



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Birthday Speaker Meeting

**Sunday, Sept 28
at 7 pm**

**Hosted by:
From the Heart Group**

**Speaker:
Lora lee with 28 years
Emeline, Building D
1080 Emeline Ave Santa
Cruz**

**4th Sunday of every
month at 7 pm**

**Special thanks to
Women's 5 & 10 for
hosting the Aug mtg. with
speaker Kara with 18
years.**

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MEETING SPACE

Does your group need a new meeting location? The Circle Church on the Westside may be able to help. Call Central Office for more info, 831-475-5782.

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

<i>Phil S. (Reno)</i>	<i>38 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 26, 1976</i>
<i>Jean W.</i>	<i>36 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 30, 1978</i>
<i>Maria F.</i>	<i>33 yrs</i>	<i>September 1981</i>
<i>Jill S.</i>	<i>30 yrs</i>	<i>September 1984</i>
<i>Coco C.</i>	<i>28 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 18, 1986</i>
<i>Claire S.</i>	<i>27 yrs</i>	<i>September 1987</i>
<i>Lanie C.</i>	<i>25 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 5, 1989</i>
<i>John W.</i>	<i>22 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 3, 1992</i>
<i>Tim B.</i>	<i>22 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 21, 1992</i>
<i>Ron H.</i>	<i>17 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 11, 1997</i>
<i>Eileen E.</i>	<i>16 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 5, 1998</i>
<i>Rick A.</i>	<i>12 yrs</i>	<i>Sept 1, 2002</i>
<i>Rob P.</i>	<i>6 yrs.</i>	<i>Sept 11, 2008</i>

Oldtimer Speaker Meeting:

Sat Oct 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

Mark D – 30 years Scott B – 30 years

Carole M – 31 years JoAnne S – 32 years

Location TBA (see October Grape-SCCIN or visit Central Office – they'll have flyers soon!).

Call Central Office if you'd like to volunteer for the event.

SUBMISSIONS WANTED FOR OCT GRAPE-SCCIN

Theme: The 10th Step

Write anywhere from a couple sentences to a few paragraphs related to the 10th step, and submit by 9/17/14 to grapescin@gmail.com. Specify whether you

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Alcathon (SC fellowship), Picnic/Speaker mtg (Felton)	2	3 7:30PM Intergroup Council Meeting Aptos Village Park	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 7:30PM General Service Meeting Aptos Village Park	11	12	13 10:00AM 4 th Step Workshop Ben Lomond Fellowship
14	15	16 6:00PM Bylaws Committee Central Office	17 7:30PM Steering Committee Central Office	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:30PM PI/CPC Meeting Central Office	24 7:00PM H&I Meeting Central Office	25	26	27
28 7:00pm Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline Bldg D	29	30				

Upcoming AA Events

2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, in Atlanta, GA, July 2-5, 2015.

Registration and housing reservations will open Sept 3, 2014. The theme is "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free." See http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/2015-international-convention-of-alcoholics-anonymous.

Santa Cruz County AA Events

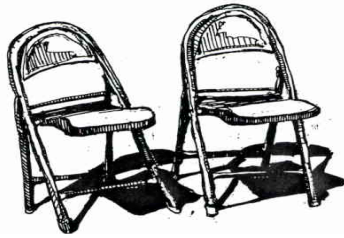
The Labor Day Alcathon is Sept. 1, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the downtown Santa Cruz fellowship (512 Front St.). There are 50-minute meetings all day long, beginning on the hour, except for 1-3 p.m. when there's a potluck and live music.

The Labor Day Picnic hosted by the Ben Lomond Fellowship is Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Felton Covered Bridge Park. There will be a speaker mtg, BBQ (\$10 adults, \$1 drinks, half-price for kids), music, dessert auction, and dunk tank – plus a 50/50 raffle and a raffle with grand prize of a trip to two to Hawaii for its 53rd annual convention.

General Service Workshop "Anonymity, the spiritual foundation of all our traditions" on October 11, 2-5 p.m. at Loudon Nelson Center in downtown SC. Light snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided. There will be three 45-minute panels, each with 3 speakers.

The Chair's Corner

Artwork by Ken C



Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose. – From The AA Group...Where it all begins Pamphlet (P-16)
On this journey as Intergroup chair, I've been continually moved to delve deeper into the purpose of this role, eventually leading me to the question, *Why do I do service in AA?* Is it because it's suggested as part of my program of recovery? Or, is it because I'm grateful for the gift of sobriety and my heart urges me carry the message to alcoholics still suffering?

