

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP

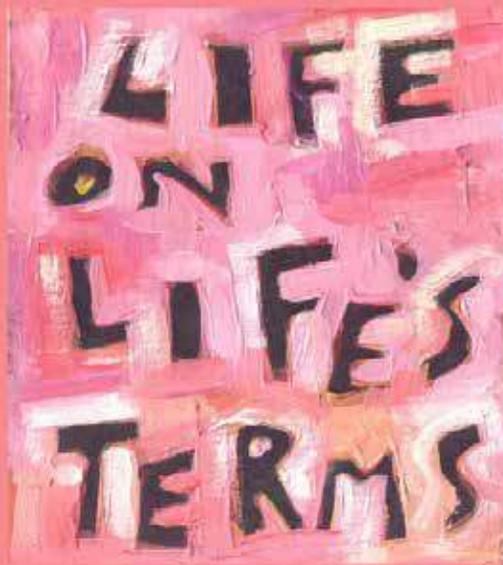
NEWS

AUGUST 2021



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SCIF Presents



A seminar and discussion meeting
Wednesday August 18 2021
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Meeting with a panel of alcoholics
Q & A to follow with group Discussion
Meeting ID 829 8155 3305
Passcode: seminar
Info: Rosa (707) 529-1938

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

TELESERVICE

Our Hotline has Monday, Tuesday and Saturday morning openings 8am to 1pm for phone volunteers. We also have openings for 12-Step volunteers.

Please contact Deb D. at teleservice@sonomcountyaa.org.

INTERGROUP ELECTIONS

Elections for Intergroup Committee members (*Activities Chair*) will be held on **8/23/21** at the regular monthly Intergroup business meeting. Please contact Kevin H. at intergroup@sonomacountyaa.org for more information.

BOOKSTORE

We could use one or two more volunteers to work the 2pm to 6pm shift; one year sobriety requirement, familiarity with steps/traditions required; experience with retail sales and basic use of a computer preferred; volunteers work 4 hours every other week. Please contact bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org.

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SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Manager: Glenn C.
Asst. Manager: Bob F.
Phone: (707) 546-2066
Fax: (707) 566-9677
Email: bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org

SUMMER HOURS

Mon-Friday: 10am - 6pm
Saturday: 11am - 3pm
Sunday: Closed

**The Bookstore is Closed on these
Upcoming Holidays:**

Labor Day September 6th

AAWS GUIDELINES FOR NEWSLETTERS:

“Newsletters or bulletins published by central offices may include not only office news and events, but similar information about the groups and committees served by these offices (such as meeting times, openings of new groups, or changes of group meeting locations or officers). Frequently, material from A.A. literature is reprinted and discussed, and articles on subjects of interest to A.A.s are also published. Experience indicates that, as in most A.A. service activities, it is prudent to make a committee (rather than one or two individuals) responsible for the format, planning and content of the bulletin.”

(From “A.A. Guidelines, Central or Intergroup Offices”
http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/mg-02_centralorinter.pdf)

2021 SONOMA COUNTY ALKATHONS!

The holiday season can be difficult for many alcoholics, making service work more important than ever.

If you are looking to give back during the holidays, please come and join the 2021 Alkathon Committee! Our primary purpose is to provide a safe environment where everyone can experience the love and joy of the holidays this year.

*If your group wants to host a meeting at one of the 2021 Alkathons, be sure to have a representative attend the Intergroup Business Meeting **Monday 9/27 at 7:30pm to enter your group into the lotto.***

*If you are interested, contact **Natalie B. at (707) 217-6252***

**Come and
reunite with friends
and
fellowship!**

**Service panels,
speaker meeting,
sobriety countdown,
entertainment and more!**

UNITY DAY 2021

**Saturday, October 9th
9:30am to 3:30pm**

**at Community of Christ Church
at the corner of Range Avenue
and Steele Lane in
Santa Rosa, CA**

**Learn about
services which carry the
message of hope and
recovery to the alcoholic
who still suffers**

**To volunteer:
Email Larry O.
lmatoono@gmail.com**

Denise A-P, PI/CPC Committee Shares: A Move to Sonoma County + A Pandemic + My Sobriety = Be of Service!

