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UNITY DAY

October 9, 2021



HONORING THE EVERLASTING SPIRIT OF RECOVERY THROUGH
SERVICE AND UNITY

ZOOM IN ON UNITY DAY 2021!

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, The Unity Day Committee has decided to move the
Unity Day 2021 format to a strictly virtual event for the health and welfare of our
fellowship

FEATURING SERVICE PANELS, SPEAKER MEETING, QUESTIONS &
ANSWERS, SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN, ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFT
BASKET DRAWING!!

LEARN ABOUT THE SERVICES WHICH CARRY THE MESSAGE OF HOPE
AND RECOVERY TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS

A presentation brought to you by SCIF, SCGS, H&I AND SOCYPAA

10am-3pm

Registration begins at 9:30am

MEETING ID: 885 8741 6508 PASS CODE: 697494

Contact: Call, Text or Email Larry O.

Phone: (707) 953-5022

Email: lmatoono@gmail.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

TELESERVICE

Volunteers are needed to fill morning shifts on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Sunday mornings and afternoons.

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

INTERGROUP ELECTIONS

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

ALKATHONS

The seasons are upon us and our beloved Alkathons will be returning in person this year! If you are available to be of service and would like to volunteer for any type of job, big or small, please contact Natalie B. at nbalfour@sonic.net or call at (707) 217-6252.

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SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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Asst. Manager: Bob F.
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SUMMER HOURS

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

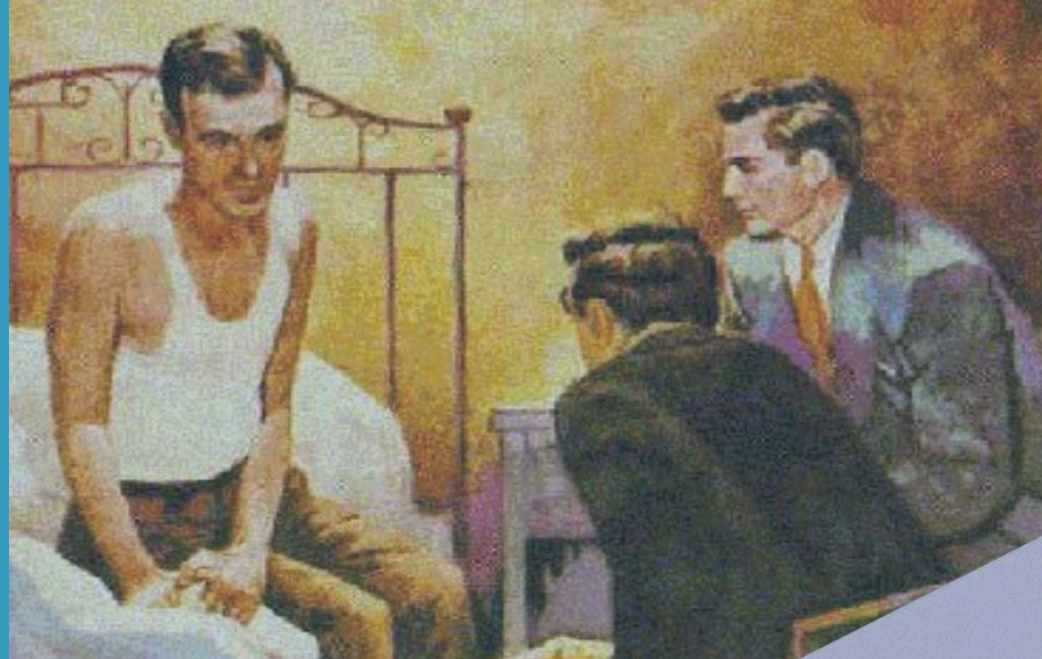
The Bookstore is Closed on these
Upcoming Holidays:

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)



SCIF PRESENTS

"Working with others "

A seminars and discussion
Wednesday, October 20,, 2021
7:00pm -8:30pm Pacific time.

Meeting with a panel Alcoholics who will
share experience, strength and hope.

