

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



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2021

CHRISTMAS ALKATHON

6pm 12/24 – 10pm 12/25

28 hours of continuous meetings, food, fellowship,
and recovery!

There are two ways to help give back this holiday season:

- As a group, host either the 2pm–4pm or 4pm–6pm meeting slot on 12/25
- As an individual, sign up to help during the Alkathon

Attend in Person @ 1495 W. Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

Viewing Only via Zoom ~ Meeting ID: 361 887 3715
Password: Alkathon

COVID measures:

- Dining, food service, and drink sales located outside in covered and heated areas
- No food or drinks allowed inside
- No congregating allowed inside
- Masks and hand sanitizer provided

To be of service, contact:

Natalie B.

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CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 24th

6pm – 8pm	We're in the Now
8pm – 10pm	New Sobriety
10pm – 12am	Serenity Fellowship

DECEMBER 25th

12am – 2am	The Harmony Group
2am – 4am	Knuckleheads
4am – 6am	Friday Night Vets
6am – 8am	Attitude Adjustment
8am – 10am	LGBTQ Open to All
10am – 12pm	Wednesday Night Step Study
12pm – 2pm	Redwood Winners
2pm – 4pm	NEED HOST
4pm – 6pm	NEED HOST
6pm – 8pm	Hens on the Hill
8pm – 10pm	Any Lengths Group

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Zoom Meeting ID: 361 887 3715 Password: Alkathon

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

BOOKSTORE

We could use one or two more volunteers to work at the bookstore; the shifts are 3 or 4 hours, every other week; there is a one year sobriety requirement and familiarity with steps/traditions also required; experience with retail sales and basic use of a computer preferred.

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WINTER HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 10am - 5pm
Friday: 10am-6pm
Saturday: 11am - 3pm
Sunday: Closed

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

Thanksgiving November 25th

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 "How to stay sober during the Holidays"

A seminar and discussion

Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

7:00pm - 8:30pm Pacific time.

*Meeting with a panel of Alcoholics who will
Share experience, strength and hope.*

Q & A to follow with a group discussion.

Meeting ID 82981553305

Passcode: seminar

Information: Rosa R. 707-529-1938

Translation to Spanish will be available.

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

Sale Book for December is...

"One Big Tent"

From Grapevine, stories that reflect the shared experience of secular AA members. Atheists, agnostics, nonbelievers and secular alcoholics have been members of AA since its earliest days, making significant contributions to the development of the program. But for some, finding their path has not always been easy.

\$11.20 + tax

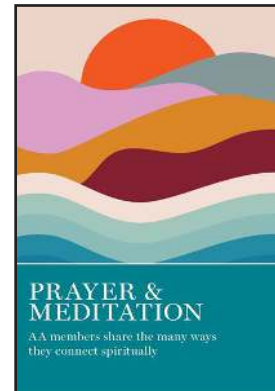


New Book!

"Prayer & Meditation"

AA members share
the many ways they
connect spiritually.

Selling for \$13.49
plus tax.



750 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 10, Santa Rosa
PST: Monday – Thursday 10AM-5PM, Friday 10-6PM, Saturday 11-3PM

PI/CPC Testimonial

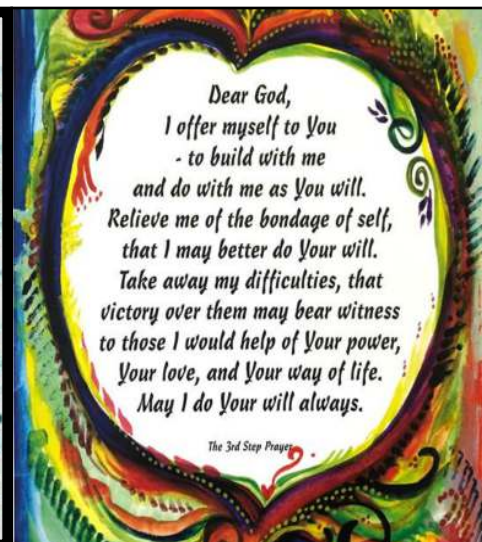
Have you ever wondered how these weird misconceptions and myths about AA come up? Is it through word of mouth? Is it really how some meetings are? If you'd like to be a part of setting the record straight about what AA is, and more importantly what it is NOT, come join us in PI/CPC!

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community is a combined committee whose primary purpose is to educate people who may be potential alcoholics (such as high schools and DUI classes) and professional communities that may have alcoholics among them or work closely with alcoholics (such as medical care, corporations, or clergy members) on what to expect from AA. We do this in different ways: distributing literature in places where we think alcoholics might be, such as assisted livings, libraries, doctor's offices, counseling offices, homeless shelters, etc. We also make presentations at the request of certain facilities.

Personally, making presentations at high schools has been the most rewarding and profound commitment I've ever had in AA. As a younger person, these high schoolers can relate to my story, especially since my alcoholism really got rolling around grade 11-12. They get to see that us AAs are not a glum lot, that a productive, healthy, fun, happy, joyous and free life is available to them without the use of substances! We always leave ample time at the end for the students to ask questions anonymously, and it is truly baffling how many of these kids' lives are directly affected by alcoholism.

