

THE GRAPE-SCCIN

December BIRTHDAYS

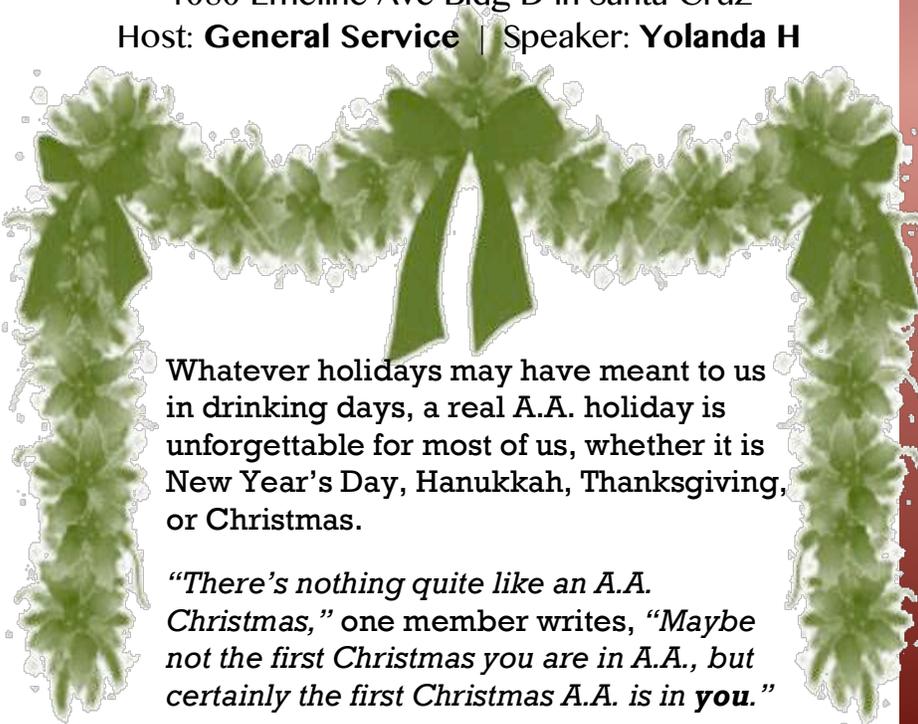
Jim D	Dec 18, 1938	Dave N	Dec 28, 1993
Thom O	Dec 3, 1983	Marion	Dec 7, 1996
Donna E	Dec 26, 1985	Gary G	Dec 16, 1996
Eddie E	Dec 26, 1985	Stephanie H	Dec 4, 1997
Sharon C	Dec 30, 1985	Jeffrey T	Dec 27, 2010
Linda E	Dec 13, 1988	Rich G	Dec 5, 2013
Dave O	Dec 20, 1990	Paul C	Dec 7, 2013
Carol C	Dec 25, 1990	Red W	Dec 12, 2014
Jim T	Dec 20, 1991	Mary P	Dec 24, 2014
Thomas M	Dec 10, 1993	Cat	Dec 24, 2014

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Sunday, December 27, 7pm

1080 Emeline Ave Bldg D in Santa Cruz

Host: **General Service** | Speaker: **Yolanda H**



Whatever holidays may have meant to us in drinking days, a real A.A. holiday is unforgettable for most of us, whether it is New Year's Day, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, or Christmas.

"There's nothing quite like an A.A. Christmas," one member writes, "Maybe not the first Christmas you are in A.A., but certainly the first Christmas A.A. is in you."

From Box 4-5-9 Holiday Issue 1967

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**The foundation of
your recovery**



helping others is.

Monthly Local Calendar

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30PM Intergroup Council Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	3	4	5 10:00AM 4th Step Workshop <i>Ben L Fellowship</i>
6	7	8	9 6:45PM POTLUCK 7:30PM MEETING General Service HOLIDAY <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	10	11	12 12:00-5:00PM Fellowship Tree Trimming Party <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>
13	14	15 6:00PM Bylaws Committee <i>Central Office</i>	16 7:30PM Steering Committee <i>Central Office</i>	17	There are <u>always</u> alcathons and fellowship gatherings on holidays. Call Central Office at 831-475-5782 to find that support and fellowship.	
20	21	22 **NOTE! Special Day!!!** 7:00PM H&I Meeting <i>Central Office</i>	23 NO H&I (see Dec 22)	24 6:00AM meeting (every 2 hours) 1:30PM Potluck Alcathon and Dinner <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>		
27 7:00PM Birthday Speaker Meeting <i>1080 Emeline Ave Bldg D</i>	28	29	30	31 7:00PM Potluck, 8:00PM Meeting, Dance New Year's Eve Party <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>		

THREE LEGACIES OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

RECOVERY

12th Step

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

UNITY

12th Tradition

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

SERVICE

12th Concept

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating*

*funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES / EVENTS

H&I Announcements

This month the H&I committee will meet TUESDAY December 22 (instead of December 23) due to holiday schedules.

The H&I Committee is looking for a Birthday Speaker Meeting Liaison.

H&I elections will be held at the January committee meeting Wednesday Jan 27 at 7PM at Central Office. There are many positions available, such as chair, treasurer, literature coordinator, Intergroup liason, General Service liason, Birthday Speaker Meeting liaison. They have various service requirements.

