



# THE GRAPE-SCCIN

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jackie M	Aug 5, 1977	Dale H	Aug 6, 2007
Sam B	Aug 15, 1978	David C	Aug 21, 2009
Rick J	Aug 20, 1979	Teresa W	Aug 24, 2010
Damien	Aug 19, 1983	Lester D	Aug 2, 2011
Nina M	Aug 27, 1983	Norm H	Aug 1, 2013
Leslie F	Aug 8, 1987	Kellyn B	Aug 2, 2014
Yolanda H	Aug 21, 1987	Jami J	Aug 27, 2014
Garryowen G	Aug 21, 1998		
Mark B	Aug 23, 1999		
Marty L	Aug 15, 1999		
Will M	Aug 14, 2000		
Laura D	Aug 22, 2000		
Margo L	Aug 10, 2002		



### Birthday Speaker Meeting

**Sunday, August 23, 7pm**

**Host:** Out of the Blue

**Speaker:** Dan W, 12 years

1080 Emeline Ave Bldg D in Santa Cruz

Special thanks to *Saved by Grace*  
for hosting the July meeting.



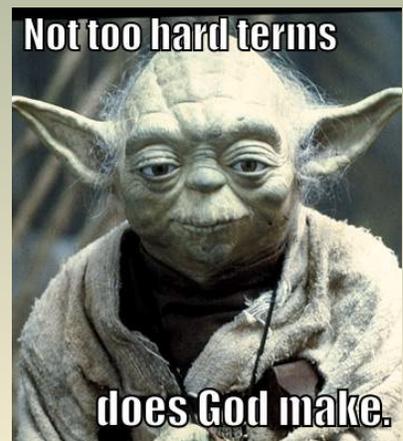
*Well, that's embarrassing...*

At the July Birthday Speaker Meeting, there were *no newcomers* who rose to introduce themselves. And the sobriety countdown added up to *fewer than 200 years*. Here's how you can be

the change: 1) announce the Birthday Speaker Meeting at regular meetings, 2) celebrate your birthday by picking up a chip, 3) join us at the meeting, and 4) **BRING A NEWCOMER**.

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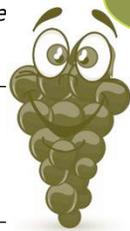


# Monthly Local Calendar

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	2	3	5 5:30PM <b>Archives Volunteer Day</b> <i>Central Office</i> 7:30PM <b>Intergroup Council Meeting</b> <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	6	7	8 10:00AM <b>4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop</b> <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>
9 8AM-8PM <b>UNITY DAY</b> 10-4 <b>Friday Night Live Annual BBQ</b> <i>see Page 4</i>	10	11	12 7:30PM <b>General Service Meeting</b> <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	13	14	15
16	17	18 6:00PM <b>Bylaws Committee</b> <i>Central Office</i>	19 7:30PM <b>Steering Committee</b> <i>Central Office</i>	20	21 <b>Deadline for Submissions</b> <i>Email grapesccin@gmail.com</i>	22 3:00PM <b>Diverter Thank-you BBQ</b> <i>Central Office</i>
23 7:00PM <b>Birthday Speaker Meeting</b> <i>1080 Emeline Ave Bldg D</i>	24	25 7:10PM <b>Watsonville Bday Dinner &amp; Meeting</b> <i>939 Lincoln St</i>	26 7:00PM <b>H&amp;I Meeting</b> <i>Central Office</i>	27	28	29
30	31					

Do you have a local AA event to share? Email it to grapesccin@gmail.com



## THREE LEGACIES OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

### RECOVERY

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Step

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

### UNITY

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

### SERVICE

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Concept

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails.

Grapevine, July 1965



# GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

*This is Part III in a 3-part series about the origin of AA in Santa Cruz County, our Intergroup and Central Office. This is a direct copy of the August 1997 issue of the Grape-SCCIN. Even then, this article was a reprint, and the original author is still unknown. Thanks to Henry C. for sharing this history gem.*

*With this issue we reach the end of the history as it was written (author unknown to this editor) and left behind. It ends somewhere around 1983. Will there be more? We know that Central Office has moved a few more times. Are there any of you out there who would care to tell the story?*

In the beginning there were, of course, many problems to be solved. One of the most important problems was to develop a system whereby people calling AA for help or information would receive a prompt and accurate answer. To this end, Mona, calling on her experience gained while working in the Contra Costa County Central Office, developed a system of volunteer phone monitors that ensured that a friendly AA voice would always answer the "hotline" phone during business hours—a system that has worked well for the past ten years. Initially, due to a lack of volunteers, all night calls were taken by a commercial answering service, a procedure that was not too satisfactory. As time went on, sufficient volunteers were found who would take night calls in their homes to enable Mona to set up a system whereby there was always some member of the Fellowship available to respond to "hotline" phone calls day and night.

Another plus for the establishment of a Central Office was that it provided a central point at which Groups, members of the Fellowships, and the public in general could obtain AA literature. Up to this time all literature had been handled by an Intergroup literature chairperson who wasn't always available when needed. The publication of meeting schedules was also greatly facilitated as Secretaries now had a readily available place to phone in information about their Groups.

Mona served as Office Coordinator until October of 1976 when, for reasons of health, it was necessary for her to resign. Her place was taken by Ed B., who carried on the procedures that had been established by Mona. During Ed's tenure of office, the Fellowship continued to grow and with growth came an increased work load for the office—calls for help and for information increased, literature orders became larger and more frequent, and the size of the meeting schedule grew and grew as new meetings sprouted up like mushrooms throughout the County.

In the Spring of 1980, we lost our rental for the Aptos Office. In April the office was moved to our present location at 716-2 Capitola Avenue in Capitola. This location has proved to be ideal as it is more centrally located within the County and thus is more readily accessible to the members of the Fellowship, as well as the public at large.

Shortly after moving to Capitola, Ed B. resigned (September 1980) and for a short time the business of the office was handled by an Intergroup Committee composed of Brownie, Mona A., and Buzz G. Fortunately, for all concerned, the "reign" of this committee was short. In October they happily turned over their keys to the Office to Mary C., our third and present Office Coordinator.

The function and responsibilities of today's Central Office are basically no different than they were in 1974. What has changed dramatically is the scope and magnitude of the job. In 1974 there were twenty-four Groups in the County—today there are 135 weekly meetings. Demands for literature have increased to the point where a normal literature order is for five to six hundred dollars worth of books and pamphlets. In 1974 a thousand meeting schedules would last for quite some time. Today a normal printing is for 5000 copies per printing with three printings per year minimum. Indications are that this may soon go to 6000 copies per printing. The most significant increase, however, has been in the number of calls, for help handled our office phone monitors. In 1983 there were a total of 657 such calls which was a 19% increase over 1982. This number could be increased by about one-third if calls handled by the night monitors were included in the total. 4000 visitors to the office many of whom were seeking help for themselves or another. As the County grows it can be expected that our Fellowship requirements for service to the Groups and the public will increase.