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community is a sub-committee of General Service, District 12, Sonoma County. We are the public face and voice of Alcoholics Anonymous. We need recovering alcoholics to share their experience, strength, and hope in public venues, such as the local drunk driving program, local schools, veterans' groups, doctors, nurses, social workers, law enforcement agencies, the courts, public libraries, psych emergency services, and any public group. These organizations offer us the opportunity to provide a speaker to help them better understand what A.A. is (and isn't), where their students, clients, or patients might find out more information, and where and when to find meetings.

So, what is this all about? A move to Sonoma County, a pandemic, my sobriety, and how does all of that equal the answer, be of service, work?

In December of 2019, my husband and I made a conscious decision to pick up our "lives" in Dallas, Texas, to relocate to Santa Rosa. It was just after my older brother told me about his Stage 3 cancer diagnosis. (Spoiler alert! He is in remission now!) We also realized that a significant move like this would enable us to also be of service to my 84-year-old mother, who lived alone for the last five years.

We arrived in April of 2020 as the pandemic was ramping up. And, I have to say, "THANK GOODNESS for Zoom meetings!" It took me a little while to jump into those meetings because I was of service to my brother and Mom. Initially, I was caught up settling into a house that was not our own, and I was a bit nervous about attending meetings, being a "newcomer" to this area, despite having thirteen years in the program. However, I knew in my heart that I had to get into A.A. here just as I had in Dallas or putting myself at greater risk of going out with all of those life changes swirling about me.

A few months ago, I knew I needed to jump back into regular committee service work. I felt comfortable seeking out a commitment that might allow me to interact with humans in real life - even if on a limited basis. I am typically very outgoing, and the pandemic has been rough. So, I went to this webpage in search of a service area of interest: <https://www.sonomacountyaa.org/get-into-service/> (Be sure to click on the PI/CPC header - we would love to engage more volunteers!).

The fine folks working tirelessly on the PI/CPC Committee welcomed me into the fold with open arms and offered me the role of literature distribution lead. I love that this role lets me learn much of what makes A.A. in Sonoma County tremendous and to get out and about. I now try to ensure we have enough of the appropriate literature to share with certain professionals in our community, secure other A.A.s to help deliver these said materials, and document where the literature is distributed.

Here are just a few examples of how service has looked for me over the last few months: assessing what materials were in the committee's stockpile, ordering missing materials from the bookstore or New York, updating packets of information, distributing them to the clergy, and health care professionals, visiting a few libraries to drop off new Big Books and new A.A. business cards with our 24/7 hotline numbers and a QR code linked to the online list of A.A. meetings, and even making sure professionals in our area know that A.A. offers materials in Spanish.

I also took the PI/CPC speaker training and now participate in carrying the A.A. message to DUI class students, health care, and other professionals desiring information about A.A. for their clients.

I hope you NOW know how a move to Sonoma County + A Pandemic + My Sobriety = Be of Service!

If you are interested in assisting with literature distribution, have suggestions about where literature can be used, have old copies of The Grapevine we can distribute that you can turn in at the bookstore, or want more information about the committee, reach out at picpc@sonomacountyaa.org.

Many thanks,
Denise A-P

Please join us at our upcoming meeting, Wednesday, August 11th at 7PM
via Zoom. Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048, Password: Dist12G

MEETING CHANGES

**GROUP RE-OPENINGS: SCIF will not dictate when or if each group can re-open.
That decision is to be made by each group.
PLEASE NOTIFY US ASAP SO WE CAN GET THE WORD OUT**

PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE AT WWW.SONOMACOUNTYAA.ORG
FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION REGARDING MEETING OPENINGS/CHANGES

To report meeting changes, please send an email to meetingchanges@sonomacountyaa.org
or contact the SCIF Office at 707-546-2066

UNITY DAY 2021 IS COMING!