There are lots of H&I donations we are unable to attribute to groups because they didn't write group numbers on check. Write your group's number on the check!

Archives Volunteer Day!

Join Archivist Barbara at Central Office the first Wednesday of each month 5:30-7:30 to help organize while learning about local AA history. AAers only, please.

44th ACYPAA Round-up

April 21-24, 2016, in Orange County, CA. The All California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Round-Up is an annual gathering for young AA's to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope. AAers who attend an ACYPAA Round-Up return home better prepared to receive young alcoholics who come to AA seeking recovery. Visit www.acypaa.org for details.

General Service Potluck *with Santa Cruz Archives Presentation*

We will be hosting our annual holiday potluck on Wednesday, December 9 at Aptos Village Park. The potluck starts at 6:45pm and will be followed by our regular meeting. Our archivist Barbara L. will be giving a special presentation, "Markings on a Journey," on AA Archives here in Santa Cruz County. All are welcome to attend, please bring a dish and join us!

Holiday Gatherings at Ben Lomond Fellowship

Fellowship Tree Trimming Party December 12 from 2pm to 5pm

Alcathon and Christmas Potluck December 25 meetings start at 6am, go every two hours, and potluck dinner is at 1:30pm

New Year's Eve Party Potluck at 7pm, meeting at 8pm followed by dance with live music by WredHorse.



"Thank you for Daddy being sober this Christmas. That was all I wanted. But thanks for throwing in the doll."

Santa Cruz County Intergroup

cordially invites you to our

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Wednesday, February 3, 7:30pm

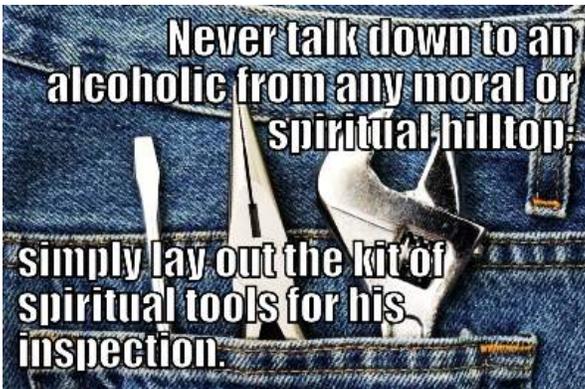
All Intergroup officer positions will be elected for 2016-2017 year, including Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Chair, Phone Diverter Chair, Web Committee Chair, Activity Committee Chair, and Area Representatives. It's a great way to learn about Intergroup meet a group of dedicated servants.

Aptos Village Park

Intergroup Council Meeting

Aptos Village Park

7:30PM every first Wednesday



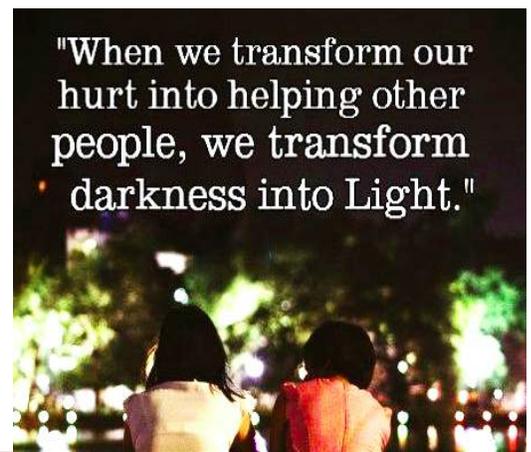
After failure on my part to dry up any drunks, Dr. Silkworth reminded me of Professor William James's observation that truly transforming spiritual experiences are nearly always founded on calamity and collapse. "Stop preaching at them," Dr. Silkworth said, "and give them the hard medical facts first. This may soften them up at depth so that they will be willing to do anything to get well. Then they may accept those spiritual ideas of yours, and even a Higher Power."

Bill W, A.A. Comes of Age, page 13

In my first conversation with Dr. Bob, I bore down heavily on the medical hopelessness of his case, freely using Dr. Silkworth's words describing the alcoholic's dilemma, the "obsession plus allergy" theme. Though Bob was a doctor, this was news to him, bad news. And the fact that I was an alcoholic and knew what I was talking about from personal experience made the blow a shattering one.

You see, our talk was a completely mutual thing. I had quit preaching. I knew that I needed this alcoholic as much as he needed me.

A.A. Comes of Age, pages 69-70



General Service Connection: *Fall Inventory and Holiday Festivities*

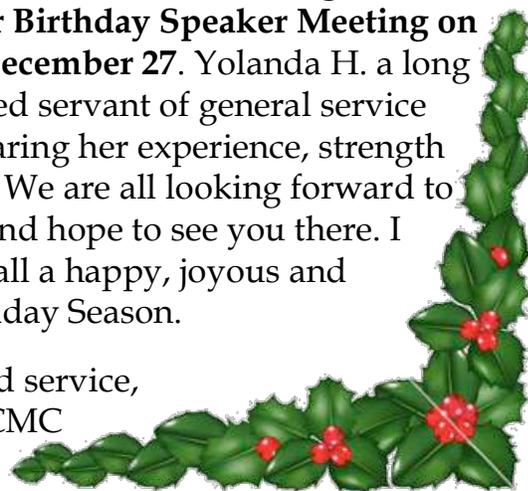
I hope you are all having wonderful holiday season and wish everyone good tidings for the coming year. Santa Cruz General Service has been busy with all things inventory related over the past couple of months. Last month we conducted our District inventory at our regular meeting for general service. Our facilitator Jennifer P. did a fantastic job of guiding the GSRs and DCMs through the inventory questions. Everyone in the room participated in the discussion and we even managed to get through all of the inventory questions! Like an AA group our district conducts a periodic inventory to evaluate how well we are fulfilling our primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Being that one of the most important functions of the GSR is to bring information to and from the groups they represent, most of our inventory focused on how we can better communicate within our respective groups and the district.

