



# sonoma county Intergroup Fellowship

# NEWS

# September 2009

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## Talent Show September 11

Santa Rosa Vets Memorial  
1351 Maple Ave. - 5 pm

Soft Drinks and Snacks will be sold, donations taken at the door

**We need volunteers to help!**

*If you missed the auditions call Wynny B. 206-9030*

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# UNITY DAY 2009

**October 17, 2009  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Sebastopol Vets Building  
282 High Street  
(south of Bodega Ave)**

**Volunteers needed**

**John F. 322-5223**

[unityday@sonomacountyaa.org](mailto:unityday@sonomacountyaa.org)

**\$5 donation requested**

### SEMINAR



Our August seminar on the Ninth Step was great! Attendance was over 30 people and the three speakers delivered good messages. Our host, the Santa Rosa Alano Club, did a great job and the facility worked out well. Our next seminar is at the bookstore.

**Tradition 12  
Understanding Anonymity**

**Wednesday, September 30.**

**6:30 - 8 pm**

SCIF Central Office

750 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa

Doug S. 477-6231

### BOOKSTORE

#### SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Manager: Linda M.

Phone: (707) 546-2066

Fax: (707) 566-9677

[bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org](mailto:bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org)

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

**The bookstore is staffed by volunteers.  
Occasionally it is closed  
for lack of staff.  
Call first!**

**The Bookstore is closed  
on these Holidays**

Memorial Day	May 25th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 7th
Thanksgiving	November 26th
Christmas	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st

## MEETING CHANGES

### *Petaluma*

#### **Alano Club**

All meetings moving to new location at 1050 Petaluma Blvd. N. (Next to Lucky)

#### **Petaluma Fellowship Birthday Meeting**

(last Tuesday of month)

Tuesday 7:30 pm

Moved to Alano Club

## NO LONGER MEETING

### *Santa Rosa*

#### **Manic Monday**

Monday 6:30 pm

#### **Midweek Madness**

Wednesday 6:30 pm

*To report meeting changes  
contact Russell  
570-9268*

## NOTES FROM THE BOOKSTORE

I am constantly reminded that the Central Office and Bookstore would not have a chance of being effective without the help of many hands. My thanks go out to Lori L., Patty G., and Steve B. for coming in on the Sunday morning, August 2, to change the labels on our AAWS publications before the August 3 price changes went into effect. As the saying goes "many hands make light work".

We will have a volunteer staff opening beginning Friday September 11th. After being trained this afternoon volunteer will be responsible for the Bookstore between the hours of 2pm and 6pm and will be required to make sales, answer phones, complete occasional small projects and perform the store closing procedure. Bookstore volunteers are required to have a minimum of 1 year sobriety and a working knowledge of the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions. To apply for this volunteer opening please drop by for an application, or for more information call Linda at 546-2066.

In service,  
Linda M.

## THE ORIGIN OF OUR SERENITY PRAYER

As published in August/September 1992 BOX-459  
(Reprinted with permission)

For many years, long after the Serenity Prayer became attached to the very fabric of the Fellowship's life and thought, its exact origin, its actual author, have played a tantalizing game of hide and seek with researchers, both in and out of A.A. The facts of how it came to be used by A.A. a half century ago are much easier to pinpoint.

Early in 1942, writes Bill W., in A.A. Comes of Age, a New York member, Jack, brought to everyone's attention a caption in a routine New York Herald Tribune obituary that read:

*"God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,  
courage to change the things we can,  
and wisdom to know the difference."*

Everyone in A.A.'s burgeoning office on Manhattan's Vesey Street was struck by the power and wisdom contained in the prayer's thoughts. "Never had we seen so much A.A. in so few words," Bill writes. Someone suggested that the prayer be printed on a small, wallet-sized card, to be included in every piece of outgoing mail. Ruth Hock, the Fellowship's first (and nonalcoholic) secretary, contacted Henry S., a Washington D.C. member, and a professional printer, asking him what it would cost to order a bulk printing.

Henry's enthusiastic response was to print 500 copies of the prayer, with the remark: "Incidentally, I am only a heel when I'm drunk . . . so naturally, there could be no charge for anything of this nature."

"With amazing speed," writes Bill, "the Serenity Prayer came into general use and took its place alongside our two other favorites, the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of St. Francis.

