



Sonoma County
**Intergroup
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NEWS

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Bookstore

SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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Summer Hours

Monday-Friday 10-6

Saturday 11-3

The bookstore is staffed by volunteers.

Occasionally it is closed due to lack of staff - Call first!

**The Bookstore is closed
on Labor Day, September 1.**

A.A. Hotlines

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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship presents

“OUR EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US”

A Powerful and Entertaining Play about the Adoption of Our Twelve Traditions



A Two-Act Play for One Night Only in Sonoma County

**Sunday September 28, 2014
at the Glaser Center**

547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

A.A. Meeting 5:00pm

Play 7:00pm

\$15 Donation in advance; \$20 at door

Tickets online at Brown Bag Tickets

<http://brownpapertickets.com/event/784316>

Food and Drink for Sale at Event

**Info: Lori S. (707) 529-9664 seminars@sonomacountyaa.org
or Monica B. (702) 688-1576**

***...implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no
circumstances could we endorse any related
enterprise no matter how good.***

Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions page 157

Step Nine

As so often with this program, I began to think about Step Nine as soon as I got seriously into the steps, working with my sponsor and going to meetings almost daily. It gave me the same kind of dull, aching headache that Four had, before further and well-supported investigation. In fact, Step Nine has resulted in great relief and much joy.

I love that this work on making amends started in Step Eight, where I was able to “become ready.” So much of my learning in A.A. has developed through my willingness, my being open to something new and having a chance to take that in, let it develop inside me and then taking the action required: making the sincere attempt.

Much of my Ninth Step has been dicey – a lot of the people on my list are gone, have died or have disappeared from my life. I’ve learned about making Living Amends, where I act in a way that acknowledges, honors the memory of someone. I’ve learned that when I behave in a better way, think about the person I’ve harmed with my old ways and do the best I can to do things better, I clear the spiritual slate and can feel a real and loving connection, even with someone long gone. This, along with writing or even speaking my amends to someone not immediately in front of me, has been enormously healing and surprisingly pleasing. I include my father, my mother, and a partner of many years ago who took his own otherwise physically healthy young life – most likely because he was an alcoholic, long before I knew or understood anything about this disease.

And then there was my older brother, with whom I’d been on very tense terms for nearly 40 years. One day during a phone call I asked if he has an extra minute, to which he replied “sure.” I told him that I’d come to realize that I’d been really very and unnecessarily hard on him, for years, that I now knew I didn’t need to do that and that I was truly sorry for any pain and discomfort I’d caused him. There was a pause, and then my sixty-something brother sobbed deeply. There was another moment of silence – and then we were done. I told him that I loved him. He told me that he loved me too.

After 40 years I have my brother back. It’s an imperfect, human relationship, but my gratitude is unbounded.

This is a wonderful, powerful step, from which I continue to learn and receive surprising, enlightening and restorative gifts. I now cannot imagine my life without it and the other blessings of A.A.

Told by Clark W., Sonoma County

The Ninth Step is an amazing process, one that continues throughout my journey in sobriety. It brought me much freedom and relief and opened my heart and mind to degrees I could never imagined.

I have completed many Ninth step amends, but have always started with the required work of Steps Four to Eight. The Fourth step inventory allows me to clearly see my part, where I have been wrong. How my instincts out of balance (my perceptions, my words, my actions and behaviors) have harmed others. Only after I have willingness to set right my wrongs, without implicating the actions of others, can I make my amends.

My first Eighth Step list was lengthy with friends, family, employers, exes, business establishments, the IRS, and even total strangers. The names stared up at me from the page with seemingly impossible expectation. But I knew that in order to stay on my path of recovery I would need to face my past, let go of my fear and my pride and take full responsibility for my actions. To be accountable

and not blame others for my life condition was completely foreign to me. Up until then, I understood myself to be the Victim: not how I see myself at all today.

My first sponsor pointed out that I did not have to make all these amends at once; that I could approach them one at a time, starting with the ones that did not seem so difficult. That was a good plan, as the easier ones gave me practice and confidence to move onto the more challenging ones. I relied heavily on the guidance of my sponsor and reaching out to my Higher Power, asking for courage and the ability to approach each amends with dignity and grace.