On November 14, our Area, California Northern Coastal gathered in Calistoga to conduct our Area inventory. Like the District inventory the primary purpose of the inventory is to evaluate how well and how we might better serve our respective districts and Alcoholics Anonymous. Several of our inventory questions at the Area level focused on "inclusiveness" and how we might better serve alcoholics with limited access to AA. Other topics included fulfilling or better understanding the spiritual principles guiding: the right of

participation, self-support, substantial unanimity and responsible leadership. Certainly areas where we all can learn and grow. Several items of new business were discussed during the business meeting portion of our assembly. Two noteworthy motions include: re-introducing text that has been removed from Living Sober about AA's and medication, as well as a motion "That all business in CNCA be decided by substantial unanimity, usually 2/3." If you are interested in learning more about any of the new business items contact your group's GSR for more information.

December is going to be an exciting month for general service. We will be hosting our annual holiday **potluck on Wednesday, December 9 at Aptos Village Park. The potluck starts at 6:45pm** and will be followed by our regular meeting. Our archivist Barbara L. will be giving a special presentation on AA Archives here in Santa Cruz County. All are welcome to attend, please bring a dish and join us! Additionally Santa Cruz **General Service will be hosting the December Birthday Speaker Meeting on Sunday December 27.** Yolanda H. a long time trusted servant of general service will be sharing her experience, strength and hope. We are all looking forward to the BSM and hope to see you there. I wish you all a happy, joyous and sober Holiday Season.

In love and service,
Jeff W. DCMC





CHRISTMAS GREETING 1950

from Doctor Bob and Bill

T HIS is the fifteenth Christmas for Alcoholics Anonymous. Seldom has this tired world been more confused divided and distraught. Yet never has the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous been more alive, united and peaceable. God continues to bestow upon us — His long benighted ones — abiding joy and boundless freedom.

What great gifts of Grace!

Do we listen, we can hear Him say "Freely ye have received, freely give - Merry Christmas to you all" We of AA shall take these words to heart as never before — For we, more than most are privileged to know their full meaning!



THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HOME...

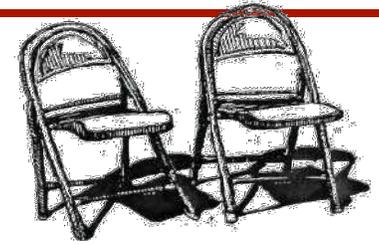
... THE CHRISTMAS TREE FAINTED.

How many sponsors does it take to change a light bulb?



It doesn't matter - if the light bulb doesn't want to change.

Chair's Corner



The year is coming to an end and it is time to start thinking about Intergroup elections. The ten officer positions will be elected at our Council meeting on February 3rd and the eleven Area Rep. positions will be elected on March 2. It is of the utmost importance to the function of AA in Santa Cruz County that these positions get filled by enthusiastic caring individuals. Please take some time to visit aasantacruz.org and click on the Intergroup link to familiarize yourself with our general purpose, then take a moment to click on the Bylaws link at the bottom of the page for a description of the positions. Join us at the next two council meetings (Dec. 2 and Jan 6) we will be presenting the offices and their duties in person and answering any questions you might have.

Steve N.
Intergroup Chair



Monthly Spotlight on Literature

Emotional Sobriety: *The Next Frontier*

Growing up in sobriety means different things to each recovering alcoholic, but one concept seems true and consistent. The rewards for reaching emotional sobriety are serenity, emotional balance and an increased joy for living. These selected stories in Emotional Sobriety from the AA Grapevine show that when people in recovery have the willingness to work the program to find solutions rather than stay stuck in problems, they let go of fear, put aside selfish demands, practice outgoing love and become more connected to their Higher Power, family and friends.

In 1958, The Grapevine published an article by AA co-founder Bill W. about the ongoing challenges of recovery that he faced long after he stopped drinking. The article was called "The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety," Therein Bill explains how he had found peace of mind by letting go of his expectations and practicing what he calls "outgoing love" --- a love less concerned with what one gets and more with one gives. It was as he put it, the St. Francis Prayer in action.

For some, the next frontier in recovery from alcoholism may be letting go of faulty, unrealistic dependencies: for

others, it may mean illuminating persistent character defects, but for all the rewards of serenity, emotional balance, and joy of living are true jewels in this life of recovery.

From a story, "The Ability to Love" (May 1962) a man from Lexington, Kentucky.