Thus did the "accidental" noticing of an unattributed prayer, printed alongside a simple obituary of an unknown individual, open the way toward the prayer's daily use by thousands upon thousands of A.A.s worldwide.

But despite years of research by numerous individuals, the exact origin of the prayer is shrouded in overlays of history, even mystery. Moreover, every time a researcher appears to uncover the definitive source, another one crops up to refute the former's claim, at the same time that it raises new, intriguing facts. What is undisputed is the claim of authorship by the theologian Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, who recounted to interviewers on several occasions that he had written the prayer as a "tag line" to a sermon he had delivered on Practical Christianity. Yet even Dr. Niebuhr added at least a touch of doubt to his claim, when he told one interviewer, "Of course, it may have been spooking around for years, even centuries, but I don't think so. I honestly do believe that I wrote it myself."

Early in World War II, with Dr. Niebuhr's permission, the prayer was printed on cards and distributed to the troops by the U.S.O. By then it had also been reprinted by the National Council of Churches, as well as Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dr. Niebuhr was quite accurate in suggesting that the prayer may have been "spooking around" for centuries. "No one can tell for sure who first wrote the Serenity Prayer," writes Bill in A.A. Comes of Age. "Some say it came from the early Greeks; others think it was from the pen of an anonymous English poet; still others claim it was written by an American Naval officer. . . ." Other attributions have gone as far afield as ancient Sanskrit texts, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and Spinoza. One A.A. member came across the Roman philosopher Cicero's Six Mistakes of Man, one of which reads: "The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected."

No one has actually found the prayer's text among the writings of these alleged, original sources. What are probably truly ancient, as with the above quote from Cicero, are the prayer's themes of acceptance, courage to change what can be changed and the free letting go of what is out of one's ability to change.

The rest of the article is available online at [www.aahistory.com/prayer.html](http://www.aahistory.com/prayer.html)

## SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

GENERAL MEETING – July 27, 2009

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer

PREAMBLE: Karen M. TRADITION 7: Laurie E. CONCEPT VII: Rich S.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

Amber M.	Drop the Rock	Cotati
Eddie S.	Sober Sunday	Santa Rosa
Joan D.	Growing Pains	Santa Rosa
Josh M.	Promises Group	Sebastopol
Karen M.	Traditions Group	Santa Rosa
Kristen C.	Thank God It's Friday	Petaluma
Kristen C.	Thursday Book Study	Cotati
Lois M.	Not Just Another Newcomer.	Cotati
Rauchelle M.	First Things First	Santa Rosa
Roger H.	Just for Today	Cotati
Shastl A.	Big Book Review	Santa Rosa
Stuart D.	Midweek Insomniac	Santa Rosa
Suzanne R.	Discussion Meeting	Cotati

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**CHAIR:** Bob P. – Welcome to new reps. Thank you to Donna L. for her service to SCIF.

**VICE CHAIR:** Sean M. – Welcome new reps. Contact Sean if you have questions.

**TREASURER:** Pat H. – June contributions were \$3820. Bookstore income exceeded expenses by \$357 for June. Group-supported expenses showed a loss of \$148. The month as a whole netted \$209.

**SECRETARY:** Vacant (Donna L. filled in) The June SCIF General Meeting minutes published in the August newsletter were approved without changes.

**REGISTRAR:** Donna L. – In June, there were 372 AA meetings / week in Sonoma County. Of those, 155 (42%) were represented at the June SCIF General Meeting.

**BOOKSTORE:** Linda M. – Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with bookstore inventory on 6/30. It went very well. Price increases for AA World Service publications are effective 8/3. All shifts are full.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ICSC:** Gene H. – The bookstore is looking into a new copier maintenance agreement.

**ACTIVITIES:** Wynny B. – Picnic went well. There were lots of people at the Talent Show auditions...it will be a great event. Talent Show takes place on 9/11 (flyers available).

**ALKATHONS:** Siobhan S. – Thank you to reps for making announcement at meetings re: need for alcathon venue. A decision on a venue will take place at the 8/10 SCIF Steering Committee meeting. Talk to your groups about sponsoring a meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER:** Brian Z. – The webmaster has only received two comments re: new website. Both comments were positive. Take a look at the website at [www.sonoma-countyaa.org](http://www.sonoma-countyaa.org) and give the webmaster some feedback.