My Higher Power has often revealed Itself to me when working the Ninth Step through synchronicity. People I have not seen for decades, suddenly appear in the strangest of ways usually after a couple of “road signs” reminding me of them.

Even the most awkward of these encounters is softened by the pure intention of this Step, creating an atmosphere of light and goodness that is difficult for me to describe. A sense of true freedom and purpose combined with a deeper understanding of my connection with Life and with Spirit often followed making amends and lingers to this day. It transformed how I treat others, how I see others and myself. And best of all, I’m still standing, here, sober.

Told by Jude, Sonoma County

**S.C. Meeting Directory is online:
www.sonomacountyaa.org. Bookmark it.**

New Meeting

Jenner

Saturday 4 p.m. Grain of Sand, open meeting, format to be determined, Jenner Community Center, behind the gas station.

Meeting Changes

Santa Rosa

The Serenity Fellowship on Airway Dr. is moving to a new location. The Fellowship is still considering their choices, but they will discontinue meeting on Airway Dr. after July 29, 2014.

Guerneville

Saturday Night meeting, 8 p.m. Has a new address: 16290 4th Street, Herbert Hall.

No Longer Meeting

Bodega

Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Meeting at the Ranch.

**To report meeting changes, send email to:
meetingchanges@sonomacountyaa.org
or Contact SCIF Office at 546-2066**

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship General Meeting

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

July 28, 2014

The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Readings: Mario read the Preamble; Dan read Tradition Seven; Jeff read Concept VI. New Representatives: LouAnn S., Check it Out Group; Lilah O., First Things First; Manuel A. H.O.W.; Edie M., S.F. Hall; Alex C., Keep It Simple; Darren G., Midweek Madness; Bob C., A Vision for You.

Birthdays: Mike, 1 year; Jeff, 9 years; Linda, 17 years.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: (Patty G.) Things are going well. Many preparations going on for Traditions play; Alkathons and Seminars.

Vice Chair: (Holly H.) Those new reps that did not attend the orientation tonight should arrive by 7:30 p.m. next month to attend the orientation. Include phone number and email when signing in.

Secretary: (Jennifer R.) The General Meeting minutes of June 2014 were put forth and approved.

Treasurer: (Holly H. for Carolyn A.) Group contributions for June were \$2,910 which was \$187 less than June of last year. After expenses we had a net loss of \$1,231. Bookstore income was \$7,257, and after expenses there was a net loss of \$260.00. Overall we had a net loss of \$1,380.00. Our year-to-date for the end of June is almost \$1,000 more than the same time last year.

Registrar: (Jim W.) Last month there were 235 groups offering 356 meetings per week in Sonoma County. At June's general meeting there were 72 representatives for a 31% participation. Of those 235 groups, 117 groups regularly send an Intergroup rep to the June General Meeting, for a 62 percent attended the June meeting. As a side note, there were 6 new representatives at May's General Meeting and in May 2013, we had 9 new representatives. New reps are encouraged to sign in on the correct day of week (clearly marked) and if the rep is an alternate or just picking up the items for another representative please be sure to sign up using their name, meeting name, and meeting time/city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bookstore: (Jay S. for Donna K.) The upcoming featured book for the month of August is "Beginners' Book -Getting and Staying Sober in AA" and "Voices of Long-Term Sobriety - Old Timers' Stories from the AA Grapevine" for \$10 each. Our recent order of Big Books was lost in transit and the newest shipment has now arrived and are available for purchase. ICSC: (Jay S. for Virginia W.) Transition going smoothly with the change in Bookstore managers. ICSC committee continuing to work on the budget projections for the year.

Activities: (Jessica W.) Halloween Dance will be co-chair with SOCYPAA on October 31 at the Odd Fellows Hall. 7:00 p.m. Meeting and dance to follow at 8:30 p.m. Theme of dance, Trunk or Treat. Need volunteers for Trunk or Treat; Set-up; Clean-up. Next planning meeting will be on July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore.