"Hope began to grow in me, there came to my mind what I always considered two key words in AA --- 'willingness & grace'. I must become willing to seek love more than I sought to be loved and ask God's grace in granting this. We are our desires. If I began to desire the ability to love, so would it be granted." "Slowly, very slowly, I began to feel a stirring in my soul. I am not sitting alone with guilt and shame. I am sharing, I belong, I am a real part of the group. God grant that I may continue to seek not so much to be loved as to love."

Stop by your Central Office where you can find this book and many others that will put some zip, and inspiration in your recovery.



Got Phone?

We are looking for someone who gives Good Phone!

In the beginning of February every year we practice the spirit of rotation in our service positions. At that time we will need to elect a new 24 Hour HotLine/Diverter Chairperson. Someone who is good at working with people and answering calls that come to our Central Office in the hours that the Office is closed. The job consists mainly of coordinating and assisting the many wonderful volunteers who answer the phones for us, who give information and Hope to all those who call. If you believe, as I do that the 24 Hour HotLine is a vital Life Line – Intergroup really needs YOU. I can honestly say that it is the best service I have ever done. It is so rewarding AND it has kept me sober and responsible. I have met and worked with so many people, made so many friends and had the opportunity to really help many people. This experience I am truly grateful for.

The job comes with on the job training/assistance, all supportive materials have been created and are available on the main computer.

For more information contact the Central Office at 831-475-5782.

Grateful Servant,

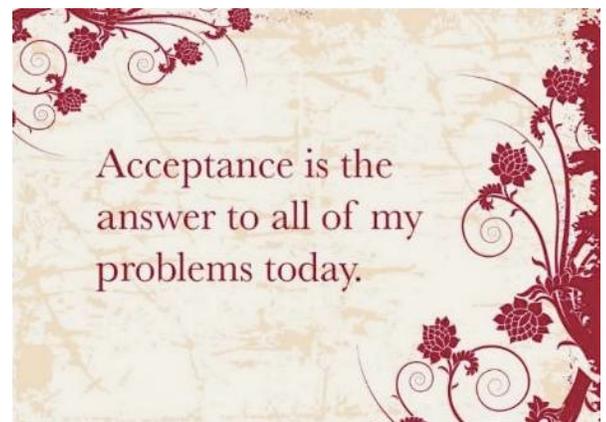
Jude W.
Diverter Chair

From Central Office

Did you know that Santa Cruz County Intergroup pays liability insurance that covers your AA group? If your group needs a certificate to show the facility where your meeting rents space, contact Central Office.

The Central Office has two volunteer spots open: Monday from 1pm to 5pm, and Thursday from 1pm to 5pm. Volunteers answer phones, do literature sales, and other easygoing tasks. They also relax a lot so bring a book! Volunteers need to have at least one year of continuous sobriety and be working with a sponsor. Contact Central Office if you are interested by calling 831 475 5782.

Humble Servant,
Bob S.
Central Office Manager



The Un-Usual – Please!

I went to a meeting,
Sat down in a chair.
Gazed out of the window,
'til I wasn't there.

Looked up at the sky and
what did I see?
I sat on a cloud
Gazing right back at me!

Now what in the heck is happening
here?
Something about this is not very clear.
I haven't had a single beer!

I "came back" to the meeting –
and what did I find?
A drink in my hand –
and it sure wasn't wine.

It was a soda with ice
& a twist of lime.
I must have had
an awesome good time!

Submitted by Anonymous local AAer

The Twelfth Tradition

And finally, we of Alcoholics
Anonymous believe that the
principle of anonymity has an
immense spiritual significance. It
reminds us that we are to place
principles before personalities;
that we are actually to practice a
genuine humility. This to the end
that our great blessings may never
spoil us; that we shall forever *live*
in thankful contemplation of Him
who presides over us all.



"Yeah, but what about my anonymity?"

Intergroup Financials for October 2015

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

(Revision July-2015)

Submitted by

OCTOBER,

OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAILS			
	Oct.		F.Yr. Totals
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 13,302.60		
INCOME:			
Group Donations	\$ 5,191.41	\$	11,875.71
Birthday Meeting	\$ 272.15	\$	778.65
Activities		\$	200.00
Anonymous	\$ 12.00	\$	98.00
Birthday Club		\$	29.00
Gen I Service Committee		\$	-
H&I Committee		\$	-
Intergroup Council	\$ 25.00	\$	76.00
Memorials		\$	-
Newsletter Subscriptions		\$	-
Other Donations	\$ 25.00	\$	155.00
Refunds		\$	150.00
Returned Check Redeposit		\$	-
<i>subtotal =</i>	\$ 5,525.56	\$	13,362.36
from Literature Account		\$	-
TOTAL INCOME =	\$ 5,525.56	\$	13,362.36
EXPENSES:			
RENT:			
Central Office	\$ 650.00	\$	2,600.00
Birthday Meeting		\$	-
Intergroup Council		\$	-
<i>RENT subtotal =</i>	\$ 650.00	\$	2,600.00
SALARY EXPENSES:			
Net Salary	\$ 915.40	\$	3,661.60
Payroll Taxes	\$ 893.80	\$	1,821.48
Workers Comp.	\$ 245.00	\$	576.06
<i>SALARY subtotal =</i>	\$ 2,044.20	\$	6,059.14
OFFICE EXPENSES:			
Office Supplies	\$ 208.60	\$	706.06
PG&E	\$ 59.13	\$	269.57
Telephone	\$ 116.27	\$	473.04
Other		\$	-
<i>OFFICE subtotal =</i>	\$ 384.00	\$	1,448.67
PRINTING:			
In-house Printing	\$ 191.08	\$	818.67
Other		\$	-
<i>PRINTING subtotal =</i>	\$ 191.08	\$	818.67
POSTAGE:			
Newsletter	\$ 200.00	\$	200.00
Office		\$	10.00
Other		\$	-
<i>POSTAGE subtotal =</i>	\$ 200.00	\$	210.00
OTHER EXPENSES:			
Activities		\$	-
Birthday Meeting Supplies	\$ 46.00	\$	46.00
Conferences & Travel		\$	-
Liability Insurance		\$	-
Other		\$	-
<i>OTHER EXP subtotal =</i>	\$ 46.00	\$	46.00
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$ 3,515.28	\$	11,182.48
move to Prudent Reserve		\$	-
move from Prudent Reserve		\$	-
loaned to Literature Account		\$	-
repaid from Literature Account		\$	3,000.00
ENDING CASH =	\$ 15,312.88	\$	11,771.20
Month's Gain or Loss =	\$ 2,010.28		
BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING DETAILS			
7th Tradition -	\$ 272.15	\$	778.65
Expenses (rent, supplies, etc.) -	\$ 46.00	\$	46.00
BALANCE -	\$ 226.15	\$	732.65