Q & A to follow with group discussion

Meeting ID 829 8155 3305

Passcode, seminar

Information: Rosa R. 707-529-1938

Translation to Spanish will be available

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

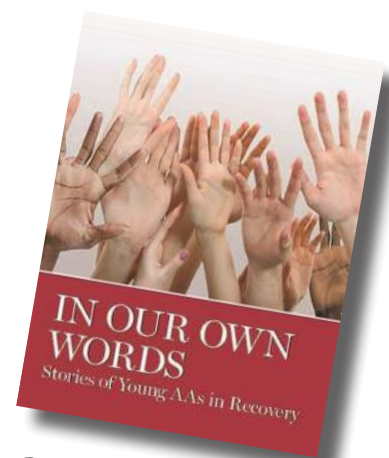
Sale Book for October is...

"In Our Own Words"

Getting sober and staying sober isn't easy at any age, but coming into AA early in life can have certain challenges. This book is a collection of stories by AA members who got sober in their teens, 20s and early 30s. In Our Own Words not only articulates some of the difficulties faced by alcoholics young in years, but also describes some of the sober joys that await.

\$10.80 + tax

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



Access Sonoma County

Statement of Purpose

The mission of Access Sonoma County is to explore, develop and offer resources to make the Alcoholics Anonymous message and participation in our program available to everyone who reaches out for it.

We believe that all alcoholics who wish to recover should have equal access to the miracles available through the 12 Steps. To this end, we seek to identify barriers, and we welcome suggestions for removing them. The participation of AA members and groups is vital, and we welcome new committee members, whether or not they have access issues themselves.

Some members are homebound or can't drive at night; others have impaired hearing, vision, learning, reading or information processing abilities, and still others use wheelchairs or have other mobility impairment. Language difficulties or lack of childcare can also make it challenging to find support from the fellowship or attend meetings.

If you're looking for a way to strengthen your recovery, a new way to be of service, if you have any ideas about how we can help AA members overcome any challenges they may have getting to meetings or participating more successfully in the fellowship, or if you're just curious about what we do at Access, we'd love to see you at our next committee meeting!

Access Committee currently meets on Zoom on the second Thursday of every month at 7:15pm. Meeting ID 934 2984 1277 Password 804715

We can also be reached at acs@sonomacountyaa.org

Access Sonoma County is a subcommittee of General Service, District 12

Gratefully in service, Sam T.
Access Committee Member

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

Bridging the Gap

16th Annual CNCA BRIDGING THE GAP FORUM

**CURIOUS ABOUT BTG, DON'T KNOW
WHAT BTG IS?
COME CHECK US OUT!!**



**Saturday,
November 13th, 2021
9:30am-4pm**

**BBQ, Fellowship, Panels, Coffee
&
Free Goodies**

~Bethlehem Lutheran Church~
1300 St. Francis Rd.
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95409
BTG 707.861.0870

BTG@SONOMACOUNTYAA.ORG

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.

We are always looking for volunteers to fill our phone list. We try to have a volunteer available who is someone around their age and gender, who lives in their neighborhood, who can meet them at 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.

SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS - OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 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	5	6 H&I Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 891 8522 6587 Password: 463197 6:15pm Business Meeting	7	8	9 Unity Day! 10am-3pm Registration 9:30 Online via Zoom
10 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	11 SCIF STEERING COMMITTEE In person at the AA Bookstore 750 Mendocino Ave. 7:30pm	12	13 PI/CPC Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 Password: Dist12GS 7:00pm Speaker Training 7:30pm Business Meeting	14 ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 934 2984 1277 Password: 804715 7:15pm Business Meeting	15 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 5pm newsletter@ sonomacountyaa.org	16
17	18	19 BRIDGING THE GAP Please email btg@sonomacountyaa. org for meeting and service info.	20 SCIF Presents: "Working with Others" A Seminar & Discussion Meeting 7-8:30PM	21	22	23
24 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	25 SCIF INTERGROUP Hybrid Meeting In person at St. Luke Church (905 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa) & Online via Zoom 7:30pm Business Mtg.	26	27	28	29	30/31

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 23RD, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:31 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 8 and Concept 8.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

Hal, There is a Solution; TJ, Harmony; Richard, Sober Sunday; Kathleen, Step Sisters; Deb D, ?; Lynn, Mature and Sober

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Mike, 27; Meghan 8; Megan 8 mo.; Debbie, 9; Barry, 21; Julian, 6; Kevin 5

ELECTIONS: Activities Chair- Tabled due to lack of availability

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] Return to printed Newsletter is being discussed. Please let your Groups know about the Alkathon Lottery next month. We still need an Activities Chair. This is the first in-person General Meeting since early 2020. Please follow St. Luke's Guidelines ... Masks to be worn indoors and no smoking on church property.

