. July minutes were approved. It was pointed out after the meeting that the birthdays were July birthdays, not April birthdays.

REGISTRAR: Susy E. There were 391 meetings in Sonoma County in July. 105 were represented at the General meeting making a 29% representation.

BOOKSTORE: Gloria P. All shifts are currently full. We have four back-up people. She is still looking for a person to convert cassette speaker tapes to CD's.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES: Laurie E. The picnic was a huge success. She asked the reps to really promote the two upcoming dances, Pirate Dance 09/29 and the Halloween Dance 10/26.

ALKATHONS: Dale E. We are still looking for a venue for the Alkathons as the Santa Rosa Alano Club has no heat. He is looking into Carpenter's Hall. There is a steering committee meeting on 09/05 at 6:30 pm at Starbuck's on Farmers Lane.

ICSC: Diane W. This committee is now meeting twice per month to catch up on work. She reported compilation of "SCIF Proposed Policies and Procedures." They have been making reviews of internal controls and inventory controls and procedures.

NEWSLETTER: Dave H. Nothing to report.

OUTREACH: Barbara F.-K. Asked everyone to be sure to sign in when they attend the General Meeting. She asked the Santa Rosa Alano Club to have more representation at Intergroup. They currently only have one rep from the Women's meeting. The Petaluma Alano Club has increased their representation.

SEMINARS: Donna L. The September seminar is on 12th Stepping. She announced that the panel will include Horse-shoe Eddie, Dave F. and Cynthia B. One more speaker needs to be confirmed. Attendance was low at the July Seminar and she asked the reps to tell their groups not to be shy about attending even though the flyer says "get there early, space is limited and fills up".

TELESERVICE: Susy E. reported for **Dave R.** Teleservice meets the second Monday at 6 pm at the Bookstore. They have two shifts open, Monday evening from 5 to 10 pm and Thursday morning from 8 to 11. Contact numbers are in the Newsletter.

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INTERGROUP OFFICERS

CHAIR	Diane W.
VICE-CHAIR	Tim P.
SECRETARY	Nan B.
REGISTRAR	Susy E.
TREASURER	Larry O.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

SEMINARS	Donna L.
ACTIVITIES	Laurie E.
OUTREACH	Barbara F-K.
COMMUNICATIONS	Dave H.
ALCATHONS	Dale E.
TELESERVICE	Dave R.

AA TELESERVICE

PHONE LINE COORDINATOR	Dave R.
12 STEP COORDINATOR	Rich S.



AA HOTLINES

SANTA ROSA	707-544-1300
LONG DISTANCE	800-224-1300
PETALUMA	707-762-5122
SONOMA	707-938-2027
SPANISH	707-829-1272

Open Shifts:

Monday	5 – 10 PM
Wednesday	8 – 10 AM

My sponsor asked me recently how things were going with the PI/CPC committee these days. My response was, "Just fine thanks. We have a great group of people who are really involved and we seem to be doing well." The moment I said that my mind said, "Yeah, but you could be doing a whole lot more." Now, being the alcoholic that I am, I then proceeded to get down on myself with thoughts like, "What is wrong with you—you could do more" and, "I'm doing enough already... not my job—*so who's job is it?*"

The truth is that as energetic and enthusiastic as we on the committee are we are too few to accomplish all the tasks we have the potential to undertake. What we do, we do very well, but it seems that there are things left untouched or unfinished through no fault of anyone. We are already too busy with our current tasks and with life in general to do a whole lot more.

Bottom line, we could use some help at the committee level. We have a lot of fun at our business meetings, and with PI/CPC in general, otherwise we wouldn't be doing it. I really look forward to our meetings. Not only do I find it rewarding and fulfilling to my sobriety but it adds to my peace of mind in general. It is great way of giving a little back to the community that I used to run over or disregard. When I first got involved I had no idea what to expect or what to do—I was a little fearful. Sound familiar? Anyway, I'm learning as I go and that's best part—growth and fellowship. It is surprising what we can contribute when we get out of our own way.

So I invite anyone with some sobriety time and knowledge of the steps to join us. We have positions available in coordinating with Hospitality and Senior Centers, not to mention the help that our current coordinators would love to have. We have Media, Schools, and Judicial coordinators, to mention a few. Literature distribution needs some help, especially in the North County; I don't believe that this position has been filled in a while. We take schedules and literature to places like hospitals, jails, police stations, libraries and senior centers, etc. I had the privilege of doing just that in RP, Cotati, and Petaluma, and trust me, the information is moving and needs to be restocked on occasion. Hopefully, it is finding itself into the hands of someone who could use what we have found in AA.

