

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022



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Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship Presents:

A.A FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC POTLUCK & BBQ

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 11am-4pm

Ladybug Park
8517 Liman Way,
Rohnert Park

Speaker meeting at 11am with food, games, and music to follow!

Burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers & drinks for sale
Please bring something to share
Last name A-M: Side Dish; N-Z: dessert

Volunteers Needed please contact Kristin P. (925) 961-6123

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

TELESERVICE

Call for Teleservice Volunteers!

Our hotline is in need of staffing.
Requirement: 1 year sobriety and
working knowledge of 12 Steps.

Inquire to Stacey T. Please email:
Teleservice@sonomacountyaa.org

We presently need coverage for:

- 8am-1pm shift M,T,W, Sat
- 1pm-5pm shift on Tuesdays
- 10pm-8am night shift on ALL nights

Meetings in Need of Support

The following meetings hope that AA members who have worked the 12 steps and are *available to sponsor* might also attend and give their support.

*There is a Solution

Hybrid - Open
Sunday morning @ 9AM
1043 Felta Ridge Rd., Healdsburg
Zoom Meeting ID: 824 6822 0060
Passcode: 54321

*Primary Purpose

Online - Open
Sunday afternoons @ 3:30PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 815 442 86271
Passcode: 778729

** 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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SPRING HOURS

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

CLOSED on Upcoming Holidays:
Independence Day - Mon. July 4th

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)

JULY 8 - 10, 2022

UNITY & SERVICE

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Concepts in All Our Affairs

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SUNDAY CONCEPTS BREAKFAST
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SPEAKERS

LINDA CHEZEM

CLASS A TRUSTEE, GSB CHAIR

JIMMY D.

AA MEMBER RIGHTS &
RESPONSIBILITIES
Dallas, TX

CHUCK & BETH H.

3 LEGACIES IN RELATIONSHIPS
Destin, FL

REILLY K.

12 CONCEPTS
Winston, OR

KAREN C.

SPONSORSHIP
Oakland, CA

ANDREW S.

Marin, CA

**WITH AL-ANON
PARTICIPATION**

More speakers to be announced...

Presented by
the Love & Service Group of A.A.

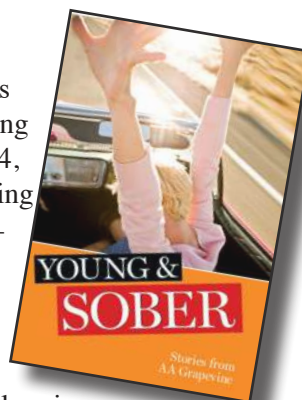
SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

Sale Book for May is...

"Young and Sober"

What's it like to stop drinking at an early age? You'll find out in this collection of Grapevine stories about the joys and challenges of being young and sober. Written by members who got sober as young as 14, these fresh, original and sometimes startling stories are about growing up in AA, finding ways to connect when feeling different and learning how to live a sober life joyously. From the young alcoholic for whom drinking once represented "the relief I'd been looking for," to the college graduate who feels "a part of something for the first time," when introduced to the AA community, this book speaks to the growing number of young people who have found a sense of belonging and hope in AA.

\$10.80 + tax



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

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship News

Bookstore

volunteers needed!!

Available Shifts: Every other Monday from 2pm to 6pm; every other Wednesday from 2pm to 6pm; every other Friday from 2pm to 6pm; two Saturdays a month from 11am to 3pm.

One year sobriety required along with working knowledge of the steps and traditions. Experience with retail sales and working with computer software preferred.

GENERAL SERVICE

Today I was reminded of the concept in our literature that "Love and Tolerance is our code". I especially believe that I am able to best practice this concept in general service, which is why I choose to continue to be here.

I joined general service about 5 years ago when my father volunteered me for the position in my home group's business meeting. My mother was the group secretary of that meeting. So with the gentle peer pressure of my parents and home group I became of service as a GSR for District 17 Area 7. I have always enjoyed business meetings and listening to the passions, frustrations, suggestions and group conscious of our fellow AA members. Those first district meetings I attended were a joy, we had few members and had lots of discussions. When I relocated to District 12 Area 6 I jumped at the opportunity to be an Alternate GSR hoping to get to know people. I was elated and intimidated when I first arrived at the District meeting. I had never seen so many people at a District meeting before. Attending my first Area meeting on zoom I was even more surprised by those attendance numbers. The excitement and participation of the AA members in District 12 and Area 6 is unmatched. With so many opinionated, outspoken and gracious alcoholics I am able to practice that love and tolerance at a much greater scale.

The last few years have posed so many challenges for service committees, groups and our individual members. My favourite part about general service is that my beliefs and opinions can be internally challenged and a whole room can be swayed by one share when listening to the minority opinion. I have learned so much while serving as the district committee member for Petaluma as it has brought me tremendous growth in my sobriety and outside life. Not only can I practice this code inside the rooms, but outside as well.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In Love, Tolerance and Service
Lesley M-I
DCM Sub-District 08

SOCYPAA

THE 9TH ANNUAL

Socypaa Campout

At Lake Berryessa's
Pleasure Cove Campground
6005 Wragg Canyon Rd,
Napa California

June 3rd @ 3:00PM
through June 5th, 2022

\$25 at the door, or

Pre-reg \$20. Venmo: @SOCYPAA



We are a sub-committee of General Service, District 12, Sonoma County. We are the public face and voice of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). **We need recovering alcoholics to share their experience, strength, and hope in public venues.** We hold speaker training at 7 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, **now in person (hybrid zoom) at the AA Bookstore.** Join us!