In bringing this brief history to a close, it is only fitting that tribute be paid to those who, in the beginning, gave so much of their time and effort to our Fellowship. Of special note are Morrie W., Hugh G., Rex T., Mona A., John G., Veda R., Herb B., Rod S., Jane P., Patti, and Lionel and Almeda B. Two Al-Anons, Dick and Nona D., were also of great help in setting up the first office back in 1974. Certainly there were many others who contributed much but whose names do not appear in the written records of yesteryear. Though your name may not appear here, rest assured that your anonymous contribution to the support of your Central Office is greatly appreciated by all. Special praise is due to the hundreds of unknowns who, through the years, took their turns as phone monitors both in the office and in their homes. It will never be known how many suffering alcoholics came to the Fellowship as a result of talking with you. Such information is not available nor is it needed. All that is important is that when some tired, sick, and scared individual called—you were there to offer a friendly word of hope and a hand of welcome.

## AA Events

### California Northern Coastal Area 06 of the General Service Conference 2015 Summer Assembly

August 1 – Registration begins at 8:30  
Petaluma Veterans Hall

**Workshops** (translation available): Working with Others, Love Tolerance & Humility, Singleness of Purpose, The Home Group, Keeping AA Safe for Diverse Members, and The Service Gap

### Unity Day

August 9 – 8 a.m. to 8 pm.  
Scottish Rite Center  
2455 Masonic Dr San Jose

- **Free breakfast**
- **Workshops** on General Service, Archives, Alanon, H&I, 12th Step, PI/CPC and more
- **Talleres en español:** Seguridad en AA , y la Fundación de nuestro futuro
- **Guest Speakers:** Devon from ACYPAA, Mary Z from Santa Cruz, and Hawk
- **Stage Play:** *What, I need a Sponsor? The Interview*

### Santa Cruz County Intergroup Birthday Speaker Meeting

Host: Out of the Blue  
Sunday, August 23, 7PM  
1080 Emeline Ave Bldg D  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!

### Watsonville Fellowship Birthday Dinner & Chip Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 7:10PM  
Watsonville Fellowship  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday!

### Friday Night Live Group celebrating its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Potluck Picnic

Sunday August 9 – 10am to 4pm  
Blue Ball Park – 467 Soquel, San Jose Rd

Hamburgers and hot dogs provided, bring a side dish, drinks, or dessert

### Ben Lomond Fellowship 4th Step Workshop

Saturday, August 8, 10AM  
Ben Lomond Fellowship  
Bring your Big Book if you have one.  
Every 2nd Saturday!

## Labor Day Alcathons & Celebrations

**Downtown Santa Cruz Fellowship  
Monday Sept 7 Alcathon**  
Meetings all day. Details to come.

### Ben Lomond Fellowship Annual Labor Day Picnic

Monday Sept 7 – Starts at 11am  
Speaker at 2pm  
Felton Covered Bridge Park  
BBQ \$10 Kids \$5, Dunk Tank, Music by Any Measures  
Drawing for trip for 2 to Hawaii AA Convention  
50/50 Drawing and Dessert Auction

### Watsonville Fellowship Campout at Mt Madonna

Sept 11 & 12  
Contact: Dale H 707-7774

## Service Opportunities



Do you have a sponsee who would benefit from service?

### Central Office Volunteer

Greet visitors, answer phones, stock literature, and just hang out. There are three openings: Thursdays 1pm to 5pm, Fridays 1pm to 5pm, Saturdays 10am to 2pm Call Central Office for more information.

### Bridging the Gap

Bridging the Gap supports new AA members as they exit institutions and reenter society. Bridging the Gap is in need of committee members for a variety of roles. If interested, please **contact Jesse C at 331-5287**.

### Watsonville Fellowship

has openings for secretary positions of various meetings. Visit the fellowship for more information at 939 Lincoln Street.

### Birthday Speaker Meeting Coffee Service Position

The monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting has an opening for the coffee service position. This once-a-month service will put you right in the middle of a celebration and is a great way to get to know members across all of our local fellowships. Call Central Office for info.

### Archives Volunteer Day!

Welcome to our fantastic new Archivist, Barbara M. She invites local AA members to join her at Central Office the first Wednesday of each month 5:30-7:30 to help organize while learning about local AA history. It's a basic but critical task. *Preserving our Santa Cruz AA past is vital to securing our Santa Cruz AA future!*

### H&I Secretaries *for Monthly Meetings*

An H&I Secretary conducts a meeting in a facility **once a month**. The secretary selects a chair, and H&I provides the format. Secretaries are needed at all of these facilities:

- Casa Pacific
- Janus Perinatal
- Women's Jail
- Santa Cruz Behavioral Health Center

To be a part of H&I, **contact Sabrina at 840-0362**.

### Share your story to update AA literature

To broaden the representation of AA experiences, General Service is updating AA literature and requesting stories of experience, strength and hope from 1) members within the LGBT community, 2) women (especially single mothers), and 3) members with mental health issues or who sponsor such members. (Note: the trustees' Literature Committee requested that, whenever gathering sharing, consideration be given to stories from disabled veterans and atheists/agnostics.) Manuscripts should be 500-800 words and be double-spaced in a 12-point font. Include "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" or "AA for the Woman" or "the alcoholic with mental health issues" in the subject line and email your story to [literature@aa.org](mailto:literature@aa.org) or send it by post to  
Literature Coordinator  
General Service Office,  
Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
**Deadline: October 15, 2015.**

## General Service Connection

*This month, the column features a story from Trevor S, a new GSR for Young Peoples' Big Book Study.*

When I first signed up for the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Atlanta, I had heard that the massive scale of the meetings and fellowship would astound me. At the first marathon meeting of the Convention, my eyes welled up with tears and my heart pounded with gratitude when I heard over 1,000 people say the serenity prayer in unison. The hair stood up on the back of my neck.

Only a month before, I had been elected as a General Service Representative. I was roused by our District Representative's retelling of his trip to the World Service Conference in New York City. His account of AA's dedicated efforts to send literature to Iranians, Czechs, and Alaskans in remote regions really impressed me.

In Atlanta a month later, our 10-person group from Santa Cruz was at the Georgia Dome for the Friday Night Big Meeting. 56,000 people attended that night. The meeting began with the Flag Ceremony, in which AA members representing about 90 countries carried their nation's flag across the stage. Somewhere between Iceland and Great Britain, I realized that AA's message of recovery reached the drunks in each of these countries through the tireless efforts of alcoholics (and our friends) in service around the globe. Our powerful message of recovery has touched 170 countries, and helped millions of people to stay sober and find a Power greater than themselves. The raising of those flags was a tribute to the enduring service of these pioneering AAs.

Some of the best moments of the convention happened on a much smaller scale. For instance, while waiting in line for a hot dog at the Georgia Dome, I met a man from Washington, D.C. We hit it off immediately. We talked about the strong message contained in the Big Book, about sponsoring other men, and how incredible it was to see 56,000 people gathered together to celebrate recovery.

