



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Santa Cruz County Intergroup Newsletter
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BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Thank you to the **Gay Men Living Sober** for
 hosting April's Birthday Meeting

&

Thank you to *Speaker "Sugar" and Rob* for
 sharing his experience, strength and hope.

Sunday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM

Hosted by Conscious Contact Meditation
Speaker David L.

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

Spring Fling

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

**IT'S TIME TO THINK BBQ, GAMES, LIVE MUSIC,
 CAKE 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.

40th Annual Hospital & Institutions Conference

May 6th-8th, 2011

For more information stop by central office and pick up
 a flyer or visit the website at www.handiconference.org

May 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."

Beth S.	31 yrs	May 24, 1980
Henry C.	28 yrs	May 16, 1983
Victoria	27 yrs	May 6, 1984
Bart B.	26 yrs	May 12, 1985
Meg K.	20 yrs	May 6, 1991
Tina S.	18 yrs	May 13, 1993
Mark R.	17 yrs	May 3, 1994
April R.	15 yrs	May 9, 1996
Steve L.	14 yrs	May 30, 1997



Fellowship Hawaiian Style at the Maui Wailea Marriott.
 June 1st-5th, 2011

See the Aloha Spirit in Action

For more information check out Website: mauifest.org or
 go to central office to pick up a flyer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 7:00 PM New Rep Ornt. 7:30 PM Intergroup Council Aptos Village Park	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 7:30 PM General Service Committee Aptos Village Park	12	13	14 4 th Step Workshop 10:00 AM <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i> Website Committee Central Office, 1:00 PM
15	16	17 6:00 PM Bylaws Commit. Central Office	18 6:00 - 7:00 PM Diverter Training 7:30 PM Steering Commit. Central Office	19 7:00 PM PI/CPC Commit. Central Office	20	21
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



Artwork Contributed by Jo M. She was inspired during her first years of sobriety.



Step Five:

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

All of A.A.’s Twelve Steps ask us to go contrary to our natural desires ... they all deflate our egos. When it comes to ego deflation, few Steps are harder to take than Five. But scarcely any Step is more necessary to longtime sobriety and peace of mind than this one.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 55

Into Action

This is perhaps difficult, especially discussing our defects with another person. We think we have done well enough in admitting these things to ourselves. There is doubt about that. In actual practice, we usually find a solitary self-appraisal insufficient. Many of us thought it necessary to go much further. We will be more reconciled to discussing ourselves with another person when we see good reasons why we should do so. The best reason first: If we skip this vital step, we may not overcome drinking. Time after time newcomers have tried to keep to themselves certain facts about their lives. Trying to avoid this humbling experience, they have turned to easier methods. Almost invariably they got drunk. . . .

A.A. BIG BOOK, p.72-73

Notices to the Group

Meetings Changes (Please find the latest meeting schedule at aasantacruz.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.

H&I Needs Volunteers for Saturday Meetings at Soledad Prison

There are sobriety requirements. Please contact central office for more details.

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
4 th	Wednesday	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
4 th	Wednesday	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
2 nd	Thursday	11:00 PM to 7:00 AM
3 rd	Saturday	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
2 nd	Sunday	11:00 AM to 2:00 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. For more information contact AA Santa Cruz central office, 475-5782.

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 Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Si Se Puede is in need of male or female secretaries with six months of sobriety, Spanish not required, to secretary on Saturdays or Sundays at 7:00 PM.

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 6pm, 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.

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Intergroup Council Meeting Minutes for 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 Serenity Prayer, Preamble & Twelve Traditions. Sign-in sheet and 7th Tradition passed around while introductions were made.

Birthdays of the Month announced:

Geno 3 yrs; Christina, 1 yr; Andy, 1 yr; Michelle, 2 yrs; Dave 6 yrs; Robert, 11 months.

Attendance by end of meeting: 46

Minutes of last meeting were approved without correction.

REPORTS:

CHAIR Chris M: The Steering Committee passed a motion to provide the Office Manager with bankcards for two accounts, It also reviewed the annual performance evaluation of the Office Manager and began a discussion of the job description for the position. It has not been revised since 2003.

VICE CHAIR Alex G: Welcomed the new group reps. The Birthday speaker Meeting went well.

TREASURER, Becky G: Groups donations are fine at \$2408. We were \$287 over our checking account limit of \$7000, so that amount was moved to Prudent Reserve, which now stands at \$15,811. The Prudent Reserve is now only \$11,189 below what it should be.

OFFICE MANAGER, John W: All office shifts are filled. Quarterly taxes are due before the end of April, and they will be about \$1500. With gas prices getting so high, he expects a decline in Group Donations, based on previous history.

REPORTS OF AREA REPRESENTATIVES

AREA 1 Watsonville, Beth E: No report

AREA 2 La Selva Beach, Seascape, Willie M: He and Kathy D have switched groups. The La Selva Beach meetings could use support. The Birthday Speaker Meeting was awesome!

