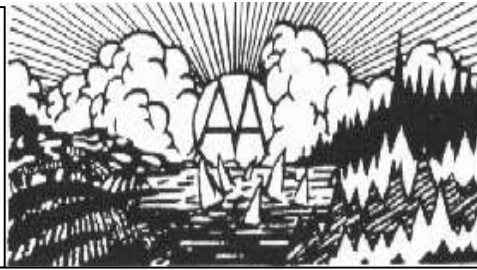


THE GRAPE-SCCIN
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Newsletter
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THE COMING ISSUES OF THE GRAPE-SCCIN WILL BE DEVOTED TO COVERING ESSENTIAL NEWS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY A.A. COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDES NEWS OF GROUPS, MEETINGS, INTERGROUP, FINANCES, CENTRAL OFFICE, GENERAL SERVICE, H&I AND OTHER COMMITTEES, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND NEWS OF IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY. MY NAME IS DAMIEN M AND I HAVE FILLED THIS POSITION A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. MY COMMITMENT NOW IS TO OFFER A MORE SIMPLIFIED GRAPE-SCCIN FOR SANTA CRUZ A.A. UNTIL A MORE SKILLED MEMBER IS AVAILABLE TO TAKE OVER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to Barbara, our new Central Office Manager. May your start-up here be smooth, and may you find your tasks both interesting and rewarding.

NEW AT CENTRAL OFFICE —

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK:

A guide to discovering our Big Book. See the notice in the next column.

EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US:

A pamphlet introducing our 12 Traditions

The **GrapeSCCIN DEADLINE TO SUBMIT** news, notices and fliers is the 24th of every month.

TO the SUBSCRIBERS of MAIL-OUT COPIES —

We will no longer take new subscriptions for mailings. The current subscribers will still receive the GrapeSCCIN in the mail through all of 2025.

Free copies for download will still be available at aasantacruz.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS —

Dec. 1st HOLIDAY PARTY sponsored by Early Risers!
Sunday 11 am – 2 pm Mid-County Senior Center,
829 Bay AV, Capitola For the young and young-at-heart. Suggested donation \$10- Santa will be there!

Dec 1st & 15th ACYPAA (Young People in AA)
Business Meetings (1st & 3rd Sun) at 1 pm.
Tradewinds/Hope Church, 4525 Soquel Drive,
Soquel Village; HYBRID on Zoom: 670 659 0153
pass: 262829

Dec 4th INTERGROUP COUNCIL (1st Wed) 7:00 pm
Mid-County Senior Center, 829 Bay AV, Capitola, at
the side door; HYBRID on Zoom: 816 2421 5008,
pass: 4755782

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Excerpts of a November 24th notice
from the General Service Board:

The initial print release of the **Plain Language Big Book** sold out in only two weeks!

In preparation for a second printing, the General Service Board noted revisions that better align with the 74th General Service Conference's Advisory Action regarding the printing of the book.

The order for the second printing has been placed to include changes outlined below. We expect the book to be back in stock in approximately 4-6 weeks.

The changes outlined below may be very consequential for some, and less significant for others, but the Board feels responsible to see that the Advisory Action from the Conference is carried out.

- On page 9, remove the definition of "Addiction" from the Glossary section.
- On page 11, revise the sentence "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for **Drug and Alcohol Addictions** in New York City during the 1930s." to read: "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for **alcoholism and drug addiction** in New York City during the 1930s."
- On page 14, revise the sentence "I help people recover from their **alcohol** and drug addictions" to read: "I help people recover from their **alcoholism** and drug addiction."
- On page 64, remove the sentence "It seems to control and punish people who are addicted to it" from the last paragraph.
- "On page 139, revise the sentence "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of **alcohol** and drug addiction." to read: "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of **alcoholism**."

Scott H.
Chair, General Service Board

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UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS —

Dec 7th SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING (1st Sat) at 7:00pm Mid-County Senior Center, 829 Bay AV, Capitola (Come at 6:00, help set up and get to pick out a great seat for the meeting.)