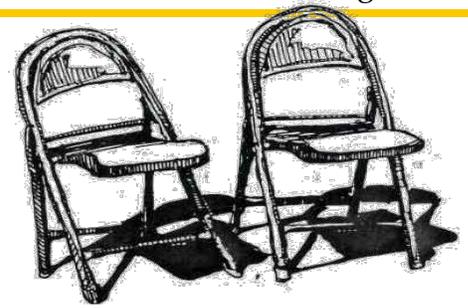


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Another time, four or five of us Santa Cruz AAs were eating lunch at a nearby food court, when one of our group asked another member if she would share her story. It might be difficult to imagine having a strong and humbling spiritual experience in the middle of a food court, but you can trust me that it is possible. The miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous happens when one drunk shares their story with another drunk. This is happening in countless places all over the world, right now.

I know I will never forget the Convention in Atlanta. As a new GSR, it helped me recognize the immense responsibility that we have in preserving the Fellowship for generations to come. Millions of alcoholics are sober today because of AA, and many more are yet to be welcomed into our Fellowship. By working the program and performing service, each of us helps ensure that AA remains vibrant, and continues to reach its hand out to suffering alcoholics around the world.

# Chair's Corner



There are times to stand up and express our concerns and voice an opinion – to have courage to change – and the proper place to do that is at the Intergroup Council meeting. Just recently we had an AA member show up and do just that. It brought up an important question about how we identify ourselves through the AA schedule. This member recognized their position as a part of AA as a whole and felt they saw an issue that should be addressed. When the opinions in the room were heard it showed that those present considered this member's concern. It was decided that at this time Intergroup would not be making any changes, and the member gracefully accepted the outcome of the decision. While the final decision wasn't what this person had originally considered as a solution, the fact that they brought this concern about began a much broader discussion that informed many of our members of a part of AA service and recovery in Santa Cruz that they didn't know even existed. This is how one person's voice can be heard county wide in AA. This is one of the many sides of Intergroup.

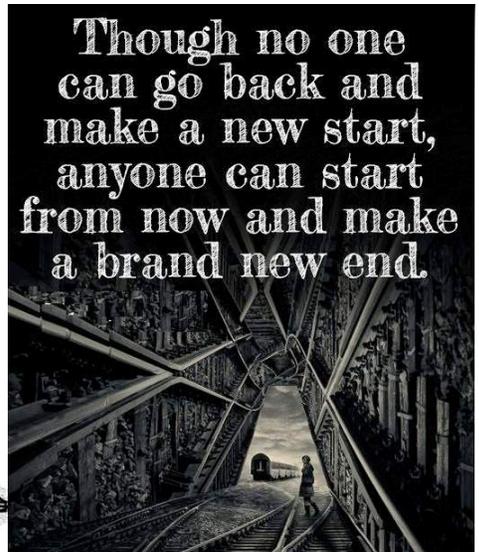
Steve N.  
Intergroup Chair



Help! If you know someone who isn't getting the Grape-SCCIN but they think they signed up for it, please ask them to email [grapesccin@gmail.com](mailto:grapesccin@gmail.com) or call Central Office. Sometimes email addresses are hard to transcribe from the sign-up sheets, but there's no way to follow up with them directly. Thanks!



How can I know I will fly if I don't take the leap?  
I can't know...  
That's why it's called a leap of faith.  
I simply must leap to go from faith to belief.



## Meeting Updates!



**Meeting Change: The Sunday 5pm Conscious Contact Meditation** meeting has moved from Land of Medicine Buddha to the Pacific Cultural Center in the studio behind main building. Pacific Cultural Center is located at 1307 Seabright at the corner of Seabright and Broadway.

**Meeting Change: The DMV meetings** are no longer meeting at the DMV. For now they are at Jade Street Park (4400 Jade Street in Capitola).

**In need of support: We Agnostics** meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St in Santa Cruz.

**Do you know of a meeting that needs a new location?** The MHCAN at 1051 Cayuga may have room available at a low cost. Check with Executive Director Sarah Leonard at 831-469-0462 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM).

**The Birthday Speaker Meeting format** is being updated, to give the hosting meetings better guidance on how to prepare. The updated BSM meeting opening will include additional announcements to help keep our fellowship better informed. If you have any comments or suggestions, call Central Office to contact Intergroup V Chair James.



Interested in a new county-wide fellowshiping event in January or February? Maybe a Winter Bake-off / meeting? Or a New Year's Renewal brunch / meeting? The Activities Chair would like to hear your thoughts. Ask your group's Intergroup Rep for more information.





# Diverter News

It is a pleasure to say that the Diverter is back up and running – smoothly!!! Thanks to an awesome team of volunteers, we have weathered the storms (typhoons) of change and mastered this new system. There just are a few open shifts, which is really good. During the implementation of this new system we uncovered some shifts that were sporadically manned. Those have now been replaced with committed volunteers. Special thanks to the Daily Coordinators who do a great job.

I want to acknowledge our Intergroup Steering Committee for their support and recognition of our valuable and committed volunteers. They (we) have persevered these changes and kept our phone lines open, providing information and support to all callers.

In honor of all the Diverter volunteers, Intergroup is hosting **BBQ Party on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3pm to 5:30pm**, at the Central Office back parking lot (5732 Soquel Dr. in Soquel). Please come and enjoy some shrimp & burgers on the barbie! Plans are to have burgers (beef, black bean, & turkey), shrimp (spicy & tangy), potato salad, spinach salad, lemonade & iced tea.

**DIVERTER VOLUNTEERS: PLEASE COME AND BE APPRECIATED!** (If you can, please let the Central Office know that you are planning to come so we can get an idea of the supplies we need.) I am especially looking forward to putting some faces to the voices I have been talking to for years.

Gratefully,  
Jude W.  
Diverter Chair

## From Central Office

Things have quieted down here at the Central Office after we changed phone / Internet providers in June. It was a scramble to get the volunteers on the Phone Diverter up-to-date on the system changes, but it seems to be running smoothly now—thanks to Jude and her dedicated volunteers.

There have been some changes to two longtime meetings. The DMV meetings have had to move to Jade Street Park and are outside until they can find a permanent location. The Land of Medicine Buddha meeting has also moved, to the Pacific Cultural Center on Seabright.

The Spring Fling has come and gone with a fun, smooth-sailing day. It was a financial success as well a good time—thanks to Amber and her great crew.

The Central Office has three volunteer spots open: Thursday from 1pm to 5pm, Friday from 1pm to 5pm and on Saturday From 10am to 2pm. Contact Central Office if you are interested by calling 831 475 5782.

Humble Servant,  
Bob S.  
Central Office Manager



## Monthly Spotlight on Literature

### AA Tradition: How it Developed by Bill W.

*A Tour of the Historical Events That Led to Our Unique Twelve Traditions*

I was exploring the literature at our Central Office one day and I came across this pamphlet/booklet on the AA Traditions. Honestly, I had never noticed it before. I certainly had no idea what it said, and I wondered how many others in our Fellowship had somehow missed it. I decided to check it out and it was a very interesting educational and historical record that was quick and easy to read. This 50-page booklet tells the story of the development of the principles that proved to be essential to AA unity and survival. Anyone with an interest in the history (and sustainability) of our Fellowship will love this booklet.

“But AA unity cannot automatically preserve itself. Like personal recovery, we shall always have to work to maintain it. Here, too, we surely need honesty, humility, open-mindedness, unselfishness, and above all—vigilance.” (Bill W., 1955)

How shall we AA’s best preserve our unity? That is the subject of this booklet.