**OUTREACH:** Mike C. – We need more meetings represented at Intergroup. Mike needs help attending unrepresented meetings and talking up Intergroup. He also would like to know who the Registrar was for Unity Day 2008.

**SEMINARS:** Doug S. – The 9th Step Seminar will be held on July 29 at the Alano Club. Seminar attendees will choose the topic for the following seminar.

**TELESERVICE:** Berrine D. – There is an open shift on Saturday overnight: 10pm – 8am. Berrine shared a story about a con artist using Teleservice to scam money, hotel room, etc. from those doing 12th-step calls. Beware of this type of scam. Teleservice does not give money or pay for rooms, meals, etc.

**UNITY DAY:** David O. – (absent) Bob P. reported that Unity Day planning meetings take place the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the bookstore. Volunteers are needed to help plan this important event.

### LIAISON REPORTS:

**BRIDGING THE GAP:** Joe M. (absent – Tom filled in) BTG arranges for AA members to take individuals newly released from jail, rehab, etc. to their first AA meeting. Volunteers do not need to commit to being their sponsor, giving them rides, etc. unless they want to. BTG has a big need for volunteers in the West County area.

**HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE:** Will S. – H & I business meeting info in newsletter. They need new speakers – you only need 6 months of sobriety to speak in many facilities. To speak in locked facilities, you need 2+ years of sobriety.

**PI/CPC:** Nick R. – Read article on PI/CPC on page 4 of the August newsletter. They are focusing efforts to reach out to the senior community. They take meetings and schedules around the county. They need more volunteers. The commitment is low-key and doesn't require a lot of time.

**SOCYPAA:** Matt C. – The 6th annual campout is Aug. 7-9 at Bull Frog Pond in Austin Creek State Park. Cost is \$20.

**ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY:** Margie A. – (absent)

**GENERAL SERVICE:** Annie T. – The Summer Assembly is August 8 in Fortuna. All are invited to attend. Some folks are camping nearby. GS is thrilled to be a part of the new [sonomacountyaa.org](http://sonomacountyaa.org) website. Talk to your group if there is no GS Rep. Commitment requires 2 years of sobriety and 2 years of service. Read Steve's article on GS in the August newsletter.

**SPANISH INTERGROUP:** Shaline E. – The hotline for the Spanish Central Office is getting a lot of English-speaking callers. Those calls are being referred to our Teleservice hotline number.

### NEW BUSINESS

**ELECTION – RECORDING SECRETARY:** Karen M. was elected as Recording Secretary for the remainder of the term.

### OLD BUSINESS

**ELECTION OF ICSC COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Laurie E. was elected to the ICSC Committee.

### GROUP REPRESENTATIVES' SHARING:

- Jeremy N. discussed how he got scammed by a man who called Teleservice for help.

- Mike asked a question about the venues that are being considered for the alcathons. Siobhan said we were considering the Alano Club, along with various churches. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully in Service, Donna L.

## TELESERVICE

*"Hello, can you hear me? Please someone help me, I feel so alone and scared."*

With the arms of my older sister (20yrs.in AA) and the Hotline (707) 544-1300, I was not alone anymore. The fear and loneliness was being lifted.

My sister went with me to my first meeting, she went back home to Arizona, knowing I was in good hands with "God & AA". Without the help of the Hotline who knows where I would be. The voice I heard was soft & kind, made me feel at ease. The Hotline directed me to my first meeting. I am happy to say that I have been going to meetings ever since. I now have some time under my belt; I owe it to that first phone call to the Hotline. In a way I felt like I found home! One thing I got as time passed was peace of mind.

I now work the Hotline & I love it! It feels good to help others and hope you led them in the right direction.

Being of service in AA is very gratifying. There are many different ways to help others. I am always here to offer you what was offered to me:

**A BIG WELCOME HUG!! ..and...**

**MY NAME: MARYLOUISE**

**THANK YOU!**

*"This above all: to thine own self be true."*

*– Hamlet, Act I, Scene iii, Wm. Shakespeare*

## PI/CPC

"Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media" – AA Guidelines for Public Information from GSO, New York.

Presently, the Sonoma County PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee is focusing on outreach to seniors and the media, as well as mapping our strategy for providing information to county schools.

As stated in the GSO Anonymity Letter to the Media, "From the beginning of AA in 1935, we have recognized that word-of-mouth is not sufficient by itself to carry the program of hope and recovery to the many people still suffering from alcoholism."

