

Sonoma County Intergroup Fellowship

NEWSLETTER

February 2023



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District 12

AGENDA TOPICS WORKSHOP

Sonoma County General Service

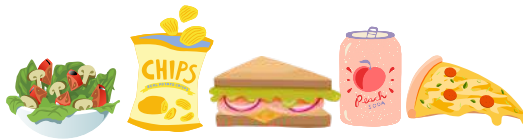


Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa
Saturday, February 18th

Registration 8:30AM - 9:00AM

Workshop 9:00AM ~ 3:30PM

Potluck Lunch - Please Bring a Dish to Share



Agenda Topics Discussion
How To Host a Sharing Session
Speakers - Including Area Delegate Eric L.

Interpretation Provided

For information & volunteers contact
Lesley M-I 530-219-0636

TELESERVICE

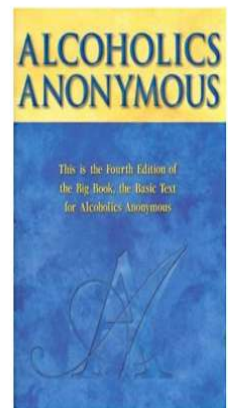
Teleservice has a wonderful opportunity for you to serve on the AA hotline!

When: Saturdays 8am-1pm.

Requirements: 1 year sobriety and working knowledge of the steps; service term is 1 year.

If interested contact Stacy T. at teleservice@sonomacountyaa.org

Study Meeting



Big Book Comes Alive
Mon 2/13 through Mon 3/27
6pm to 8pm (5pm 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

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WINTER HOURS

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

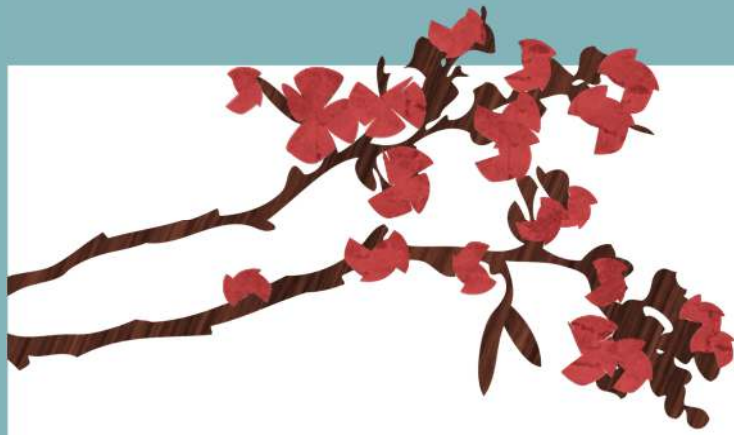
CLOSED on Sundays

No Upcoming Holiday Closures

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)



MONTE RIO FELLOWSHIP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PRESENTS **AN OPEN HOUSE** MEETING AND POTLUCK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023

11:30-3:00 PM

Come join us in our newly refurbished meeting hall for an afternoon of fellowship and food.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

20329 HWY 116 MONTE RIO, CA 95465

- 11:30-12:00 MEET AND GREET
- 12:00-1:00 SPEAKER DISCUSSION MEETING
- 1:00-3:00 FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Please bring a food item to share, preferably easy to serve and clean up

Coffee, Tea, paper plates and utensils will be provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: MICHELLE H @ 707 481-6741

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP BOOKSTORE

Sale Book for February is...

"Into Action"

The stories and letters in this book bring the Fellowship to life with intimate reflections from men and women who've acknowledged the value of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of AA in their own healing and recognize the importance of taking action.

Read about moments of day-to-day personal sobriety from mothers and fathers, soldiers and sponsors, newcomers and old-timers as they face difficult situations, stay connected through reading life-changing literature, volunteer in the service of others, and find the possibility of a spiritual awakening at AA meetings.

Each of these stories illustrates the truth that, no matter what our backgrounds, our locations, our ages, our gender identities, our politics, or our financial status, lasting sobriety can be achieved by getting into action.



Don't forget you can purchase some books and special chips online and they will be shipped directly to you.