Alkathons: (Benjamin G.) Forms now available for the Alkathon Lottery Meeting draw at the Bookstore. Currently in planning for upcoming Alkathons. Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the Bookstore. Volunteers needed.

Communications/Newsletter: (Joel H.) The newsletter is also available on line. Intergroup Representative is to carry the message back to the group. If you would like more information about service, there are sections related to service in the Newsletter.

Outreach: (Barry D.) The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation. If you are representing more than one group, please list each group on the sign-in sheet.

Seminars: (Lori S.) The following seminar will be on 9/24/14, "History of A.A. in Sonoma County" at 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore.

Teleservice: (Joe B.) Open shift available Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Joe will be taking names of volunteers to be placed on waiting list for any upcoming shifts.

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: (Mike H.) Business Meeting is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa. SOCYPAA is hosting a Luau Dance/meeting at the Community of Christ Church 8/23/14 and a Variety Show to include comedians, rappers and burlesque 9/20/14 at Live Musicians Co-op at 925 Piner Road in Santa Rosa. Pre-registration and information available at www.socypaa.org.

Spanish Central Office: (Rosa S.) Not present.

H & I: (Patrick W.) H&I carries message of A.A. to confined alcoholic. Business meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. Orientation at 5:45pm, meeting at 6:15p.m. at West Steele and Range Avenue in Santa Rosa. Last month there was zero (0) blackouts (H&I didn't show) and zero (0) brownouts (facility not allowing meeting). Currently there are 19 H&I meetings coordinated in Sonoma County and three outside Sonoma County, San Quentin, Solano and Napa State Hospitals.

General Service: (Joanne L.) The next assembly will be held in Vacaville on August 9th. The business meeting is held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa. Joanne recently attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Boise, Idaho. August 9th will be the Summer Assembly in Vacaville at Ulatis Community Center which will include six (6) workshops. Elections to begin for the upcoming panel in November. Online registration for the International Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia in 2016 will be available online on the AA website September 3.

Bridging the Gap: (Bill D.) Bridging the Gap gets people to their first meeting from a facility. They need more volunteers, both to take people to meetings and to present at facilities. Contact info in newsletter. Last month Bridging the Gap were in 9 venues; 51 cards filled out, half out of our area. There will be a volunteer appreciation lunch held on 8/2/14 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Business meeting is the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at the Bookstore. At 6:00 pm there is a briefing on how to do a presentation.

PI/CPC: (Diana W.) PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) is a Sub-Committee of General Service in District 12, purpose is to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers by conveying accurate AA information to the general public, and to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. Presented at seven Drunk Driving classes and one Kaiser outpatient. Currently updating and reviewing job descriptions and forwarding to their Chair. Volunteers needed. Speaker training 7:00 p.m. followed by business meeting from 7:30-8:30 at the Santa Rosa City Hall Underground. Sobriety requirement of two years.

Access Sonoma County: (John) New service to take meetings to homebound individuals, "Meetings on Wheels." Looking for volunteers to bring meetings into hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. See newsletter calendar for meeting times and date.

UNITY DAY: (Michael M.) Need volunteers for the upcoming Unity Day October 11 'Fun in Sobriety, Service is the Secret', at the Emanji Temple in Sebastopol. Planning meetings to be held every 3rd Wednesday at the Bookstore at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Housekeeping motion: To allocate \$728 to cover expenses for Bookstore Manager to attend Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/AAGV Seminar in Chicago, IL, September 26-28, 2014. No objections. MOTION PASSES.

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Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

"Just how and when we tell the truth—or keep silent—can often reveal the difference between genuine integrity and none at all.