“When an alcoholic applies the Twelve Steps of our recovery program to his personal life, his disintegration stops and his unification begins. Exactly the same principles applies to each AA group and to AA as a whole.” (Bill W., 1955)

The *Twelve Points of AA Tradition* are reproduced in this booklet, showing the first attempts to formulate the principles of group conduct and public relations, with supporting material.

Bill W. says, “Nobody invented AA It grew. Trial and error, little by little we have been adopting the lessons of that experience, first as policy and then as tradition. That process still goes on and we hope it never stops.”

There are many other articles, with topics including money, adequate hospitalization, membership, clubs,

and governing—which were all essential in the development of our Traditions.

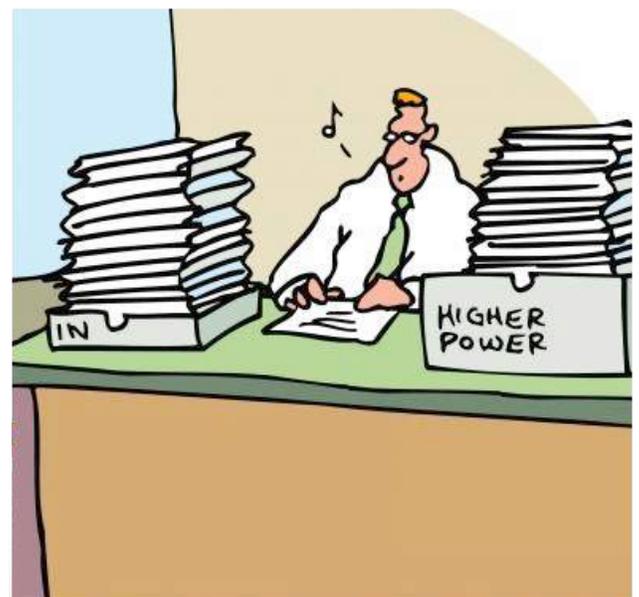
I’m sure if you are interested in how AA grew from a seed of inspiration to a program of powerful transformation, you will find this booklet as interesting as I did.

*AA Tradition: How it Developed by Bill W.* is available at the Central Office for only \$.35!

(35 cents!) (This could be the deal of the decade!)

“Gradually we saw that unity, the effectiveness—yes, even the survival of AA would always depend upon our continued willingness to sacrifice our personal ambitions and desires for the common safety and welfare. Just as sacrifice meant survival for the individual, so did sacrifice mean unity and survival for the group and for AA’s entire Fellowship.” Bill W.

*Thanks to Jude W. for submitting these highlights – every month.*



The type AA personality

# From Bill's Desk



## *Sobriety: just the beginning*

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life - the one that did not work - for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

Regardless of worldly success or failure, regardless of pain or joy, regardless of sickness or health or even of death itself, a new life of endless possibilities can be lived if we are willing to continue our awakening, through the practice of AA's Twelve Steps.

Grapevine, December 1957

## *About relapsing...*

About this slip business—I would not be too discouraged. I think you are suffering a great deal from a needless guilt. For some reason or other, the Lord has laid out tougher paths for some of us, and I guess you are treading one of them. God is not asking us to be successful. He is only asking us to try to be. That, you surely are doing, and have been doing. So I would not stay away from AA through any feeling of discouragement or shame. It's just the place you should be. Why don't you try just as a member? You don't have to carry the whole AA on your back, you know!

It is not always the quantity of good things that you do, it is also the quality that counts.

Above all, take it one day at a time.

Letter, 1958

## An International AA Convention Story

People told me that after attending the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Atlanta GA in July, I would never miss another one. Now I see why.

Before my Wednesday departure, I wasn't sure about the details; I wouldn't be meeting up with my friends until I arrived at the convention center. But I was taken care of by the loving hand of AA, and I would not be dropped the entirety of my trip. When I arrived at the Atlanta airport, I came across a line of friendly AA volunteers in lime-green shirts. I thought of the words in our Big Book: "Friendly hands stretched out in welcome." They beamed from smiling faces, welcomed me, and pointed me to the train.

On the train, I met exuberant AAers from Connecticut. We were instantly the best of friends. We spoke in shorthand about our thinking and our defects and laughed riotously. The regular riders on the train looked at us with puzzled amusement. The stop rang out for the CNN Convention Center and we danced out of the train in a sea of blue lanyards.

And then the miracle hit me. The immensity of AA, the love, the safety of home, the joy, the fellowship, the common struggle and common solution poured over me in a wave of humanity. In the train station, there were escalators leading up to street level with AA members on the landings above and below. And as I stepped forward to join the procession, those going up turned to face us at the bottom and started cheering. They waved their arms in the air and bellowed their welcome. Nothing like that had ever happened to me. I knew I had been brought here by my Higher Power, just like everyone in that station, and that my life would never be the same.

*We poured into the streets, greeting people from around the country and the world.*

In the food court, I joined up with my friends, members of my old home group. We whooped like the people we are – alcoholics. Party people. Madmen. We got coffee, ate donuts and sat in a group of five where the eldest member encouraged a friend from Boulder to tell her story about getting sober in Santa Cruz. We had a meeting right then and there on the bench. She talked about the importance of pedicures in sobriety, because in her active disease her feet were like those of feral animal. She described the state of her old life and the desperation she felt the day God answered a simple alcoholic's prayer of *Please help me* and led her to the "End of the Line" meeting at Janus, where she had asked me for sponsorship. I remembered her perfectly that day, sitting in the back on the floor, and I could not imagine that the person sitting in front of me at the Convention seven years later was the same woman. Because she wasn't the same. AA gave her back her child, her career, a loving husband and a life of happy usefulness. She is a miracle made from willingness and simple constructive action. My heart swelled to be with her again.

With all the travel of the first day I thought Thursday would be a wash, but that was not so. We attended the Midnight meeting, the topic of which was "Pain, the touchstone of spiritual progress." Thank You, God.

Outside, the Convention was like Mardi Gras for sober people. We poured into the streets, greeting people from around the country and the world. We talked to one member for about a block about his experience of starting Heroin Anonymous in Atlanta. We walked till late in the hot southern air and rain. We laughed more than I had in years.

Every day was steeped in spiritual experience. The second day I stood in line for two hours to register, but because I was with another alcoholic from my home group, we had a meeting in line. We talked about sponsorship, about relapse, about complacency and about getting back to basics. We shared stories and memories and hopes. And even when I was not with someone I knew, everywhere there was a line to stand in, and everywhere there was an AAer in front of and behind me to share experience, strength, and hope with.

In a few short days I deepened friendships that will never be broken. People I had known for nearly a decade opened up in ways I had never seen in meetings. One of the seemingly most reserved of our group became the leader of the "Party Train" and led the charge to meetings until One O'clock in the morning. When we would depart from an area, or try and keep track of 11 people in seas of thousands, we would give our signature "Choo-Choo!" and someone from in front or behind would call back. We ate banana spits alcoholically. We drank gallons of coffee. As I explained to the bewilderment of my "normie" friends back home: "We sober raged."