If you're interested in becoming part of one of the most rewarding service commitments EVER, our committee meeting happens every second Wednesday of the month on Zoom (ID: 961 8127 1048, PW: Dist12GS) at 7:30pm, please come to speaker training at 7pm!

In service, Jacob L.
Recording Secretary/Speaker Trainer



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.

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.

Bridging the Gap meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm

SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS - DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			H&I 1 Hybrid Meeting In person at Community of Christ Church Zoom ID: 891 8522 6587 / PW: 463197 5:45 New Rep Orien. 6:15pm Business mtg.	2	3	4
5	6 GENERAL SERVICE Meeting VIA ZOOM Email chairperson for Meeting ID 6:45pm New Rep Orientation 7:30 pm Business mtg.	7	8	9	10	11
12 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	13 SCIF STEERING COMMITTEE In person at the AA Bookstore - 7:30PM 750 Mendocino Ave. Zoom sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting ID and password	14	15 PI/CPC Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 Password: Dist12GS 7:00pm Speaker Training 7:30pm Business Mtg	16 ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 934 2984 1277 Password: 804715 7:15pm Business Meeting	17 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 5pm newsletter@ sonomacountyaa. org	18
19	20	21 BRIDGING THE GAP Please email btg@sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting and service info. 6pm New Rep Orien.	22	23	24 Christmas ~ Alkathon ~ begins @ 6PM!	25 Christmas ~ Alkathon ~ final meeting starts @ 8PM
26 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	27 SCIF INTERGROUP Hybrid Meeting In person at St. Luke Church (905 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa) & Online via Zoom 7:30pm Business Mtg	28	29	30	31 New Years ~ Alkathon ~ begins @ 6PM!	New Years ~ Alkathon ~ final meeting starts @8PM

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 25th, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 10 and Concept X.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES: Michelle; Mary, River Grace; Karen, Think About It; Kerri, Third Step.

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Chris S, 23; Hilary, 16; Tanya, 2; Nancy H, 38.

ELECTIONS: ACTIVITIES-Kristin P. elected.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] Thanks to Clark and Kristin for taking leadership roles, Nancy H for making herself available.

VICE CHAIR: [Meghan A.] Three New Reps at Orientation tonight. Birthdays announced total 79 years.

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

TREASURER: [Buddy M] Central Office income for September 2021 includes \$2,738 from Group Contributions, \$179 from individuals and \$25 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$2,942. Total expenses for September include \$2,239 from central office, \$118 from pamphlets and cards and \$59 from Teleservice for a subtotal gain of \$527. Bookstore income for September 2021 was \$4,298 and group insurance collection was \$25. Total expenses were \$5,500 leaving a subtotal loss of \$1,202. Overall for this month we had a net loss of \$650. Year to date our income is \$76,870 our expenses are \$67,801 leaving a gain of \$9,069.

REGISTRAR: [Hilary G] There are 170 groups in Sonoma County offering 315 meetings each week, 149 online, 149 in-person and 17 hybrid. Thirty-four Reps attended the September General Meeting, 17 in person and 17 online, for a 23 % participation rate. Reps attending in person, please sign in on sheets provided at back of room. Reps attending on Zoom, whether New or not, please sign in using link Hilary has placed in Chat.

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

BOOKSTORE REPORT: [Glenn C.] Sale book: Sale book for November will be Voices of Women in AA on sale for 20% off or \$10.80 plus tax. New book: Prayer and Meditation – AA members share the many ways they connect spiritually, selling for \$13.49 plus tax. PST: Starts Sunday, November 7; bookstore will close at 5pm Mondays through Thursdays, open until 6pm on Fridays.

Thanksgiving: the bookstore will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (November 25) and back open on the Friday after for holiday shopping!

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] No report

ACTIVITIES: Kristin P. elected

ALKATHONS: [Natalie B.] Three Alkathon hosting slots are available: Thanksgiving 10-12 AM; Christmas 2-4 PM and 4-6 PM. Notify Natalie if your Group wants to pick up one of these slots. Alkathons Steering Committee meets this week; after this meeting, Natalie will send out instructions to Host Groups, also instruction for streaming access. Groups who wish to donate food, please bring it in on the day of the Alkathon.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER:

[Ashley H.] Printed Newsletter is here for Reps to take to their groups. Any copies not taken will go to Bookstore for pickup there. Deadline for submission for December Newsletter is Friday, Nov 12.

WEBMASTER: [Judah N.] Web operations smooth. Best way to notify Judah of meeting changes is to use "Contact Us" on SCIF webpage. Emailing him will also work. Please include your Group's name and its meeting day and time, plus change details. Please notify a week before changes go into effect.