The PI/CPC committee adheres to the standards established by GSO. They are time-tested and cover all the bases. This keeps things simple – we don't need to try and re-invent the wheel! For this reason, I contacted the General Service Office in New York City to ask a question about public service announcements. While on hold for a very brief time on a Monday morning due to a busy switchboard, I had a sense of intense gratitude to be "part of" over 2 million sober members of AA in over 180 countries.

Sonoma County PI/CPC meets at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sonoma City Hall Employees' Lounge. Hope to see you there sometime!

Nancy N.

## ALKATHONS 2009

**Yes, we have found a location!** The 2009 Alkathons will be held at the Community of Christ Church at 1495 W. Steele Lane (at Range). The dates for the Alkathons are as follows:

**Thanksgiving** starts Wed., Nov. 25th at 6pm and ends Thu., Nov. 26th (Thanksgiving Day) at Midnight (last meeting starts at 10pm).

**Christmas** starts Thu., Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve) at 6pm and ends Fri., Dec. 25th (Christmas Day) at Midnight (last meeting at 10pm).

**New Year's** starts Thu., Dec. 31st (New Years Eve) at 6pm and ends Fri., Jan 1st, 2010 at Midnight (last meeting at 10pm).

**If your group would like to sponsor a meeting at the Alkathons, NOW is the time to sign up!!** If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Alkathons, **NOW** is the time to sign up!! If you have no idea what an Alkathon is, or why we have them, **NOW** is the time to ask...

**Contact Siobhan**, (2009 Alkathon Chair), at: (707)477-2784 or email at [alkathons@sonomacountyaa.org](mailto:alkathons@sonomacountyaa.org)

## BRIDGING THE GAP

Bridging The Gap (BTG) is a subcommittee of General Service whose purpose is to "bridge the gap" for people in prisons, hospitals and treatment facilities and the first AA meetings they attend upon release. We match interested people with AA members of the same sex, roughly the same age and in the same neighborhood, to take them to their first AA meeting upon release.

At our last meeting, Pete related a good BTG experience about someone who called him directly, who had recently left a treatment center and needed to go to a meeting; He took him to a meeting that night and then the guy called again the next night to go to another meeting! The guy called a third time to thank him for his help.

Also at our last meeting, Gretchen related an experience she had while making a BTG presentation at Azure Acres. There was a resident who was to be released the next day back to her home in San Francisco and was looking for a volunteer in SF to take her to her first meeting. At Gretchen's Sunday morning home group, she had come to know Barbara from SF who comes up to Healdsburg frequently and regularly attends the Sunday morning There is A Solution group. Gretchen called Barbara and hooked her up with the info on the lady; and Barbara was able to "bridge the gap" with this lady the day she arrived back in SF

BTG needs volunteers in all areas, but mostly Petaluma, East County, West County and the Windsor-Healdsburg areas. Our Committee is looking at ways to improve communication regarding our services to volunteers and the AA community in general, and would welcome your input at our monthly meeting. We are also in need of enthusiastic and committed members who can take on several open committee positions including recording secretary and female volunteer phone coordinator. Our monthly meeting is held on the third Tuesday of the month at the SCIF bookstore located at 750 Mendocino Avenue. New volunteer orientation is at 6pm and our regular business meeting follows at 6:30pm. All are welcome at both meetings. The only requirement is that you bring a fun attitude and a desire to help a still-suffering alcoholic.

Glen C.

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## HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

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“[The organization of the Hospital and Institution Committee gave] a foundation to permit the committee to continue ad infinitum. Members come and go, but the committee continues. Also, the problems which may arise at the facilities are resolved within the framework of the committee. The facility administrators have one focal point to turn to such cases rather than seeking individuals unable to speak for any or all problems. In turn, committee members may seek assistance and advice for problems encountered in their particular facility, with the knowledge that the committee experience will have faced and solved just such problems in the past. Thus, no one is entirely alone in the overall effort to serve.” [From A Brief History of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee]

Joining the effort to serve the H&I Committee are new meeting reps Angie, representing the There is a Solution group; James, Out of the Ashes; Stacy, Women’s Step Study & Discussion; Janice, Women in the Solution; Jesse, Round Barn Big Book; John, Best Darn Meeting Ever; Craig, Oldtimers and Newcomers; Teresa, Women’s Lunch Bunch; Kevin, Serenity Fellowship; Peggy, Saturday Serenity (Petaluma); John, Redwood Winners; Glen, Chopsticks; Pete, Single Purpose; and Sean, SOCYPAA.