"Step Nine emphatically cautions us against misusing the truth when it states, "We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others." Because it points up the fact that the truth can be used to injure as well as to heal. This valuable principle certainly has a wide-ranging application to the problem of developing integrity." [Bill W., Grapevine, August 1961]

The August 2014 meeting of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee greeted new meeting reps Connie P., representing New Women of AA (Cotati); Suzanne P., 11th Step Group (Petaluma); Shastl A., Women's Perspectives; Margot D., Women's Step Study (Sebastopol); Lorese T., Quitting Time (Petaluma); Dan R., Newcomers Group; Inez D., Meditation Meeting (Sebastopol); Allison S., Glen Ellen; Ali C., Women In The Solution (Petaluma); Jim B., Under the Oaks; and Martin K. (Sebastopol).

Those introducing themselves as visitors included Dawn from Petaluma, Dean P. from Dogs On The Roof and Shelly. Welcome and we hope to see you again soon.

August birthdays being celebrated—again we pass the century mark!—113 years of sobriety, to be exact.

Not too early to Save the Date: This year Unity Day will take place on November 11 at the Enmanji Buddhist Temple in Sebastopol and hosted by General Service. Stay tuned to this newsletter for details...

How can you help an alcoholic who is confined? Come find out at the next meeting of the H&I Committee on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 6:15 p.m. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the orientation that begins at 5:45. The location is the Community of Christ Church, 1495 W. Steele Lane, on the corner at Range Avenue (parking is off of Range, behind the church, with additional parking at the ice arena). We look forward to seeing you there!

In Service, Mardi H.

SCIF General Meeting

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OTHER INFORMATION:

TRADITIONS PLAY: (Lori S. for Monica B.) Traditions play "Our Experience Has Taught Us" date has been changed to Sunday 9/28/14. Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. There will be a meeting prior to the play. Volunteers are needed. Planning meeting August 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bookstore.

ICSC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: (Mike C.) New committee member election in October for the ICSC Committee. Sobriety requirement of five (5) years and a business background. For job description, contact Virginia W. contact information is located on the back of the newsletter.

DISCUSSION: New Groups being added to the directory. Currently, there is not a review process. Intergroup representatives will continue to take to their groups and report back at the General Meeting.

(COMMENTS RE: DISCUSSION):

John (Up Group): Group likes the written form on the procedure with a contact person. Sharon (Let's Discuss it): Group has concerns regarding meeting movement and will this be a commitment for someone? What would this look like?

Barbara (Step Study Sebastopol): Group happy with current policy. Would like not to be monitored. Believes it is up to the members to register a group and disassemble a group.

Cane (Big Book Review -Santa Rosa Sunday): Why wouldn't there be a charter meeting before putting in the directory? What is the history of group conscience?

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES SHARING:

Serenity Hall is looking for a new meeting location. A meeting space of 1000 square feet and \$1,600 a month is needed. If anyone knows of a location site please contact Michael at 523-3093 or Cindy at (520) 727-2301.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

-In service, Jennifer R.

Grapevine

Enter the Grapevine Annual Photo Contest

Each year, Grapevine holds a competition for photographers to be featured in our Wall Calendar. We'd love to see your most striking photographs that reflect the joy of living, serenity and other sobriety themes. Contributors of selected photos will receive complimentary copies of the 2016 Calendar and Pocket Planner.

Entries must be received by December 1, 2014. They cannot be returned, and may be considered for magazine illustrations. Digital files must be high-resolution—300 dpi minimum. Submit digital images below or on CDs, along with printouts, or email them to gveditorial@aa-grapevine.org. Please include contact information. You can mail entries to: Art Editor, Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

There is a GREAT Joke in the Grapevine this month...find it and let me know what you think.

Several stories this month spoke to me about how often I forget that looking into the past for answers only creeps me out and doesn't bring me any further forward. Can't fix it don't miss it - forgiveness and grace are gifts that give both ways.


Remember to Renew

I am Grateful for this service panel and all its gifts. Suzanne A., Grapevine Chair, District 12.