The purpose of this committee to provide information about AA to the public and professional community who may be in touch with those who have not yet found a solution. Not only do we try to explain what AA is, but more

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SCIF General Meeting

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LIAISON REPORTS:

BRIDGING THE GAP: John B. BTG takes people from treatment centers to their first AA meeting. They need volunteers with six months of sobriety, a working knowledge of the steps, and a car. They meet the third Tuesday at the Bookstore at 7 pm. Last month they had 46 contacts, 18 local, 13 outside the district and 13 out of the area.

GENERAL SERVICE: Lauralyn C. The Summer Assembly 08/11/07 in Petaluma had a record 355 in attendance. There were many workshops to attend.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: Mark V. H&I meets the first Wed., Santa Rosa Senior Center. New rep orientation is at 5:30, the business meeting at 6 pm. The NCAA 60th Fall Conference is in Modesto October 5-7. See website at WWW.NCC-AA.Org.

PI/CPC: Nick R. Asked that the newsletter article on PI/CPC be shared with our groups. PI/CPC meets the 2nd Wed. at the Santa Rosa Senior Center at 7pm. They distribute AA literature to the general public in Hotels, Police Stations, Libraries, Senior Centers, Hospitals, etc. They need volunteers to speak in schools.

SOCYPAA: Sean M. The Bookstore has a supply of updated SOCYPAA meeting schedules. Sunday 09/09 there will be elections at 7:15, 1551 Montgomery Drive. The recent campout was a success. There is an upcoming Great America trip 09/16.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Proposed Policies and Procedures were published in the September Newsletter. Diane W. read them to the reps and answered questions. One member worried that establishing policies and procedures might make us too professional, and questioned if the Steering Committee acted

properly in bringing the issue to the Fellowship. Reps were asked to take the motion to their meetings and ask for comments about ratification of these policies and procedures. There will be a discussion next month on this and a vote to ratify in October.

Diane asked for volunteers for the September Inventory, 3 pm, 09/29. Sean agreed to send two volunteers, Rhea and Kay both agreed to send one each. Robbie and Jeff both volunteered. Pizza will be served to the volunteers after the inventory.

GROUP SHARING AND CONCERNS:

Nancy of Up the Steps commented that one of her constituents with 25 years of sobriety felt there was too much thanking going on in the Newsletter for service rendered. She felt service should not be thanked and if thanking goes on, someone will invariably be left off the thank list that should have been on.

A concerned member relayed that our court system is trying to mandate that people sent to AA through the courts are required to hold a service position and to write a report on the experience. Failure to do this will violate their probation. This issue will be referred to PI/CPC.

SUMMATION: Tim P. reviewed the meeting for the reps. Elvia P. volunteered to be the IG Liaison to Spanish Intergroup, IG collected more money last month than any previous month, the Bookstore needs someone to transfer taped speakers to CDs, Pirate Dance 09/29, Halloween Dance 10/26, looking for venue for Alkathons, review Policies and Procedures with your groups.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in Service,
Nan B.

Activities

Witch Laurie here! Heh, heh, heh, my little pretties... Show up for our annual Halloween meeting/dance/party or I'll turn you into a toad!

The Halloween Dance will be held at the Sebastopol Community center, 390 Morris, Sebastopol. The speaker meeting starts at 7:00 pm, the dance at 8:30 until 12:00. Then there will be a small gap in activities until Dec 31, when once again we will ring in the New Year together.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the activities that Sonoma County Intergroup has provided for the fellowship this year. This service has been great fun for me. I know Dale will need lot's of help with the upcoming Alcatons. Thanksgiving will be upon us before we know it!

There are many individuals who give of their time with the activities committee—in particular, there are two people who do all the shopping at Costco, load it in their autos, haul it home, make sure the food stays fresh, reload it the day of the activity, transport it to wherever the activity happens to be, unload it, cook it, pack it back up at the end of the activity (usually around midnight), haul it to the bookstore, unload...you see my point. There are those who set up chairs, decorate, tear down, clean up (usually after midnight). I want to thank all these people.

