

**THE GRAPE-SCCIN**  
**Intergroup Newsletter**  
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**JANUARY, 2020**



**Santa Cruz County**  
**Intergroup**

5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel, CA 95073  
M-F 9 am—5 pm / Sat 10 am—2 pm  
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**ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE:** ALCATHON INFORMATION FOR NEW YEAR'S;  
TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS; JANUARY BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING FLYER;  
INTERGROUP ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH WITH POSITION LISTINGS,  
QUALIFICATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS — A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE;  
NCCAA SPRING 2020 CONFERENCE FLYER; PRAASA 2020 CONFERENCE FLYER

**DEADLINE** for GrapeSCCIN CONTENT HAS CHANGED to the **3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY** EACH MONTH

**EMELINE GROUPS** WITH MEETING LOCATION CHANGES: HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR NEW LOCATION INFORMATION TO CENTRAL OFFICE? [info@aasantacruz.org](mailto:info@aasantacruz.org)

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING:** The Birthday Speaker Meeting Committee meets bi-monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month. Here are the dates of our next few meetings: January 23, March 26, and May 28. The meetings are held at The Buttery, 702 Soquel Ave, at 6pm. For more information contact the Birthday Committee at bsmcommittee@gmail.com or call Kathy C at 831/423-1934.

**24 HOUR DIVERTER HOT LINE:** Volunteers needed to answer phone calls (diverted to your personal phone) when Central Office is closed., usually a 2 or 4 hour shift, once per month. To find out more call Scott B. 831-227-6700 or phone Central Office to relay your interest 831-475-5782

**H&I:** CARRY the MESSAGE to those who are confined. Men and women needed at many types of institutions—*ESPECIALLY MEN*. Only 2 – 4 hours, once a month commitment; sobriety requirement varies with facility. If you have any questions visit [www.handisc.org](http://www.handisc.org) or attend the Committee meeting listed here in the right column or phone Central Office to relay your interest 831-475-5782

**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Help Keep Central Office Open. Pick up a Desk Shift: M-F 9am to 1pm, or 1pm to 5pm; or Sat. 10am to 2pm, or be a substitute! One year sobriety preferred. (831) 475-5782 Central Office, 5732 Soquel Dr., Soquel; or [info@aasantacruz.org](mailto:info@aasantacruz.org)

**BRIDGING THE GAP:** 12-Step volunteers to make individual & team presentations to patients or inmates. After someone is released, our goal is to have 2 A.A. volunteers accompany them to their first A.A. meeting on the outside. Contact Will B. 702-379-4381 or come to the G.S. District meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 7:30 PM (listed to the right).

**PI / CPC:** Help inform students, probation officers, doctors and others about AA, or service literature racks, provide drug courts with meeting lists, or staff information tables at school/college health fairs. Contact Phil G. 408-314-7524

**INTERGROUP ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** – Help plan the next year of fellowship in Santa Cruz, including Valentine's Day Dance and Spring Fling 2020. Committee meets every 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at Central Office, 5732 Soquel Dr., Soquel; For more info: Central Office: (831) 475-5782 • [info@aasantacruz.org](mailto:info@aasantacruz.org)

**NOTICES**

**A.A. GROUP & MEETING NOTICES—**

- THE 1080 EMELINE BASEMENT (Building D) **WILL BE CLOSED** from JANUARY to JUNE for rehab. Persons responsible for meetings should contact 831-454-4000 to see if they have another spot available.

