



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Santa Cruz County Intergroup Newsletter
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BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Thank you to the **Conscious Contact Meditation**
 for hosting May's Birthday Meeting

&

Thank you to *Speaker David L.* for sharing his
 experience, strength and hope.

Sunday, June 26th at 7:00 PM

Hosted by Pleasure Point
Speaker Rand M.

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

SPRINGFLING

IT'S TIME TO THINK SUNSHINE AND FELLOWSHIP!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

**IT'S TIME TO THINK BBQ, GAMES, LIVE MUSIC,
 DESSERT AUCTION AND OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS**

Celebrate Founder's Day at Harvey West Park with your
 AA community and speaker Ted from San Francisco.

Service Opportunities Abound



The Activities Planning
 Committee **NEEDS YOU!** We
 need donations for the Spring
 Fling; time, money, products or
 services. For more information
 on the service opportunities for

the Spring Fling contact central office at 475-5782.

LIVE MUSIC with Chris S. &
 The Black Licorice Blues Band

MENU INCLUDES

Burgers, Brats, Veggie Burgers, Chips, Potluck
 Sides, and Fresh Strawberries for dessert

Party Starts at 11AM with Live Music

LUNCH Noon to 1:30

SPEAKER 2:00

DESSERT AUCTION 3:00

*Cake walk and Opportunity Drawings will be held
 through out the day.*

June 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."

Richard S.	49 yrs	June	1962
Carole Mc.	28 yrs	June 22,	1983
Barbara B.	27 yrs	June 8,	1984
Earlene W.	22 yrs	June 5,	1989
Jerry M.	22 yrs	June 6,	1989
Kelley H.	15 yrs	June 29,	1996
Tom R.	12 yrs	June 21,	1999
Jackie S.	8 yrs	June 17,	2003

Watsonville Fellowship's 22nd Annual Camp Out

August 26, 27 & 28 at Mt. Madonna

For more information call central office or stop by to
 pick up a flyer and registration form.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	7:00 PM New Rep Ornt. 7:30 PM Intergroup Council Aptos Village Park	2	3	4
5	6	7	7:30 PM General Service Committee Aptos Village Park	8	9	10
12	13	14	6:00 - 7:00 PM Diverter Training 7:30 PM Steering Commit. Central Office	7:00 PM PI/CPC Commit. Central Office	16	17
19	20	21	6:00 PM Bylaws Commit. Central Office	7:00 pm H&I Committee Central Office	22	23
7:00 PM Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline Bldg. D	26	27	28	29	30	1
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Spring Fling



Oldies but goodies

“Now that I’m sober, I no longer wake up in the morning, roll over and introduce myself.”



“Are you meditating or are you drunk again?”

History Lesson

Bob: “When I got home drunk last night, my wife went historical.”

Joe: “Don’t you mean ‘hysterical?’”

Bob: “No, historical. She reminded me of every other time I had come home drunk.”

—Terry B., Albany, N.Y.

Practice, practice, practice

An alcoholic entered the hospital where an AA meeting was held. The security guard asked where he was going.

“I’m going to the AA meeting.”

The guard asked, “Do you know how to get there?”

The alcoholic answered, “By excessive drinking!”

—D.T., MONTREAL, PQ

FROM THE APRIL 2011 GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

Step Six:

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

What we must recognize now is that we exult in some of our defects. We really love them. Who, for example, doesn’t like to feel just a little superior to the next fellow, or even quite a lot superior? Isn’t it true that we like to let greed masquerade as ambition? To think of liking lust seems impossible. But how many men and women speak love with their lips, and believe what they say, so that they can hide lust in a dark corner of their minds? And even while staying within conventional bounds, many people have to admit that their imaginary sex excursions are apt to be all dressed up as dreams of romance.

Self-righteous anger also can be very enjoyable. In a perverse way we can actually take satisfaction from the fact that many people annoy us, for it brings a comfortable feeling of superiority. Gossip barbed with our anger, a polite form of murder by character assassination, has its satisfactions for us, too. Here we are not trying to help those we criticize; we are trying to proclaim our own righteousness. . .

The moment we say, “No, never!” [we will never give up these character defects] our minds close against the grace of God. Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be fatal. This is the exact point at which we abandon limited objectives, and move toward God’s will for us.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, P. 67-69

Notices to the Group

Meetings Changes (Please find the latest meeting schedule at aasantaccruz.org)

The *11th Step Meditation Meeting* which meets Sundays, 7:00 PM, at the La Selva Beach Church could really use some support. The meeting includes 20 minutes of meditation and open discussion afterward.