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents

The History of AA in Sonoma County

A Seminar & Discussion



Wednesday, September 24, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
SCIF Central Office / Bookstore
750 Mendocino Ave. Santa Rosa
Info: Lori S. (707) 529-9664

News From The Bookstore

Our September book that will be "Into Action – How AA members practice the program in their daily lives". This collection of Grapevine stories shows the many ways members work the program of A.A. It is written by men and women, young and old, with different lengths of sobriety, the articles in this book highlight how members practice the Twelve Steps, use our literature and slogans, and get into service, sponsorship and fellowship. The stories demonstrate the various ways members get active in A.A. to stay sober, carry the message and live rich and rewarding sober lives. This book will be available at a sale price of \$10.00 + tax.



I have received notification from the AAWS Office in New York that their literature prices will be increasing as of October 1. The bookstore plans on ordering an extra supply of our 4 to 5 top selling books prior to the price increase so that we can pass the savings on to the fellowship and help the groups prepare for the increase. The increases will vary by book.

I am looking forward to my trip to Chicago for the 29th Annual Intergroup/Central Office Seminar. I will have lots to share with you when I return.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Donna K.

Our Experience Has Taught Us

Intergroup Fellowship is pleased to announce the hit play "Our Experience Has Taught Us" will be coming to Sonoma County for a one-night-only engagement. This is a great way to see the history of A.A. come to life. The play will be presented the evening of September 28. An A.A. meeting precedes the play.

"Our Experience Has Taught Us" dramatizes our fellowship's coming of age, from the founding of the first groups in Ohio, New York and Los Angeles to the First International Convention in 1950. Powerful and entertaining, this play brings to life the often comical and sometimes tragic experiences of the period of our history that led to the adoption of the Twelve Traditions.

Background information from the production company of "Our Experience Has Taught Us."

We are a rag tag group of volunteers who have dedicated our time and efforts to presenting educational and entertaining plays about alcoholism and addiction to recovery communities throughout California. Our new play has been invited to perform in an international convention for a potential audience of thousands at the 2015 International AA convention July 2-5.

By July 2015, the cast of 18 actors (and two crew members) will have spent nearly two years performing this play around California, devoting countless hours of rehearsal, personal expense for gas, and sacrificing time and effort at work and in their personal lives in order to share these important stories with the fellowship. We receive no compensation, our only reward, and a great one at that, is our belief that by sharing these stories of experience, strength and hope, we can help save and enrich the lives of suffering and recovering alcoholics and addicts.

We have co-benefit performances taking place in Reno, Sacramento, Fresno, Los Angeles and across the Bay Area in 2014 and 2015, but they won't generate more than one-third of our final travel expenses to Atlanta.

Jackie B.

Bridging the Gap

My Name is Devon and I'm the women's phone coordinator for Bridging the Gap. This is a fairly new commitment for me and it has brought about a lot of contemplation about service.

Some of the first concepts I learned when I worked the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous were that I had been selfish, self seeking, inconsiderate, dishonest and full of fear. That was revealed to me on a fifth step. Then I needed to continue on to ask my higher power to remove these character defects from me. Steps six and seven guided me through that process. If my behavior or character traits like dishonesty or selfishness showed up in my affairs (sometimes my sponsor or another alcoholic pointed that out to me!), I kept asking to be willing to be in action and to be honest and of service instead!

What does this have to do with Bridging the Gap? Everything! I have called over 130 women this past month and it has been wonderful to receive the 40 return phone calls that allowed me to be able to talk to some very nice women. They made the decision to get out of "self" and pick up the phone and call me back.

The list of women volunteers is now up to date and cleaned up. I would like to have more women on this list. David, our men's phone coordinator, is also looking for men to volunteer. Bridging the Gap is our modern day twelfth step call. If you want a service commitment that will help you introduce a newcomer to meetings in their community, to be the hand of AA that is there for someone just getting out of a treatment or correctional facility, then this is it! Be a volunteer. Fill out a volunteer form at your nearest literature table. Come to our business meeting and new member orientation which is at 6:00 p.m on the third Tuesday of the month at the Bookstore. Come and get to know how you can be a part of Bridging The Gap.

