



# THE GRAPE-SCCIN

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2012

Mary M.	47 yrs	Dec 31, 1965
Abbie A.	32 yrs	Dec 12, 1980
Thom O.	29 yrs	Dec 3, 1983
Brian S.	28 yrs	Dec 5, 1984
Bob M.	27 yrs	Dec 1, 1985
Donna E.	27 yrs	Dec 26, 1985
Eddie E.	27 yrs	Dec 26, 1985
Thomas M.	19 yrs	Dec 10, 1993
Rachel R.	19 yrs	Dec 12, 1993
Dave N.	19 yrs	Dec 28, 1993
Gary G.	16 yrs	Dec 16, 1996
Michaela W.	13 yrs	Dec 20, 1999
Emily S.	11 yrs	Dec 23, 2001
Randy N.	10 yrs	Dec 20, 2002
Brock D.	9 yrs	Dec 26, 2003
Wendy H.	8 yrs	Dec 27, 2004

### **Birthdays Speaker Meeting**

**Sunday, Dec 23rd  
at 7:00 pm**

**Hosted by NCAA  
Speaker: TBD**

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

**Thanks to  
Boulder Creek  
for hosting last  
months' with Yvonne  
G-H as speaker**

**The NCCAA Spring  
Conference**

**Has been moved to  
January 25,26,27 in**

**Fresno This year**

**Also:**

**AA WANTS YOU!**

**Your chance to serve your**

**Fellowship**

**Election Time!**

**Details inside**

**Don't Forget December 31<sup>st</sup> Alcahons @ the**

**Ben Lomond, Watsonville, & Santa Cruz**

**Fellowships!!!!**

**Volunteer to Chair!!!!**

**December 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	<b>5</b> 7:30PM Intergroup Council Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	6	7	8 10:00AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Step Workshop <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>
9	10 7:30 What a concept <i>Central Office</i>	11	12 7:30PM General Service Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	13	14	15
16	17	18 6:00PM Bylaws Committee <i>Central Office</i>	19 7:30PM Steering Committee <i>Central Office</i>	20	21 <i>Last day for Grapesccin submissions</i>	22
23 Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline bldg D 7:00 pm	24	<b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26 7:00PM H&I Meeting <i>Central Office</i>	27	28	29
30	31					

**Overheard at Meetings:**

**“Using a 12-Step program is like putting a drop of ink into a pool..... it changes everything.”**

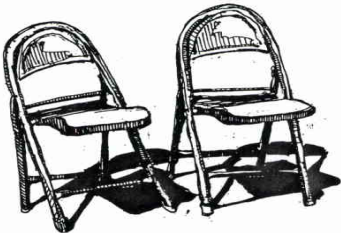
**“ Harmony is more important than being right”**

**“ I went to a party when I was 22... when I woke up I was 45.”**

**“ The Will of God will not take you where the Grace of God cannot protect you.”**

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!

## The Chairs Corner



Art work by Ken C

**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 of our affairs.** Step 12 AA big book

Step 12 for me, the first part was so obvious, I had no connection with anything that mattered in my life, I thought I had a connection with my wife and kids, job, friends but I soon realized how shallow my life had become. By working this program of recovery the spiritual awakenings I get on daily basis fill my life with so much more with the people in my life. I have relationships that go way deeper than getting drunk and acting stupid. I do things that truly matter like listening and caring for people with sincere relationships and conversations about real feelings and emotions. I never could talk about these types of things with anyone in my life and now I am able to do it in a way that is from the heart and about something bigger than me.

Carrying the message is another part of this program that gives me way more in return than what I put into it. Going to meetings, being of service, working with others is but a few of the ways to work this portion of step 12. I just got back from a family vacation in Eugene Oregon and made time to get to an out of town meeting. I got onto the internet to find the local intergroup web site with meeting schedules. There were 3 in the area that fit my time slot. The Knuckleheads group was the one that instantly connected to me. It was a mens meeting and I instantly felt at home among some 30+ men on a Thanksgiving Thursday night meeting of alcoholics anonymous. Great group of guys that I give thanks to being there carrying the message.

Attending meetings out of town is a way for me to practice these principals and to meet great people to share my experience strength and hope with.

Have a safe and sober Holiday season.

**In Service as your SCCI Chair and current author of The Chairs Corner.**

**Rick A.**

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## **New Meetings (Please find the latest meeting schedule at [aasantacruz.org](http://aasantacruz.org)) Service Opportunities**

### **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.

*"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 responsib*

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. volunteer or for more information please call Central Office.

## **NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE COMMITMENTS ELECTIONS COMING IN JANUARY**

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

**INTERGROUP CHAIR**

**INTERGROUP VICE-CHAIR**

**INTERGROUP TREASURER**

**INTERGROUP SECRETARY**

**ACTIVITIES CHAIR**

**DIVERTER CHAIR**

**NEWSLETTER CHAIR**

**WEB-SITE COMM. CHAIR**

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

**DELEGATE -AT -LARGE *PLUS* AREA REPS FOR AREAS 1 THROUGH 11**

**Shs**

**DIVERTERDD**

**Show up at the Intergroup meeting at Aptos Village Park on Wed Dec5th 7:30pm to see  
what it is all about!**