VICE CHAIR: [Meghan A.] Four new Reps came to Orientation, 3 in person and 1 online. She will email information packets. If you need a packet, email Meghan; address is in chat.

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

TREASURER: [Buddy M] Central Office income for July 2021 includes \$4,460 from Group Contributions, \$927 from individuals and \$200 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$5,587. Total expenses for July include \$2,208 from central office and \$59 from Teleservice for a subtotal gain of \$3,320. Bookstore income for July 2021 was \$5,476, total expenses were \$6,224 leaving a subtotal loss of \$948. Overall for this month we had a net gain of \$2,572. Year to date our income is \$61,260 our expenses are \$51,482

REGISTRAR: [Hilary G] There are 171 groups in Sonoma County offering 319 total meetings each week. Twenty-eight representatives, including 9 new Reps, attended the July General Meeting, for a 16.37% participation rate. Reps please sign in using SCIF Registration Form link on Intergroup page of website; Hilary has placed a link in the Chat. In-person attendees may sign in on paper form available at Meeting.

ICSC REPORT: [Carl M] Shared Intergroup Central Steering Committee functions, i.e., management and oversight of Bookstore and Central Office.

BOOKSTORE REPORT: [Glenn C.] Masks are now required for entry to Bookstore, per Sonoma County Health Department regulations. Sale book for September Is The Homegroup: Heart of AA, \$11.80. Bookstore will be closed Labor Day, September 6.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] Ryan and his team are letting groups know about the upcoming Alkathons Lottery. Let him know about your events so he can spread the word.

ACTIVITIES: [Vacant]

ALKATHONS: [Natalie B.] Thanksgiving Alkathon will be an in-person event, with a streaming Zoom feed. Lottery for meeting-hosting slots will be at September General Meeting. Glenn has brought paper applications tonight. To register for lottery online, email Natalie for fillable PDF. Please send completed applications to Natalie in advance of Lottery, if possible. If not, you may fill out a paper copy of the Lottery Application at the GM.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER:

[Ashley H.] Ashley absent.

WEBMASTER: [Judah N.] Best way to notify Judah of meeting changes is to use "Contact Us" on SCIF webpage. Emailing him will also work. One week's notice of changes is preferred.

SEMINARS: [Rosa R.] August Seminar went well. September Seminar, Wednesday, 9/15, is Life on Life's Terms. Past Delegate Joanne is one of two speakers who have been confirmed.

TELESERVICE: [Deb D.] Volunteers are needed to answer phones on Monday, Tuesday Saturday, and Sunday mornings, and Sunday afternoons. Phone traffic has been light, averaging 1-3 calls per shift.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: ICSC consists of 3 at-large members, plus SCIF Chair and Treasurer. Term for at-large members is 18 months, sobriety requirement is 5 years. Business experience is desirable. If you know of a suitable candidate, please contact a Nominating Committee member [Marilyn, Eric or Barry D.]

UNITY DAY: [Larry O] Unity Day will be Saturday October 9, 10 AM-4 PM. Format has been changed from hybrid to Zoom-only, related to COVID health risks. See Newsletter for details. Next Planning Meeting also on Zoom, Wednesday, August 25 at 6:30 PM. Link is on website, sonomacountyaa.org. We still need of a Gift Basket / Drawing Chairman and a Unity Day Outreach person to help in the procurement and assembly of our Gift Baskets. Please contact Larry O at 707-953-5022 or email to lmatoono@gmail.com if you can help.

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Jeff] Jeff thanks SCIF for letter of support for hosting Northern California YPAA Convention. Convention bidding will be at SWACCYPAA Convention in Ventura County, 9/17-9/19. Elections soon.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [José G.] Meetings every Saturday from 4-6 PM. There are unfilled Officer positions.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: [Jeff R.] Nothing to report

GENERAL SERVICE: [James B.] California Northern Coastal Area 06 Summer Assembly took place on 8/7. CNCA06 continues to meet on Zoom, which works well for members from outlying Districts; next meeting 8/28. Area Inventory will take place in September. This is the time of year when Groups typically do their Group Inventories. Regional forum coming up [Western US and Canada.]

