



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Santa Cruz County Intergroup Newsletter
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BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Thank you to the **Sunday Morning Spiritual Group**
 for hosting August's Birthday Meeting

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Thank you to Speaker for sharing **Carol** for sharing her
 experience, strength and hope.

Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM

*Hosted by **Brown Baggers***

*Speaker **TBA***

Emeline, Building D

1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz

4th Sunday of Every Month at 7:00 PM

The Old Timers Panel

HEAR OVER 120 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!!

Saturday, October 15th

Coffee, Sweets and Fellowship @ 2PM

Old Timer Speakers, 3PM - 4:15PM

1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz

(Same location as birthday speaker meeting.)

Featuring:

Richard S. 49 years

Cora W. 31 years

Mel A. 24 years

Margie W. 24 Years

Halloween Dinner and Dance

Saturday, October 29th, 7PM, @
First United Methodist Church
229 Stanford Street, Watsonville

The fund raiser for the Watsonville Fellowship includes Dinner, a Cake Walk, and a Raffle for a Beautiful Queen size Fall Theme Quilt. Please contact Central Office for more information.

October 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."

Steve A.	35 yrs	Oct 20, 1976
Nancy N	31 yrs	Oct 13, 1980
Vanessa S.	30 yrs	Oct 21, 1981
Ken C.	25 yrs	Oct 12, 1986
Lee J.	23 yrs	Oct 30, 1988
Briana K	20 yrs	Oct 26, 1991
Barbara H.	19 yrs	Oct 13, 1992
Denise R.	17 yrs	Oct 14, 1994
Penney C.	16 yrs	Oct 25, 1995
Tim M.	17 yrs	Oct 28, 1994
Tim E.	11 yrs	Oct 2, 2000
John S.	9 yrs	Oct 20, 2002
Brenna H	7 yrs	Oct 1, 2004
Denise T.	7 yrs	Oct 16, 2004
Casey L	4 yrs	Oct 1, 2007
Kathy D	4 yrs	Oct 4, 2007

Is your group having a Holiday Party?

Let us know at Central Office and we will be happy to pass on the message.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 7:00 PM New Rep Ornt. 7:30 PM Intergroup Council Aptos Village Park	6	7	8 4 th Step Workshop 10:00 AM Ben Lomond Fellowship
9	10	11 6:00 PM Bylaws Commit. Central Office	12 7:30 PM General Service Committee Aptos Village Park	13	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 7:00 PM PI/CPC Commit. Central Office	21	22 Last day for Grape-SCCIN submissions
7:00 PM 23 Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline Bldg. D	24	25	26 7:00 pm H&I Committee Central Office	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

12TH Step Service

This service is the heart of the AA program—carrying the message to other alcoholics and giving a boost to our own recovery. As Twelfth Step volunteers, we make ourselves available to talk to alcoholics who are either new to AA or having some sort of crisis in their lives. We may just spend time talking to them on the phone, or we may meet face-to-face. If we are going to meet with them we try to team up with another AA member. Sometimes we decide to take the caller to a meeting. We find there are a variety of situations that call for creative responses. But we always share our experience, strength and hope.

Santa Cruz County Intergroup, through its Central Office and the Diverter Committee, is expanding and improving the Twelfth Step service available to suffering alcoholics. To do that, we ask our volunteers to be available whenever a drinker makes his or her first contact with AA. On most occasions the newcomer can be best served by one or two caring twelfth step volunteers.

We want to have a Twelfth Step volunteer to connect with each newcomer who calls for help. In order to achieve this we must continually update and maintain a list of Twelfth Step volunteers. If you would like to be of service please call Central Office at 475-5782 or stop by and fill out the 12th Step Service form. *There is a 3 year sobriety requirement for all Twelfth Step volunteers.*

Step Ten:

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

When we retire at night, we constructively review our day. . . After making our review we ask God’s forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures should be taken. . .

On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA)

October 28th-30th@

Veteran’s Memorial Building,
Santa Rosa, California

Some of the events include Fellowship, Speaker Meetings, Workshops, Free Drawings, and Dance.

For more information or to register for the event go to www.ncc-aa.org.

Notices to the Group

New Meetings (Please find the latest meeting schedule at aasantacruz.org)

Check out *What a Concept* which meets the first Monday of every month, 7:30 PM, at the Intergroup Central Office. This is an open literature discussion group on the 12 concepts for world service.

Service Opportunities

24 Hour Diverter - a 24 hour call line staffed by A.A. members.

Arguably one of the most rewarding service positions in Santa Cruz County AA. So if you're looking for a great way to keep sober and be of service then volunteer to cover one of the call line times.

Monthly service opportunities are:

Times of service opportunities are continually changing.

To volunteer or for more information please call Central Office. Diverter Training is done on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at 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. Eric is the new Chair and can be contacted through central office.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) — Bridging the Gap to Lasting Sobriety

Do you remember stepping out of a hospital, treatment center or correctional facility and asking yourself, "Now what?" Sobriety was new. Many of us were full of hope for the future and fearful of what it would take to stay sober. Sometimes we found AA on our own, other times AA reached out to us. Those of us who made it to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous found a community of people who were living the solution and eager to share their experience, strength and hope for lasting sobriety. Bridging the Gap (BTG) is a world-wide service offered by AA that supports that very important first step for alcoholics who have just been released from hospitals, treatment centers or correctional facilities. We help newcomers make the transition to AA communities in their home towns. The way it works is newcomers fill out a request for assistance at a treatment facility to get to that first meeting then BTG finds a volunteer that shares the same sex, age, and zip code. Upon release, the volunteer calls the newcomer to find out what kind of help is needed to get them to that first meeting. Frequently, sponsorship blossoms from this encounter.

BTG in Santa Cruz County is making presentations at the Camp Recovery Center, Santa Cruz Residential Recovery and Rountree Detention Center (aka "The Farm"). We receive an average of twenty five requests for assistance every month. Some of those newcomers are local and need local volunteers to reach out to them. We're looking for male and female volunteers from the Watsonville and the San Lorenzo Valley areas, but please don't shy away because you don't live there! Volunteers may be contacted often or infrequently depending on the volume and demographics of the newcomers and volunteers. Interested? Contact Jon B. (Santa Cruz District BTG Chair) for more information: btgsantacruz@gmail.com

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

H & I has lots of service positions available. Ben Lomond Fire Camp is looking for males or females with two years of sobriety to be a Coordinator or secretary on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Si Se Puede is in need of male or female secretaries with six months of sobriety, Spanish not required, to secretary on Saturdays or Sundays at 7:00 PM.

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 6:00 PM, at the Main Jail Facility, 259 Water Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060. Blaine Street Women's Jail is looking for females with two years of sobriety, with no parole or probation. Water Street Jail Men's Facility is looking for males with three years of sobriety, five years since your last felony, with no 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 no parole or probation. The Watsonville Farm is looking for males with three years of sobriety and no probation or parole to be a Coordinator or Secretary.

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