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.

MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES			
	Oct.		F.Yr. to Date
OPERATING ACCOUNT			
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 13,302.60		
INCOME:			
Group Donations	\$ 5,191.41		#DIV/0!
Birthday Meeting	\$ 272.15		#DIV/0!
Activities	\$ -		#DIV/0!
Other	\$ 62.00		#DIV/0!
<i>subtotal =</i>	\$ 5,525.56		
Income from Literature	\$ -		#DIV/0!
<i>Total Income =</i>	\$ 5,525.56		#DIV/0!
EXPENSES:			
Rent	\$ 650.00		#DIV/0!
Salary Exp.	\$ 2,044.20		#DIV/0!
Office	\$ 384.00		#DIV/0!
Printing	\$ 191.08		#DIV/0!
Postage	\$ 200.00		#DIV/0!
Other	\$ 46.00		#DIV/0!
<i>Total Expenses =</i>	\$ 3,515.28		#DIV/0!
move to Prudent Reserv	\$ -		
move from Prudent Res	\$ -		
loaned to Literature Acc	\$ -		
repaid from Literature Ad	\$ -		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 15,312.88		
ALLOCATED FUNDS:			
Activities (\$500)	\$ 500.00		
Liability Ins. (\$200/mo)	\$ 200.00		
Payroll Taxes (\$650/m)	\$ 650.00		
Vacation Accrual	\$ 100.00		
Workers Comp. (\$50/r)	\$ 50.00		
<i>Total Allocated =</i>	\$ 1,500.00		
AVAILABLE CASH =	\$ 13,812.88		

LITERATURE ACCOUNT			
	Oct.		F.Yr. to Date
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 10,177.89		
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 2,938.40		
Sales Receipts Portion	\$ 2,688.64		
Sales Tax Portion	\$ 249.76		
Returned Check Amends			
<i>subtotal =</i>	\$ 13,116.29		
Operating Acct. Loan			
Purchases & Costs	\$ 4,638.20		
Bank Fees			
Sales Tax Paid	\$ 447.00		
Returned (Bounced) Checks			
<i>subtotal =</i>	\$ 5,085.20		
move to Operating Acct	\$ -		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 8,031.09		
Sales & Use Tax Allocation:			
Carried over			
This Month's Sales Tax	\$ 249.76		
This Month's Use Tax			
Quarter To Date	\$ 249.76		
AVAILABLE CASH =	\$ 7,781.33		

PRUDENT RESERVE			
	Oct.		F.Yr. to Date
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 26,632.25		
to Operating Acct	\$ -		
from Operating Acct	\$ -		
Interest	\$ 0.40		
Fees			
ENDING CASH =	\$ 26,632.65		

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT
GROUP DONATIONS DETAIL

Submitted by

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.

