Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022



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SCIF PRESENTS "USING THE TRADITIONS IN ALL OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS"



A SEMINAR AND DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022.
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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TELESERVICE

Teleservice needs active AA's to be of service to the suffering alcoholic!

Open Shifts:

8am-1pm Mon • Wed • Sat 1pm-5pm Sun • Sat 10pm-8am shifts, various nights Please email Deb at: teleservice@sonomacountyaa.org

NEW MEETINGS!

12 x 12 Study Group

Book Study - Open Saturdays @ 10:30AM Petaluma Alano Club 1050 Petaluma Blvd. N Petaluma

Birthday Chip Meeting

Sobriety Birthday - Open Last Tuesday of every month 7-8:30PM Petaluma Alano Club 1050 Petaluma Blvd. N Petaluma

** If your home group is in need of support, please send a brief email to newsletter@sonomacountyaa.org to be included in next month's newsletter.

The SCIF Newsletter is made possible through the contributions of our members. Please read this newsletter and pass it on! This newsletter is also available online at www.sonomacountyaa.org

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SCIF CENTRAL OFFICE

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Email: bookstore@sonomacountyaa.org

SPRING HOURS

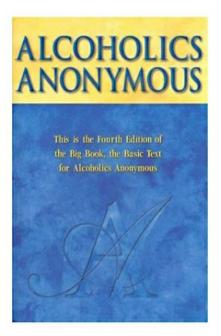
(Beginning March 14th)

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

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)



Big Book Comes Alive
Mon 2/14 through Mon 3/28
6:30pm to 8:30pm (5:30pm dinner)
BRING YOUR BIG BOOK and 12 & 12
Dinner is planned for each week \$15
Sonoma County Alano Club
1050 Petaluma Blvd. N
(707)782-0588

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

Sale Book for March is...

"Spiritual Awakenings"

Journeys of the Spirit

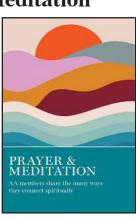
In this collection of more than 80 stirring letters, essays and stories, discover the unique journeys of the spirit that AAs have taken on their paths from alcoholism to recovery and the practical ways they put their spiritual values into operation in their everyday lives while maintaining or attaining sobriety.

SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS Journeys of the Spirit New Book!

"Prayer & Meditation"

AA members share the many ways they connect spiritually.

Selling for \$13.49 plus tax.



\$10.80 + tax

750 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 10, Santa Rosa

PST: Monday – Thursday 10AM-5PM, Friday 10-6PM, Saturday 11-3PM

GENERAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Service... More than just a business meeting?

Looking for a commitment or an opportunity to jump into service? General service may just be the thing you didn't know you needed. As well as our monthly business meeting, General Service operates three subcommittees that are constantly offering various and unique opportunities for service.

...Access Sonoma County (ASC)

Serves the county as a way 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. They put on workshops and aim to provide information and tools for groups and members looking to eliminate any barriers to entry for our solution. Anyone is welcome to join the committee and help out.

...Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)

Serves the Public and professional community by sharing the message of what AA is (and is not) in order to provide accurate information to those who may not know about AA. Opportunities for service include speaking engagements at schools and DUI classes, presentations at law enforcement and medical agencies, and passing out literature to various professions that deal with the field of alcoholism.

...Bridging the Gap (BTG)

Acts as the connection between those in rehabilitation facilities and Alcoholics Anonymous. A big aspect of their service is ensuring that anyone who wishes to attend an AA meeting after treatment is provided with the resources to do so. They are always looking for volunteers to help with presentations in facilities, maintain and update the phone lists, and volunteers to connect with members at their first AA meeting.

For more information on any of these committees and when to attend their meetings, visit www. sonomacountyaa.org/get-into-service

PI/CPC

PI/CPC - Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community



Sonoma County
Alcoholics Anonymous
Need a Meeting?

24-Hour Hotline
English: 707-544-1300
Espanol: 707-624-6702
Hiss./Ivexx.sonomacounty.aa.ang/meetings/



Remember "back in the day" when we had printed meeting guides? Well, we now have double-sided QR code business cards which take anyone with a cell phone right to Sonoma County's A.A. Meetings web page! Let us know if you want help the committee deliver these to our professional community contacts: picpc@sonomacountyaa.org

We are 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. Currently, we make presentations at the local drunk driving program and local schools (middle school - high schools). We've also made presentations to veterans' groups, senior communities, and the local members of the medical community (doctors, nurses, and social workers). Additionally, we work with and provide information about A.A. to law enforcement agencies, the courts, and senior living communities, psychiatric emergency services, and any other public group that might request it. 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.