There were 65,000 people in attendance at the nightly meetings in the Falcons Dome. I stood at the end of the first night and said the Lord's Prayer with all those voices, ringing in a wave of gratitude and love. I bawled. If one entered that building unsure about whether AA could work for them, I cannot imagine them not being changed by the demonstrations of unity and enthusiasm that radiated within those walls.

My favorite night was Sunday when we went to the Old Timers' Meeting (Old Timers there having 50-plus years). There was a sobriety count-up where everyone sat down after their

time was read, starting with 24 hours and going up though the months and years. The last man standing had 66 years. Every old timer who spoke was sharp, funny and moving. The young man sitting next to me said: "I want what they have."

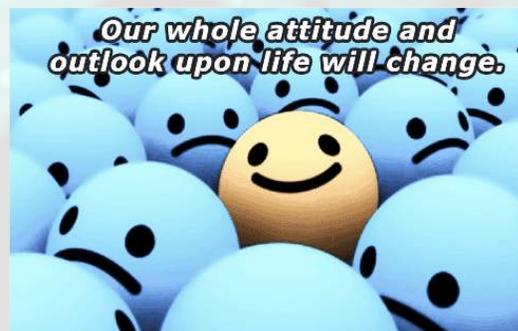
There were too many moments and miracles to record in a short space. But this much I do want to say: AA saved my life. The Steps and

Traditions of AA and the message in our Big Book held the door of AA open for this suffering alcoholic to find help and have remained open during the lowest points of my life and sobriety. This was this message that I heard at the Convention. A message of hope. A message of truth and love and of one alcoholic helping another. I saw it everywhere I went that long weekend. I felt it in my heart. Since

returning I have been rejuvenated in a way I cannot describe. I have reconnected to my home group Thumpers and the message they carried to me nine years ago. I was inspired to be of service, to pray, to speak up for AA and our Primary Purpose, and to love. I have fellowshipped nearly every night since coming home. I have turned myself over to the loving capable hands of Alcoholics Anonymous. With every ounce of my being I am Happy Joyous and Free. And you can have it too.

Hope to see you in Detroit 2020,  
Magdalena R

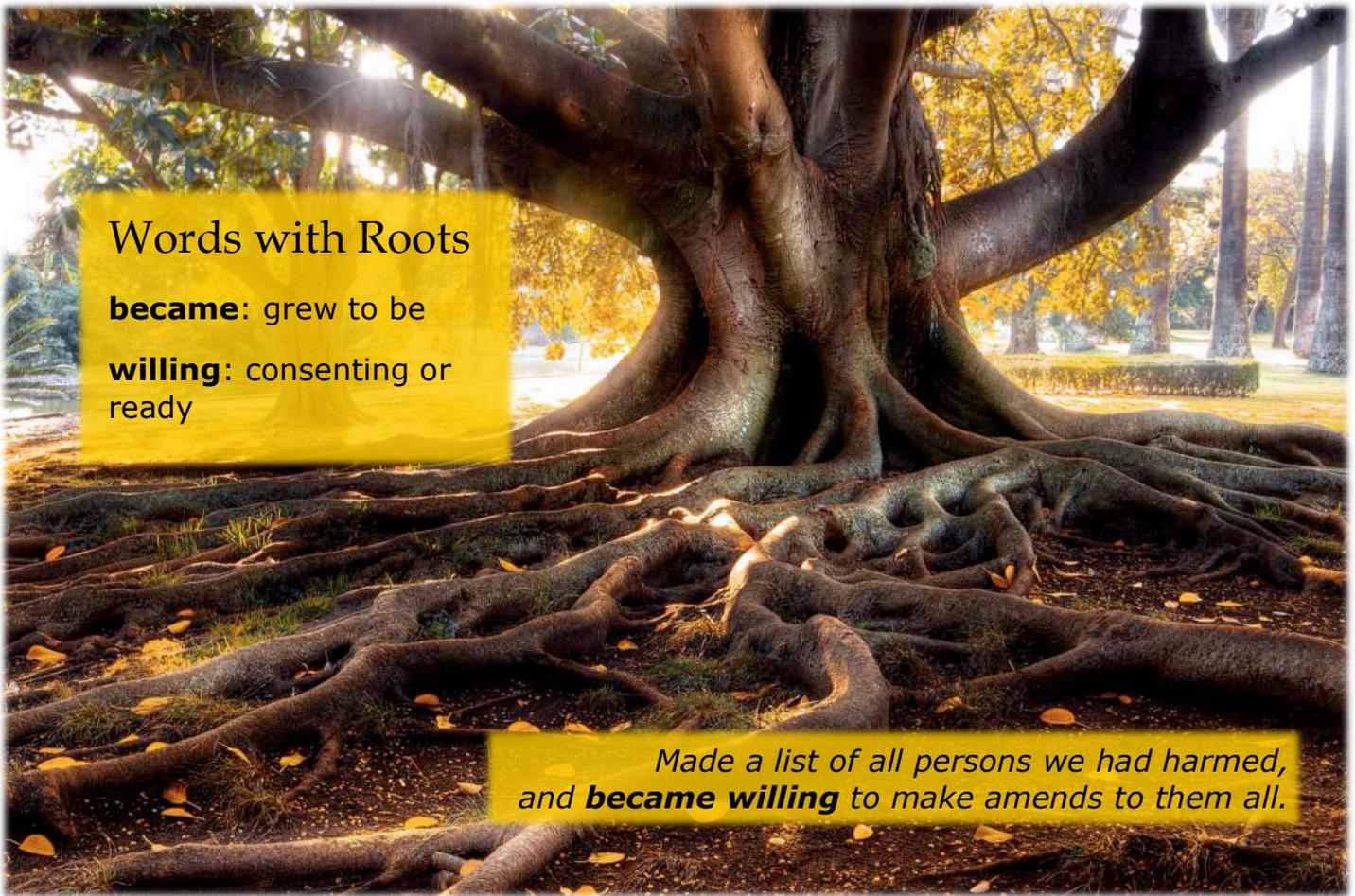
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## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST *from the AA Grapevine*

**Tradition Eight (long form):** Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual AA Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?</li> <li>2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?</li> <li>3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward – even if not money – for my personal AA efforts?</li> <li>4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself?</li> </ol> | <p>On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?</li> <li>6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?</li> <li>7. Have I paid enough attention to the book <i>Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions</i>? To the pamphlet, <i>AA Tradition – How It Developed</i>?</li> </ol> |
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### Words with Roots

**became:** grew to be

**willing:** consenting or ready

*Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and **became willing** to make amends to them all.*

# SEARCHING AND FEARLESS

*Selected words from pages 76-77 of the Big Book and pages 77-82 of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.*