	Oct.	F.Yr. Totals
11th Step MeditatioGroup (Sun.)	\$ -	\$ -
12 X 12 (Tue.)	\$ 150.75	\$ 150.75
12 Paces at Noon	\$ -	\$ -
5:30 Group, The	\$ -	\$ -
AA Sober Slugs	\$ -	\$ -
Acceptance Group (Boulder Creek)	\$ -	\$ 75.30
Altered Attitude Group	\$ 91.80	\$ 91.80
Alternative Group	\$ -	\$ -
Aptos Women's Serenity Group	\$ -	\$ 83.50
Aromas Group	\$ -	\$ -
Awareness Group	\$ -	\$ -
Back to Basics Group (Fri.)	\$ -	\$ -
Bay Group, The	\$ 284.77	\$ 284.77
Beach Combers, The (LaSelva Discussion)	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Ben Lomond Fellowship (S. L. Valley)	\$ -	\$ -
Big Book and Step Study Group (Fri.)	\$ -	\$ -
Book & Step Study (Davenport)	\$ -	\$ 72.00
Boulder Creek Group	\$ 1,879.59	\$ 1,879.59
Box of Chocolates	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Brown Baggers Group	\$ -	\$ -
B.Y.O.B. Group (Mon.)	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Candlelight Group (Fri.)	\$ -	\$ -
Conscious Contact Meditation Meeting	\$ -	\$ -
Courage to Change	\$ -	\$ -
DMV Meetings (Consolidated)	\$ 357.00	\$ 751.00
Do-Nut Meeting	\$ -	\$ -
Double Winners By Grace	\$ -	\$ 190.49
Early Morning Spiritual	\$ -	\$ 110.40
Early Risers	\$ 264.00	\$ 1,177.49
End of the Line Discussion Group	\$ -	\$ -
Eyes on the Prize	\$ 80.92	\$ 80.92
Felton Group	\$ -	\$ 186.00
Firehouse Group	\$ -	\$ -
Friday Night Group (Emeline)	\$ -	\$ -
Friday Nite Lights (Frederick St.)	\$ -	\$ -
From the Heart	\$ -	\$ -
Fuente De Vida	\$ -	\$ -
Gay Men Living Sober	\$ -	\$ 197.36
Gay Women's Meeting (Sun.)	\$ -	\$ -
Grateful & Gay Group	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Alborado	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Alfa Y Omega	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Fin y Principio	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Libertad - Plaza Vigil	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Nuevo Amanecer	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Nuevo Luz	\$ -	\$ -
Grupo Santa Cruz	\$ -	\$ -
Happy Destiny	\$ -	\$ -
H.O.W. Group	\$ -	\$ -
In The Woods	\$ -	\$ 414.00
In the Dark Group	\$ -	\$ -
In the Hat Group	\$ -	\$ -
Junta De Mujeres	\$ -	\$ -
Keep It Simple	\$ -	\$ -
Kids R Welcome	\$ -	\$ -
Live on Friday Night (Soquel Ave.)	\$ -	\$ -
LSB Men's Meeting	\$ -	\$ -
Make My Day	\$ -	\$ -

This year's new groups added below:

Come as You Are Group	\$ 15.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2015		
	OCT.	F.Yr. Total
TOTAL DONATIONS=	\$ 5,191.41	\$ 11,320.05
Groups Contributing this Month-	21	
Groups Contributing this Year-		
Number of Listed Groups-	109	
Percent of groups contributing this month-	19%	
Percent of groups contributing this year-		

	Oct.	F.Yr. Totals
Mattison Lane Group	\$ -	\$ -
Make My Day	\$ 465.58	\$ 465.58
Mattison Lane Group	\$ -	\$ -
Medically Supported Recovery (Thu.)	\$ -	\$ -
Men's Basic Step Study Group	\$ -	\$ -
Men's Cross Talkers	\$ -	\$ -
Mud Flats Group	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Nifty Ladies on Park Group	\$ -	\$ 117.00
No Frills Sobriety	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Ocean View Group	\$ 129.00	\$ 129.00
On the Beach (Sat.)	\$ 124.20	\$ 202.20
On the Beach, Too (Sun.)	\$ -	\$ 151.80
Once a Drunk W	\$ -	\$ -
One O'clock Step Study Group	\$ -	\$ -
Out of the Blue	\$ 91.59	\$ 215.59
Out of the Trenches	\$ -	\$ -
Pleasure Point Group	\$ 64.72	\$ 170.83
Roxas Group	\$ 300.00	\$ 373.50
Santa Cruz Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -
Santa Cruz Speakers (Fri.)	\$ -	\$ -
Saturday Night Live Oak	\$ -	\$ -
Saved by Grace Group	\$ -	\$ -
Scotts Valley Happy Destiny (Wed.)	\$ -	\$ -
Share Today Group	\$ -	\$ -
Shivering Denizens	\$ -	\$ 275.80
Sisters in Sobriety Group	\$ 37.24	\$ 59.27
Skyland Group	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Sobriety & Gratitude	\$ 120.00	\$ 200.00
Solutions in the Sand Group	\$ -	\$ -
Soquel Acceptance Group (Fri.)	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00
Soquel Acceptance Group (Wed.)	\$ -	\$ 210.31
Soquel Step Study	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Sought Through Meditation	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Sought Through Prayer	\$ 123.02	\$ 262.45
Stag 12:12 Group	\$ -	\$ 40.00
Stag Eleven Group	\$ -	\$ 180.00
Step and Traditions Study for Women	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Sunday Morning Spiritual	\$ -	\$ 208.75
Sunday Night Candle Light Group	\$ -	\$ -
Sunshine Group (Sun.)	\$ -	\$ -
T.G.I.W.	\$ -	\$ -
There is a Solution Big Book Study	\$ -	\$ -
Thumpers Big Book Study	\$ -	\$ 252.00
Today's Women's Step Study	\$ -	\$ -
Trudgers Women's Big Book Study	\$ -	\$ -
Twisted Sisters Book Study	\$ -	\$ 116.24
Valley Girls 4 X a Winner	\$ -	\$ -
Valley Sunday Group (Scotts Valley)	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Watsonville Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -
We Agnostics	\$ -	\$ -
We Are Not Saints	\$ -	\$ -
Westside Group (Tues.)	\$ 149.23	\$ 149.23
Westside Men's Big Book Study (Mon.)	\$ -	\$ -
Westside Men's Step Study Group (Thu.)	\$ -	\$ -
Womens 5 & 10 Group	\$ 118.00	\$ 205.13
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Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes for November 2015

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

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Today's agenda, October 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 7th tradition were passed around while introductions were made.

