



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Santa Cruz County Intergroup Newsletter

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BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Thank you to the **Hospitals and Institution (H&I)** for hosting December's Birthday Meeting and Thank you to *Speaker Jeff L.* for sharing his experience strength and hope.

Sunday, January 23th at 7:00 PM
Hosted by Aromas Group
Speaker Don and Patty from Morgan Hill
Emeline, Building D
 1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz
 4th Sunday of Every Month at 7:00 PM

New Years Eve Celebration

Hosted by the **Watsonville Fellowship**

when: **Friday, December 31st, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

location: **229 Stanford Street** (United Methodist Church)

- Dinner at 7:00 PM (\$5.00 Donation Suggested)
- Dance, D.J. Music, Cake Walk and Party, Party, Party until 10:00 PM.
- 11:00 PM we will all meet at the Watsonville Fellowship, for a closing of the year 2010 meeting.
- At Midnight we'll ring in the New Year together.
- Bring goodies to share at the Fellowship.

Holiday Alcothons

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Correction to December Grape-SCINN The 3rd Annual Christmas Party

was hosted by **Friday Night Live** not the Santa Cruz Fellowship. Sorry for not giving proper credit.

January Birthdays

To have your birthday listed here, phone Central Office at 475-5782. Two months advanced notice is best. Consider celebrating your "AA" birthday with a special donation to help us "Pass It On."

Zoë	31 yrs	January 1, 1980
Marcia K.	30 yrs	January 28, 1981
Nancy G	27 yrs	January 23, 1984
Martin McC.	26 yrs	January 22, 1985
Janet J.	25 yrs	January 23, 1986
Marypat O'C.	24 yrs	January 2, 1987
Bob S.	24 yrs	January 18, 1987
Mary A.	22 yrs	January 10, 1989
Butch W.	21 yrs	January 6, 1990
Gary B.	21 yrs	January 10, 1990
Tom McK.	18 yrs	January 13, 1993
Rick S.	18 yrs	January 23, 1993
Lacey G.	18 yrs	January 29, 1993
Kenton W.	17 yrs	January 1, 1994
Ron B.	17 yrs	January 25, 1994
Clarissa B.	13 yrs	January 1, 1998
Ellen J.	12 yrs	January 1, 1999
Rhonda W	10 yrs	January 7, 2001
Christopher S.	6 yr	January 29, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
2	3	4 7:30 PM Bridging the Gap Central Office	5 7:00 PM New Rep Ornt. 7:30 PM Intergroup Council Aptos Village Park	6	7	8 10:00 AM 4 th Step Workshop Ben Lomond Fellowship	
9	10	11	12 7:30 PM General Service Committee Aptos Village Park	13 7:00 PM PI/CPC Commit. Central Office	14	15	
16	17	18 6:00 PM Bylaws Commit. Central Office	19 6:00 - 7:00 PM Diverter Training 7:30 PM Steering Commit. Central Office	20	21	22	
7:00 PM Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline Bldg. D	23	24	25	26 7:00 pm H&I Committee Central Office	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	

Step One

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

Is sobriety all that we can expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning.

AS BILL SEES IT, P. 8 “ACCEPTING SUCCESS OR FAILURE”

After I found A.A. and stopped drinking, it took a while before I understood why the First Step contained two parts: Practicing the A.A. program is like building a house. First I had to pour a big, thick concrete slab on which to erect the house; that, to me, was the equivalent of stopping drinking. But it’s pretty uncomfortable living on a concrete slab, unprotected and exposed to the heat, cold, wind and rain. So I built a room on the slab by starting to practice the program. The first room was rickety because I wasn’t used to the work. But as time passed, as I practiced the program, I learned to build better rooms. The more I practiced, and the more I built, the more comfortable, and happy, was the home I now have to live in.

ONLINE DAILY REFLECTIONS, JANUARY 2, 2010
daily-reflections.com

Notices to the Group

Meetings Changes

Please find the latest meeting schedule at aasantacruz.org

Although the Davenport *Book and Step Group* is still meeting at 8:00 PM Wednesday nights at the same location the address has changed from 100 Church Street to 150 Church Street.

New Meetings

None

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Santa Cruz County Intergroup Third Legacy Elections

The annual election for all Santa Cruz County Intergroup Service Positions will start at 7:30 PM the first Wednesday of the month, February 2, 2011, at Aptos Village Park. Intergroup representatives, who are elected at individual meeting level, are expected to vote and/or volunteer for new position as they come available. All are welcome but only members of intergroup vote as per our by-laws.

Service Opportunities

24 Diverter

Monthly service opportunities are always changing and coming available; to volunteer or for more information please call Fred R. at 466-9350 or 247-1405. Diverter Training is done on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the Central Office.

Public Information/Cooperating with The Professional Community (PI/CPC)

Volunteers needed to inform students, probation officers, doctors and others about what A.A. is and what A.A. is not. Servicing literature racks, making sure drug court has a current list of open meetings; or attending health fairs at a school or college. The Committee meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Central Office at 7:00 pm. Contact Gary S. at 420-7172.

Bridging the Gap (BTG)

BTG needs committee members. BTG delivers presentations at recovery centers and correctional facilities.

The hour-long presentation entails explaining Bridging the Gap, and sharing personal experience, strength, and hope.

Our goal is to have at least two committee members give the presentation, a new committee member will not be expected to deliver a presentation by themselves. Sobriety requirement is three months. Committee member meetings are held ad hoc at Central Office. Contact Mac B. at 831-238-4887 for more information.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

Interested in being of service? H & I has lots of service positions available. Si Se Puede is in need of volunteers with six months of sobriety, Spanish not required. Mondanaro-Baskin Center is looking for female volunteers with at least six months of sobriety. Juvenile Hall is also in need of Secretaries. The requirements are one year of sobriety, must be 18 or older, and not be on probation or parole. If anyone is interested in service work at any of the jails in Santa Cruz County they are all in need of help. You must attend an orientation, which is held the last Wednesday of each month, at the Main Jail Facility, 259 Water Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060. Blaine Street Women's Jail has a sobriety requirement of two years and you must be female. Water Street Jail Men's Facility requires three years of sobriety, five years since your last felony, and that you are not on parole or probation. To serve at the Water Street Jail Women's Facility you must be female with at least three years of sobriety and not be on parole or probation. The Watsonville Farm is looking for a male Secretary with three years of sobriety who is not on parole or probation.

Please contact Sabrina L. at (831) 840-0362 if you would like more information on any of these H & I service commitments.