Finally, I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful fall weather! Fall is a glorious time of year in Sonoma County and we have so much to be grateful for. Let's appreciate each other, work together, and enjoy the equinox. I know I love my life...

In loving service,
Laurie E.

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importantly, what it is not. You never know who is listening, but you're right—we are not a cult. No, we do not keep roll nor do we make demands of any of our members except respect for others. We will keep the hand shake a secret for now. Just kidding. The business meeting is held on the 2nd Wed at Santa Rosa City Hall Employee Lounge, lower parking level at 7:30pm. Speaker training is at 7:00. Hope to see you soon. Thanks Sonoma County AA, keep up the good work.

Nick R

The Batman Writeth

September was a good month for SOCYPAA, we had our annual Marine World trip, but this year we moved it to Great America. I'm sure we had a great time (its a few days away from now as I write this).

SOCYPAA just had its elections and we still have positions available. If you want to get involved, then show up to our business meeting which is on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 7:15 PM, at 1551 Montgomery Street in Santa Rosa.

For those of you who haven't heard about SOCYPAA, it stands for Sonoma County Young People in AA. Its one of many YPAA's thorough out the country, and World. As a matter of fact early this month many of us attended ICYPAA which is the International convention that was held in LA this year. It was so much fun.

Some of you might be wondering why do we need young people's groups—isn't that kind of exclusive? No, its for the young and young at heart—anyone is welcome. But they YPAA's were created to make young people who come into sobriety feel welcome and like they have a place where they can relate, and to show them that you can have fun in sobriety.

We just got a new events planner, and I'm sure they will be coming up with many new fun things to attend.

If you want to get a gist of what the young people's meetings are like there are flyers that list the many meetings SOCYPAA has started. We have one on Monday in Petaluma, one on Thursday in Santa Rosa at 6 PM, my personal favorite in Sebastopol at 6:30 PM on Friday, one at 11:30 PM in Santa Rosa on Saturday night, and one at 6 PM on Sunday.

If you want to have fun in sobriety, or just go to some meetings where things are a little lighter and energetic, then check out some of the young people's groups, I think you'll like them. Even if you are a card carrying member of SOCOPAA (Sonoma County Old People in AA) I'm sure you'll enjoy it and feel welcome.

Till next month,
Take care,
Craig G. (Batman)

My Hotline Experience

Hello. My name is Robert H. This is my Teleservice experience.

I got a call from a guy looking for an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. He said he couldn't quit drinking alcohol, but he wanted to, and asked me how the program works. He said he was glad to talk to a volunteer instead of a machine.

It's a great way to do 12 step work from your phone at home. All you need is 6 months of sobriety and working knowledge of the 12 steps. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Robert H.

Access Sonoma County

November is coming! In AA, that means the first Alcaton, Gratitude Month and Inventory. Never participated in a group inventory? Here's how our pamphlet, *The AA Group*, introduces it: "Many groups periodically hold a 'group inventory meeting' to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles." A list of questions that might be used to stimulate discussion is then provided. Your group's GSR will have specific information and ideas to facilitate this process.

Access Sonoma County has been delighted to hear that some meetings have already done separate access inventories - looking at how furniture could be re-arranged, for example, to accommodate members in wheelchairs.

Make our day! Please share your experiences with access issues with ASC.

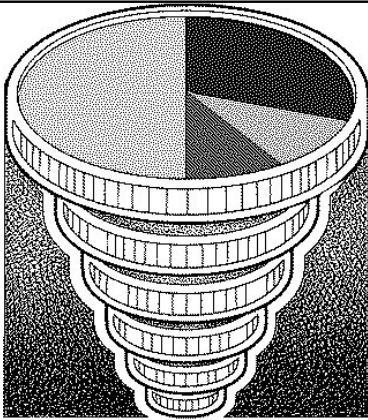
You can call Susan C. or talk to any member of our committee. ASC meets on the second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the SCIF Bookstore. All are welcome.

Susan C.

Happy Sober Halloween!



SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2006



Example of Suggested Group Contributions to AA Service Entities

- 50-70% to Intergroup
- 10-30% to Local General Service
- 10-20% to CNCA
- 10-20% to GSO New York

	August 2007			Previous	Year to Date			Previous
	Income	Expense	Net	Year Net	Income	Expense	Net	Year Net
Group Supported:								
Central Office								
Groups								
Individuals								
Teleservice								
Web Site								
Newsletter								
Interest								
<i>Subtotal</i>								
Self Supported:								
Bookstore								
Activities								
Alkathons								
Seminars								
<i>Subtotal</i>								
TOTAL								
Assets & Liabilities								
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash					Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash			
Prepaid Expenses					Prudent Reserve			
Liabilities					Liabilities			
Subtotal					Operating Reserve			
Literature Inventories								
Property								
Total Assets & Liabilities								

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Meetings	August	YTD	Meetings	August	YTD	Meetings	August	YTD
11th Step Meeting			Kenwood Group			Sonoma Valley Fellowship		
12 X 12 @ 12 Group			Kenwood Step Study			South Park Survivors		
12 X 12 Plus			Lunch Bunch Group			Spirit of Akron		
A Vision For You			Mature & Sober Group			Stein Group		
AA Cache Creek Group			Moment of Silence			Stepping Lively		
AA Check It Out Group			Monday Mood Swings			Stick Around, Santa Rosa		
AA of Sonoma, Friday Night Fellowship			Monday Night Alcoholics Only Step Study			Sunday Morning Smiles Group		
AA of Sonoma, Thursday 11th Step Group			Monte Rio Book Study			Sunday PM Closed Discussion Group		
AA of Sonoma, Tuesday Big Book Group			New Hope Book Study Group			Sunday Sanity		
Access Sonoma County			New Sobriety Group			T.G.I.F. Nooners		
Acres Fellowship Group			Not Just Another Newcomer's Meeting			Thank God It's Monday		
Alive & Well In Fulton			O God It's Monday			The Cross Roads Group		
Any Lengths Group			Oaks Fellowship			The Outsiders Group		
Attitude Adjustment Group			Occidental Tonight Group			The Saints and Sinners Group		
B.Y.O.B.B.			Open Door			The Sunday Night Group		
Be What You Want To See			Out of the Ashes Group			There Is A Solution		
Bodega Bay Fellowship			Petaluma Fellowship			Think About It Group		
Book & Discussion, Sonoma			Petaluma Thursday Night Real Life			Third Step Group		
Breakfast Club			Petaluma Valley Group			Thurs. Big Book Step Study		
Came to Believe Group			Prayer & Meditation, Sebastopol			Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion Group		
Cloverdale Fellowship Hall			Promises Group			Thurs. Night Women's AA		
Cotati Men's Stag			Quitting Time Group			Thurs. Real Life, Petaluma		
Defects & Shortcomings			Redwood Winners			Tuesday Afternoon Delight		
Early Bird Fellowship of Petaluma			River Discussion Group			Tues Night Big Book Study - Petaluma		
Expect A Miracle			River Grace			Tuesday Nite Beginners AA		
FAHA Home Group			Round Barn Big Book Study			Unity Day Committee		
Fourth Monday			Rule 62 River Readers			Up Group		
Fresh Air Group			Santa Rosa Fellowship			Up The Steps		
Friday Nooners of AA			Saturday Afternoon Winners			Warm Springs Fellowship Mt. Vista Farm		
Gay Newcomers Group			Saturday Morning Beginners			Wednesday Night Men's Stag		
Graton Fellowship			Saturday Night Living Right			Wednesday Wonders		
Gravenstien Gay Group			Saturday Serenity			We're In The Now		
Gualala Group			Sebastopol AA Noon Movement			Windsor Group		
Healdsburg Anonymity			Sebastopol Men's Stag			Women's Book Group		
Healdsburg Sunday Morning AA			Sebastopol Step Study Group			Women's Perspective AA Group		
Hessel Big Book Study Group			Serenity Fellowship Hall			Women's Step Study & Discussion Group		
H & I			Sharing & Caring			Women's Tuesday At Noon		
Higher Power Group			Signs of Sobriety			Working Winners		
Highlander Group			Single Purpose Group			Young & Sober		
Just For Today			Sober Sisters			Young & Young At Heart		
Keep It Simple			Sober Sunday Group			(group name not on check)		

Total

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS



"Now and then all of us fall under heavy criticism. When we are angered and hurt, it is difficult not to retaliate in kind. Yet we can restrain ourselves and then probe ourselves, asking whether our critics were really right. If so, we can admit our defects to them. This usually clears the air for mutual understanding.