Birthdays of the Month announced: Lori, 5 yrs.; Danielle, 4 yrs.; Michelle 15 mos.; Glena 10 mos.

Attendance: 41

Minutes of last meeting were approved without correction.

REPORTS:

CHAIR, Clarissa B: I have a question: Bob, how is it going with the Simkins Center for our meeting place? Bob: They are reluctant to commit.

I sent some emails out with announcements. Did anyone get them? [Positive response] If anyone wants Intergroup announcements emailed to them, send your email address to santacruzcountyintergroup@gmail.com.

Printed with the agenda is a listing of the groups by areas. Any corrections/changes? [Speakers meeting on Friday now at the Quaker Center is discussed]

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE, Rick A: I went to the Ad-Hoc meeting and thought it went well. Who does not know their Area Rep? [Several hands raised] When the Rep's give their reports later on, identify yours and make sure they have your contact information. I attended the General Service Anonymity Workshop. It was great! I will step in to hold the Bylaws Committee meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Central Office. Cheeseburgers!

VICE-CHAIR, Danielle B: In January, the Birthday Speaker Meeting will be an "Old School" Meeting at Santa Cruz High Auditorium. It's on Saturday, the 24th, at 7:00 PM. Flyers will be forthcoming; get the word out, it will be great!

The Birthday Speaker Meeting ad-hoc committee has met twice. We are looking into locations. We have decided to move the meeting back to Saturdays at 7:00 PM. Some of us took on a possible site and investigated:

Lou - The VFW Hall on 7th Ave. [near Rodriguez] seats 160; has good rates [50.00 / hr.] but can't guarantee every 4th or last Saturday. Maybe if we "sweeten" the offer it might help.

Danielle - We do need to book a year at a time.

Clarissa - We used to meet at Santa Cruz High School Auditorium years ago. They charge 75.00 / hour; lots of seating; no food or drink allowed in the auditorium, except water; parking is bad in the area; no smoking allowed on the campus at all. We're doing the January meeting there and we'll get an idea how it is.

Amber - The Inner Light Church at 5630 Soquel Drive [not far from Central Office] charges 100.00 / hour; has lots of parking; seats 500; food is OK in the lobby; smoking is allowed in an area on the far side of the parking lot. We could sign a contract for a year's time.

Bob - We are currently taking in about \$200 to \$300 from the meeting, so we're looking in the ballpark.

Discussion: Can we lock down the VFW on Sunday Nights? Some people might be uncomfortable with the meeting in a church. Only the Inner Light qualifies. Can we vote now? I make a motion we approve Inner Light starting in February. Discussion follows. Rick (Delegate-at-Large) points out that motions should be presented in writing, as per the Bylaws, and we should take our time looking it over.

Danielle: Lets bring this to your groups and look at it again next month.

TREASURER, Rudy A: In October, we started with \$9,328.10; our income was \$3,210.59; our expenses were \$2500.35; ending the month with \$10,038.34. We had a gain of \$710.24 for the month.

OFFICE MANAGER, Bob S: You can see we have a new format for the office activity report; please check and update your entry on the sign-up sheet, including you email address; make sure it's legible.

TELEPHONE DIVERTER, Jude W: Notice we have a lot of openings on Thursday; myself and one other volunteer are doing most of the coverage. Get the word out, please.

ACTIVITIES, *OPEN*: Bob: The Old-Timers' Speaker Meeting had a good turn-out; the committee wants a new chairperson.

Clarissa: Vada cannot organize the Spring Fling, so we could use someone to start the organizing until we have a chairperson. Remember elections are in February. Mber volunteers to organize the committee and start things [a positive response from the floor].

NEWSLETTER, Tara W: *ABSENT* Send requests for email newsletter subscriptions, and submissions to grapesccin@gmail.com.

BY-LAWS, *OPEN*:

WEBSITE, Greg D: Not much to report; the January Birthday Speaker Meeting will be posted; if you have holiday event flyers, send digital copies to info@asasantacruz.org.

GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON, Scott B: We meet and hold new panel elections next week here, in this room Our area also holds elections in San Jose, at the Scottish Rite Temple. Next month you will have a new liaison, I will be rotating out. The notes from the Anonymity Workshop will be organized and published in next month's GrapeSCCIN.

Clarissa: o much useful information came out of the panels, especially regarding social media. We want to put together an informational pamphlet for Central Office. [Here Scott explains the different functions of Intergroup vs. the General Service District].

H & I LIAISON, Sandra A: Please identify your group name clearly when you mail checks to H&I.

NEW BUSINESS: *NONE*

OLD BUSINESS: *NONE*

REPORTS of AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

Area 1 Watsonville, Aromas – Lydia E: We will be doing the January Birthday Speaker meeting. We're looking at "Make My Day".

Area 2 La Selva, Seascape – Louis D: The Aptos Woman's Group is doing good; no other activity to report.