Dec 11th GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING (3rd Wed) 7:30 pm Mid-County Senior Center, Capitola, at the side door; HYBRID on Zoom: 898 9003 8938 pass: 121212

Dec 12th JOINT COMMITTEE on SAFETY EVENTS PLANNING (2nd Thurs) 6 pm meeting on Zoom: 892 3730 0658 Pass: 857738. For meeting location contact safety@asantacruz.org

Dec 12th WEB COMMITTEE (2nd Thurs) 6 pm meets on Zoom: 884 7009 1801 pass: 2272

Dec 14th 4th STEP WORKSHOP (2ND SAT) 10 am at the Ben Lomond Fellowship, 9636 Highway 9, phone 336-9969 Bring a Big Book and pencil or pen if you can.

Dec 18th INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE (3rd Wed) 7:00 pm at Central Office 5732 Soquel Dr Soquel. Officers and Area Rep's urged to attend, HYBRID MEETING on Zoom 816 2421 5008 pass: 4755782

Dec 25th H&I monthly meeting on the 4th Wednesday, 7PM, Trinity Presbyterian, 420 Melrose St, Santa Cruz, Youth Room

Dec 28th SANTA CRUZ FELLOWSHIP BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING: the last Saturday each month Nov 30, and Dec 28 6PM 412 Front St. between Laurel and Soquel Av, (amid the construction) Downtown Santa Cruz

Dec 29th 4th STEP WORKSHOP at the Santa Cruz Fellowship 4:15PM the 4th Saturday monthly: 412 Front St., Downtown Santa Cruz by the new construction

Jan 1st INTERGROUP COUNCIL (1st Wed) 7:00 pm Mid-County Senior Center, 829 Bay AV, Capitola, at the side door; HYBRID on Zoom: 816 2421 5008, pass: 4755782

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Almost all service committees post their meetings and events: asantacruz.org

H&I needs men and women: CARRY the MESSAGE. Often just a once a month commitment. If you're interested, visit handisc.org or inquire at SantaCruzcountyHI@gmail.com, or attend the monthly meeting on the 4th Wednesday, 7PM, Trinity Presbyterian, 420 Melrose St, Santa Cruz, Youth Room

CENTRAL OFFICE needs volunteers to be available for one 4-hour shift per week. Answer phones, sell literature, and other simple office chores — no experience needed; 1 year sobriety requested. Phone Central Office 475-5782, or stop by at 5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 10am-2pm

BRIDGING THE GAP volunteers help those in recovery leaving detoxes, jails, etc. by introducing them to A.A. in their community; and by performing different committee tasks. For info: btg.scz@gmail.com or please leave a message at 831-291-5119; or attend the Business meetings the 1st Monday each month at 6:30pm; 102 Rancho del Mar, Aptos; Zoom ID 979 7159 5498 pass: 1935

THE PANDEMIC ISN'T OVER: A lot of groups got seriously challenged by the COVID shut-down and are still having a hard time getting back on their feet: Do you help out at your Home Group? Do you HAVE a Home Group?

CHRISTMAS DAY ALCATHONS:

The Fellowships and Sobriety In The Ville (on-line) will have alcathons. The schedules vary, but this is what schedules were like on Thanksgiving—
Check later on with asantacruz.org for updates.

BEN LOMOND FELLOWSHIP—

8AM - 8PM (meetings every other hour)
Pot Luck at 1PM

SANTA CRUZ DOWNTOWN FELLOWSHIP—

9AM – 7PM (hourly); Pot Luck 1 – 3PM, Music

WATSONVILLE FELLOWSHIP—

Meetings 7AM; 10AM – Midnight (evry other hour); 1:15 Potluck

SOBRIETY IN THE VILLE on line —

Times: 7, 9, 10:30am; 12, 1:30, 3, 5,7, & 9pm
Zoom ID: 761 770 9535 Pass: makemyday
A Zoom Room open from 6:45am—10:15pm

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