We are currently making presentations nearly every week at Sonoma County's drunk driver program. We have classes scheduled through the end of August that will need presenters. We also make presentations at local schools (middle and 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 AA to law enforcement agencies, the courts, 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 AA is (and isn't), where their students, clients, or patients might find out more information, and where and when to find meetings. We also need support to distribute literature to various venues all around the county, e.g., hospitals, libraries, law enforcement, and behavioral health centers, to name a few of the venues. So please join us **Wed., June 8th at 7:30 PM** (7:00 PM for speaker training) for our committee meeting to learn more!

It's a great way to get into service and from my experience, being in service has helped to keep me sober.

We look forward to seeing you!

In Service, Tanya R.

Zoom Meeting ID: 961 8127 1048 PW: Dist12GS



Sonoma County
Alcoholics Anonymous
Need a Meeting?

24-Hour Hotline

English: 707-544-1300
Español: 707-623-6702

Take a photo of QR
code for the
AA meeting listings.
<https://www.sonomacountyaa.org/meeting/>
(Español en el otro lado)



Condado de Sonoma
Alcohólicos Anónimos

Para más información:

Ayuda 24 hours

Español: 707-623-6702
Inglés: 707-544-1300

Tómese una foto del código
QR para información
de Grupos.
<https://www.sonomacountyaa.org/meeting/>
(English on the other side)

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

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

About a year ago one of my sober sisters approached me and asked if I would like to fill the service position of being the female phone list coordinator for Bridging the Gap. It had been awhile since I'd had a service position, because of the pandemic, so I said yes right away.

Service has always been a very important part of my recovery. Shortly after that, I took a Bridging the Gap presentation into one of the local treatment centers, Azure Acres. I was able to share my own experience, strength and hope, and could relate to their experience since I had been in a treatment facility six years ago. I was able to share with them the service that Bridging the Gap provides, which is to connect people just out of treatment with AA in their community. It has been an amazing experience, and I highly recommend it anyone looking to be of service.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Megan Q

SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS - JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			H&I 1 In person at Community of Christ Church 1495 W Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA 5:45 New Rep Orien. 6:15pm Business Mtg.	2	3 SOCYPAA 9th Annual Campout Lake Berryessa June 3rd-5th	4
5 SOCYPAA Sonoma County Alano Club 1050 Petaluma Blvd. N. Petaluma, CA 7:15pm Business Mtg.	6 GENERAL SERVICE Meeting VIA ZOOM Email chairperson for Meeting ID 6:45pm New Rep Orientation 7:30pm Business Mtg	7	8 PI/CPC Hybrid Meeting In person at the AA Bookstore Zoom ID: 961 8127 1048 / PW: Dist12GS 7:00 New Rep Orien. 7:30pm Business Mtg	9 ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 934 2984 1277 Password: 804715 7:15pm Business Meeting	10	11 A.A. Founders Day Picnic and BBQ 11am-4pm Ladybug Park
12	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	16	17 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 5pm newsletter@ sonomacountyaa. org	18
19 SOCYPAA Sonoma County Alano Club 1050 Petaluma Blvd. N. Petaluma, CA 7:15pm Business Mtg.	20	21 BRIDGING THE GAP Please email btg@sonomacounty- aa.org for meeting and service info. 6pm New Rep Orien. 6:30pm Business Mtg.	22	23	24	25
26	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		

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 25th, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 4 and Concept IV.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

Tina, Saturday Night Quitting Time; Meghan, Thursday Serenity Reading Between the Lines; Gerry, Fresh Air; Ellen, Sonoma County Online Early Birds; Karen, Azure Acres Sunday afternoon; Blake, Northbay Dog on the Roof

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Ryan 5 years; Jim 24 years; Kevin 8 years; Shauna 3 years; Steph 18 months

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] The following positions are still vacant: teleservice chair, alkathon chair, ICSC, ICSC nominating committee and SCIF to Spanish Central liaison.

VICE CHAIR: [Amber C. not present] Report by Meghan L.: Welcome new reps.

SECRETARY: [Katherine C. not present] No report.

TREASURER: [Meghan L.] March 2022 -- Central Office income for March 2022 includes \$1,524.00 from Group Contributions and \$655.00 from non-cash for a total of \$2,179.00. Total expenses for March include \$2,321.00 from central office, \$200 from the Newsletter and \$58 from Teleservice for a subtotal loss of \$400.00. The Bookstore income for March 2022 was \$4,583.00. Total expenses were \$4,215.00 for the bookstore leaving a subtotal gain of \$368.00. Overall, for this month we had a net loss of \$32.00. Year to date our income is \$25,242.00, our expenses are \$22,738.00, leaving a gain of \$2,504.00.