AREA 3 Aptos, Corralitos, Kathy D: There is a new Corralitos meeting: Primary Purpose, 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Wed nights. It is a two hour Big Book and meeting.

AREA 4 Capitola, Open. Fred R had to resign for personal reasons. Thanks to him for the fine job he did as Diverter Chair and Area Rep.

AREA 5 Soquel, Sabrina L: The May Birthday Speaker Meeting will be hosted by the Conscious Contact Meditation meeting. There is no speaker yet. There are a few new group reps.

AREA 6 E Santa Cruz, Geno W: There are two reps here tonight. There is one needed for Solutions in the Sand.

AREA 7 Morrissey, Michael R: Absent

AREA 8 Santa Cruz Downtown, Robert B: No report. The Santa Cruz Fellowship needs support.

AREA 9 Emeline, Amber C: The Sunday Early Morning Spiritual group will host the September Birthday Speaker Meeting.

AREA 10 West Side Santa Cruz, Kerry G: There are a couple of reps here, but she did not make phone calls. Due to her commitment as the Diverter Chair and to her home group, she will not be able to fill this commitment. She therefore resigns as Area Rep.

AREA 11 Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley, Open:

TELEPHONE DIVERTER, Kerry G: Still in transition from Fred. There are people on the waiting list for four shifts. There are currently two shifts open. Her PREFERRED MODE OF CONTACT IS EMAIL: Please contact central office for her email address. Do not call, use her email only. Otherwise she will lose your message!

ACTIVITIES, Kathy D: Spring fling needs volunteers. She thinks the biggest need will be volunteers. There is a Food and Beverage Committee, an Opportunity Drawing Committee. There will be a live band this year, Charley S and the Barely Right Now Blues Band. There are sign up sheets on the back table and there are more available from the Central Office. We need baked goods for the Cake Auction and raffle prizes. The speaker will be Ted from San Francisco. Food will be chicken, beans, salad, bread, and a vegetarian alternative. Flyers and planning meeting coming soon. For more information contact AA Santa Cruz central office, 475-5782.

NEWSLETTER, Michael R: Absent

BY-LAWS, Rick A: The next meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month, April 19th at 6 PM at the Central Office. Free cheeseburgers!

WEBSITE, Kay M: No meeting last month, but they are working on guidelines for flyers to be posted on the website: the format, who they go to and what is acceptable content. She will submit it to the Council when it is ready. The regular meeting is the 2nd Saturday at the Central Office from 1 PM to 2 PM.

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE, John S: He brought a flyer for the Labor Day Monterey Bay Round Up to be held Sept 2-4th at the Monterey Conference Center. They would like help with the planning and will meet this Sat at 220 17th St, Marina. There will be a BQ and a speaker. For more information contact AA Santa Cruz central office, 475-5782.

GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON, Russ A: The Santa Cruz Fellowship had elections and filled all positions. The pretopics agenda meeting is this weekend. The June General Service meeting will feature a potluck BBQ where The Delegate will talk about the Agenda. General Service still needs a PI/CPC chair. The requirement is two years of Sobriety and a commitment to the Program. There is a new Chair for Bridging the Gap.

H&I LIAISON, Christina: She reviewed the service commitments available for H&I and the Treasurer's Report. The 40th Annual Conference will be held in Fresno May 6,7, &8 at the Radisson Hotel.

NCCAA LIAISON, Barbara B: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: None. Chris announced that if you have motions or matter you wish to have discussed, there are three ways to do it: email it to Central Office (info@asasantacruz.org), bring it up at Intergroup Council or at Steering Committee

OLD BUSINESS: We still have third legacy positions to fill. Recording Secretary: no one was available. Area Representatives for Areas X and XI: no one was available. Area Rep for Area IV was filled by Jess F by acclamation. Geno W was elected to a second term as Area VI Rep by acclamation.

