



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Santa Cruz County Intergroup Newsletter
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BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Thank you to the **Santa Cruz Intergroup** for hosting
 December's Birthday Meeting

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Thank you to Speaker **Chris M.** for sharing his
 experience, strength and hope.

Sunday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM

Hosted by **Watsonville Fellowship**
 Speaker, **TBD**

Emeline, Building D

1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz

4th Sunday of Every Month at 7:00 PM

The Grape-SCCIN Newsletter Committee

Be apart of the information that is being shared throughout Santa Cruz County AA. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM, at Central Office. The next meeting will be January 10th. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please contact central office for more information.

Holiday Alcothons

The Holiday Season can be a difficult time for us. Please do yourself a favor and keep in touch with your support group, attend meetings and be of service. One way to be of service during the holidays is volunteering to chair a meeting at your local Fellowship Alcothon. But you don't need to chair, you can just show up and be present. For more information on Holiday Alcothons stop by your local AA Fellowship or call Central Office at 475-5782.

New Year's Dinner & Dance

Hosted by the **Watsonville Fellowship**

when: **Saturday, December 31st, 6:45 PM**

location: **229 Stanford Street** (United Methodist Church)

- Dinner (\$5.00 Donation Suggested)
- 8:15 PM Speaker Meeting
- Dance, D.J. Music, Cake Walk and Party, Party
- Bring goodies to share at the Fellowship.

January Birthdays

To have your birthday listed here, phone Central Office at 475-5782. Two months advanced notice is best. Consider celebrating your "AA" birthday with a special donation to help us "Pass It On."

Zoë	32 yrs	January 1, 1980
Marcia K.	31 yrs	January 28, 1981
Nancy G	28 yrs	January 23, 1984
Martin McC.	27 yrs	January 22, 1985
Janet J.	26 yrs	January 23, 1986
Marypat O'C.	25 yrs	January 2, 1987
Bob S.	25 yrs	January 18, 1987
Mary A.	23 yrs	January 10, 1989
Butch W.	22 yrs	January 6, 1990
Tom McK.	19 yrs	January 13, 1993
Suzanne C	19 yrs	January 16, 1993
Rick S.	19 yrs	January 23, 1993
Lacey G.	19 yrs	January 29, 1993
Kenton W.	18 yrs	January 1, 1994
Ron B.	18 yrs	January 25, 1994
Clarissa B.	14 yrs	January 1, 1998
Ellen J.	13 yrs	January 1, 1999
Rhonda W	11 yrs	January 7, 2001
Christopher S.	7 yr	January 29, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:30 PM What a Concept Central Office	3	4 7:00 PM New Rep Ornt. 7:30 PM Intergroup Council Aptos Village Park	5	6	7
8	9	10 7:30 PM Grape-SCCIN Committee Central Office	11 7:30 PM General Service Committee Aptos Village Park	12	13	14 10:00 AM 4 th Step Workshop Ben Lomond Fellowship
15	16	17 6:00 PM Bylaws Commit. Central Office	18 7:30 PM Steering Commit. Central Office	19 7:00 PM PI/CPC Commit. Central Office	20	21 Last day for Grape-SCCIN submissions
22 7:00 PM Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline Bldg. D	23	24	25 7:00 pm H&I Committee Central Office	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Step One

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

Is sobriety all that we can expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning.

AS BILL SEES IT, P. 8 “ACCEPTING SUCCESS OR FAILURE”

After I found A.A. and stopped drinking, it took a while before I understood why the First Step contained two parts: Practicing the A.A. program is like building a house. First I had to pour a big, thick concrete slab on which to erect the house; that, to me, was the equivalent of stopping drinking. But it’s pretty uncomfortable living on a concrete slab, unprotected and exposed to the heat, cold, wind and rain. So I built a room on the slab by starting to practice the program. The first room was rickety because I wasn’t used to the work. But as time passed, as I practiced the program, I learned to build better rooms. The more I practiced, and the more I built, the more comfortable, and happy, was the home I now have to live in.