"Suppose our critics are being unfair. Then we can try calm persuasion. If they continue to rant, it is still possible for us—in our hearts—to forgive them. Maybe a sense of humor can be our saving grace—thus we can both forgive and forget." [Bill W., Letter, 1966]

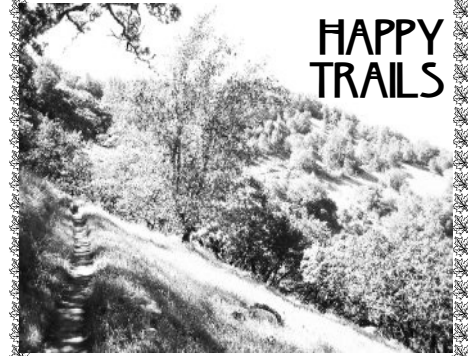
At the September 5 meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee, we welcomed new meeting reps Peter, on behalf of the St. James Group (Petaluma); Maggie, Wednesday Matinee (Santa Rosa); Robin, Tonight Group (Occidental); Tammy, Gabby Lunch Bunch; Debbie, Women's Perspective; Nicki, 12x12; Carrie, First Things First; Eric, Sonoma Friday Night; Peter, Fresh Air Group; Bob, Tea and Recovery; Kathleen, New Women in AA (Rohnert Park); Dale, Promises meeting; and Cindy, Graton Fellowship. A warm "hello" to our visitor, Carlos, as well!

Many Happy Returns of your sobriety birthday to-Braun; with 3 years; Mark, 6; Suzanne, 4; Mario, 10; Nicki, 3; Ryan, 5; Mary, 12; Jude, 15; John, 2; Terry, 3; and Drew, 9. (That's a total of 72 years of sobriety, folks!)

"SHOWCASE OF SERVICE"—that's the theme of Unity Day 2007. Come on over to the Carpenter's Hall at 1706 Corby Avenue on Saturday, November 10,

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HAPPY TRAILS



October 28 Happy Trails will be held in OLOMPALI State Park, just off the 101, south of Petaluma.

We'll meet at Starbucks in Rohnert Park again. How about 9am?

If it is raining, we'll figure something out...

See you soon!

Linda

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	2	3 Hospitals & Institutions S.R. Senior Center 5:30 New Rep Orientation 6:00 Business Meeting	4	5	6
7 SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg.	8 SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 7:00 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	9	10 PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Speaker Training 7:30 Business Meeting Newsletter 6:30 SCIF Bookstore	11 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Meeting	12	13
14	15	16 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:30 New Rep Orientation 7:00 Business Meeting	17	18	19	20
21 SOCYPAA 1551 Montgomery 7:15 Business Mtg	22 Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	23 General Service District 12 Officers Meeting 6:15 SCIF Bookstore	24	25	26	27 General Service Area 06 Committee Meeting 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
28 Happy Trails 9:00 AM Starbucks, Rohnert Park	29	30	31	SCIF Bookstore750 Mendocino Ave. Suite 10 Faith Lutheran Church.....4970 Newanga Ave. St. Luke Lutheran Church.....905 Mendocino Ave. S.R. Senior Center704 Bennett Valley Rd. S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge...First St. and Santa Rosa Ave.		

Proposed Policies and Procedures

Why We Need Them

The proposed SCIF Policies & Procedures have some people still wondering, "What's this all about?"

Partly, it's all about keeping us legal. Many of the policies listed are things that businesses are required by law to do. A few years back, our records report that we lost our insurance coverage (temporarily) because some report wasn't filed properly with the IRS. The Intergroup Central Service Committee had to scramble to get us a new insurance policy. So, it's helpful to have a list of things we need to do to comply with the law.

Some of the policies are just good business practice. Two signatures on checks, for instance. An annual review of books (internal audit) is another instance. Keeping good records of past decisions and actions.

But none of these policies is new. At one time or another, these were things that SCIF or its service committees routinely did. Over the years, these practices gradually slipped away as trusted servants rotated in and out of their positions. In the last few years, the only one that was consistently maintained was the two-signature check policy. One result is that this year, the ICSC had to do a lot of research and questioning to find documents, re-establish controls, and set new guidelines.

Having done that work, we would like to spare future oversight committees from having to do it again. So we are asking the Fellowship to make these "matters of record" - to re-establish our original practices.

It's all about keeping us safe, keeping us legal, and keeping us accountable.

Diane W.

What Is the ICSC?

The ICSC or Intergroup Central Service Committee was established to oversee the business affairs of the Central Office/Bookstore and offer suggestions to the Intergroup body.