Saturday, October 9th

Sponsored by Sonoma County
Intergroup Fellowship
Please save the date!

We will have a **Hybrid** Unity
Day Planning Meeting on:

• **Wednesday, August 11th**
@ 6:30 PM

In person at Bookstore
750 Mendocino Avenue,
Suite #10

(Go to sonomacountyaa.org and
click on “Unity Day 2021 Plan-
ning – Meeting Schedule” for
Zoom ID and Password)

Please join us with your pas-
sion for the program and your
great ideas for this annual event
and celebrate our great fellow-
ship with unity and service!

Your trusted servant,
Larry O.
Unity Day Chairman

SCIF INTERGROUP MEETING NEWS

**** Hybrid meeting starting in August 2021 ****



**General Meetings for
Sonoma County
Intergroup
Fellowship are back
in person beginning
August 23rd!**

General Meetings will be returning in person
at St. Luke Church

beginning August 23rd, 2021

(905 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa)

& Online Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 832 3668 7573

Password: 62

Intergroup meets on the **fourth** Monday of
each month at 7:30 pm

New Reps meet at 7:00 pm for orientation

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

Get Into Service!

Volunteers in service at the Central Office/Bookstore are required to have one year of sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps and traditions. Volunteers can opt for 6 month or 1 year service commitments that are generally scheduled as a four-hour shift two times a month. Shift openings are announced at the monthly Intergroup meeting and are published in Fellowship News, the Intergroup newsletter. Applications for volunteer commitments are available from the Office Manager.

Get Supplied!

Now that meetings are beginning to meet in person again, note that the bookstore has supplies you may need. Besides Big Books and other books, and chips to celebrate anniversaries, we also have laminated copies of How It Works, The 12 Traditions, and the Promises (for \$2.99 plus tax as a set). And for meetings that distribute cards for members to read the individual steps and traditions, we also have them on laminated cards as well for \$7.99 plus tax (for steps and traditions).

750 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 10, Santa Rosa
PST: Monday – Friday 10AM-6PM, Saturday 11AM-3PM

Bridging the Gap

Statement of Purpose

Bridging the Gap is a General Service sub-committee that supports that very important first step for alcoholics who have just been released from a hospital, treatment center or correctional facility. By providing a temporary contact, Bridging the Gap helps newcomers make the transition to Alcoholics Anonymous in his or her home community.

Members of Alcoholics Anonymous, usually in pairs, meet the patients or inmates after release and accompany them to their first A.A. meeting. As in all 12-step work, this activity is strictly voluntary.

Where Do You Meet?

- **Bridging the Gap (online)**
- **3rd Tuesday of the month**
- **Orientation at 6:00 pm, Meeting starts at 6:30 pm**
- **Meeting ID: 945 2118 6257**
- **Password: BTG (all caps)**

What Positions are Available?

We're always looking for volunteers to fill our phone list. When someone requests our service, we provide them with a volunteer to take them to their first A.A. meeting. We try to have a volunteer available who is someone around their age and gender, who lives in their neighborhood, who can take them to the volunteer's home group, introduce them to the fellowship and make them feel welcome and at home. It is usually a one-time commitment, and as in all 12-step work, should be done in pairs. To be a volunteer, it is suggested that you have at least 6 months sobriety and a working knowledge of the twelve steps.

There are also service positions available on the committee. These service positions include chair and alternate chair positions, recording secretary, phone coordinators, Intergroup liaison, H & I liaison and presentation teams.

SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS - AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	2 GENERAL SERVICE Meeting VIA ZOOM Email chairperson for Meeting ID 6:45pm Service Manual Study 6:45pm New Rep Orientation 7:30 pm Business Meeting	3	4 H&I Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 891 8522 6587 Password: 463197 6:15pm Business Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 SCIF STEERING COMMITTEE Hybrid Meeting In person & Online via Zoom	10	11 PI/CPC Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 763 052 313 Password: 091899 7:30pm Business Meeting	12 ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 897 307 516 Password: 486762 6:30pm Business Mtg.	13	14
15 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	16	17	18 BRIDGING THE GAP Please email btg@sonomacountyaa.org for meeting and service info.	19	20 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 5pm newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org	21
22	23 SCIF INTERGROUP Hybrid Meeting In person at St. Luke Church (905 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa) & Online via Zoom 7:30pm Business Mtg.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 28TH, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:31 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 6 and Concept 6.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

Kathleen, Sonoma Valley Sober Sunrise; Paul, Early Birds; Joelle, Sober Sisters; Gail, Expect a Miracle; Peter, Knuckleheads; Teresa, Step Sisters; Jim, Healdsburg Friday 8PM; Sonya Wednesday Women's Step Study; Randy, Saturday Night High Steppers; Grayson, Any Lengths; Laura, Healdsburg Sunday there is a Solution; Jose, Bring Your Own Big Book.

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Marilyn, 17; José, 3

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] Meghan chairing for Kevin. Welcomes all and thanks them for coming.

VICE CHAIR: [Meghan A.] Six new Reps attended orientation. Anyone needing orientation packet advised to provide email in Chat.

SECRETARY: [Katherine C.] April General Meeting minutes have been published in Newsletter. Send additions/corrections to secretary@sonomacountyaa.org.

TREASURER: [Buddy M] Gerry H reporting for Buddy. Funds taken in in May were \$6295; expenses were \$5119; net gain of \$230. For 2021 to date, net gain of \$7687.

REGISTRAR: [Vacant] Meghan is performing Registrar duties until position is filled. She posted sign-in link for SCIF Representatives. Twenty-three Reps signed in last week. There are 263 meetings in Sonoma County; Meghan is working with Judah to determine how many groups there are.

ICSC REPORT: [Carl M] Helping Glenn with Bookstore inventory.

BOOKSTORE REPORT: [Glenn C.] We could use one or two more volunteers to work the 2pm to 6pm shift; one year sobriety requirement familiarity with steps/traditions required; experience with retail sales and basic use of a computer preferred. No sale book for July or August.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] Ryan and his team have reached out to several meetings to increase awareness of SCIF Committee Chair vacancies. Contact Ryan if you have identified a specific situation that needs Outreach.

ACTIVITIES: [Vacant]

ALKATHONS: [Natalie B.] Natalie absent.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER: [Ashley H.] July 16 is deadline for submissions for publication in August Newsletter.

WEBMASTER: [Judah N.] Web running smoothly. Send meeting changes to Judah, using "webmaster at..." email or "Contact Us" on SCIF webpage. Please give him a week's notice of any changes to meetings.

SEMINARS: [Rosa R.] Speakers have been confirmed for next Seminar, which is on July 21 at 7PM. Topic is "The Three Legacies." Seminar will be translated into Spanish.

TELESERVICE: [Deb D.] Deb absent.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: [Barry D.] Committee members find candidates for Intergroup Central Steering Committee and hold elections in April and October. [Candidates need to have 5 years sobriety, plus business or management experience.] If you need information about ICSC or if you know good candidates, please let one of the Committee members know.

UNITY DAY: [Larry O] Unity Day will be October 9. First planning meeting will be June 30 at 6PM. Erica C. will attend and share about last year's Unity Day. Second planning meeting will be July 14.

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Jeff] Annual Campout at Lake Sonoma will be July 23-25, with 'campfire olympics.' Music and Art Festival at Petaluma Alano club on July 10. SOCYPAA will be putting a bid to host the All California Young People in AA Conference

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [José G.] SCO is working on its public information outreach. Hispanic USA Convention will be in Chicago this year, September 3-5. Next year it will be in Anaheim, May 29-June 2.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: [Jeff R.] Lots of H & I groups need speakers. H & I is in good shape financially. Facilities need speakers; contact Jeff for details.

GENERAL SERVICE: [Denise G.] A summary of actions taken by the General Service Conference is available. Ask your GSR or Denise. All are invited to GS Business meeting, July 5 at 7:30.