New Meetings

A PDF of the new Sanat Cruz County meeting schedule can be found online at aasantaccruz.org

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.

Monthly service opportunities are:

3 rd	Wednesday	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
5 th	Wednesday	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
2 nd	Thursday	11:00 PM to 7:00 AM
4 th	Saturday	7:00 AM to 10:00 AM
2 nd	Sunday	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

To volunteer or for more information please call Central Office. Diverter Training is done on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Central Office.

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. Eric is the new Chair and can be contacted through central office.

Bridging the Gap (BTG)

BTG delivers presentations at recovery centers and correctional facilities and we are looking for more members to deliver the message.

The hour-long presentation entails explaining Bridging the Gap and sharing personal experience, strength, and hope.

Our goal is to have at least two committee members give the presentation. A new committee member will not be expected to deliver a presentation by themselves. Sobriety requirement is three months. Committee member meetings are held ad hoc at Central Office. Contact central office for more information.

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

H & I has lots of service positions available. Ben Lomond Fire Camp is looking for males with two years of sobriety to secretary on Wednesday at 7pm. Mondanaro-Baskin Center is looking for a female with six months of sobriety to secretary on the 2nd Monday at 8pm. Hoping to do service with adolescents? Tyler House is looking for males or females to secretary on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm.

If anyone is interested in service work at any of the jails in Santa Cruz County, they are all in need of help. You must attend an orientation, which is held the last Wednesday of each month, at the Main Jail Facility, 259 Water Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060. Blaine Street Women's Jail is looking for females with two years of sobriety, with no parole or probation. Water Street Jail Men's Facility is looking for males with three years of sobriety, five years since your last felony, with no parole or probation. To serve at the Water Street Jail Women's Facility you must be female with at least three years of sobriety and no parole or probation. The Watsonville Farm is looking for a male secretary with three years of sobriety and no parole or probation.

If you would like more information on any of these H & I service commitments please contact central office..

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2011

Submitted by

OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAILS		
	April	F.Yr. Totals
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 6,932.75	
INCOME:		
Group Donations	\$ 3,238.55	\$ 28,936.97
Birthday Meeting	\$ 208.00	\$ 2,230.00
Activities		\$ 101.95
Anonymous		\$ 1,042.14
Birthday Club	\$ 140.00	\$ 482.00
Coffee & Donation Can		\$ 44.00
Gen'l Service Committee	\$ 240.00	\$ 740.00
H&I Committee	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Interest		\$ -
Intergroup Council	\$ 33.00	\$ 211.94
Memorials		\$ 500.00
Newsletter Subscriptions		\$ 24.00
Other Donations	\$ 15.75	\$ 262.83
Refunds		\$ -
Returned Check Redeposit		\$ -
subtotal =	\$ 4,115.30	\$ 34,815.83
from Literature Account		\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL INCOME =	\$ 4,115.30	\$ 38,315.83
EXPENSES:		
RENT:		
Central Office	\$ 650.00	\$ 6,500.00
Birthday Meeting		\$ 360.00
Intergroup Council		\$ 288.00
RENT subtotal=	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,148.00
SALARY EXPENSES:		
Net Salary	\$ 938.80	\$ 8,806.24
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,258.75	\$ 4,917.45
Workers Comp.	\$ 155.15	\$ 155.15
SALARY subtotal=	\$ 2,352.70	\$ 13,878.84
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
Maintenance & Repairs		\$ -
Mileage		\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,295.23
PG&E	\$ 52.51	\$ 530.02
Telephone	\$ 284.69	\$ 1,205.67
Other Office	\$ 128.60	\$ 945.94
OFFICE subtotal=	\$ 521.80	\$ 3,976.86
PRINTING:		
	\$ 251.56	\$ 2,473.53
PRINTING subtotal=	\$ 251.56	\$ 2,473.53
POSTAGE:		
Bulk Permit	\$ 200.00	\$ 785.00
Diverter		\$ -
Newsletter		\$ -
Office		\$ -
POSTAGE subtotal=	\$ 200.00	\$ 785.00
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Activities		\$ 1,078.02
Bank Fees		\$ 74.25
Birthday Meeting Supplies		\$ 561.55
Business Fees		\$ 600.00
Conferences & Travel		\$ -
Liability Insurance		\$ 2,121.00
Returned Checks		\$ -
Other		\$ 286.40
OTHER subtotal=	\$ -	\$ 4,721.22
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$ 3,976.06	\$ 32,983.45
move to Prudent Reserve	\$ 271.99	\$ 9,077.32
move from Prudent Reserve		\$ -
ENDING CASH =	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.45
Month's Gain or Loss =	\$ 139.24	
BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING DETAILS		
7th Tradition -	\$ 208.00	\$ 2,230.00
Expenses (rent, supplies, taxes) -	\$ -	\$ 921.55
BALANCE -	\$ 208.00	\$ 1,308.45