ONLINE DAILY REFLECTIONS, JANUARY 2, 2010
daily-reflections.com

It is no coincidence that the very first Step mentions powerlessness: An admission of personal powerlessness over alcohol is a cornerstone of the foundation of recovery. I’ve learned that I do not have the power and control I once thought I had. I am powerless over what people think about me. I am powerless over having just missed the bus. I am powerless over how other people work (or don’t work) the Steps. But I’ve also learned I am not powerless over some things. I am not powerless over my attitudes. I am not powerless over negativity. I am not powerless over assuming responsibility for my own recovery. I have the power to exert a positive influence on myself, my loved ones, and the world in which I live.

DAILY REFLECTIONS, P. 11 “POWERLESS”

Notices to the Group

New Meetings (Please find the latest meeting schedule at aasantacruz.org)

Check out the La Selva 11th Step Meditation Group that meets every Thursday and Sunday, 7:30PM, at 26 Florido Ave. Twenty minutes of meditation followed by discussion.

Service Opportunities

24 Hour Diverter - a 24 hour call line staffed by A.A. members.

Arguably one of the most rewarding service positions in Santa Cruz County AA. So if you're looking for a great way to keep sober and 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 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.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

Ever wonder what H & I does or what its purpose is? Well, now you can find out first hand. The H & I Committee will be holding an orientation every fourth Wednesday at Central Office at 6:30pm, prior to our monthly business meeting at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

The H & I Committee is looking for a Recording Secretary. The sobriety requirement is one year, but we are willing to waive time for the right person. If you are interested in volunteering please attend our monthly business meeting on the fourth Wednesday at Central Office at 7pm.

Please contact Central Office at (831) 475-5782 if you are interested in any other service commitment with H & I.

Public Information/Cooperating with The Professional Community (PI/CPC)

Volunteers needed to inform students, probation officers, doctors and others about what A.A. is and what A.A. is not. Servicing literature racks, making sure drug court has a current list of open meetings, or attending health fairs at a school or college. The Committee meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Central Office at 7:00 PM. Sarah S. is the new Chair.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) — Bridging the Gap to Lasting Sobriety

Do you remember stepping out of a hospital, treatment center or correctional facility and asking yourself, "Now what?" Sobriety was new. Many of us were full of hope for the future and fearful of what it would take to stay sober. Sometimes we found AA on our own, other times AA reached out to us. Those of us who made it to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous found a community of people who were living the solution and eager to share their experience, strength and hope for lasting sobriety. Bridging the Gap (BTG) is a world-wide service offered by AA that supports that very important first step for alcoholics who have just been released from hospitals, treatment centers or correctional facilities. We help newcomers make the transition to AA communities in their home towns. The way it works is newcomers fill out a request for assistance at a treatment facility to get to that first meeting then BTG finds a volunteer that shares the same sex, age, and zip code. Upon release, the volunteer calls the newcomer to find out what kind of help is needed to get them to that first meeting. Frequently, sponsorship blossoms from this encounter.

BTG in Santa Cruz County is making presentations at the Camp Recovery Center, Santa Cruz Residential Recovery and Rountree Detention Center (aka "The Farm"). We receive an average of twenty five requests for assistance every month. Some of those newcomers are local and need local volunteers to reach out to them. We're looking for male and female volunteers from the Watsonville and the San Lorenzo Valley areas, but please don't shy away because you don't live there! Volunteers may be contacted often or infrequently depending on the volume and demographics of the newcomers and volunteers. Interested? Contact Jon B. (Santa Cruz District BTG Chair) for more information: btgsantacruz@gmail.com

Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2011

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC.

5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel, CA 95073

831-475-5782

<http://www.aasantacruz.org>

Agenda, financial statements, other reports and notices are distributed before the meeting.

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

Birthdays of the Month announced: **Lori 2yrs, Julian 6yrs, Kate 1yr.**

Attendance by the end of meeting:

Minutes of last meeting were **approved**.

REPORTS:

CHAIR: Received new chairs for the Birthday Speaker Meeting. Intergroup will be hosting the Birthday Speaker Meeting this month. Fellowship starts at 4pm.

VICE-CHAIR: no report

TREASURER: Group donations are really low right now. We paid for our liability insurance and new chairs, so we have a deficit of \$1951.76, which means we will be transferring money from the Prudent Reserve to cover it.

OFFICE MANAGER: Absent, John S. gave report. If you need a copy of our insurance for your group's facility please email John W.