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Sam K.] BTG goes into rehab facilities, does presentations, helps people find meetings when they get out of rehab. Things are opening back up, getting busier. Facilities could use presenters.

PI/CPC: [Chris S.] Need speakers, someone to distribute Public Information literature. There will be a speaker training on July 14.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Stephen R.] Looking for more participation. Monthly meeting is 2nd Thursday evening, on Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Suggestion that SCIF Steering Committee discuss resuming in-person meetings for General Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS: None

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES SHARING: none

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine C.

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JUNE 2021

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP										
Financial Summary										
	Jun-21			Jun-20		Year to Date		2021	2020	difference
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net		
Group Supported:	Comparison				Comparison					
Central Office	-	(2,189)	(2,189)	(1,516)	-	(11,676)	(11,676)	(13,040)	1,365	
Groups	2,674	0	2,674	2,048	17,548	0	17,548	15,398	2,150	
Individuals	20	0	20	1,504	3,846	0	3,846	4,936	(1,090)	
Group Ins Collection	50	0	50	150	225	0	225	1,125	(900)	
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(319)	319	
Pamphlets & Cards	0	0	0	(69)	0	(37)	(37)	(288)	251	
Newsletter	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	(1,066)	1,066	
Teleservice	0	(59)	(59)	(58)	0	(353)	(353)	(328)	(25)	
Interest/Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	(25)	
Subtotal	2,745	(2,248)	496	2,067	21,619	(12,065)	9,554	6,443	3,111	
Self Supported:										
Bookstore	4,866	(5,723)	(856)	(547)	28,526	(30,927)	(2,402)	(6,614)	4,213	
Group Ins Collection	50	0	50	150	225	0	225	1,125	(900)	
Alkathons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(54)	54	
Seminars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unity Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309	(309)	
Subtotal	4,916	(5,723)	(806)	(397)	28,751	(30,927)	(2,177)	(5,233)	3,057	
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	7,661	(7,971)	(310)	1,670	50,369	(42,992)	7,377	1,210	6,168	
Assets & Liabilities										
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	60,467					Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		60,467		
Prepaid Expenses	5,076					Prudent Reserve		(40,649)		
Bookstore Inventory	18,568					Liabilities		(9,806)		
Property	13,262					Operating Reserve		10,011		net Gain 10,011
Subtotal	97,373									
Liabilities	(9,806)									
Total Assets & Liabilities	87,567									

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 2021

Central Office income for June 2021 includes \$2,674 from Group Contributions, \$20 from individuals and \$50 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$2,745. Total expenses for June include \$2,189 from central office and \$59 from Teleservice for a subtotal gain of \$496.

The Bookstore income for June 2021 was \$4,916, total expenses were \$5,723 leaving a subtotal loss of \$806.

Overall for this month we had a net loss of \$310.

Year to date our income is \$50,369 our expenses are \$42,992 leaving a gain of \$7,377.

In service, Buddy M, Treasure

Example of Suggested Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities:

- 50-70% to Intergroup;
 - 10-30% to Local General Service;
 - 10-20% to CNCA;
 - 10-20% to GSO New York;
- (To be determined by each group)



A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa: (707) 544-1300

Español: (707) 623-6702



INTERNET LINKS

Alcoholics Anonymous:
www.aa.org

Sonoma County Intergroup
Fellowship:
www.sonomacountyaa.org

SOCYPAA (Sonoma County Young
People in Alcoholics Anonymous):
www.socypaa.org

Northern California Coastal Area 06:
www.cnca06.org

AA Grapevine:
www.aagrapevine.org

MAILING ADDRESSES

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Registrar	Hilary G.	registrar@

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HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chair	Steven H.	handi@
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SONOMA COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. (SOCYPAA)

Intergroup Liason	**VACANT**	socypaa@
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Suggestions for SCIF Newsletter Welcome!

Please send any corrections, suggestions, submissions or comments about the Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship newsletter to: newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org