



# THE GRAPE-SCCIN

## **Birthday Speaker Meeting**

**Sunday, October 22nd  
at 7:00 pm**

*Hosted by: Area 10  
Speaker: TBD*

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

**Thanks to *No Frills* for  
hosting last months'  
with George C as  
speaker**

**Hear Alcoholics with  
Long Term Sobriety!!!!  
Old Timers Speaker  
Panel on October 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2012**

**2:00-3:00pm  
Coffee, Tea, Sweets  
and Fellowship  
3:00-4:15pm**

### **Old Timer Speakers**

Mary 46yrs

Bob 32yrs

Lars 25yrs

## **October BIRTHDAYS!**

September, 2012

Jennifer P                      25 years                      1987

October 2012

Steve A.                      36 yrs                      Oct 20, 1976

Nancy N.                      32 yrs                      Oct 13, 1980

Vanessa S.                      31 yrs                      Oct 21, 1981

Ken C.                      26 yrs                      Oct 12, 1986

Lee J.                      24 yrs                      Oct 30, 1988

Briana K.                      21 yrs                      Oct 26, 1991

Barbara H.                      20 yrs                      Oct 13, 1992

Denise R.                      18 yrs                      Oct 14, 1994

Penney C.                      17 yrs                      Oct 25, 1995

Denise T.                      8 yrs                      Oct 16, 2004

Tim M.                      18 yrs                      Oct 28, 1994

John S.                      10 yrs                      Oct 20, 2002

Tim E.                      12 yrs                      Oct 2, 2000

Brenna H.                      8 yrs                      Oct 1, 2004

Casey L.                      5 yrs                      Oct 1, 2007

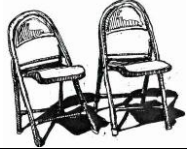
Kathy D.                      5 yrs                      Oct 4, 2007

### **NCCAA**

**65<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference**

**Sacramento, CA October 5,6,7, 2012**

**October 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	<b>3</b> 7:30PM Intergroup Council Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	4	5	6
7	8 7:30 What a concept <i>Central Office</i>	9	10 7:30PM General Service Meeting <i>Aptos Village Park</i>	11	12	13 10:00AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Step Workshop <i>Ben Lomond Fellowship</i>
14	15	16 6:00PM Bylaws Committee <i>Central Office</i>	17 7:30PM Steering Committee <i>Central Office</i>	18	19 <i>Last day for Grapesccin submissions</i>	20
21	22	23	24 7:00PM H&I Meeting <i>Central Office</i>	25	26	27
28 Birthday Speaker Meeting Emeline bldg D 7:00 pm	29	30	31			

**The Chairs Corner**

Art work by Ken C

**Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**

My sponsor suggested for me to do daily readings and prayers early on in my recovery. It was not long, before I knew it, I was practicing step 10 on a daily bases. This step really jumped out and was on my mind more than I would have liked. It seemed like every time I would try and take a short cut or justify something that I knew was not quite the right thing to say or do, I would catch myself taking personal inventory. I soon realized how sick I was and that this was going to be a very noticeable change in my behaviors for the good. That has definitely proven to be the case.

Promptly admitting things is something I still work on, for me the promptly part is when I realize when I am about to do something and avoid making the wrong choice of words or actions. When I do make these wrong moves I usually have to spin them around in my head a time or two trying to justify my actions and then tell on myself to my sponsor or someone in my support group. That usually leads to a couple more laps in my head until I muster up enough courage to try and keep it as simple as I can to acknowledge my part only in the situation. Sometimes quickly, sometimes they spin out into outer space and get lost. Practice not perfection comes to mind here.

One of the sayings that I learned early on and use on a very regular bases which I credit to keeping my 10<sup>th</sup> step manageable is "Thy Will Not Mine".

**.In Service as your SCCI Chair and current author of The Chairs Corner. Rick A.**

## **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.

*"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.

**Overheard at Meetings\*(humor and sayings)\*not really overheard, not breaking anonymity, just passing on a smile :-)**

"We have the only disease that tells you, you don't have it, and In the meantime, tries to kill you."

"Church is for people who don't want to go to hell. Spirituality is for people who have been there."

"Faith isn't a feeling, It Is an action."

"Being able to see only character defects was another kind of defect."

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!

