



# THE GRAPE-SCCIN

## Birthday Speaker Meeting

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Hosted by: Area 6 Group**  
**Speaker: TBD**

### Emeline, Building D

1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sunday of Every Month at 7:00 pm

## Spring Fling

Set your calendars for Saturday, June  
 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am until 5pm!

SPEAKER MEETING,  
 OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS,  
 INCLUDING 50/50, BBQ, BAKED  
 GOODS AUCTION,

### LIVE MUSIC!

FUN AND FELLOWSHIPING IN  
 THE SUN!

Come Celebrate Founder's Day with  
 your AA community and speaker:

*Faye G. from San Ramon, CA.*  
 at Harvey West Park.

**A great opportunity to be of service!**

**We need volunteers who can  
 contribute baked goods as well as  
 prizes for the opportunity drawings.**  
 To volunteer or donate please contact  
 the Central Office 475-5782, or your  
 Intergroup Representatives!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

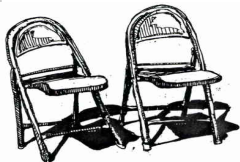
### June, 2012

Richard S.	50 yrs	June 1962
Carol Y.	36 yrs	June 1, 1976
Carole Mc.	29 yrs	June 22, 1983
Barbara B.	28 yrs	June 8, 1984
Earlene W.	23 yrs	June 5, 1989
Jerry M.	23 yrs	June 6, 1989
Yolanda S	20 yrs	June 23, 1992
Lynol G.	18 yrs	June 13, 1994
Kelley H.	16 yrs	June 29, 1996
Tom R.	13 yrs	June 21, 1999
Jackie S.	9 yrs	June 17, 2003

## June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 7:30PM What a Concept <i>Central Office</i>	5	6 7:00PM New Rep. Ornt. 7:30PM Intergroup Council <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	7	8	9 <b>Spring Fling 11-5</b>
10	11	12	13 7:30PM General Service <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	14	15	16
17	18 7:00PM PI/CPC Meeting <i>Central Office</i>	19 6:00PM Bylaws Committee <i>Central Office</i>	20 7:30PM Steering Committee <i>Central Office</i>	21	22 Last day for Grapsccin submissions	23
24 700PM Birthday Speaker: Meeting <i>Emeline Bldg. D</i>	25	26	27 7:00PM H&I Meeting <i>Central Office</i>	28	29	30

### The Chairs Corner



Art work by Ken C.

#### Were entirely ready to have God remove all of these defects of character. AA step 6

For me this was the time in my recovery that I got "Into Action". AA Chapter 6 Into Action starts on step five which was more of how it works for me, when I took step 6 with my Sponsor I noticed that I was paying a lot more attention to my actions.

With all of my defects so clearly identified from my 4<sup>th</sup> step and the cause that they did to the people I cared about most, this is when I felt like I was aware of my character defects and able to change my actions before I actually lived them. I was really starting to feel like I was using the tools that have been given to me without realizing how I got them. I was just following the suggestions of my sponsor and things got better.

It was amazing how many character defects I learned I had and to know that it is normal to still have some of them and probable to never rid of all of them. By recognizing them and the different effects that they have had on my life I am able to catch some of them, some of the time, before they take a path of destruction in my life.

One saying that I have made a habit with that really helps hold off my defects of character is "Thy Will, Not Mine". I find that when I am not running the show things seem to go a lot smoother. It is not all about me, so when I pause and give as freely as I can and get out of the way for "Thy Will" Everyone around me is in a better space.

**In Service as your SCCI Chair and current author of The Chairs Corner. Hope to see you June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Fling.**

**Rick A.**

# Notices to the Group

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

Come to our **SPRING BBQ!** Location: Corralitos Park, 20 Aldridge Lane. Time: 12 p.m. Saturday, April 7th, 2012. Event will include: Egg Hunt for the Kids, BBQ Chicken/Potluck, 50/50 Opportunity Drawing, Speaking Meeting.

## 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.  
responsible."*

*And for that: I am*

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 volunteers. 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.

## 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 and can be contacted at [bsasy@aol.com](mailto:bsasy@aol.com) or at (831) 588-1863.

## 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.