The sobriety count-up continues: In August, there were over 76 years being celebrated, plus 15 years left over from July. Keep coming back!

Want to be part of continuing the work of the committee? Join us on Wednesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. for the next meeting. The location is the Community of Christ Church, 1495 W. Steele Lane, at the corner at Range Avenue (parking is off of Range, behind the church). The orientation, which is open to all, begins at 5:30 pm.

In service,  
Mardi

*“Selfishness—self-centeredness!  
That, we think, is the root of our troubles.”  
— Alcoholics Anonymous, p.62*

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## SOCYPAA

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Well it’s September and you know what that means?...International Talk Like A Pirate Day(ITLAPD)! How could you have forgotten? All your fond childhood memories, all the Pirate treasure you used to dig up in your back yard. Your Mom and Dad talking like Pirates as they drove you to school....

So, to tell you about SOCYPAA, (SONoma County Young People in AA) and in honor of ITLAPD, I’m going to do the rest of the article in Pirate talk.

SOCYPAA has some great events comin’ up that be still in t’ plan-nin’ stages. Next month we have our annual Children o’ t’ Corn Maze night at t’ Petaluma Corn Maze off o’ Hwy 101, more details next month. I also heard a rumor that we might be havin’ a Winter Wonderland dance in December. SOCYPAA be for t’ young and young at heart, and if you want t’ get involved, come t’ our business meetin’s t’ 1st and 3rd Sunday o’ t’ month, starboard after t’ “Young and Sober” meetin’ at 1551 Montgomery Drive, in Santa Rosa at 7:15 PM.

On a serious note, there is one final thing to remember. I have heard a lot of people generalize that all young people in AA are SOCYPAA people. THIS IS JUST NOT SO!!! It would be like everyone judging Intergroup just because a group of Alcoholics was doing something distasteful. Not all people in AA are in Intergroup. I keep hearing that people think SOCYPAA is this, or SOCYPAA is that, based on the actions of young people in AA. But the young people in AA are not all in SOCYPAA. If we could attract them all in SOCYPAA that would be a great thing. We strive to live up to the image of AA, and the 12 Traditions in our lifestyle, meetings and events. I would hope that all the SOCYPAA members would remember that they are the face of AA, and of SOCYPAA when they are in meetings and events, and of course not everyone can be perfect. But please judge each person on their own merits rather than pidgin holing them in SOCYPAA or that SOCYPAA is the reason that person is misbehaving.

Ok, enough serious talk. Happy ITLAPD!! Be aye t’ talk like a Pirate on September 19th. If you need some help just do a Google search for Talk Like A Pirate Day and you be aye t’ find tons o’ sites dedicated t’ teachin’ you some great Pirate talk. Till next Month.... ARGGGGGG! “

Craig G. (Batman) SOCYPAA’s Graphics Chair

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## GENERAL SERVICE – “IN SERVICE”

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Hello Fellowship,

Here we all are at the latter part of our summer period. Right around the corner is fall, and here in General Service, we will be gearing up for our Area 06, Fall Inventory Assembly. Your meetings GSR’s are putting together questions for their Sub-District meetings’ inventories. The Sub-district meetings are also putting together questions for their District Inventories as well as inventory questions for the Area Inventory. Much in the way we all, when going through the 12 Steps, made a Searching and Fearless Moral Inventory our Service bodies also must make an effort to do the same. The goal of General Service is to reach the still-suffering alcoholic. This is done through the GSR receiving information at General Service and then carrying this information back to the group. Investigation needs to be done at Sub-district, District and Area levels so that we stay healthy, strong and committed to all in this wonderful fellowship. Your meetings’ GSR’s will be bringing this same process, an Inventory, to the meeting level. When this comes around, be there for your meeting. Support your GSR’s. Become “a part of”. Then feel the WOW!

In Service, Steve de J.

## Upcoming Events

# Halloween Dance & Meeting



**Friday, October 30th**  
6:30pm - 10:00pm

**Sebastopol Community Center**  
390 Morris Street, Sebastopol

**\$10 Donation at the Door**

**Speaker meeting with**  
**Jan W. from San Francisco**

**Sobriety Countdown**  
**Music with DJ Batman**

We will be having a countdown with a prize for the newest newcomer during the meeting.