TELEPHONE DIVERTER: Absent

ACTIVITIES: November Birthday Speaker meeting was awesome. Intergroup will be hosting December Birthday Speaker meeting and will need a lot of help, especially since it is on Christmas Day. Contact Kathy if you would like to volunteer.

NEWSLETTER: Newsletter Committee meeting will be held on 12/13/11 at 7:30pm at Central Office. Flyer was handed out.

BYLAWS: Reviewing by-laws and making good headway. Next meeting will be December 20th at 6pm at Central Office.

WEBSITE: No report

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE: Intergroup will be holding elections for Committee Members in February and Area Reps in March. Eligible voters each have one vote and include all Officers except Chair (only allowed to vote if there is a tie), Area Reps, & Group Reps. If a person holds more than one position they are only allowed one vote.

GENERAL SERVICE: Biannual inventory held last month. Minutes are available, if you would like a copy please contact Russ. General Service will be hosting a potluck prior to the December 14th meeting at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited. "There is a Concept" meeting is in need of support. It meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm at Central Office.

H & I: H & I orientation is held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at Central Office. H & I is in need of a Recording Secretary. Sobriety requirement is one year, but willing to waive time for the right person. We are looking for Coordinators for New Life Center, County Jail Women's Facility, and the Watsonville Farm.

NCCAA: Next conference will be in San Ramon on March 16-18, 2012. Please stay at the Marriott Hotel that is listed on the back of the flyer to help bring the cost of the conference down.

NEW BUSINESS – Barbara L. was elected new Recording Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS – none

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

AREA 1: OPEN

AREA 2: OPEN

AREA 3: no report

AREA 4: no report

AREA 5: no report

AREA 6: no report

AREA 7: no report

AREA 8: absent

AREA 9: absent

AREA 10: Back to Basics Beginners Big Book Study which meets Tuesday nights at the Circle Church has changed their name to Fellowship of the Spirit Group, changed their meeting time to 7:30-8:30pm, and changed their format.

AREA 11: Ben Lomond Fellowship will be having alcathons for Christmas and New Years. Unsure of times.

Cookie Commitment for Next Meeting: *Kelli*

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2011

Submitted by

OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAILS

BEGINNING CASH = Nov. \$ 5,759.21 F.Yr. Totals

INCOME:

Group Donations	\$ 986.93	\$ 11,680.13
Birthday Meeting	\$ 251.00	\$ 1,117.00
Activities	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
Anonymous	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
Birthday Club	\$ 11.00	\$ 59.00
Coffee & Donation Can	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Gen'l Service Committee	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
H&I Committee	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Intergroup Council	\$ 32.00	\$ 153.00
Memorials	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Other Donations	\$ 7.00	\$ 109.55
Refunds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Returned Check Redeposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
subtotal =	\$ 1,337.93	\$ 13,286.68
from Literature Account	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00

TOTAL INCOME = \$ 3,337.93 \$ 16,786.68

EXPENSES:

RENT:

Central Office	\$ 650.00	\$ 3,250.00
Birthday Meeting	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Intergroup Council	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
RENT subtotal=	\$ 650.00	\$ 3,610.00

SALARY EXPENSES:

Net Salary	\$ 746.80	\$ 4,334.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,203.83	\$ 2,203.83
Workers Comp.	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
SALARY subtotal=	\$ 746.80	\$ 6,537.83

OFFICE EXPENSES:

Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 92.76	\$ 92.76
Office Supplies	\$ 160.01	\$ 1,176.76
PG&E	\$ 125.82	\$ 294.30
Telephone	\$ 145.09	\$ 711.26
Other	\$ 192.00	\$ 576.00
OFFICE subtotal=	\$ 622.92	\$ 2,851.08

PRINTING:

In-house Printing	\$ 309.37	\$ 1,192.09
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
PRINTING subtotal=	\$ 309.37	\$ 1,192.09

POSTAGE:

Bulk Permit	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Newsletter	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Office	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
POSTAGE subtotal=	\$ 0.00	\$ 488.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Activities	\$ 687.85	\$ 687.85
Bank Fees	\$ 4.98	\$ 4.98
Birthday Meeting Supplies	\$ 824.60	\$ 1,167.90
Business Fees	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
Conferences & Travel	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 2,136.00	\$ 2,136.00
Returned Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 27.65	\$ 27.65
OTHER EXP. subtotal=	\$ 2,960.60	\$ 4,967.38

