



THE GRAPE-SCCIN

Birthdays Speaker Meeting

**Sunday, September 23rd
at 7:00 pm**

**Hosted by: Area 9
Speaker: TBD**

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

**Hear Alcoholics with
Long Term
Sobriety!!!!**

**Old Timers Speaker
Panel on October 20th,
2012**

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

Old Timer Speakers

Mary 46yrs
Bob 32yrs
Lars 25yrs

September BIRTHDAYS!

September, 2012

Phil S. (Reno,NV)	36 yrs	Sept 26,1976
Jean W	34 yrs	Sept 30, 1978
Maria F.	31 yrs	Sept 1981
Jill S.	28 yrs	Sept 1984
Coco C.	26yrs	Sept 18, 1986
Claire S.	25yrs	Sept 12, 1987
Lanie C.	23yrs	Sept 5, 1989
Alison M.	22yrs	Sept 8, 1990
Tim B.	20yrs	Sept 21, 1992
John W.	20yrs	Sept 3, 1992
Alene L	17yrs	Sept 3, 1995
Eileen E.	14yrs	Sept 5, 1998
Ron H.	15yrs	Sept 11, 1997
Rick A.	11yrs	Sept 1, 2001
Rob P.	4yrs	Sept 11, 2008

NCCAA

65th Annual Fall Conference

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

September 2012

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

THE CHAIRS CORNER

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except to do so would injure you or others.

I still get chills when I think or talk about my experiences with step #9, the Big Book is spot on for me about the Promises "If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way though".

One of the most amazing experiences I had was when I was on a family vacation at Lake Pinecrest. This was a destination that our family has been going to for generations and one that for many years, 20 plus, I would show up and bless the family with my drunkenness for the week. My dad would always ask me to watch my drinking, which I did, one after another all week long.

I was in my ninth month of sobriety on this trip. It was mid week around 2PM, everyone was out and about, mostly out napping. I asked my Mom and Dad if they would like to go fishing with me in which they accepted. Mid afternoon is not the best time to hook up fish on a hot summer day but there is more to fishing than catching fish. We went across the lake to the mouth and fished there for a little while as my mind was telling me this is possible, meaning the time to make amends to my parents for all of the horrific things I had put them through. I pulled up anchor and decided to go back across the lake and try our luck next to some buoys closer to the marina area. Basically I was stalling and trying to think of a way to start the conversation. I dropped anchor, we were sitting there not talking and the silence was making me crazy as my head was racing with all of the things I needed to make amends for.

I started with Mom and Dad I love you and went into acknowledging a lot of the big things that needed amends. It wasn't long into the amends and we were all crying, I was really trying to get all of the stuff that I had written down out. All of the sudden Moms pole starts jerking, fish on, my pole starts jerking, fish on, Dads pole starts jerking, fish on. We landed all three fish with tears dripping down our faces. I put the fish on the string and looked around, none of the other boats in the area were catching fish. We were in total awe of what had just taken place, the emotions were indescribable. I said wow that was powerful, it was that feeling of crying and laughing at the same time. We left the poles out of the water and I got to finish acknowledging all of the things on my list and proposing how I can make it right by doing what is suggested as a program of recover as outlined in AA. I cannot remember when I felt love from my parents like I did then. Truly

Amazing

.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)

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 savings)*not really overheard, not breaking anonymity, just passing on a smile :-)

"I may not know God's Will, but I usually know what it isn't!"

"**FEAR** is **F**rantic **E**ffort to **A**ppear **R**ecovered"

"AA may have planted the seed, but I kept watering the garden a while longer."

"Meetings change my attitude; I can stop by anytime for an attitude change"

"Sobriety is a journey, not a destination."