**Costume contest...**

**Best, funniest & most original!**

There will be soft drinks and various snacks for sale.

**Volunteers needed...contact:**  
**Wynny (707) 206-9030**

### SOCYPAA

**Kick Ball / Barbecue**  
**Sunday, September 20th 2009**

Southwest Community Park  
1698 Hearn Avenue

Starts at 12:00 PM - Food at 1:00 PM  
Meeting at 2:00 PM

Kickball starts at 3:00 PM  
\$6.00 for food and kickball

### PETALUMA UNITY DAY

**Saturday**

**September 19, 2009**

**Penngrove Park, 11800**

**Main St., Penngrove**

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Laura E. - 463-6385**



### HAPPY TRAILS

Happy Trails will meet on August 30th and go hiking across the Golden Gate Bridge. We meet at 10 am in the Santa Rosa Mall parking lot across the street from the old Traverso's Market

Hope to see you there, Lloyd 707-585-3938



# SEPTEMBER • 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Hospital & Institution Community of Christ Church 5:30 New Rep Orientation 6:00 Business Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> SOCYPAA 1st United Methodist 7:15 Business Mtg	<b>7</b> Bookstore Closed General Service Faith Lutheran Church 6:45 Service Manual Study 6:45 New Rep Orientation 7:30 Business Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> PI/CPC- S.R. City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business Unity Day Planning 7:00 Committee Meeting SCIF Bookstore	<b>10</b> Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:30 Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 7:00 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> October Newsletter Deadline	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> SOCYPAA 1st United Methodist 7:15 Business Mtg	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	<b>23</b> Unity Day Planning 7:00 Committee Meeting SCIF Bookstore	<b>24</b> Communications (Newsletter) SCIF Bookstore 6:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> General Service Area 06 Committee 320 N. McDowell Blvd Petaluma
<b>27</b> HAPPY TRAILS Santa Rosa Mall 10 am	<b>28</b> Intergroup St. Luke Lutheran Church 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	1st United Methodist Church Faith Lutheran Church St. Luke Lutheran Church Community of Christ Church S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge SCIF Bookstore	1551 Montgomery, Santa Rosa 4930 Newanga Ave., Santa Rosa 905 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa 1495 W. Steele Lane, Santa Rosa First St. & Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa 750 Mendocino Ave, Suite 10, Santa Rosa	

# SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY JULY 2009



### 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

	July 2009			July 2008		Year to Date		2009		2008	
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Net	Net	
<b>Group Supported:</b>											
Central Office											
Groups											
Individuals											
Teleservice											
Web Site											
Newsletter											
ASL Interpreter											
Interest											
<i>Subtotal</i>											
<b>Self Supported:</b>											
Bookstore											
Activities											
Alkathons											
Seminars											
Unity Day											
<i>Subtotal</i>											
<b>TOTAL</b>											

Assets & Liabilities	
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	
Prepaid Expenses	
Liabilities	
Subtotal	
Bookstore Inventory	
Property	
Total Assets & Liabilities	

Memo:	
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	
Prudent Reserve	
Liabilities	
ASL Reserve	
Literature Reserve	
Operating Reserve	

*"If you want to change who you are, change what you do."*  
— AA slogan

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Meetings July 2009 YTD

11th Step Meeting  
 12 X 12 @ 12 Group  
 12 X 12 Plus Step  
 A Vision For You  
 AA of Sonoma, Fri. Night Fellowship  
 AA of Sonoma, Thu. 11th Step Group  
 AA of Sonoma, Tue. Big Book Group  
 Access Sonoma County  
 Acres Fellowship Group  
 Alive & Well In Fulton  
 Any Lengths Group  
 Attitude Adjustment Group  
 B.Y.O.B.B.  
 Be What You Want To See  
 Big Book Review  
 Book & Discussion, Sonoma  
 Breakfast Club  
 Brodz Nite Out  
 By The Book Group  
 Came to Believe Group  
 Cazadero Group  
 Cloverdale Fellowship Hall  
 Defects & Shortcomings  
 Drop The Rock  
 Early Bird Fellowship of Petaluma  
 Expect A Miracle  
 FAHA Home Group  
 Friday Lets Discuss It Group  
 Gay Newcomers Group  
 Good Neighbors, Geyserville  
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 Just For Today  
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