MONTHLY ACCOUNT SUMMARIES				
	April	F.Yr. Totals		
OPERATING ACCOUNT				
BEGINNING CASH = \$ 6,932.75				
INCOME:				
			F.Yr. Budget	F.Yr. to Date % of Budget
Group Donations	\$ 3,238.55	\$ 28,936.97	\$ 32,424.00	89%
Birthday Meeting	\$ 208.00	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 4,225.00	53%
Activities	\$ -	\$ 101.95	\$ 5,172.00	2%
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Other	\$ 668.75	\$ 3,546.91	\$ 4,092.00	87%
subtotal =	\$ 4,115.30	\$ 34,815.83		
from Literature Account	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Total Income =	\$ 4,115.30	\$ 38,315.83	\$ 45,913.00	83%
EXPENSES:				
Rent	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,148.00	\$ 9,925.00	72%
Salary Exp.	\$ 2,352.70	\$ 13,878.84	\$ 20,728.00	67%
Office	\$ 521.80	\$ 3,976.86	\$ 4,166.00	95%
Printing	\$ 251.56	\$ 2,473.53	\$ 3,269.00	76%
Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 780.00	101%
Other	\$ -	\$ 4,721.22	\$ 8,993.00	52%
Total Expenses =	\$ 3,976.06	\$ 32,983.45	\$ 47,861.00	69%
move to Prudent Reserve	\$ 271.99	\$ 9,077.32		
move from Prudent Reserve	\$ -	\$ -		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 6,800.00			
ALLOCATED FUNDS:				
Activities (\$500)	\$ 500.00			
Liability Ins. (\$200/mo)	\$ 1,000.00			
Payroll Taxes (\$650/mo)	\$ -			
Vacation Accrual				
Workers Comp. (\$50/mo)	\$ -			
Total Allocated =	\$ 1,500.00			
AVAILABLE CASH=	\$ 5,300.00			
(Available cash is not to exceed \$5,000)				
LITERATURE ACCOUNT				
BEGINNING CASH = \$ 2,718.18				
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 3,179.30	\$ 23,267.08		
Sales Receipts Portion	\$ 2,924.96	\$ 21,405.71		
Sales Tax Portion	\$ 254.34	\$ 1,861.37		
Returned Check Amends	\$ -	\$ -		
subtotal =	\$ 3,179.30	\$ 23,267.08		
Purchases & Costs	\$ 1,605.20	\$ 15,656.58		
Bank Fees	\$ 30.74	\$ 30.74		
Sales Tax Paid	\$ 532.00	\$ 2,212.00		
Returned (Bounced) Checks	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00		
subtotal =	\$ 2,137.20	\$ 17,921.32		
move to Operating Account	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 3,760.28			
Sales & Use Tax Allocation:				
Carried over	\$ 515.90			
This Month's Sales Tax	\$ 254.34			
This Month's Use Tax	\$ -			
Quarter To Date	\$ 254.34			
AVAILABLE CASH =	\$ 3,505.94			
(Available Cash in excess of \$1,800 to be moved to Operating Account)				
PRUDENT RESERVE				
BEGINNING CASH = \$ 15,812.23 \$ 7,002.62				
to Operating Acc't	\$ -	\$ -		
from Operating Acc't	\$ 271.99	\$ 9,077.32		
Interest	\$ 0.65	\$ 4.93		
Fees	\$ -	\$ -		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 16,084.87	\$ 16,084.87		
(Ending Cash in excess of 6 mos' expenses --\$27000.00-- to be moved to Oper. Acct)				

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%

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.

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

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2011		
	APRIL	F.Yr. Total
TOTAL DONATIONS=	\$ 3,238.55	\$ 28,936.97
Groups Contributing-	22	
Number of Listed Groups-	106	
Percent of groups contributing-	21%	