I do it for both reasons. And you know what? You can probably tell which reason is driving me in any given moment. Quite frankly I feel a burn in the center of my chest as I write that, because I wish it was only the second reason. In my early sobriety, I was driven to service by my heart, out of fresh gratitude -- rather than from my mind, out of simple wisdom. Either reason is fine, I suppose, because they both keep me sober. But one is more beautifully grounded in spirituality: that thing that ties us all together, that magic ingredient of sobriety that leads to serenity. After all, that's the essential purpose of my sobriety: serenity.

And what is the purpose of Intergroup? That's another question I've been asking myself, because I need to be able to inspire new members in Intergroup service. That quest has spurred a dialogue with other members about the state of our Intergroup, and the ultimate question, *Are we serving our purpose as Intergroup?*

Thankfully, AA provides a mechanism to answer that question: a group inventory.

This month's Intergroup Steering Committee meeting was especially long, as 18 AAs patiently and passionately discussed the notion of conducting an inventory for Intergroup. We reflected on the Intergroup inventory results from 2009, and found that many of those ideas are still meaningful. Perhaps all that is needed is some focused follow-up. Well, there's only one way to find out...

At the September Intergroup Council meeting, we will propose that Intergroup revisit the results from the 2009 inventory's five questions: 1) What can we do to increase participation in Intergroup? 2) What are the strengths of SCC Intergroup? 3) Do Intergroup meetings foster a climate of safety? 4) What more can Intergroup do to carry the message? 5) Are we choosing our officers, board members and committee

The Birthday Club – Jude W.

Years ago the Intergroup of Santa Cruz County had a Birthday Club that was based on the Birthday Plan recommended by the Delegates of the General Service Conference of 1961. The Plan gives the individual AA member a chance to support all the workings of your AA Intergroup Office. [Many of these services include the 24 Hour Call Line, the AA County Web Site and Meeting Schedule. Your Intergroup Office also provides AA literature, books & pamphlets and serves as a base for information at the local, state and national level.] These are just a few of the services that the Intergroup Office provides.

The Birthday Plan was conceived in Oklahoma in 1954. "We wondered," Ab said, "Wouldn't a lot of AA's be glad to contribute a dollar a year for each year of AA life." Our pamphlet "The A.A. Group...Where it All Begins," suggests that members send one dollar for each year of sobriety, while others use the figure \$3.65, a penny a day, for each sober year. Donations to General Service Organization and or Santa Cruz County Intergroup are gratefully received.

We would like to reinstate the Birthday Club here in Santa Cruz County and with each contribution we will list your Name and your birthday years in our free monthly newsletter, *The Grape-SCCIN*. The List of Birthdays we have been publishing is very old and has not been updated in many years. This New Birthday Club will create a current listing and hopefully a resource to support our Intergroup Office.

If you are not currently receiving the monthly newsletter you can call the Central Office and request either an electronic copy OR a hard copy be mailed to you.

Let's build a new Birthday Club and Celebrate our Happy Destiny!

Be listed in our New Birthday Club -- please send your donation to:

Santa Cruz County Intergroup
Attention Birthday Club
5732 Soquel Drive
Soquel, Ca. 95073

Be sure to include: Your Name & your sober birthday (month & year)

You are warmly invited to participate, whether driven by your heart, wisdom, or even resentments. (After all, who wouldn't want to take an inventory for someone else?) Stay tuned for more information on the next steps.

Yours in service,

Clarissa B.

From the Central Office

Thanks to the volunteers here things are running smoothly.

We do have a new book from the Grapevine called Daily Quote and some copies of the reprint of the first edition.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, who publishes our literature, has announced that literature prices are increasing for the first time since five years ago -- effective Oct. 1st -- and unfortunately the prices are going up 15%+. Since we are pretty well stocked, our prices will not change on the current stock until we have to reorder. Get your books soon before the price goes up. –

Your Humble Servant

Bob S.

SERVICE

Intergroup warmly welcomes our new Area 6 rep, Randi, and new Area 4 rep, Krystal. Thank you for your service!

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The Diverter has 15 openings! Please call Central Office if you can volunteer for one monthly shift.