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| <b>LIST</b>      | <b>MISGIVINGS</b>  | <b>NEWFOUND</b>    | <b>BYGONES</b>       |
| <b>HARMED</b>    | <b>DIFFIDENT</b>   | <b>UNSPARING</b>   | <b>REPUTATIONS</b>   |
| <b>WILLING</b>   | <b>BENEFICIAL</b>  | <b>WRECKAGE</b>    | <b>APOLOGIES</b>     |
| <b>AMENDS</b>    | <b>MESSAGE</b>     | <b>REDOUBLE</b>    | <b>RESTITUTION</b>   |
| <b>APPRAISAL</b> | <b>IMPRESSED</b>   | <b>REOPENING</b>   | <b>NEVERTHELESS</b>  |
| <b>REPAIR</b>    | <b>DISCOVERIES</b> | <b>FORGIVENESS</b> | <b>CONSCIOUSNESS</b> |
| <b>ATTEMPT</b>   | <b>PERSONAL</b>    | <b>MISBEHAVIOR</b> | <b>OCCURRENCES</b>   |
| <b>DEBRIS</b>    | <b>RELATIONS</b>   | <b>ADMISSION</b>   | <b>EXTRICATE</b>     |
| <b>VICTORY</b>   | <b>VIGOROUS</b>    | <b>WRETCHED</b>    | <b>EXAMINATION</b>   |

# Intergroup Financials for June 2015

## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE, 2015

(Revision July-2014)

Submitted by

### OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAILS

	June	F.Yr. Totals
<b>BEGINNING CASH =</b>	\$ 8,318.75	
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Group Donations	\$ 1,674.41	\$ 30,101.32
Birthday Meeting	\$ 265.05	\$ 3,408.78
Activities	\$ 4,138.45	\$ 4,284.45
Anonymous		\$ 1,270.40
Birthday Club	\$ 31.00	\$ 314.00
Gen'l Service Committee		\$ 240.00
H&I Committee		\$ 480.00
Intergroup Council	\$ 45.18	\$ 462.68
Memorials		\$ 1,300.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$ 12.00	\$ 36.00
Other Donations	\$ 30.00	\$ 241.00
Refunds		\$ 402.66
Returned Check Redeposit		\$ -
subtotal =	\$ 6,196.09	\$ 42,541.29
from Literature Account		\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME =</b>	\$ 6,196.09	\$ 42,541.29

<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>RENT:</b>		
Central Office	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,800.00
Birthday Meeting		\$ 756.00
Intergroup Council		\$ 303.00
<b>RENT subtotal=</b>	\$ 650.00	\$ 8,859.00

<b>SALARY EXPENSES:</b>		
Net Salary	\$ 915.40	\$ 10,310.65
Payroll Taxes		\$ 3,198.74
Workers Comp.		\$ 1,123.11
<b>SALARY subtotal=</b>	\$ 915.40	\$ 14,632.50

<b>OFFICE EXPENSES:</b>		
Office Supplies	\$ 120.11	\$ 2,363.49
PG&E		\$ 789.75
Telephone	\$ 141.66	\$ 2,452.63
Other		\$ 149.17
<b>OFFICE subtotal=</b>	\$ 261.77	\$ 5,755.04

<b>PRINTING:</b>		
In-house Printing		\$ 2,164.88
Other		\$ 54.93
<b>PRINTING subtotal=</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,219.81

<b>POSTAGE:</b>		
Newsletter		\$ 620.00
Office	\$ 75.00	\$ 173.75
Other	\$ 49.00	\$ 109.00
<b>POSTAGE subtotal=</b>	\$ 124.00	\$ 902.75

<b>OTHER EXPENSES:</b>		
Activities	\$ 3,414.64	\$ 3,429.64
Birthday Meeting Supplies		\$ 411.94
Conferences & Travel		\$ -
Liability Insurance		\$ 2,250.00
Other		\$ -
<b>OTHER EXP. subtotal=</b>	\$ 3,414.64	\$ 6,091.58

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES =</b>	\$ 5,365.81	\$ 38,460.68
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move to Prudent Reserve		\$ -
move from Prudent Reserve		\$ -
loaned to Literature Account		\$ 2,000.00
repaid from Literature Account		\$ -

<b>ENDING CASH =</b>	\$ 9,149.03	\$ 9,149.03
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Month's Gain or Loss =	\$ 830.28
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<b>BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING DETAILS</b>		
7th Tradition -	\$ 265.05	\$ 3,408.78
Expenses (rent, supplies, etc.) -	\$ 34.10	\$ 884.10
<b>BALANCE -</b>	\$ 230.95	\$ 2,524.68

### MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES

OPERATING ACCOUNT	June	F.Yr. Totals	F.Yr. Budget	F.Yr. to Date % of Budget
<b>BEGINNING CASH =</b>	\$ 8,318.75			
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Group Donations	\$ 1,674.41	\$ 30,101.32	\$ 34,400.00	88%
Birthday Meeting	\$ 265.05	\$ 3,408.78	\$ 4,200.00	81%
Activities	\$ 4,138.45	\$ 4,284.45	\$ 5,000.00	86%
Other	\$ 118.18	\$ 4,746.74	\$ 3,620.00	131%
subtotal =	\$ 6,196.09	\$ 42,541.29		
Income from Literature Acct.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0%
<b>Total Income =</b>	\$ 6,196.09	\$ 42,541.29	\$ 49,220.00	86%

EXPENSES:	June	F.Yr. Totals	F.Yr. Budget	F.Yr. to Date % of Budget
Rent	\$ 650.00	\$ 8,859.00	\$ 10,525.00	84%
Salary Exp.	\$ 915.40	\$ 14,632.50	\$ 20,800.00	70%
Office	\$ 261.77	\$ 5,755.04	\$ 4,700.00	122%
Printing	\$ -	\$ 2,219.81	\$ 3,300.00	67%
Postage	\$ 124.00	\$ 902.75	\$ 900.00	100%
Other	\$ 3,414.64	\$ 6,091.58	\$ 9,000.00	68%
<b>Total Expenses =</b>	\$ 5,365.81	\$ 38,460.68	\$ 49,225.00	78%

move to Prudent Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
move from Prudent Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
loaned to Literature Account	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
repaid from Literature Account	\$ -	\$ -

<b>ENDING CASH =</b>	\$ 9,149.03
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<b>ALLOCATED FUNDS:</b>	
Activities (\$500)	\$ 500.00
Liability Ins. (\$200/mo)	
Payroll Taxes (\$650/mo)	
Vacation Accrual	
Workers Comp. (\$50/mo)	
<b>Total Allocated =</b>	\$ 500.00

<b>AVAILABLE CASH =</b>	\$ 8,649.03
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<b>LITERATURE ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>BEGINNING CASH =</b>	\$ 7,157.07	
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 2,053.30	\$ 25,495.49
Sales Receipts Portion	\$ 1,878.77	\$ 18,526.05
Sales Tax Portion	\$ 174.53	\$ 2,167.12
Returned Check Amends		\$ -
subtotal =	\$ 9,210.37	