	April	F.Yr. Totals
11th Step Meditation Group (Sunday)	\$	-
11th Step Meditation Group (Thursday)	\$	48.00
AA Sober Slugs	\$	-
Acceptance Group (BC)	\$	554.25
Altered Attitude Group	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Alternative Group	\$	-
Any Lengths Group	\$	-
Aptos Women's Serenity Group	\$	769.13
Aromas Group	\$	146.76
Awareness Group	\$	210.60
Back to Basics Big Book (Tues. 8:00 PM)	\$	-
Back to Basics Men's (Fri. Noon)	\$	-
Basic Text Big Book	\$	60.00
Bay Group, The	\$	46.54
Book & Step Study (Davenport)	\$	141.00
BYOB	\$	175.20
Brown Baggers Group	\$	694.08
Cabrillo 12 & 12	\$	-
Cabrillo Big Book Study	\$	-
Candlelight Group (Friday)	\$	30.44
Conscious Contact Meditation Meeting	\$	240.00
Nifty Ladies On Park	\$ 94.81	\$ 261.79
Discussion Group (La Selva)	\$	-
DMV Meetings (Consolidated)	\$ 331.87	\$ 2,179.41
Do-Nut Meeting	\$	130.56
Early Morning Spiritual	\$	210.00
Early Risers	\$ 80.04	\$ 3,700.54
End of the Line Discussion Group	\$ 150.00	\$ 342.00
Eyes on the Prize	\$	363.00
Felton Group	\$ 177.20	\$ 1,025.84
Friday Night Live	\$	126.00
Friday Night Group (Emeline)	\$	-
Friday Nite Lights	\$	93.02
From the Heart	\$	26.00
Gay Men Living Sober	\$	480.00
Grateful & Gay Group	\$	-
Gay Women's Group (Sun. 7 PM)	\$	-
Grupo Alborada	\$	-
Grupo Espiritu Libre	\$	-
Grupo Fin y Principio	\$	-
Grupo Libertad	\$	-
Grupo Santa Cruz	\$	-
Grupo Serenidad	\$	-
Grupo Volver a Vivar	\$	-
H.O.W. Group	\$	66.90
How it Works Big Book Study	\$	-
In the Dark Group	\$	-
In the Hat Group	\$	-
Kids R Welcome	\$	120.00
Live on Friday Night	\$	66.00
Make My Day Group	\$ 601.63	\$ 2,160.11
Mattison Lane Group	\$ 60.00	\$ 360.00
Men's Basic Step Study Group	\$	180.00
<i>This year's new groups added below:</i>		

	April	F.Yr. Totals
Mom's In Sobriety	\$	-
Mud Flats Group	\$	425.00
No Frills Sobriety	\$ 120.00	\$ 360.00
Ocean View Group	\$	-
On the Beach	\$ 40.50	\$ 538.15
On the Beach, Too	\$ 67.80	\$ 540.00
One O'Clock Step Study Group	\$	-
Our Common Solution Big Book Study	\$	-
Out of the Blue	\$	-
Out of the Trenches	\$	-
Pleasure Point Group	\$ 96.00	\$ 748.42
Primary Purpose Group, The	\$	-
Roxas Group	\$ 511.25	\$ 2,397.96
Santa Cruz Fellowship	\$	90.00
Saturday Matinee Group	\$ 29.21	\$ 143.97
Saturday Night Live Oak	\$	64.00
Saved by Grace Group	\$	223.31
Scotts Valley Happy Destiny	\$	-
Scotts Valley Sunday Group	\$ 22.50	\$ 113.50
Share Today Group	\$	-
Shivering Denizens	\$ 60.00	\$ 333.88
Sisters in Sobriety Group	\$ 80.45	\$ 250.36
Skyland Group	\$	300.00
San Lorenzo Valley Fellowship	\$	600.00
Sobriety & Gratitude	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00
Solutions in the Sand Group	\$	-
Soquel Acceptance Group (Fri.)	\$	541.20
Soquel Acceptance Group (Wed.)	\$ 90.00	\$ 420.60
Soquel Step Study	\$ 69.29	\$ 442.88
Sought Through Meditation	\$	390.00
Sought Through Prayer	\$	141.59
Stag 12:12 Group	\$	255.00
Stag Eleven Group	\$	175.00
Step Eleven Men's Group	\$	-
Step Study for Women Group	\$	-
Sunday Morning Spiritual	\$ 220.00	\$ 1,350.60
Sunday Night Candle Light Group	\$	-
T.G.I.W.	\$ 111.00	\$ 414.58
5:30 Group, The	\$	230.00
There is a Solution Big Book Study	\$	-
Thumpers Big Book Study	\$	-
Thursday Night Mens Big Book Study	\$	-
Today's Women's Step Study	\$	518.80
Trudgers Women's Big Book Study	\$	17.00
Twisted Sisters Book Study	\$	-
Twice Saved By Grace	\$	120.00
Watsonville Fellowship	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00
Westside Group	\$	120.00
Westside Men's Big Book Study	\$	-
Westside Men's Step Study Group	\$	528.00
What a Concept	\$	-
Women's 5 & 10 Group	\$	51.00
Young People Big Book Study	\$	-
Young People's Underground Group	\$	-