**THIS MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS—**

- **Wed. Jan 1:** INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED
- **Thu, Jan 2 & 9:** WEBSITE COMMITTEE MEETING Meets every Thursday; Verve Coffee Roasters, 1540 Pacific Av., Santa Cruz; LOOKING FOR A MEMBER WITH WEBMASTER SKILLS
- **Wed. Jan 8, 7:30 pm:** GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING Aptos Village Park, 100 Aptos Creek Road, Aptos; Service Manual Study / New GSR Orientation at 6:45 pm
- **Wed. Jan 8, 7:30 pm:** INTERGROUP ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Central Office, 5732 Soquel Dr., Soquel
- **Sat. Jan 11, 9:00 am:** PI/CPC COMMITTEE MEETING in the coffee shop at 1545 Pacific Av., Santa Cruz
- **Wed. Jan 15, 7:30 pm:** INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE, Central Office, 5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel
- **Thu. Jan 16 & 23, 7:00 pm:** WEBSITE COMMITTEE MEETING See Jan 2 listing above for details
- **Tue. Jan 21, 6:00 pm:** BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEETING Central Office, 5732 Soquel Dr., Soquel
- **Wed. Jan 22, 7:00 pm:** HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE 420 Melrose St., Santa Cruz, (church Youth Room); New H&I Representative orientation 6:30 pm; More info: <http://www.handisc.org> or [info@handisc.org](mailto:info@handisc.org)
- **Thu. Jan 23, 6:00 pm:** BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING COMMITTEE at The Buttery, 702 Soquel Av, Santa Cruz
- **Thu. Jan 30, 7:00 pm:** WEBSITE COMMITTEE MEETING See Jan 2 listing above for details

**THIS MONTH'S EVENTS—**

- **Sat. Jan 4, 7:00 pm:** SANTA CRUZ INTERGROUP — **BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING:** Speaker- Annie K from Santa Clara with 30 yrs; Host- LaSelva Beach Men's Meeting. Open meeting and yearly chips 7:00-8:15 PM.; Capitola Senior Center 829 Bay Ave. (behind party store) near HWY 1, Capitola
- **Sat. Jan 11, 10:00-11:30 am:** 4<sup>th</sup> STEP WORKSHOP— 2nd Saturday every month; Questions? Steve D. 831.786.6528; Ben Lomond Fellowship, 9636 Hwy 9 near the Tyrolean Inn, Ben Lomond
- **Sat., Jan 25, 6:00 pm:** SANTA CRUZ FELLOWSHIP **BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING**— chips, cake and fellowship; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month, 412 Front St. opposite the Metro, Downtown Santa Cruz

## INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF November 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

These minutes have been approved at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Various reports and event announcements were available before the meeting began.

CALLED to ORDER 7:31 p.m.

### OPENING CUSTOMS

• Serenity Prayer • Preamble • 12 traditions • Jesse passed the sign-in sheet and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition • Introductions • Last month's minutes approved

BIRTHDAYS: Magi 9 years, Patricia 33 years

### REPORTS

#### GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON – Murias

• Reminder to return filled out Bridging the Gap volunteer cards if you have them, can bring to council and give to Murias or drop off at Central Office. Had open house BBQ amongst power outage threats, had power, 8 people not a part of General Service came, considering doing open house event for each panel. Discussion on Alanon liaison at area. Group inventory at next meeting, suspending all normal business to allow time for inventory. Area inventory postponed due to fires, area business cancelled or delayed. CNCA having financial difficulties, checks sent before October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 that have not received receipts should consider checks lost, not deposited, CNCA had to dip into prudent reserve due to checks not being deposited properly, if groups need receipts for checks sent to CNCA contact Murias for new treasurer's contact info. Judy ask for clarification about lost checks, Murias clarify issue was with previous treasurer, not depositing checks but there is no money missing from any accounts. Fred ask if we should encourage groups to increase donations to CNCA, Murias says extra donations would be appreciated to help CNCA rebuild prudent reserve and operating funds

#### H&I LIAISON – Dave

• Reviews financial report. Two people getting clearance for jails per month on average. Some errors on flier, Watsonville Fellowship not a part of H&I, service positions listed on flier on accident. Always 20+ openings for H&I positions every month, asking area reps to chat with secretaries to inform them of H&I openings and to encourage H&I reps to attend monthly committee meetings. Ron ask about how to get clearance for jails, Dave direct to website, can find all info there or email Dave at [daverlotts@gmail.com](mailto:daverlotts@gmail.com). Tara ask for clarification on Camp adolescent unit meetings, Dave clarify Camp adolescent unit is closed to H&I meetings, listed on back of help wanted flier in error