REGISTRAR: [Hilary G] 199 groups; 363 meetings each week; 44 reps in attendance last month including 6 new reps. 133 meetings online, 212 in person and 18 hybrid.

ICSC REPORT: [Gerry H.] Bookstore to undergo best practices review.

BOOKSTORE REPORT: [Glenn C. not present]

Bob: Volunteer party 4/24 was great. Need volunteers every other Monday 2-6, every other Friday 2-6 and Saturday 11-3. Group insurance due by 5/5/22. Closed Monday, May 30th. Book on sale: Free on the Inside \$11.19 plus tax.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] Please announce open position

ACTIVITIES: [Kristin P.] Founders Day June 11th from 11-4 at Ladybug Park. Need volunteers.

ALKATHONS: [Vacant] No report.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER:

[Ashley H.] Extra prints available at the bookstore. May 13th is deadline for June newsletter. If you want the newsletter emailed, signup online at bottom of webpage.

WEBMASTER: [Hal P.] Any updates send to webmaster@sonomacountyaa.org. Please allow one week.

SEMINARS: [Ann G.] May 18, 2022, 7-8:30 p.m., International AA. Zoom info available online.

TELESERVICE: [Vacant] No report.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: [Kyle P.] No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Jeff] May 13, 2022, Cal Skate skate night meeting at 6:15, 7:30 skate -- \$15 suggested donation; 70's theme. June 3-5 campout at Pleasure Cove, Lake Berryessa.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [José G.] No report.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS: [Jeff R. not present] No report.

GENERAL SERVICE: [Denise G.] First live pre-conference assembly in person with 547 in attendance. In person Post-conference assembly May 14, 2022, in Newark. June 6, 2022, in person delegates BBQ at Newanga. Potluck 6-7:30; presentation 7:30.

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Denise for Sam K.] Need to refresh volunteer list. Need female phone coordinator. Also need woman to go into Azure Acres once per month and liaison to PI/CPC.

PI/CPC: [Chris S.] This month we invited representatives of the Spanish speaking Dist 18, as well as their liaison Elvia P. from Dist 12. We discussed ways that we can collaborate to better share the life-saving message to both English and Spanish speaking members. We are really excited to return meeting together in person at the AA Bookstore. Please join us! See you in person at 750 Mendocino Ave or via Zoom: I'll put the link in the "chat" feature. Our next meeting is Wednesday May 11th. See you then! Tell your story and save a life!

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Sam] Have any challenges? Contact Access. Need recording secretary.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement 8:35pm.

-In Service, Meghan Lewis

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL 2022

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP									
Financial Summary									
	Apr-22		Apr-21		Year to Date		2022	2021	difference
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	
Group Supported:	Comparison				Comparison				
Central Office	-	(2,410)	(2,410)	(1,819)	-	(9,221)	(9,221)	(7,804)	(1,417)
Groups	4,791	0	4,791	3,238	14,678	0	14,678	9,180	5,498
Non-Cash	0	0	0	0	655	0	655	0	655
Individuals	1,294	0	1,294	442	1,586	0	1,586	3,078	(2,423)
Group Ins Collection	325	0	325	0	425	0	425	25	400
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pamphlets & Cards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newsletter	0	(210)	(210)	0	0	(210)	(210)	(37)	(173)
Teleservice	0	(225)	(225)	(58)	0	(625)	(625)	(235)	(390)
Interest/Bank Charges	0	(58)	(58)	0	0	(233)	(233)	0	(233)
Subtotal	6,410	(2,903)	3,507	1,802	17,344	(10,289)	7,055	4,207	2,847
Self Supported:									
Bookstore	6,290	(7,117)	(826)	(423)	20,498	(22,468)	(1,970)	(1,763)	(207)
Group Ins Collection	325	0	325	0	425	0	425	25	400
Alkathons	0	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	6,615	(7,117)	(501)	(423)	20,923	(22,468)	(1,545)	(1,738)	193
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	13,025	(10,019)	3,006	1,379	38,267	(32,757)	5,510	2,470	3,040
Assets & Liabilities					2022				
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	60,329				Memo:	Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	60,329		
Prepaid Expenses	6,279					Prudent Reserve	(40,649)		
Bookstore Inventory	17,889					Liabilities	(11,629)		
Property	13,364								
Subtotal	97,861					Operating Reserve	8,051		
Liabilities	(11,629)								
Total Assets & Liabilities	86,232								

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - APRIL 2022

Central Office income for April 2022 includes \$4,791.00 from Group Contributions and \$1,294.00 from individuals and \$325.00 from Group Insurance for a total of \$6,410.00.

Total expenses for April include \$2,410.00 from central office, \$210 from the Newsletter and \$225 from Teleservice and \$58 from Interest/Bank charges for a subtotal loss of \$2,903.00.

The Bookstore income for April 2022 was \$6,290.00 and \$325 from Group Insurance. Total expenses were \$7,117.00 for the bookstore leaving a subtotal loss of \$501.00.

Overall, for this month we had a net gain of \$3,006.00. Year to date our income is \$38,267, our expenses are \$32,757.00, leaving a gain of \$5,510.00

In service, Meghan A., 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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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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