ADJOURNED at 8:45 PM with the Closing Circle

Submitted by Becky G, Temporary Recording Secretary

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2011

Submitted by

OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAILS		
	March	F.Yr. Totals
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 6,993.00	
INCOME:		
Group Donations	\$ 2,408.34	\$ 25,698.42
Birthday Meeting	\$ 226.00	\$ 2,022.00
Activities		\$ 101.95
Anonymous		\$ 1,042.14
Birthday Club		\$ 342.00
Coffee & Donation Can		\$ 44.00
Gen'l Service Committee		\$ 500.00
H&I Committee		\$ -
Interest		\$ -
Intergroup Council		\$ 178.94
Memorials		\$ 500.00
Newsletter Subscriptions		\$ 24.00
Other Donations	\$ 26.00	\$ 247.08
Refunds		\$ -
Returned Check Redeposit		\$ -
subtotal =	\$ 2,660.34	\$ 30,700.53
from Literature Account		\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL INCOME =	\$ 2,660.34	\$ 34,200.53
EXPENSES:		
RENT:		
Central Office	\$ 650.00	\$ 5,850.00
Birthday Meeting		\$ 360.00
Intergroup Council		\$ 288.00
RENT subtotal=	\$ 650.00	\$ 6,498.00
SALARY EXPENSES:		
Net Salary	\$ 746.80	\$ 7,867.44
Payroll Taxes		\$ 3,658.70
Workers Comp.		\$ -
SALARY subtotal=	\$ 746.80	\$ 11,526.14
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
Maintenance & Repairs		\$ -
Mileage		\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 243.65	\$ 1,239.23
PG&E	\$ 60.81	\$ 477.51
Telephone		\$ 920.98
Other Office		\$ 817.34
OFFICE subtotal=	\$ 304.46	\$ 3,455.06
PRINTING:		
	\$ 405.02	\$ 2,221.97
		\$ -
		\$ -
PRINTING subtotal=	\$ 405.02	\$ 2,221.97
POSTAGE:		
Bulk Permit	\$ 200.00	\$ 585.00
Diverter		\$ -
Newsletter		\$ -
Office		\$ -
POSTAGE subtotal=	\$ 200.00	\$ 585.00
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Activities		\$ 1,078.02
Bank Fees	\$ 67.25	\$ 74.25
Birthday Meeting Supplies	\$ 59.20	\$ 561.55
Business Fees		\$ 600.00
Conferences & Travel		\$ -
Liability Insurance		\$ 2,121.00
Returned Checks		\$ -
Other		\$ 286.40
OTHER subtotal=	\$ 126.45	\$ 4,721.22
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$ 2,432.73	\$ 29,007.39
move to Prudent Reserve	\$ 287.86	\$ 8,805.33
move from Prudent Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
ENDING CASH =	\$ 6,932.75	\$ 6,933.20
Month's Gain or Loss =	\$ 227.61	

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING DETAILS		
7th Tradition -	\$ 226.00	\$ 2,022.00
Expenses (rent, supplies, taxes) -	\$ 59.20	\$ 921.55
BALANCE -	\$ 166.80	\$ 1,100.45

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Activities	\$ -	\$ 101.95	\$ 5,172.00	2%
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Other	\$ 26.00	\$ 2,878.16	\$ 4,092.00	70%
subtotal =	\$ 2,660.34	\$ 30,700.53		
from Literature Account	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Total Income =	\$ 2,660.34	\$ 34,200.53	\$ 45,913.00	74%
EXPENSES:				
Rent	\$ 650.00	\$ 6,498.00	\$ 9,925.00	65%
Salary Exp.	\$ 746.80	\$ 11,526.14	\$ 20,728.00	56%
Office	\$ 304.46	\$ 3,455.06	\$ 4,166.00	83%
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ALLOCATED FUNDS:				
Activities (\$500)	\$ 500.00			
Liability Ins. (\$200/mo)	\$ 800.00			
Payroll Taxes (\$650/mo)	\$ 1,300.00			
Vacation Accrual				
Workers Comp. (\$50/mo)	\$ 400.00			
Total Allocated =	\$ 3,000.00			
AVAILABLE CASH=	\$ 3,932.75			
(Available cash is not to exceed \$5,000)				
LITERATURE ACCOUNT				
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 1,678.03			
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 1,784.25	\$ 20,087.78		
Sales Receipts Portion	\$ 1,641.51	\$ 18,480.76		
Sales Tax Portion	\$ 142.74	\$ 1,607.02		
Returned Check Amends		\$ -		
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Purchases & Costs	\$ 744.10	\$ 14,051.38		
Bank Fees		\$ 30.74		
Sales Tax Paid		\$ 1,680.00		
Returned (Bounced) Checks		\$ 22.00		
subtotal =	\$ 744.10	\$ 15,784.12		
move to Operating Account	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 2,718.18			
Sales & Use Tax Allocation:				
Carried over	\$ 373.16			
This Month's Sales Tax	\$ 142.74			
This Month's Use Tax				
Quarter To Date	\$ 515.90			
AVAILABLE CASH =	\$ 2,202.28			
(Available Cash in excess of \$1,800 to be moved to Operating Account)				
PRUDENT RESERVE				
BEGINNING CASH =	\$ 15,523.71	\$ 7,002.62		
to Operating Acc't	\$ -	\$ -		
from Operating Acc't	\$ 287.86	\$ 8,805.33		
Interest	\$ 0.66	\$ 4.28		
Fees		\$ -		
ENDING CASH =	\$ 15,812.23	\$ 15,812.23		
(Ending Cash in excess of 6 mos' expenses --\$27000.00-- to be moved to Oper. Acc't)				

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

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