In Service, Devon

PI/CPC News

One of the best ways I've found of enhancing my sobriety, and thus becoming a happier human being, is to do service work and also, to continually challenge myself. My first service commitment was making coffee for a small women's meeting. I worried at the time because I didn't drink coffee and therefore, I had no idea what I was doing. The women were wonderful. They taught me everything I needed to know. Over the last 5-½ years I've gotten pretty good at making coffee. I've also had the privilege of growing thru Literature Person, Set-up Person, Secretary and I've been an Intergroup Representative for several meetings. Recently, I was looking for a new service opportunity. I heard about PI/CPC and thought I'd check it out. PI stands for Public Information. CPC stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community. What we do is provide information about what AA is and is not to Professionals such as Child Protective Services staff, service providers to the homeless or at risk adults, Judges, Lawyers, Doctors ... to name a few. We also provide speakers for non-AA groups like DUI classes, school classes, health fairs and more. Another thing we do is deliver literature to places such as health clinics, libraries, police stations, hospitals etc. I've only been involved with the PI/CPC committee a few months and already I feel I've learned so much. I have had the chance to speak at a few DUI classes. I was pretty nervous, but it went really well. When we were done, there were lots of good questions. We handed out meeting schedules and a few pamphlets. I walked away feeling like maybe, just maybe, we helped someone. And that would be awesome! If you're interested, come join us. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Santa Rosa City Hall employee lounge. It's next to the underground parking. Speaker training is at 7pm, our Business Meeting is from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Speakers should have no less than 2 years of sobriety and a working knowledge of the 12 Steps. I hope to see you there. We're always looking for new people.

In Gratitude,, Michelle G.



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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 Community of Christ Church 5:45 New Rep. Orientation 6:15 Business Meeting	4	5	6
7	8 SCIF Bookstore 6:00 Teleservice Meeting 6:30 ICSC Meeting 8:00 Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting	9 Interpretation & Translation Committee 7:00, Call 568-5330 for location.	10 PI/CPC S.R. City Hall 7:00 Training 7:30 Business	11 Access Sonoma County SCIF Bookstore 6:15 Orientation 6:30 Meeting	12 October 2014 Newsletter Deadline 5 p.m.	13 Alkathon Planning meeting SCIF Bookstore 3:30 pm
14 SOCYPAA First United Methodist 7:15 Business Meeting Sub-comm. Events 7:30 p.m. Bookstore	15 Play Committee mtg 6:00 SCIF Bookstore	16 Bridging The Gap SCIF Bookstore 6:00 New Rep. Orientation 6:30 Business Meeting	17 Unity Day Planning mtg 6:30 SCIF Bookstore	18	19	20
21	22 Intergroup General Mtg St. Luke Lutheran 7:30 New Rep Orientation 8:00 Business Mtg	23	24	25	26	27
28 Happy Trails Meet at Coddingtontown Post Office to carpool, 10 am. Call John S. 494-9049	29	30	First United Methodist Church: Faith Lutheran Church: St. Luke Lutheran Church: Community of Christ Church: S.R. City Hall Employee Lounge: SCIF Bookstore: 1551 Montgomery Dr., 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			

Outreach Committee

Remember the first time you reached out for help?

Imagine if the hand of A.A. wasn't there the first time you reached out for help? What if the teleservice hotline was not staffed, or the bookstore had been closed, or there wasn't a meeting directory (either on paper or online) that directed you to a meeting? It might have been the last chance you had to get sober — and you had that chance because the hand of A.A. was there.

I'm not suggesting that any of these services is a guarantee of sobriety — willingness and a belief in something greater than ourselves are the primary ingredients for that. But the hand of A.A. services provided the glimpse of hope many of us ever had, a ray of hope that we could have a life free of fear and the bondage of John Barleycorn.

One way we stay connected is having Intergroup Representative attend the monthly SCIF General Meeting that is on the fourth Monday of each month. Intergroup Reps. pick up newsletters, meeting schedules and hear about upcoming events and issues and share them with their group. They are the connection between their group and the Fellowship. If your group does not have an Intergroup Rep. please consider having someone fill that service position. It just might help a newcomer feel connected or discover something about A.A. that helps them stay sober.