Go to aasonomacountyaa.org and look under 'Latest News' on the first page then click on 'Bookstore Now Open Online!' to order.

\$10.80 + tax

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

GENERAL SERVICE

General Service welcomes in 2023 with a full calendar! We always start the year with our busiest time of the season and a group of trustful servants ready to get to work and be of service! Some of us are returning to General Service, and some of us are new, but we all have a passion for General Service and the many opportunities that it presents. To quote the late Bernard B. Smith, one of the architects of our conference structure: “We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of the child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics, who in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. the rebirth that brought us back to life.”

So, it is in January that you will find us at the beginning of the Agenda Topics Season. We are working with our GSR's to prepare them for the upcoming list of this year's topics. They will then hold a sharing session with their group, so that a group conscience from our Fellowship can be formed regarding these topics. Then that conscience will be submitted to our Northern California Coastal Area Delegate at our first Assembly, at the beginning of April. The Delegate, in turn, will take your voice to the General Service Conference in New York at the end of April.

It is an exciting process! To assist our GSR's we will hold an Agenda Topics Workshop on **2/18/2023** to provide them with valuable tools. Our current Delegate, Eric L., will be there to answer questions and explain everything that is needed when the GSR's obtain their group conscience. We will also have two panels of speakers on this year's Conference Theme. This is an open event and you are all invited to attend. A continental breakfast and potluck lunch will be provided. Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter, and you may also pick up flyers at our local bookstore.

“We are responsible. Whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, we want the hand of A.A always to be there. And for that: We are responsible.”

In Love and Service,
Denise G.
District 12 DCMC

H&I

On Wednesday, January 4, 2023, the Hospital and Institution Committee Business Meeting was canceled due to storm conditions. It was to be the first meeting at our new location, Druid's Hall, in Santa Rosa. A few stalwart alcoholics showed up regardless of the weather, meeting calamity with serenity! Thank you to all those who came and enjoyed some brief fellowship before venturing back into the storm. We look forward to our Meeting next month to catch up on new and old business.

Are you willing to share your gift of sobriety with an alcoholic who is confined? For suggestions on how to do just that, please come to the next meeting of the H&I committee, Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 6:15pm. The orientation begins at 5:45, and all are welcome to attend. The Committee business meeting and the orientation will be **IN PERSON** only at our **NEW MEETING LOCATION** at Druid's Hall, 1011 College Ave, Santa Rosa.

In service, Cat C.

PI/CPC

Are you interested in the work that goes into educating the public about alcoholics anonymous? Would you like to be a part of a working solution towards demystifying AA and informing people about how our organization functions?

If so, we need YOU on the PICPC committee. We have tried unsuccessfully to hold elections for committee positions these past two months, we are down to 3 or 4 people doing the jobs of many more. This committee functions well with closer to 16 people on it! Please come for next month's committee meeting for a great opportunity to step up your service.

The following positions are available:

