



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

BIRTHDAYS!

August 2013

- ⌚ Jackie M 36yrs Aug 5,1977
- ⌚ Sam B 35yrs Aug 15,1978
- ⌚ Nina M 30yrs Aug 27,1983
- ⌚ Damien M 30yrs Aug 19,1983
- ⌚ Diane B 30yrs Aug 25,1983
- ⌚ Garryowen G 15yrs Aug 21,1998
- ⌚ Mark B 14yrs Aug 23,1999
- ⌚ Marty L 14yrs Aug 15,1999
- ⌚ Katie L 14yrs Aug 15,1999
- ⌚ Gina B 10yrs Aug 9, 2003
- ⌚ Dale H 6yrs Aug 6,2007

Birthdays Speaker Meeting

**Sunday, August 25
at 7:00 pm**

*Hosted by: Santa Cruz
Downtown Fellowship
Speakers: Rick W 32yrs
Damien M 30yrs*

**Emeline, Building D
1080 Emeline Ave,
Santa Cruz 4th Sunday
of Every Month at 7:00
pm**

**Thanks to *Altered
Attitudes* for hosting last
months' with David L
As speaker**

**The Santa Cruz
Fellowship
Presents a Labor Day
Alcathon**

The Watsonville Fellowship presents

Recovery in the Redwoods

24th annual campout

Friday August 30th thru Sunday Sept 1st

Mount Madonna County Park, Watsonville

The **Ben Lomond** Fellowship is having a

Labor Day Picnic

Monday 9/2

Win a Trip to HAWAII ! for TWO

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 7:30 What a concept <i>Central Office</i>	6	7 7:30PM Intergroup Council Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	8	9	10 10:00AM 4 th Step Workshop <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>
11	12	13	14 7:30PM General Service Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20 6:00PM Bylaws Committee <i>Central Office</i>	21 7:30PM Steering Committee <i>Central Office</i>	22	23 Last day <i>for Grapesccin submissions</i>	24
25 Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline bldg D 7:00 pm	26	27	28 700PM H&I Meeting <i>Central Office</i>	29	30	31

Unity Day is Coming !

The Purpose of Unity Day is for ALL the Fellowship to come together

Saturday, September 28th at the Quaker House 11am - 4:30pm

Games

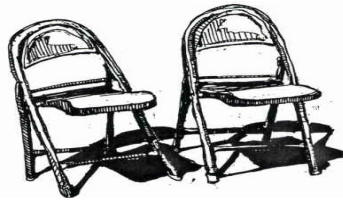
Lunch

The History of AA

Also

The Old Timer Speaker Meeting is coming on the third Saturday in October

Saturday, October 19th @ Emeline 2:00 - 4:30 pm



Art work by Ken C

“We Are Alive”

What a great title to this month's article, it came to me as I reflected on how blessed and alive I felt this month.

The voyage was set for the Northern shores of Alaska with my family. We boarded the cruise ship in Vancouver Canada and proceeded north. I heard there were meetings on these types of cruises and was excited to be available to take part in them.

When we checked into our cabin suite there was an itinerary of all of the activities for the next day. “Friends of Dr, Bob and Bill W. “listed from 4:30-5:30 AFT deck 7 wedding chapel. “Cool Breeze” I said to my wife, “I am going to a meeting”. It feels so good to have a wife that supports my program the way she does. We all benefit, that it for sure.

Not knowing what to expect I brought along a couple of Grape Vines, I always make sure I travel with several editions. Four people showed up, we introduced ourselves, opened the meeting with the serenity Prayer, read the Steps and Traditions out of the Grape Vine and took turns sharing our experience strength and hope with each other. The Cruise ship provided a room for us every day and the attendance was 3-7. We took turns picking a story or two out of the Grape Vine and had discussions on the stories. It was so great to meet and share with folks from different states and countries.

One person was really struggling with his family dynamics on the cruise and wondered if he could stay sober through it. Buy the grace of a higher power and the tools of the program and the grape Vine I was able to make sure that the hand of AA was there to help. We had great fellowship and worked through situations beyond our control which enabled us to live a great life as we cruised through the inner passage of Alaska.

We Are Alive!

current author of The Chairs Corner.

Rick A.

meeting schedule at aasantacruz.org)

Service Opportunities

New Meetings (Please find the latest 24 Hour Diverter- 24 hour call line staffed by A.A. members.

Arguably one of the most rewarding service positions in Santa Cruz County AA. If you're looking for a great way to be of service then volunteer to cover one of the call line times. Call central office to sign up: **475-5782**

“I am responsible - When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help- I want the hand of A.A. always to be there - And for that: I am responsible.”

The times of monthly service opportunities are continually changing so there is almost always a time that will fit into your busy schedule. The service commitment consists of being available to take and respond to phone calls for a 2 to 4 hour shift once a month. To volunteer or for more information please call Central Office.**475-5782**

Suggestion: A wonderful gift for those who may be locked up and have no access to digital media (or anyone for that matter) would be a subscription to AA's **GRAPEVINE**..... Help give the gift of recovery to our fellow suffering alcoholics who have limited access

Also: all of the beginning of the year major expenses, (annual rents, etc.) have just been paid so the coffers are low, be as generous as you can, please, and spread the word! Thanks! (There were many generous contributions last month, thank you, and please keep up the good work!)