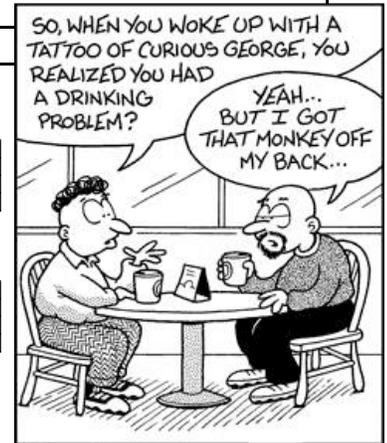
Operating Acct. Loan	\$ -
Purchases & Costs	\$ 317.10
Bank Fees	\$ 262.99
Sales Tax Paid	\$ 2,931.00
Returned (Bounced) Checks	\$ 55.00
subtotal =	\$ 317.10

move to Operating Account	\$ -
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<b>ENDING CASH =</b>	\$ 8,893.27
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<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax Allocation:</b>	
Carried over	
This Month's Sales Tax	\$ 174.53
This Month's Use Tax	
Quarter To Date	\$ 174.53
<b>AVAILABLE CASH =</b>	\$ 8,718.74

<b>PRUDENT RESERVE</b>		
<b>BEGINNING CASH =</b>	\$ 26,632.25	
to Operating Acct'	\$ -	\$ -
from Operating Acct'	\$ -	\$ -
Interest		\$ 0.40
Fees		\$ -
<b>ENDING CASH =</b>	\$ 26,632.25	



**GENERAL NOTES:**

- We use the CASH accounting method, used by most people in recording their checking account: Income is reported when deposited and an expense is recorded when the check is written.
- Our FISCAL YEAR (FY 2014 - 2015) begins July 1, and ends June 30.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC.</b> <b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b> <b>GROUP DONATIONS DETAIL</b></p> <p><b>Submitted by</b></p>	<b>TOTALS FOR THE MONTH OF</b>		<b>JUNE, 2015</b>
		<b>Aug.</b>	<b>F.Yr. Total</b>
	<b>TOTAL DONATIONS=</b>	\$ 1,674.41	\$ 30,107.32
	<b>Groups Contributing-</b>	12	63
	<b>Number of Listed Groups-</b>	109	
	<b>Percent of groups contributing-</b>	11%	

Notes: Groups are named the same way as in the Meeting Schedule. New groups started during the year (July to June) are added at the bottom. Our Fiscal Year (F.Yr.) is from July through the following June.

	June	F.Yr. Totals		June	F.Yr. Totals
11th Step MeditatiGroup (Sun.)		\$ -	Make My Day		\$ 734.10
12:12 (Tue.)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	Mattison Lane Group		\$ 1,200.00
12 Paces at Noon		\$ -	Medically Supported Recovery (Thu.)		
5:30 Group, The		\$ -	Men's Basic Step Study Group		\$ 155.00
AA Sober Slugs		\$ -	Men's Cross Talkers		\$ -
Acceptance Group (Boulder Creek)	\$ 102.00	\$ 246.00	Mud Flats Group		\$ 300.00
Altered Attitude Group	\$ 85.19	\$ 866.58	Nifty Ladies on Park Group	\$ 161.40	\$ 265.80
Alternative Group		\$ 40.00	No Frills Sobriety		\$ 556.00
Aptos Women's Serenity Group		\$ 506.69	Ocean View Group	\$ 179.40	\$ 185.40
Aromas Group		\$ 181.60	On the Beach (Sat.)		\$ 411.00
Awareness Group		\$ -	On the Beach, Too (Sun.)		\$ 449.60
Back to Basics Group (Fri.)		\$ -	Once a Drunk W		\$ -
Bay Group, The		\$ 75.95	One O'clock Step Study Group		\$ -
Beach Combers, The (LaSelva Discussion)		\$ 100.00	Our Common Solution Big Book Study		\$ -
Ben Lomond Fellowship (S. L. Valley)		\$ -	Out of the Blue		\$ -
Big Book and Step Study Group (Fri.)		\$ -	Out of the Trenches		\$ -
Book & Step Study (Davenport)		\$ 42.20	Pleasure Point Group		\$ 290.90
Boulder Creek Group		\$ 61.20	Roxas Group		\$ 1,134.00
Box of Chocolates		\$ 106.81	Santa Cruz Fellowship		\$ 20.00
Brown Baggers Group	\$ 251.53	\$ 841.53	Santa Cruz Speakers (Fri.)		\$ -
B.Y.O.B. Group (Mon.)		\$ 210.60	Saturday Night Live Oak		\$ 116.57
Candlelight Group (Fri.)		\$ -	Saved by Grace Group		\$ -
Conscious Contact Meditation Meeting		\$ 93.50	Scotts Valley Happy Destiny (Wed.)		\$ 64.80
Courage to Change		\$ -	Share Today Group		\$ -
DMV Meetings (Consolidated)	\$ 373.20	\$ 3,541.19	Shivering Denizens		\$ 342.00
Do-Nut Meeting		\$ 60.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group		\$ -
Double Winners By Grace		\$ 170.75	Skyland Group		\$ 300.00
Early Morning Spiritual		\$ 372.65	Sobriety & Gratitude	\$ 60.00	\$ 273.00
Early Risers	\$ 128.20	\$ 5,525.50	Solutions in the Sand Group		\$ 270.00
End of the Line Discussion Group		\$ 60.00	Soquel Acceptance Group (Fri.)		\$ -
Eyes on the Prize	\$ 121.81	\$ 508.11	Soquel Acceptance Group (Wed.)		\$ 1,066.00
Felton Group		\$ 645.72	Soquel Step Study		\$ 64.65
Firehouse Group		\$ 180.00	Sought Through Meditation		\$ 400.00
Friday Night Group (Emeline)		\$ 133.00	Sought Through Prayer		\$ 603.76
Friday Nite Lights (Frederick St.)		\$ 263.17	Stag 12:12 Group		\$ 275.00
From the Heart		\$ 160.84	Stag Eleven Group		\$ 392.00
Fuente De Vida		\$ -	Step Eleven Men's Group		\$ -
Gay Men Living Sober		\$ 375.00	Step Study for Women Group		\$ 121.26
Gay Women's Meeting (Sun.)		\$ -	Sunday Morning Spiritual		\$ 880.90
Grateful & Gay Group		\$ -	Sunday Night Candle Light Group		\$ -
Grupo Alborado		\$ -	Sunshine Group (Sun.)		\$ -
Grupo Alfa Y Omega		\$ -	T.G.I.W.		\$ -
Grupo Fin y Principio		\$ -	There is a Solution Big Book Study		\$ -
Grupo Libertad - Plaza Vigil		\$ -	Thumpers Big Book Study		\$ 31.00
Grupo Nuevo Amanceer		\$ -	Today's Women's Step Study		\$ 100.00
Grupo Nuevo Luz		\$ -	Trudgers Women's Big Book Study		\$ -
Grupo Santa Cruz		\$ -	Twisted Sisters Book Study	\$ 109.68	\$ 493.51
H.O.W. Group		\$ -	Valley Sunday Group (Scotts Valley)	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00
In The Woods		\$ 905.38	Watsonville Fellowship		\$ 900.00
In the Dark Group		\$ -	Westside Group (Tues.)		\$ -
In the Hat Group		\$ -	Westside Men's Big Book Study (Mon.)		\$ 419.00
Junta De Mujeres		\$ -	Westside Men's Step Study Group (Thu.)		\$ -
Kids R Welcome		\$ -	Womens 5 & 10 Group		\$ 60.00
Live on Friday Night (Soquel Ave.)		\$ -	Young Peoples Big Book Study		\$ -
			Young People's Underground Group		\$ -

This year's new groups added below:

Triple Winners by Grace		\$ 222.00	Unknown / Unidentifiable Group Donations:		
		\$ -	Group # 724529 (Come As You Are)		\$ 60.00
12 paces at noon		\$ 112.10	Sober Slugs		\$ 60.00
Happy Destiny		\$ 57.00	unknown		\$ 345.00
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## Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes for July 2015

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC. 5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel, CA 95073

### Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2015

Today's agenda, June Minutes and final Treasurer's report, and various other reports and notices were distributed before the meeting.