Please join us Wed., March 9th at 7:30 pm (7:00 pm for speaker training) for our committee meeting to learn more! Zoom Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 PW: Dist12GS

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

SFRVICE	MFFTINGS &	FVFNTS -	MARCH 2022
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	H&I 2 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.	3	4	5
6 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	GENERAL SERVICE Meeting VIA ZOOM Email chairperson for Meeting ID 6:45pm New Rep Orientation 7:30 pm Business mtg.	8	PI/CPC Meeting VIA ZOOM Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 Password: Dist12GS 7:00pm Speaker Training 7:30pm Business Mtg	ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 934 2984 1277 Password: 804715 7:15pm Business Meeting	11	12
13	14 SCIF STEERING COMMITTEE In person at the AA Bookstore - 7:30PM 750 Mendocino Ave. Zoom sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting ID and password	BRIDGING THE GAP Please email btg@sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting and service info. 6pm New Rep Orien.	16 SCIF Presents: Using the traditions in all of our relationships. 7-8:30PM Attend on Zoom	17	18 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 5pm newsletter@ sonomacountyaa. org	19
20 SOCYPAA First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr., S.R. 7:15pm Business Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 SCIF INTERGROUP Hybrid Meeting In person at St. Luke Church (905 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa) & Online via Zoom 7:30pm Business Mtg	29	30	31		

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 27th, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 1 ånd Concept I

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

Louie; Gail S, Expect a Miracle; Bonita, Monday Women's 12 x 12 at 12; Steph, Thursday noon Women's Step Study; Jim C, Without a Prayer; Ginger, How It Works; Kathleen B, Hens on the Hill; Larry O, Sunday Speaker-Discussion Meeting; Pat B., Thursday night 12 + 12 Discussion Group; Manuel A, Sunday Night Madness; Shastl Andre, New Sobriety Group

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Gail, 7; Clark, 13; Nancy 26; Denise, 11; Karen, 18 months

OFFICER ELECTIONS: [Denise G. and James B, General Service Third Legacy election process.

Chair: Kevin H. Thanks to Amber for availability. Vice-Chair: Amber H. Thanks to Meghan for availability.

Treasurer: Meghan A **Secretary**: Katherine C. **Registrar**: Hilary G.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] Committee Chairs will be elected at February General Meeting: Outreach, Activities, Alkathons, Communications/Newsletter, Webmaster, Seminars, Teleservice, ICSC Nominating Committee (all 3 positions.)

VICE CHAIR: [Meghan A.] Eight New Reps at Orientation tonight. If you are new and weren't at orientation, contact Meghan to receive an Orientation Packet; her email is in the Chat.

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

TREASURER: [Buddy M] Central Office income for December 2021 includes \$3,497 from Group Contributions, \$448 from individuals and \$150 from Group Insurance Collection for a total of \$4,095. Total expenses for December include \$2,388 for central office, \$59 for Teleservice and \$200 for newsletters leaving a subtotal gain of \$1,448. Bookstore income for December 2021 was \$6,742. Total expenses were \$7,327 leaving a subtotal loss of \$586. Overall for this month we had a net gain of \$1,012

Year to date our income is \$111,278 our expenses are \$94,145 leaving a gain of \$17,133.

REGISTRAR: [Hilary G] As of December 27th 2021, there were a total of 196 groups in Sonoma County offering a total of 358 meetings each week. 136 are on line, 202 In person, 20 Hybrid. There were a total of 24 reps in attendance including 2 new reps; 6 In person, 18 on zoom

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 for February is Best of Grapevine (any of three volumes); sale price is \$9.59 plus tax.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] No report.

ACTIVITIES: [Kristin P.] No report.

ALKATHONS: [Natalie B.] No report.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER:

[Ashley H.] February Newsletters printed. Reps can pick them up at Bookstore.

WEBMASTER: [Judah N.] Notify Judah of upcoming events and changes to meetings by using CONTACT US link on website or e-mailing webmaster@ sonomacaountyaa.org. Please notify one week in advance.

SEMINARS: [Rosa R.] January Seminar, Gratitude was very successful. There will be no February Seminar.