TOTAL EXPENSES = \$ 5,289.69 \$ 19,646.38

move to Prudent Reserve \$ 0.00
move from Prudent Reserve \$ 0.00

ENDING CASH = \$ 3,807.45 \$ 3,807.45

Month's Gain or Loss = \$ (1,951.76)

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING DETAILS

7th Tradition -	\$ 251.00	\$ 1,117.00
Expenses (rent, supplies, etc.) -	\$ 824.60	\$ 1,527.90
BALANCE -	\$ (573.60)	\$ (410.90)

GENERAL NOTES:

- 1) We use the CASH accounting method, used by most people in recording their checking account: Income is reported when deposited and an expense when the check is written.
- 2) Our FISCAL YEAR (FY 2011 - 2012) begins July 1, and ends the following June 30.

MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES

OPERATING ACCOUNT Nov. F.Yr. Totals

BEGINNING CASH = \$ 5,759.21

INCOME: F.Yr. Budget F.Yr. to Date % of Budget

Group Donations	\$ 986.93	\$ 11,680.13	\$ 34,400.00	34%
Birthday Meeting	\$ 251.00	\$ 1,117.00	\$ 4,200.00	27%
Activities	\$ 0.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 5,000.00	2%
Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00	0%
Other	\$ 100.00	\$ 404.55	\$ 3,620.00	11%
subtotal =	\$ 1,337.93	\$ 13,286.68		
from Literature Account	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	175%
Total Income =	\$ 3,337.93	\$ 16,786.68	\$ 49,225.00	34%

EXPENSES:

Rent	\$ 650.00	\$ 3,610.00	\$ 10,525.00	34%
Salary Exp.	\$ 746.80	\$ 6,537.83	\$ 20,800.00	31%
Office	\$ 622.92	\$ 2,851.08	\$ 4,700.00	61%
Printing	\$ 309.37	\$ 1,192.09	\$ 3,300.00	36%
Postage	\$ 0.00	\$ 488.00	\$ 900.00	54%
Other	\$ 2,960.60	\$ 4,967.38	\$ 9,000.00	55%
Total Expenses =	\$ 5,289.69	\$ 19,646.38	\$ 49,225.00	40%

move to Prudent Reserve \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00
move from Prudent Reserve \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

ENDING CASH = \$ 3,807.45

ALLOCATED FUNDS:

Activities (\$500)	\$ 500.00
Liability Ins. (\$200/mo)	\$ 0.00
Payroll Taxes (\$650/mo)	\$ 650.00
Vacation Accrual	\$ 0.00
Workers Comp. (\$50/mo)	\$ 200.00
Total Allocated =	\$ 1,350.00

AVAILABLE CASH= \$ 2,457.45

(Available cash is not to exceed \$5,000)

LITERATURE ACCOUNT

BEGINNING CASH = \$ 4,018.17

Total Cash Receipts	\$ 2,416.60	\$ 11,279.20
Sales Receipts Portion	\$ 2,223.27	\$ 10,376.86
Sales Tax Portion	\$ 193.33	\$ 902.34
Returned Check Amends	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
subtotal =	\$ 2,416.60	\$ 11,279.20

Purchases & Costs	\$ 1,966.00	\$ 9,483.67
Bank Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sales Tax Paid	\$ 1,259.00	\$ 1,259.00
Returned (Bounced) Checks	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
subtotal =	\$ 1,966.00	\$ 10,742.67

move to Operating Account \$ 2,000.00 \$ 3,500.00

ENDING CASH = \$ 2,468.77

Sales & Use Tax Allocation:

Carried over	\$ 0.00
This Month's Sales Tax	\$ 193.33
This Month's Use Tax	\$ 0.00
Quarter To Date	\$ 193.33
AVAILABLE CASH =	\$ 2,275.44

(Available Cash in excess of \$1,800 to be moved to Operating Account)

PRUDENT RESERVE

BEGINNING CASH = \$ 20,629.42 \$ 20,626.82

to Operating Acc't	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
from Operating Acc't	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.76
Interest	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84
Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

ENDING CASH = \$ 20,629.42 \$ 20,629.42

(Ending Cash in excess of 6 mos' expenses --\$27,000.00-- to be moved to Oper. Acc't)