The SCIF Outreach Committee's goal is to increase group representation by spreading the word about the importance of Intergroup participation. If you attend a meeting and don't hear an Intergroup report, or if your home group doesn't have an Intergroup Representative, please let me know by email or phone. If you are interested in being a member of the Outreach Committee — and are willing and able to attend meetings to visit groups that are not represented — please let me know. We want the hand of A.A. always to be there when someone reaches out for help. If you are interested, please call Barry D. at 849-9858 or email outreach@sonomacountyaa.org.

— Barry D.



SONOMA COUNTY UNITY DAY 2014

**Saturday, October 11th
9:30am - 3:30pm(ish)**

**Enmanji Buddhist Temple - Memorial Hall
1200 Gravenstein Hwy South, Sebastopol**

★ Speaker Meeting with Diane O. from Cupertino - *long time trusted servant in H&I and past General Service Delegate*

★ Service Panels

★ Sobriety Countdown

★ Live Entertainment

★ Photo Booth

★ Raffle Prizes

★ Breakfast, Hot Lunch provided

★ Bring Side Dishes and Desserts

Children welcome, however no child care is provided

Bring your FM radio for Spanish translation & assisted listening

Want to be a part of it? Volunteering is Easy!

Contact Mauricio M. (707) 889-5785 moetown777@yahoo.com

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★ INTERPRETATION
★ PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI/CPC)
★ HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS
★ GAP

SCIF Financial Summary May 2014

Financial Summary

	Income	<u>Jul-14</u> Expense	Net	<u>Jul-13</u> Net Comparison	Income	Year to Date Expense	<u>2014</u> Net	<u>2013</u> Net Comparison
Group Supported:								
Central Office								
Groups								
Individuals								
Teleservice								
Web Site								
Newsletter								
ASL Interpreter (\$1500)								
Interest/Bank Charges								
Subtotal								
Self Supported:								
Bookstore								
Activities								
Alkathons								
Seminars								
Unity Day								
Subtotal								
TOTAL								

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
Operating Reserve

Group Contributions May 2014

Meetings	July	2014 YTD	
11th Step AA Moment of Silence			Lost and Found Group
11th Step Healdsburg			Lunch Bunch Group
11th Step Meeting			Monday Night Alcoholics Only
12x12 @ 12			Monday Night Book Study Sonoma
12x12 Plus Step			Monday Night Book & Discussion
Anonymous			New Hope Book Study
Any Lengths Group			New Sobriety Group
A Vision for You			Nor-Cal Primary Purpose Group
Attitude Adjustment			North Bay Dog on the Roof
Be What You Want to See			Not a Glum Lot
Beyond Belief			Oaks Fellowship
Bodega Bay Fellowship			Open Door
Big Book Review			Promise's Group
Big Book Study Petaluma			Quitting Time
Cazadero Group			River Grace
Chair It or Air it			River Nooners
Cloverdale Fellowship			Rule 62 River Readers
Drop the Rock			Saints and Sinners
Early Birds Fellowship of Petaluma			Saturday Night Living Right
Expect A Miracle			Saturday Serenity
FAHA Home Group			Saturday Solution Group
Fresh Air Group			Sebastopol Men's Stag
Friday Night Tradition			Sebastopol Step Study Group
Friday Night Vets			Sharing & Caring
Friday Noon Group			Signs of Sobriety
Friday Nooner of AA			Single Purpose Group Sebastopol
General Service			Sober Sisters
Glen Ellen Monday Morning			Sober Sunday
Great Reality Big Book Study			SOCYPAA
Graton Fellowship			Sonoma Valley Fellowship
Gratitude Group			South Park Survivors
Gravenstein Gay Group			Step Sisters
Grin and Win Group			Sunday Breakfast Club
Gualala Group			Sunday Niters
Healdsburg Anonymity Group			Sunday PM Closed Discussion Group
Hessel Big Book Group			The Eldridge Group
How it Works			The Rooms
Just for Today			The River Discussion Group
Kenwood Group			There is a Solution
Kenwood Step Study			TBDME-The Best Damn Meeting Ever
Language of the Heart Group			Third Step Group
LGBT New Comers			Thurs. Night 12 X 12 Discussion Group
			Thurs. Night Real Life Mtgs of AA
			Thursday Night Women's AA
			Thurs Women's Sonoma
			Tuesday Big Book Group
			Tuesday Noon
			Tuesday River Discussion
			Vision for you
			Warm Springs Fellowship
			Wednesday Night Men's Stag
			Wednesday Westsiders
			Wednesday Women's Lunch Brunch
			We're In The Now
			Women in the Solution - Petaluma
			Women's Book Group, Sonoma
			Women's Group in Guerneville
			Women's Book Group, Eldridge
			Women's River Meeting
			Women's Step Study and Discussion G
			Women's Tuesday at Noon in Windsor
			Working Winners
			Young at Heart Guerneville
			Unidentified