SEMINARS: [Rosa R.] Absent. No Seminar in November

TELESERVICE: [Deb D.] Absent.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: [Barry D., Eric, Marilyn] Committee thanks candidates for their willingness. Next election to ICSC will be in April; candidate search begins tomorrow. Next election to Nominating Committee will be in February, when all 3 positions will be elected.

UNITY DAY: [Larry O] Unity Day was a fun and successful event. Thanks to all who attended and participated, and all who volunteered early on for an "in-person/hybrid" Unity Day. Total income for the day was \$4,235.00 [This figure includes seed money.] Total expenses were \$1,240.39, leaving a balance of \$2,994.61. Seed money of \$600.00 was returned to each of 4 service entities. SCGS, SCIF, H&I, & SOCYPAA. Remaining \$748.65 will be divided among the 4. Larry will assemble a "pass-it-on" binder and deliver it to H&I, the host for Unity Day 2022.

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LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Jeff] SOCYPAA didn't get selected to host the Southwest Conference. Elections were 10/23; Jeff is new Chair. There are still positions available. Meetings are 1st and 3rd Sundays @ Alano Club. There will be a dance on Friday, Oct 30; starts at 8 PM.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [José G.] Meetings every Saturday from 4-6 PM. Traditions Workshop will be held Nov 7th & 11th, from 7-9 PM at the Spanish Central Office, 5959 Commerce Blvd., Rohnert Park. Lots of newcomers at meetings. Public Information is doing training. Preparing for State Assembly.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: [Jeff R.] No report.

GENERAL SERVICE: [James B.] It's Inventory season. GS District 12 will self-inventory at 11/1 meeting [on Zoom.] CNCA06 Assembly will be 11/6 on Zoom; Area 06 will do self-inventory that afternoon [Zoom.] General Service can help with your Group's Inventory; contact us if you want help. Plan to return to meeting in person in January or February.

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Sam K.] Denise reports that BTG super busy. They will be hosting a forum on Nov 13 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on St. Francis Rd. For details, see Events page on website.

PI/CPC: [Chris S.] PI/CPC is the public face of AA. We share information about alcoholism and AA. This past month we trained 3 speakers, did 6 DUI classes and 16 presentations at Petaluma high schools. Also delivered literature to many. In September, had a large and successful outreach forum for the community of professionals who deal with alcoholics. Meetings are at 7 PM, 2nd Wednesdays, via Zoom. We plan to return to meeting in person next year.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Stephen R.] Sam invites participation in improving Access for all. If you know of any challenging situations, please reach out. Meetings are 2nd Thursdays at 7:15 PM on Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

NEW BUSINESS: None discussed

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS: None

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine C.

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

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 2021

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP									
Financial Summary									
	Oct-21		Oct-20		Year to Date		2021	2020	difference
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	
Group Supported:				Comparison				Comparison	
Central Office	-	(2,042)	(2,042)	(2,261)	-	(20,235)	(20,235)	(22,499)	2,264
Groups	7,198	0	7,198	3,334	34,373	0	34,373	27,140	7,233
Individuals	1,194	0	1,194	711	6,560	0	6,560	9,510	(2,950)
Group Ins Collection	50	0	50	0	625	0	625	1,125	(500)
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(319)	319
Pamphlets & Cards	0	0	0	0	0	(349)	(349)	(374)	24
Newsletter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,066)	1,066
Teleservice	0	(59)	(59)	(58)	0	(587)	(587)	(561)	(25)
Interest/Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	(25)
Subtotal	8,441	(2,101)	6,340	1,726	41,558	(21,172)	20,386	12,981	7,405
Self Supported:									0
Bookstore	4,426	(5,347)	(921)	(794)	47,604	(54,078)	(6,474)	(11,809)	5,335
Group Ins Collection	50	0	50	0	625	0	625	1,125	(500)
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	149	0	149	0	149	0	149	309	(160)
Subtotal	4,625	(5,347)	(723)	(794)	48,378	(54,078)	(5,700)	(10,428)	4,728
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	13,066	(7,449)	5,617	932	89,936	(75,250)	14,686	2,553	12,133
Assets & Liabilities									
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		64,311			Memo:	Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	64,311		
Prepaid Expenses		4,616				Prudent Reserve	(40,649)		
Bookstore Inventory		17,384				Liabilities	(5,562)		
Property		14,112							
Subtotal		100,424				Operating Reserve	18,100		net Gain
Liabilities		(5,562)							
Total Assets & Liabilities		94,862							

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2021

Central Office income for October 2021 includes \$7,198 from Group Contributions, \$1,194 from individuals and \$50 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$8,441. Total expenses for October include \$2,042 for central office, and \$59 for Teleservice for a subtotal gain of \$6,340.

The Bookstore income for October 2021 was \$4,426 and unity day was \$149. Total expenses were \$5,347 leaving a subtotal loss of \$723.

Overall for this month we had a net gain of \$5,617.

Year to date our income is \$89,936 our expenses are \$75,250 leaving a gain of \$14,686.

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)



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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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