NOTES

Each month's F.Yr. to D. % of annual budget

Jul -	8%
Aug -	17%
Sep -	25%
Oct -	33%
Nov -	42%
Dec -	50%
Jan -	58%
Feb -	67%
Mar -	75%
Apr -	83%
May -	92%
Jun -	100%

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GROUP DONATIONS DETAIL

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2011	
TOTAL DONATIONS—\$	986,933
Groups Contributing	12
Number of Listed Groups	104
Percent of Groups Contributing	12%
	F. Yr. Total
	\$ 11,680.13

Submitted by	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	F. Yr. Totals
11th Step Meditation Group (Sun.)		\$ 46.80											\$ 46.80
11th Step Meditation Group (Thurs.)			\$ 168.60										\$ 168.60
5:30 Group, The													\$ 0.00
AA Sober Slugs													\$ 0.00
Acceptance Group (Boulder Creek)	\$ 71.31	\$ 240.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 167.76	\$ 50.00								\$ 626.07
Altered Attitude Group													\$ 0.00
Alternative Group													\$ 0.00
Aptos Women's Serenity Group		\$ 116.50	\$ 109.48	\$ 141.27	\$ 86.10								\$ 453.35
Aromas Group													\$ 0.00
Awareness Group	\$ 108.00												\$ 108.00
Back to Basics Big Book (Tues.)				\$ 44.58									\$ 44.58
Back to Basics Men's (Fri.)													\$ 0.00
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Bay Group, The													\$ 0.00
Book & Step Study (Davenport)													\$ 0.00
Boulder Creek Group													\$ 0.00
Brown Baggers Group	\$ 62.90		\$ 114.00	\$ 72.00									\$ 248.90
B.Y.O.B. Group				\$ 108.00									\$ 108.00
Candlelight Group (Fri.)													\$ 0.00
Conscious Contact Meditation Meeting													\$ 0.00
Discussion Group (La Selva)													\$ 0.00
DMV Meetings (Consolidated)	\$ 596.88		\$ 201.82										\$ 798.70
De-Nut Meeting													\$ 0.00
Double Winners by Grace		\$ 152.40	\$ 169.80										\$ 322.20
Early Morning Spiritual			\$ 96.00										\$ 96.00
Early Risers	\$ 761.21		\$ 691.33	\$ 230.47									\$ 1,683.01
End of the Line Discussion Group		\$ 137.40											\$ 137.40
Eyes on the Prize			\$ 46.50										\$ 46.50
Felton Group	\$ 156.86	\$ 115.04	\$ 90.94	\$ 95.08	\$ 89.72								\$ 547.68
Friday Night Group (Etnelike)													\$ 0.00
Friday Night Lights (Frederick St.)													\$ 0.00
From the Heart			\$ 62.70										\$ 62.70
Gay Men Living Sober	\$ 80.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00								\$ 360.00
Gay Women's Meeting (Sun.)				\$ 60.00	\$ 48.00								\$ 108.00
Grateful & Gay Group													\$ 0.00
Grupo Alborado													\$ 0.00
Grupo Alfa Y Omega													\$ 0.00
Grupo Fin Y Principio													\$ 0.00
Grupo Libertad - Plaza Vigil													\$ 0.00
Grupo Nuevo Amanecer													\$ 0.00
Grupo Santa Cruz													\$ 0.00
H.O.W. Group													\$ 0.00
In the Dark Group													\$ 0.00
In the Hat Group													\$ 0.00
(Grupo) Junta De Mujeres													\$ 0.00
Kids R Welcome	\$ 387.60			\$ 60.00									\$ 447.60
Live on Friday Night (Soquel Ave.)													\$ 0.00
Make My Day Group													\$ 0.00
Mattison Lane Group													\$ 0.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group													\$ 0.00
Mud Flats Group			\$ 150.00										\$ 150.00
Nifty Ladies on Park Group		\$ 55.63		\$ 69.46									\$ 125.09
No Frills Sobriety					\$ 130.00								\$ 130.00
<i>This year's new groups added below:</i>													
Felton Traditions Group													\$ 125.00
Boulder Creek Firehouse													\$ 200.00
													\$ 0.00
													\$ 0.00
													\$ 0.00