SCIF & SOCYPAA Present



TRUNK OR TREAT

Family Fun, Meeting and Dance

Friday, October 31, 2014

Santa Rosa Odd Fellows Hall
545 Pacific Avenue

A.A. Meeting 7pm
Dance 8:30-11:30pm

\$10 suggestion donation

Food & Drink Available! Costume Contest!

Volunteers Needed!
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Group Contributions (Green Can)

Together we can! Thank you for your support!

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER:
Meeting 2nd Qtr 2014 YTD

Beginner's Group
Came To Believe
Cazadero Group
Expect A Miracle
Hessel Big Book
Higher Power Group
Individual Contributions
Mature and Sober
Moment of Silence
Saturday Night Living Right
Signs of Sobriety
Single Purpose Group
Step Sisters
Sunday Night Closed Discussion (RP)
There Is A Solution
Third Step Group
12x12 Discussion Group (Thurs Nt)
Up The Steps
Women's Perspective AA Group
Women's Step Study & Discussion

Total

Paid to interpreters:
Prudent Reserve:

Announcements

The Alkathon meeting slot selection process is by lottery this year. Alkathon Lottery Forms are available at the Intergroup General Meeting and at the SCIF Bookstore. Even if your group doesn't have an Intergroup Representative, you can still sign-up. Any questions, contact Benjamin G. (707)393-0439.

Closing of the Meeting at the Ranch, Bodega

With sadness, the "Meeting at the Ranch" at Bodega Pastures on Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m., closed. Alas, the long dirt road, confusing directions and distance from "civilization" made for a tiny and dwindling meeting. Thanks to all who supported the meeting.

Meetings that may need various meeting items, such as books, pamphlets, Steps and Traditions posters, etc., may contact Abby at 876-3093. *In Service, Abby K.*

Happy Trail meeting

Happy Trails Group meets the last Sunday of every month for a hike and meeting. All hikers are invited. Typically we hike 2 to 4 miles to a serene spot and have lunch followed by an open A.A. meeting. After that some hikers continue on for a longer hike and some head back.

Meet at the Coddington Post Office in Santa Rosa to carpool and depart at 10 am sharp.

The Sept 28 hike will be across the Golden Gate Bridge. Bring water, lunch, hiking shoes and layered clothing.

Call Bill D. for info: (707)291-2435.

DOTR Family Picnic at Penngrove Park

Saturday, Oct. 4th, Meeting at noon.

Speaker: Otto W from Medford, OR., 55 years sober.

Free BBQ and family fun after the meeting, 50/50 Raffle, kids games, music and more! Bring a side dish and a chair.

1st Annual Big Book Workshop

Sebastopol Masonic Center, 662 N. Main Street, Sebastopol CA 95472; Sponsored by: A.A. group.

Friday: Registration; 4:30 pm - Registration Opens; 6:00 pm - Speaker: David M, Palm Dessert, CA; 7:00 pm - Speaker: Mike S., Parker, CO; 8:00 pm - Speaker: Bob O., Centennial, CO.

Saturday: Mike S. & Bob O. - Big Book Workshop; 9:00 am - 8:15 pm Session; 8:15 pm - 9:00 pm Q & A.

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