This committee normally meets once a month. It consists of the Intergroup Chair, Treasurer, and 3 rotating members of our AA community. The requirements for this committee are business experience, working knowledge of the Steps and Traditions, and some years of sobriety. Come to the next Intergroup meeting on 10/22/2007 and I will be there to give a description and answer any questions you might have.

Gene H
ICSC member

Do We Need Them?

I have become concerned with recent developments in our ICSC committee and, to some degree, our SCIF steering committee. I have noticed a very strong push from some of the members on the ICSC committee to create and implement new policies and procedures that effect the bookstore operations, the bookstore manager, and the bookstore volunteer staff, in an increasingly strenuous, controlled and micro-managed environment.

I have had continuing involvement with our SCIF and book store for a good number of years now, and do not believe that book store operations are so broken that they need such major over-hauling as is being put forward to the groups. Why such a push to "fix what is not broken?"

It has often been noted that our greatest asset is our past. So that sends me looking into the written Archives and written experiences of our past. It is with good reason that our beloved AA fellowship makes a strong effort to operate with the least possible organization possible. Our written history bears this out. Rule 62 and how it came about is a great example.

Yes, I understand and agree that from time to time a little "tweaking" here and there is a good and welcome thing. Our own continuing inventory work bears this out. And some of the items put fourth by the ICSC committee have merit. Many do not.

It has been my concern that, among other considerations, we do not end up creating an environment that becomes uncomfortable and unfulfilling to serve in; that we do not get so caught up in rules and regulations that our real purpose—that of carrying the message to our less fortunate brothers and sisters—becomes overshadowed by other issues.

Just for the record, the ICSC committee is for all practical purposes a "Standing Committee" of the SCIF and therefore directly responsible to the Steering Committee and the AA groups in Sonoma County, and not the other way around.

The ICSC membership is made up of five people. these are; two members from the steering committee, the SCIF Chairperson and the SCIF Treasurer and three members at large elected from the general membership at our monthly general meeting on a rotating bases which is one member rotating out with one new member rotating in every four months and serve's a term of one year. Of which the senior at large member is the Chair Person of the ICSC committee.

In Love and Service to AA and the still suffering Alcoholic.

Larry C.

H&I Report *(Continued from page 6)*

beginning at 9:00 a.m. You will enjoy great panels on AA service, a special speaker, a delicious lunch, an outstanding sobriety skit—and more! Check elsewhere in this newsletter for more details (or ask your H&I meeting rep).

Think service in H&I might be for you? Why not come to a meeting and find out? All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Senior

Center located at the corner of Bennett Valley Road and Rutledge Avenue (one block east of Santa Rosa Avenue). You are also invited to attend the brief orientation that begins at 5:30. Come on down and bring a sponsee, sponsor or other friend!

In service,
Mardi

NEW MEETINGS

Santa Rosa

M-F 10:00 AM (O)(W) Mid Morning Check In
Alano Club,
465 Kenwood Ct.

Wed 6:00 PM (O)(W) Reading Skills in Sobriety
Alano Club,
465 Kenwood Ct.

Wed 10:00 PM (O)(W) Midweek Insomniac
Alano Club,
465 Kenwood Ct.

MEETING CHANGES

Petaluma

Mon 7:30 PM Nueva Esperanza (Spanish)
Wed 7:30 PM Now meeting Mon - Fri 7:00 PM
Fri 7:30 PM at 1802 Bodega Ave
Sun 4:00 PM Women's Meeting
New name: Women in the Solution
Now a closed meeting.

Rohnert Park

Sat 11:00 AM Just For Today
Moved to: Ladybug Park Clubhouse,
Liman Way

Santa Rosa

Fri 8:00 PM Traditions Group
New time: 7:30 PM

NO LONGER MEETING

Healdsburg

Tues 8:00 PM 4 in 1 Meeting

Petaluma

Sun 7:00 PM Sunday Night Live

MEETING CODES

- (C) Closed meeting, alcoholics only.
(O) Open meeting, anyone can attend.
(W) Wheel chair access to meeting area.

*To report meeting changes:
Contact Russell*

Gloria's Corner

Current openings:
Every other Tuesday, 10 AM - 2 PM.

We still need help making CD's from speaker
tapes.



Thanks,
Gloria

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Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 4th
Thanksgiving	November 23rd
Christmas	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st

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