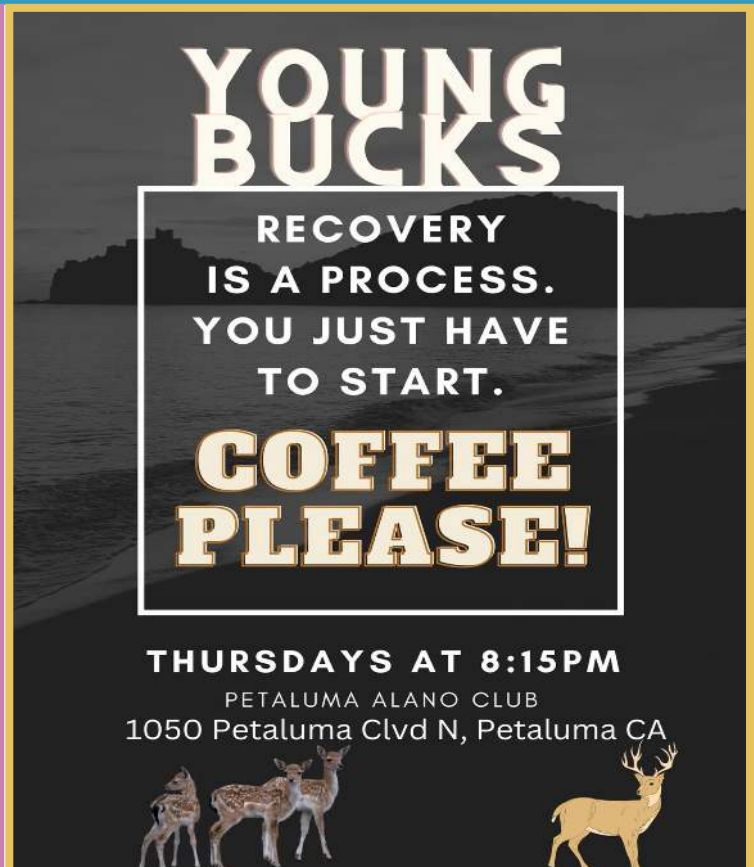
Chairperson, Literature Coordinator, DUI program liaison, Monday DUI class speaker coordinator, Tuesday & Friday DUI class speaker coordinator, Wednesday & Thursday DUI class speaker coordinator, Young offenders' DUI class speaker coordinator, Veterans' liaison, Intergroup liaison, Speaker list coordinator, Sonoma Valley Fellowship liaison, SOCYPAA liaison, and BTG liaison.

We are down to the bare bones on this committee. We could really use a rally of the local fellowship to ensure that the public stays tuned into AA and how it can help suffering alcoholics. Personally it's been the most interesting and profound service position I've ever held, the committee does so many things I hadn't even given thought to but am so grateful for as an alcoholic.

Please consider stepping up for a committee position! We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the bookstore, 7:30pm (speaker training at 7pm if you're interested in speaking at highschoools/DUI classes).

--Jacob L, PI/CPC alt. Chair, H&I liaison, speaker trainer
PICPC@Sonomacountyaa.org

SOCYPAA



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needs Support “A Vision for You” Big Book Study Online Zoom ID: 818 9042 9033 PW: 861219 Time: Tuesdays @ 12:15PM This was a thriving, strong meeting pre-pandemic.	Moving Location “Monday night Alcoholics Only” Step Study New Loc: 2000 Humboldt St., Santa Rosa @ the First Congregational Church Time: Monday @ 7:30PM Closed Meeting	Needs Support “Women’s Book Group Online” Big Book, 12x12 Online Study Group Zoom ID: 783 8912 5532 PW: bigbook Time: Saturdays @ 10:30AM Closed meeting Women Only	Needs Support “Young and Young at Heart” Loc: Ladybug Park Clubhouse 8517 Liman Way, Rohnert park Time: Wednesday @7PM
			Coming back in person! (hybrid format) “Women’s Perspectives” New Loc: 4930 Newanga Ave Time: Tuesday @7PM Open Meeting Still offered via Zoom

SERVICE MEETINGS & EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 H&I Community of Christ Church 1495 W Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA 5:45 New Rep Orien. 6:15pm Business Mtg.	2	3	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
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 District 12 General Service Agenda Topics Workshop 9am-3:30pm
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				

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 26th, 2022

The meeting opened at 7:30 with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble, followed by readings of Tradition 12 and Concept XII.

NEW REPS: Kerri, Great Reality; Joan, Think About It; Mary P., Monte Rio Noon; Claudia, Monday Night River Women's Group

BIRTHDAYS SINCE WE LAST MET: Mary P., 18

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIR: [Kevin H.] Zoom codes will change next month, from Kevin's room to SCIF's. Steering Committee members will be emailed new codes. Reps will be able to find them on the website in the Intergroup section under the GET INTO SERVICE menu. Officer elections will be at next month's meeting. Sobriety requirements are: 4 years for Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer; 3 years for Secretary and Registrar. Because the church at Steele & Range is closing, SCIF has rented a new storage space.