#### CHAIR—Jesse

• Reviews letter from accountant stating there was an accumulation of errors, account is actually about \$5,000 lower than stated in taxes, made adjustment to taxes and gave several suggestions on how to avoid similar errors in future. Steering committee approved purchase of Quickbooks and to pay a professional to help Bob set up, Terry point out that it wasn't a part of bylaws until recently that we have an accountant review finances, which is why errors were not found until now, also treasurer's position has been open, no second set of eyes on financial reports. Steering committee working with Bob to put together budget of operating costs of Central Office, regular expenses, Jesse will be reviewing financial reports until treasurer position is filled. Motion brought forward to potentially hire a HR professional to help edit and review office manager job description, will hopefully vote on at next steering committee

#### VICE CHAIR—Michael

• Been absent lately due to dad's illness and passing, will be back at council and steering now

#### TREASURER—OPEN

• Jesse reviews position description and requirements, clarify that 5 year sobriety requirement can be waived down to 3 years since position has been open more than two months, but if someone with less than 5 years took commitment now they would not be eligible for re-election in February, person does not have to be proficient in Quickbooks or an accountant to hold position. Ken volunteers! 😊 Financial report for September available on tables, Bob not present to review or answer questions

OFFICE MANAGER—Bob S. (absent)

#### BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MTG CHAIR—Kathy

• Fantastic November meeting, did well financially. December BSM will have dance after speaker meeting, music by DJ Aaron, hosted by CRUZYPAA, speaker Brian G from Sacramento. Close to getting speakers for January and February meetings, Area 1 and 2 reps (Alan and Rick) working on getting host groups

#### BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR—Terry

- Committee meets every third Tuesday at 6PM at Central Office, no quorum met last meeting, ate pizza and salad, will be meeting this month to discuss whatever happens tonight regarding proposed changes to bylaws

#### TELEPHONE DIVERTER CHAIR—Scott B.

- no open shifts (yay!) 😊

#### ACTIVITIES CHAIR—Rick C. (absent) Michael fill in

- Halloween Costume Gala went well, was well attended, Shalee won costume contest

#### NEWSLETTER—Damian

- Newsletter went out, Kimberly ask how to sign up for newsletter, Damian direct her to website or email [grapesccin@gmail.com](mailto:grapesccin@gmail.com). Fred ask about story submissions, Damian clarify they will be added as PDF attachments to email version of newsletter, so will fliers for events, but will not be sent out in mail version of newsletter. 800+ people get email version, about 75 get it mailed

#### WEBSITE COMMITTEE CHAIR—Porter

- nothing new, website functioning as is and up to date, slow but steady progress building new website

#### AREA REPORTS

Area 1: Alan – Looking for BSM host group

Area 2: Rick – absent

Area 3: OPEN – Jesse read position description and list of meetings in area

Area 4: Angie – no report

Area 5: Jack – absent

Area 6: Randy – been to some meetings, having trouble getting to 7AM meeting, BYOB has incorrect contact info on sign in sheet, looking for ride to Trans and Allies meeting at Diversity Center

Area 7: Chris - no report

Area 8: Fred – no report

Area 9: Dion – absent

Area 10: OPEN – Jesse reads list of meeting in area

Area 11: Matthew – Pie Meeting was honored to have hosted November BSM, Mark report on holiday events coming up at Ben Lomond Fellowship, pass out fliers to all members at council

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Proposed changes to bylaws: Terry explain proposed changes have to be approved by a 2/3 majority, group will be voted to accept proposed changes or oppose proposed changes by show of hands, not discussing each item line by line. Misty ask who to share concerns or questions with, Terry says if proposed changes voted in that he will take will questions and concerns. Jesse and Fred clarify that each member gets one vote, members that hold multiple positions only have one vote. 33 voting members present, 22 needed for 2/3 majority. 26 vote in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstain. Proposed changes to bylaws are accepted by 2/3 majority.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### TAKE BACK THESE ITEMS TO YOUR GROUP:

- Open positions: Area 3 and 10

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

—Submitted by Magi R., Recording Secretary