CALLED to ORDER at 7:30 PM and opened with recitation of Serenity Prayer, Preamble & Twelve Traditions. Sign-in sheet and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition were passed around while introductions were made

Birthdays of the Month announced:

Mick H. – 22 yrs

Minutes for the June meeting were approved with the following correction: GSL mentioned that the conference should not be cited, rather the quote was from a pamphlet. (in New Business regarding "combined" meetings)

#### **REPORTS**

**Telephone Diverter Committee:** Jude W **Open diverter shift fliers disseminated** – Phones have been successfully switched over, log-ins are going well. There are many open shifts, please take to meetings.

**Chair:** Steve N – Went to quite a few meetings and heard very enthusiastic response to the Spring Fling. Much thanks to Amber (pause for applause). Steve is seeing positive response to intergroup participation.

**Vice Chair:** James C. – Absent, no report.

**Treasurer:** Angie R - Gain for the month was \$1,272.57.

**Office Manager:** Bob S. – Central office has some open shifts; wed, 1-5, Fri. 1-5. 1 yr sobriety requirement and please have a sponser. Intergroup made \$855 on the Spring Fling. Phone change-over has been very hectic but is starting to settle down.

**Bylaws Committee:** Joe. - Had meeting June 16th, good dins. Met quorum. Next meeting Tues., July 14 at 6pm central office

**Activities Committee:** Amber B. – Spring Fling was awesome. Amber sent out thanks to Joe, Angie and all the others who volunteered.

**Newsletter Committee:** Clarissa B. Reviewed July issue. Mentioned History of Central Office, part II. Need to send announcements about new business to Clarissa for the newsletter.

**Website Committee:** Louis D - Website going well

**Delegate-at-large:** Rick A – Absent, no report.

**General Service Liaison:** Jeff W- Main topic of conference was updating pamphlets. Call to fellowship for story submissions for woman's pamphlets, AA for gay and lesbian, mental health issues. Especially interested in submissions from service personel. Send to [district03DCMC@gmail.com](mailto:district03DCMC@gmail.com). Call 831-600-6960 to receive copies if any memos. Summer assembly is coming to Peteluma Veterans Building. Saturday Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Starts at 8:30 am, 2 workshops and lunch is included.

**H&I Liaison:** Sandra. – Absent, no report.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion about inclusion of Double winner meetings. Rebuttle sent to office. Melissa said they were not “combined” meetings, rather they are AA meetings with a focus on family issues, 5 meetings have been spun off from this model. Using a special code designation in the schedule was suggested. Lets keep the openness issue. It was brought<sup>6</sup> up that these meetings do contribute to AA alone. Motion to vote on keeping these meetings on the schedule. Passed

NEW BUSINESS Coffee person for Birthday Speaker meetings, this topic needs to be brought up directly with James C (vice-chair). Amber put forth the idea of having an event in January or February, one idea is a “bake-off” for the holiday, another is a brunch for the new year. Please bring to meetings and bring back ideas. The idea will be in the Grape.

### AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Area 1 Watsonville, Rich G – Absent, no report.

Area 2 La Selva Beach, Seascape, Louis D – everything OK

Area 3 Aptos, Mick H – Nothing to report.

Area 4 Capitola, Judi D – 4 new reps came to council. Going to meetings.

Area 5 Soquel, Glenna H – Absent, no report

Area 6 E Santa Cruz, Gary H. – BSM went well, nothing else to report.

Area 7 Morrissey, Terren D. – “Saved by Grace” to host the July BSM, nothing else to report

Area 8 Santa Cruz Downtown, Steve G. – Absent, no report

Area 9 Emeline, - Position open.

Area 10 West Side Santa Cruz, Position open

Area 11 Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley, Mark G – Absent, no report.

Announcements to take back to your groups

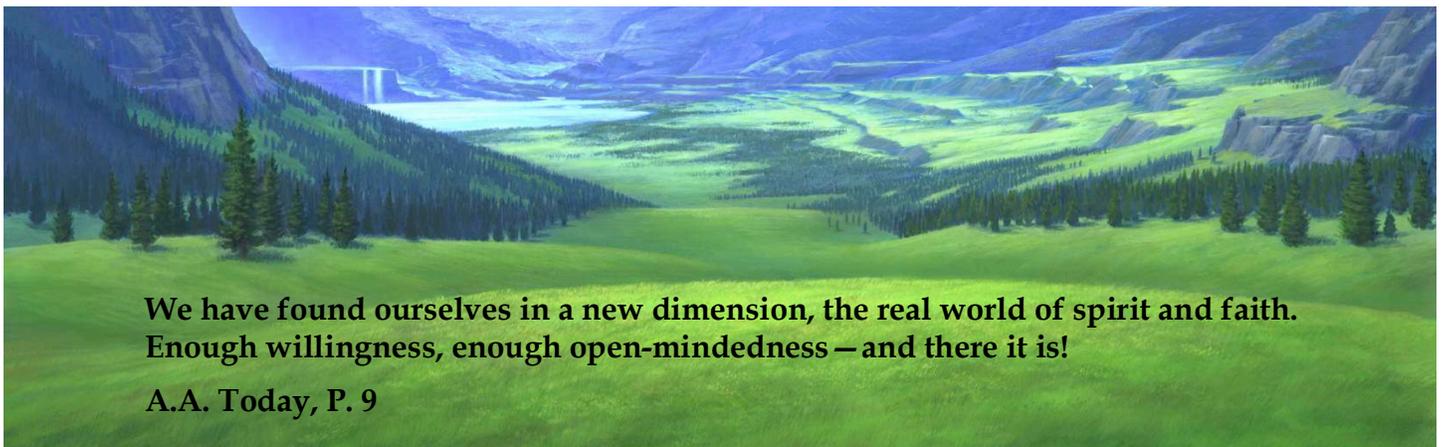
Treats for next council meeting

### CLOSING CIRCLE

Volunteers to help clean up and volunteer to help set up next month – thank you!!!

Motion to close all, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with customary closing circle.

Respectfully submitted, L Brett W, Recording Secretary



**We have found ourselves in a new dimension, the real world of spirit and faith.  
Enough willingness, enough open-mindedness – and there it is!**

**A.A. Today, P. 9**

## Fellowship Locations

**SANTA CRUZ FELLOWSHIP**  
(across from Metro Station)  
412 Front St.  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

**BEN LOMOND FELLOWSHIP**  
9636 Hwy 9  
Ben Lomond, CA 95005  
(831) 336-9969

**WATSONVILLE FELLOWSHIP**  
939 Lincoln St.  
Watsonville, CA 95076

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Watsonville, CA 95076  
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