Area 3 Aptos, Corralitos, Freedom – Alan G: *NO REPORT*

Area 4 Capitola, Live Oak – Crystal J: *NO REPORT*

Area 5 Soquel – Matt T: There are 4 rep's here tonight; I'll be sure to make calls.

Area 6 E Santa Cruz – Randy: *ABSENT, SURGERY*

Area 7 Santa Cruz - Morrisey – Bredette: I called my people; the Roxas phone number listed is disconnected; the Friday Speaker Meeting has been added.

Area 8 Santa Cruz - Downtown – Tim G: Welcome to new rep Cathryn; The Fellowship Alcathon went well, attendance at about 250; Thanksgiving Alcathon will be Thursdat only, from 9:00 AM to midnight; 50 minute meetings except for the pot-luck from 1:00 to 3:00, with live Jazz music; 412 Front Street; the 4th-Step Workshops are on-going and well attended.

Area 9 Santa Cruz - Emeline – Lori P: All is well.

Area 10 Westside Santa Cruz – Tommy K: Everything is good; thanks to Rick for helping set up the Birthday Speaker Meeting.

Area 11 San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley – Brett W: The Ben Lomond Fellowship Halloween party and dance was a great success! Don't have Thanksgiving info yet, will send it to Central Office. The November Birthday Speaker Meeting will be hosted by the Box of Chocolates Group, with Magdalena R. speaking.

Three Things to take back to your meetings: Turns into a review of all the info from the meeting.

Request for next month's Cookie Commitment; request for tonight's clean-up volunteers. Thank you all!
Next Council Meeting on December 3rd; Next Steering Committee Meeting on November 19th.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:35 PM with the customary closing circle.

Respectfully Submitted, Damien M., Recording Secretary



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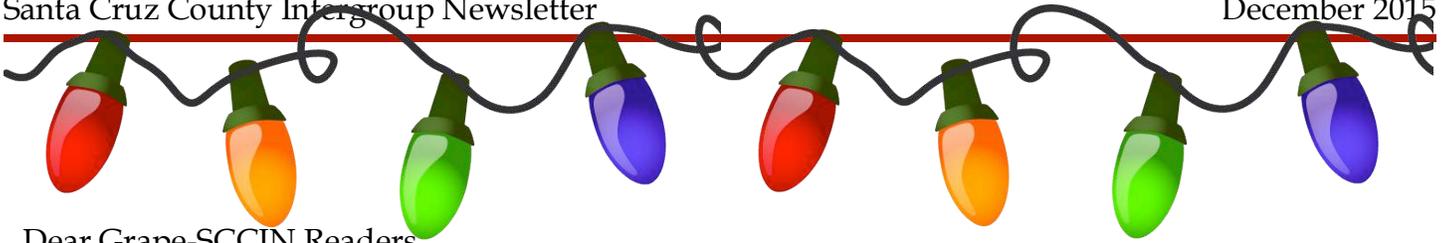
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Dear Grape-SCCIN Readers,

I want to give a shout out to our Santa Cruz Intergroup for keeping the online meeting schedule up-to-date with over 270 meetings in our area! It's great for newcomers, Santa Cruz tourists, and crusty old locals who need to change up their meeting routines.

I also want to share a new, super user-friendly (and free) mobile app with Grape-SCCIN readers. The app is called 'Meeting Guide' and you can download it from the Apple App Store for iOS and the Google Play store for Android.

I've checked out a couple other meeting apps, but they aren't so great. I think Meeting Guide is excellent because it pulls from data direct from our website, so whenever Intergroup makes updates to our Santa Cruz meeting schedule...bam! App meetings are updated.

As someone who travels around our beautiful region, I'm stoked the Meeting Guide works in the wider SF bay area too, including San Jose and other South Bay cities, San Francisco, Oakland and other East Bay cities. It's also in Portland OR, and Philadelphia PA and some other sites. The app was created by fellow trusted servant and Santa Clara Intergroup webmaster Josh R. who donated his time and services to develop and host the app.

Some cool features of this free app:

1. Meetings are sorted by distance from your phone's location.
2. Filter by day, time, location and type (e.g., women's, Spanish, speaker, etc.).
3. Use app to get directions to meeting, text or email details to a friend or sponsee, add to your calendar, and more!
4. Need to shake up your program? You can literally shake your phone and "roll the dice" feature will choose a random meeting for you to attend. Fun!

Paper schedules...good. Websites...great. Interactive meeting guide in your pocket to find the nearest meeting...pretty sweet! I hope you download the Meeting Guide app, find it as useful as I do, and share it with AA friends and newcomers.

Happy holidays!

Jess F.
Intergroup Rep for Conscious Contact Meeting
(Sundays 5pm, Pacific Cultural Center)

☰ Wednesday		
7:30p 5 mi	Grupo Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos 1817 Soquel Avenue Santa Cruz	
7:30p 7 mi	Thumpers Big Book Study United Methodist Church 250 California Street Santa Cruz	>
7:30p 9 mi	Grupo Fin y Principio 51 Crestview Drive Watsonville	>
8:00p 3 mi	Awareness Group Valencia Hall 2555 Valencia Road Aptos	>
8:00p 6 mi	Young People's Underground Gr.. Basement - Building D. 1080 Emeline Avenue Santa Cruz	>
8:00p	Big Book Study Meeting Santa Cruz Fellowship	>

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