



# THE GRAPE-SCCIN

## Birthday Speaker Meeting

Sunday, March 22nd  
at 7:00 pm

Hosted by:  
Stag 11

## BIRTHDAYS!

March 2014

|             |       |                |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Tom H.      | 59yrs | March 14, 1954 |
| Mary Kay P. | 16yrs | March 10, 1997 |
| Ben L.      | 15yrs | March 2, 1998  |
| Tim S.      | 13yrs | March 16, 2000 |

## Opportunities for Service

The following positions still need to be filled by elections at the intergroup council meeting ( the number following the position is the sobriety requirement)

All commitments are for one year

Newsletter Committee Chairperson (5)

Website Committee Chairperson (3)

Plus – All Eleven Area Representatives (1)

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Harvey West Park

Congratulations! To  
Our Newly Elected

**Intergroup Council Officers**

Chair: Clarissa B

Vice Chair: Danielle B

Treasurer; Rudy A

Phone Diverter : Jude w

Activities Committee: Matt R

By Laws Committee; John S

Delegate-at Large Rick A

St Patricks Day Bash- Saturday March 15

Watsonville First United Methodist Church

229 Stanford St. , Watsonville

Dinner @ 6:30 pm- BBQ Chicken leg Quarters- \$5.00

Speaker Patrick C. -27 Years @ 7:30pm

Prizes /Raffle/ Opportunity Drawing

Live Music w/ the band Night Train

8:30- 10:00pm

Also: Potluck { -1:00 -3:00} & Alcathon

@ Downtown Fellowship Monday March 17

**March 2014**

| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>                                       | <b>Saturday</b>  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| 2   | 3   | 4   | <b>5</b><br>7:30PM<br>Intergroup Council Meeting<br><i>Aptos Village Park</i> | 6  | 7   | 8  |
| 9   | 10<br>7:30<br>What a concept<br><i>Central Office</i> | 11  | 12<br>7:30PM<br>General Service Meeting<br><i>Aptos Village Park</i>          | 13   | 14  | 15<br>10:00AM<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Step Workshop<br><i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i> |
| 16  | 17  | 18<br>6:00PM<br>Bylaws Committee<br><i>Central Office</i> | 19<br>7:30PM<br>Steering Committee<br><i>Central Office</i>                   | 20   | 21<br>Last day<br><i>for Grapesccin submissions</i> | 22   |
| 23<br>Birthday Speaker Meeting 7:00pm<br>Emeline Bldg D | 24  | 25  | 26<br>7:00PM<br>H&I Meeting<br><i>Central Office</i>                          | 27<br>S.C.F.A.A Officer Elections 7:15pm<br>412 Front Street | 28  | 29   |
| 30  | 31  | 31  |   | 27   | 28  |  |

**Opportunities for Service**

The following positions will be available to be filled by elections at the intergroup council meeting ( the number following the position is the sobriety requirement)

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(1) Also the following Area Reps

Area 1 Watsonville

Area 9 Emeline

Area 2 La Selva Beach

Area 10 Westside SC

Area 3 Aptos, Corralitos

Area 4 Capitola

Area 11 Scotts Valley

Newsletter Committee Chairperson (5)

Area 5 Soquel

& San Lorenzo Valley

Website Committee Chairperson (3)

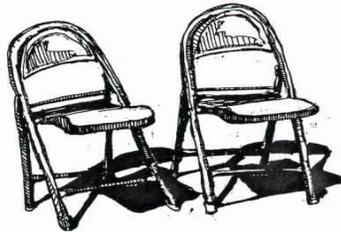
Area 6 E Santa Cruz

Area 7 Morrissey

Area 8 Santa Cruz Downtown

So for a valuable, satisfying and rewarding experience come and be of service to your fellowship!!

## The Chairs Corner



Art work by Ken C

**“We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t been given the truth may die.” – Bill W, from the A.A. ServiceManual**

Exposure to Intergroup early in sobriety had an extraordinary influence on me. About 15 years ago was my first privilege to serve as an Intergroup representative. I had such high regard for the many sober alcoholics sitting in that meeting room in Aptos Village Park. I could not believe I was one of them. I watched those who had been around for a while – I like to call them “long-timers” – in particular. Here were people with real integrity; people who served for the sake of service, with no ulterior agenda; people who demonstrated the principles in their conduct. I really looked up to them. And you know what they say: it’s safe in the middle! And I was right in the middle of AA in Santa Cruz.

Until then, I would never have pictured myself among such respectable people, and certainly could never have imagined that I, too, would be equally respectable. (But isn’t that just the effect that AA has on us.)

Here’s how I wound up back in Intergroup again: a few weeks ago, a sober sister in my home group needed someone to fill in for her at the upcoming Intergroup meeting. So I volunteered. And lo and behold, it was elections night. In Third Legacy Elections, they go around the room and ask each person if they are available or not available for each position. I knew the second they announced it that *I had to say I was available*. Because, even though I’m busy with work and engagements and all the sweet life experiences that sobriety has granted me, I couldn’t lie: I knew the truth was that I could be available for the position.

My first sponsor taught me (thank GOD) to never, ever say no to service unless I truly could not do it. In fact, she didn’t just teach me – she programmed me. And it’s one of the few things I’ve done well since I got sober. I don’t even let myself think about it, I just say yes. And wow, the gifts it has brought to my life. Every. Freakin. Time. I can’t think of one time I’ve regretted saying yes to a form of service in A.A.

So anyway, as it turned out, no one else in that room of maybe 50 folks was available. And that’s how I ended up getting to be right back in the middle. Man, I sure as heck NEVER imagined I’d serve as Intergroup Chair. And can I just say how sweet, how comforting, how “just right” it is, to see so many of the same beloved faces in these business meetings? Lucky me. I have so much to learn... as per usual. So thanks for your patience. And thanks for the straight-up honor.

**Yours in service**

,Clarissa B.

**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. Call central office to sign up: **475-5782**

*“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. **475-5782**

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

**Also: all of the beginning of the year major expenses, (annual rents, etc.) have just been paid so the coffers are low, be as generous as you can, please, and spread the word! Thanks!**