TELESERVICE: [Deb D.] Teleservice can always use Hotline volunteers. Spots are available, especially at night and on Saturdays.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: [Barry D., Eric, Marilyn] All 3 positions will be up for election in February. Please encourage good candidates to make themselves available.

UNITY DAY: [Larry O] No report.

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 27th, 2021

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Jeff] Game Day will be held from 2-6:30 PM at Ladybug Park. Business Meetings are on 1st and 3rd Sunday nights at 7:15 at Alano Club.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [José G.] Business Meetings are every Saturday from 5-6 PM.

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

GENERAL SERVICE: [Denise G.] Preconference Workshop will be on 2/19; a flyer is coming.

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Sam K.] No report.

PI/CPC: [Chris S.] A new request this month is a LGBTQ Retirement community in Santa Rosa ask us to speak to their residents in person. I mentioned this request at the Area PICPC monthly meeting and one of its representatives, a gay man, volunteered to join our team of presenters. Curiously, the organizer wanted us to bring a medical doctor to speak about the dangers of excessive drinking too. Unfortunately, since our primary purpose is to help problem drinkers find sobriety, we have no official opinion on the subject matter. We did, however, recommend they contact an organization that could provide an appropriate speaker e.g. National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) or National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) for a speaker. Come join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7PM for speaker training or 730PM for the one-hour business meeting. Check sonomacountyaa.org for the zoom link.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Stephen R.] Denise G. shared that Access has several open positions. A collaborative activity with the Lake, Humboldt and Mendocino Access Committees is in the planning stages..

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

NEW BUSINESS: February General Meeting

will be on Zoom only.

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine C.

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)



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	FINA	NCIAI	. SUMN	MARY	- JANU	ARY 20	022		
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			Fir	nancial Summa	ry					
		Jan-22		Jan-22		to Date	2022	<u>2021</u>	difference	
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net		
Group Supported:		(0.000)	(2.220)	Comparison		(2.222)	(2.220)	Comparison	(1==)	
Central Office		(2,329)	(2,329)	(1,873)		(2,329)	(2,329)	(1,873)	(457)	
Groups	7,140	0	7,140	2,850	7,140	0	7,140	2,850	4,290	
Individuals	272	0	272	243	272	0	272	243	29	
Group Ins Collection	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pamphlets & Cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Newsletter	0	(200)	(200)	0	0	(200)	(200)	0	(200)	
Teleservice	0	(59)	(59)	(58)	0	(59)	(59)	(58)	(1)	
Interest/Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	
Subtotal	7,487	(2,588)	4,899	1,163	7,487	(2,588)	4,899	1,163	3,736	
Self Supported:									0	
Bookstore	4,300	(5,574)	(1,274)	(595)	4,300	(5,574)	(1,274)	(595)	(679)	
Group Ins Collection	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	
Alkathons	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Seminars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unity Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	4,375	(5,574)	(1,199)	(595)	4,375	(5,574)	(1,199)	(595)	(604)	
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	11,862	(8,163)	3,699	567	11,862	(8,162)	3,699	567	3,132	
Ass	Assets & Liabilities 2022									
Cash in Bank & Petty Ca	sh	72,242			Memo:	Cash in Bank & Petty Cash		72,242		
Prepaid Expenses		5,567				Prudent Reserv	•	(40,649)		
Bookstore Inventory		18,495				Liabilities		(15,266)		
Property		13,372						*******		
Subtotal		109,676				Operating Rese	erve	16,327	net Gain	16,327
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INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2022

Central Office income for January 2022 includes \$7,140.00 from Group Contributions, \$272.00 from individuals and \$75.00 for group insurance for a total of \$7,487.00. Total expenses for January include \$2,329.00 from central office, \$200.00 from newsletter and \$59 from Teleservice for a subtotal gain of \$4,899.00.

The Bookstore income for January 2022 was \$4,300.00. Total expenses were \$5,574.00 for the bookstore leaving a subtotal loss of \$1,274.00.

Overall, for this month we had a net gain of \$3,699.00.

Year to date our income is \$11,862.00, our expenses are \$8,163.00, leaving a gain of \$3,699.00.

In service, Meghan A., Treasurer

2021 SCIF Contributions are as follows:

40%	General Service District 12	\$3,995.18
30%	General Service Area 06	\$2,996.41
30%	General Service NY	\$2,996.41
	Total Contributions	\$9,988.00

A.A. HOTLINES

Santa Rosa: (707) 544-1300 Español: (707) 623-6702



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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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