VICE CHAIR: [Amber C.] There was no New Rep Orientation tonight, but there will be one next month at 7:00, before the meeting. It will be in-person and on Zoom. New Reps are encouraged to attend

SECRETARY: [Katherine C.] Minutes of November General Meeting in January Newsletter; please send additions / corrections to secretary@sonomacountyaa.org.

TREASURER: [Meghan A.] Central Office income for November 2022 includes \$3,907.00 from Group Contributions and \$1,324.00 from Individuals and \$25.00 from Group Insurance for a total of \$5,256.00. Total expenses for November include \$2,232.00 from central office, \$93.00 from pamphlets & cards, \$300.00 from the Newsletter and \$59.00 from Teleservice for a subtotal gain of 2,572.00. The Bookstore income for November 2022 was \$6,279.00 and \$25.00 from Group Insurance. Total expenses were \$7,131.00 for the bookstore, leaving a subtotal loss of \$827.00. Overall, for this month we had a net gain of \$1,745.00. Year to date our income is \$115,789.00, our expenses are \$100,801.00, leaving a gain of \$14,988.00.

REGISTRAR: [Hilary G] As of end of November 2022, there were a total of 216 Groups in Sonoma County offering a total of 388 meetings each week: 242 meetings are in person, 117 on Zoom, 29 Hybrid. At November General Meeting, there were a total of 46 Reps in attendance, 7 of whom were New Reps. 18 attended on Zoom, 28 in person.

ICSC REPORT: [Clark W.] No report.

BOOKSTORE REPORT: [Glenn C.] The sale book for January is 'Happy, Joyous and Free' on sale for \$10.80. Don't forget to check out our online ordering/shipping program on the website sonomacountyaa.org (link is on the first page under Latest News.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

OUTREACH: [Ryan L.] Publicizing Alkathon.

ACTIVITIES: [Kristin P.] No special activities around New Year holiday.

ALKATHONS: [Jeff L.] Thanks to all who attended and helped at the Christmas Alkathon; there were many. New Year will be all indoors, as rain is expected. Food service will be buffet style, with dining room for eating and fellowship.

COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER: [Ashley H.] Deadline for submissions for February Newsletter is 1/13.

WEBMASTER: [Hal P.] Send website updates to webmaster@sonomacountyaa.org.

SEMINARS: [Ann G.] Next Seminar will be 1/18/23, on Zoom, from 7-8:30 PM. Topic is Emotional Sobriety: the 4th dimension.

TELESERVICE: [Stacy T.] All phone-answering positions available, Saturdays 8am-1pm. Stacy took sign-up sheets to Unity Day to recruit back-ups. Person answering the phone replies to simple questions, and refers more complicated issues to 12-Steppers.

ICSC NOMINATING COMMITTEE: [Vernon M.]

New Nominating Committee members will be elected at February General Meeting. Sobriety requirement is 2 years; term of service is 1 year. ICSC elections are in April and October.

LIAISON REPORTS

SOCYPAA: [Alex E.] No report.

SPANISH CENTRAL OFFICE: [Vacant].

H&I: [Larry O.] Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:15; 5:45 orientation for new reps. Starting 1/4, will meet at Druids' Hall. Speakers are needed.

BRIDGING THE GAP: [Megan] BTG members connect with alcoholics fresh out of treatment and help to get them to meetings. Elections have been held. Meets 3rd Wednesdays on Zoom. Meeting link on website.

GENERAL SERVICE: [Denise G.] New Panel / officers start 1/1. GS is the link between AA groups and the General Service Conference. Our local District 12 is one of 23 in our Area, CNCA06. Meets 1st Monday at Bethlehem Lutheran and online. Agenda Topics Workshop on 2/18; flier coming soon.

PI/CPC: [Jacob L.] PI/CPC, AA's public face, is running on a skeleton crew. Members needed! Meets 2nd Wednesday at the bookstore. Working with SCIF on a printed meeting schedule. Elections have been held.

ACCESS SONOMA COUNTY: [Sam] Working to make sure AA is accessible to anyone who needs it. Planning workshop for late spring. Meets 2nd Thursdays on Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Group Representative Sharing: Group reps shared meeting news, changes.