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Sam K.] Absent.

PI/CPC: [Chris S.] Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Committee is a sub-committee of District 12 General Service. Our mission is to carry the AA message to the general public and to professionals who deal with alcoholics. In Sonoma County we speak at DUI classes, schools, veterans groups. Law enforcement, and any group who wishes to learn more about AA.

We need all of you to speak, deliver literature, and serve on our committee. Our next speaker training is Wednesday September 8th at 7PM and stay for the business meeting at 730PM. All is on Zoom listed on sonomacounty-aa.org drop down menu "getting into service". We will eventually return to the Santa Rosa City Hall underground at the same time.

We are excited to announce that the Area 06 CPC part of our mission is holding a huge outreach to professionals featuring a panel of experts in many aspects of addiction. The area has sent out over 50 K invitations to a database supplied by the entire CNCA 06 community. If you have contacts to any professionals with relevant expertise, please share the link below. There are morning or evening presentations taking place on September 22nd. You may attend if you wish, but it is an outreach to professionals.

We have just begun distributing Literature and QR code business cards and flyers as a substitute for paper meeting schedules. Our Schools coordinator Dana announced that we are going to be giving presentations at Casa Grande High School in Petaluma.

Our committee is excited to participate in the Area outreach to professionals in September.

Chris now Chair of District 12 PICPC committee,

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Stephen R.] No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

NEW BUSINESS: None discussed

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS: None

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine C.

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 2021

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP									
Financial Summary									
	Aug-21		Aug-20		Year to Date		2021	2020	difference
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	
Group Supported:	Comparison				Comparison				
Central Office	-	(2,071)	(2,071)	(2,762)	-	(15,954)	(15,954)	(18,528)	2,574
Groups	2,429	0	2,429	2,907	24,437	0	24,437	20,547	3,891
Individuals	414	0	414	1,614	5,187	0	5,187	7,782	(2,595)
Group Ins Collection	125	0	125	0	550	0	550	1,125	(575)
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(319)	319
Pamphlets & Cards	0	(195)	(195)	(66)	0	(231)	(231)	(374)	142
Newsletter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,066)	1,066
Teleservice	0	(59)	(59)	(58)	0	(470)	(470)	(444)	(25)
Interest/Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	(25)
Subtotal	2,968	(2,324)	644	1,635	30,174	(16,655)	13,519	8,748	4,771
Self Supported:									0
Bookstore	5,455	(6,080)	(625)	(1,033)	39,036	(43,231)	(4,195)	(10,586)	6,391
Group Ins Collection	125	0	125	0	550	0	550	1,125	(575)
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	5,580	(6,080)	(500)	(1,033)	39,586	(43,231)	(3,645)	(9,205)	5,560
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	8,548	(8,404)	143	602	69,760	(59,886)	9,874	(457)	10,331
Assets & Liabilities									
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		61,776			Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		61,776		
Prepaid Expenses		3,420			Prudent Reserve		(40,649)		
Bookstore Inventory		18,600			Liabilities		(7,365)		
Property		13,618							
Subtotal		97,415			Operating Reserve		13,762	net Gain	13,762
Liabilities		(7,365)							
Total Assets & Liabilities		90,050							

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - AUGUST 2021

Central Office income for August 2021 includes \$2,429 from Group Contributions, \$414 from individuals and \$125 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$2,968. Total expenses for August include \$2,071 from central office, \$195 from pamphlets and cards and \$59 from Teleservice for a subtotal gain of \$644.

The Bookstore income for August 2021 was \$5,455, group insurance collection was \$125, total expenses were \$6,080 leaving a subtotal loss of \$625.

Overall for this month we had a net gain of \$143.

Year to date our income is \$69,760 our expenses are \$59,886 leaving a gain of \$9,874.

In service, Buddy M, Treasurer

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



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If you had previously signed up to receive the newsletter, that list has been lost and new one has been created! Please sign up again to receive this newsletter and other important news in your email!

Signup at the bottom of www.sonomacountyaa.org home page

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

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SONOMA COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE IN A.A. (SOCYPAA)

Intergroup Liason	**VACANT**	socypaa@
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