CLOSE with Responsibility Statement at 8:27 PM.

-In Service, Katherine C.

SCIF FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER 2022

SONOMA COUNTY INTERGROUP FELLOWSHIP

Financial Summary

	Dec-22				Dec-21				Year to Date		2022	2021	difference
	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Net	
Group Supported:	Comparison				Comparison				Comparison				
Central Office	-	(5,924)	(5,924)	(4,338)	-	(30,845)	(30,845)	(26,756)	-	(30,845)	(30,845)	(26,756)	(4,089)
Groups	2,625	0	2,625	3,497	46,143	0	46,143	42,150	46,143	0	46,143	42,150	3,993
Non-Cash	0	0	0	0	655	0	655	0	655	0	655	0	655
Individuals	978	0	978	448	6,253	0	6,253	7,628	6,253	0	6,253	7,628	(6,973)
Group Ins Collection	25	0	25	150	1,050	0	1,050	825	1,050	0	1,050	825	225
Directories	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pamphlets & Cards	0	0	0	0	0	(303)	(303)	(349)	0	(303)	(303)	(349)	47
Newsletter	0	(250)	(250)	(200)	0	(3,300)	(3,300)	(600)	0	(3,300)	(3,300)	(600)	(2,700)
Teleservice	0	(59)	(59)	(59)	0	(701)	(701)	(704)	0	(701)	(701)	(704)	2
Interest/Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)
Subtotal	3,628	(6,233)	(2,605)	(502)	54,101	(35,149)	18,952	22,194	54,101	(35,149)	18,952	22,194	(3,243)
Self Supported:													
Bookstore	5,558	(6,788)	(1,230)	(1,336)	65,799	(75,470)	(9,671)	(8,916)	65,799	(75,470)	(9,671)	(8,916)	(755)
Group Ins Collection	25	0	25	150	1,050	0	1,050	825	1,050	0	1,050	825	225
Contributions	0	0	0	0	305	0	305	0	305	0	305	0	305
Alkathons	4,096	(4,193)	(97)	(3,899)	4,096	(4,193)	(97)	(3,899)	4,096	(4,193)	(97)	(3,899)	3,802
Activities	0	(38)	(38)	0	3,745	(3,005)	740	330	3,745	(3,005)	740	330	410
Seminars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unity Day	390	0	390	0	390	0	390	0	390	0	390	0	390
Subtotal	10,069	(11,019)	(950)	(5,084)	75,386	(82,668)	(7,283)	(11,660)	75,386	(82,668)	(7,283)	(11,660)	4,377
TOTAL Gain (Loss)	13,697	(17,252)	(3,555)	(5,587)	129,486	(117,817)	11,669	10,534	129,486	(117,817)	11,669	10,534	1,135
Assets & Liabilities													
Cash in Bank & Petty Cash	69,605				2022				Memo: Cash in Bank & Petty Cash				
Prepaid Expenses	4,437								Prudent Reserve				(40,649)
Bookstore Inventory	20,587								Liabilities				(17,741)
Property	15,502												
Subtotal	110,131								Operating Reserve				11,215
Liabilities	(17,741)												
Total Assets & Liabilities	92,391												net Gain 11,215

INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2022

Central Office income for December 2022 includes \$2,625.00 from Group Contributions and \$978.00 from Individuals and \$25.00 from Group Insurance for a total of \$3,628.00.

Total expenses for December include \$5,924.00 from central office, \$250.00 from the Newsletter and \$59.00 from Teleservice for a subtotal loss of 2,605.00.

The Bookstore income for December 2022 was \$5,558.00, \$25.00 from Group Insurance, \$4,096.00 and \$390.00 from Unity Day. Total expenses were \$6,788.00 for the bookstore, \$4,193.00 for the alkathons and \$38.00 for activities leaving a subtotal loss of \$950.00. Overall, for this month we had a net loss of \$3,555.00.

Year to date our income is \$129,486.00, our expenses are \$117,817.00, leaving a gain of \$11,669.00.

In service,
Megan 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)



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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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