



**THE GRAPESCCIN**  
**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2025**

AA Central Office  
5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel CA 95073  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Sat 10am-2pm  
Sundays and most holidays closed  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Submit!** Do you have a short personal story, poem or writing you would like to see published? The deadline to submit news, notices, and fliers and other local AA related info to be published in the GrapeSCCIN newsletter is the 25st of every month! We welcome your participation

**Books!** The new "Plain Language" Big Book and the hardcover version of "The Next Frontier, Emotional Sobriety Volumes 1&2" are available at cost at central office

**Volunteers Needed!** For *Bridging the Gap*: be a part of a committee helping those new to the path of recovery leaving detoxes, jails, etc. who are needing to get plugged in with their local AA community. Check the business meeting section to get involved!

**Volunteers Needed!** At **Hospitals, Jails and Institutions**; carry the message! If you are interested show up at the business meeting the fourth Wed of the month, visit [handisc.org](http://handisc.org) or email [SantaCruzcountyHI@gmail.com](mailto:SantaCruzcountyHI@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed!:** Area Reps for areas: 7 (SC downtown), 9 (westside Davenport), 10 (Scotts Valley) represent an area by showing up to meetings in the area and help keep them connected to the greater AA community by supporting them in electing an intergroup rep.

\*Show up to the Intergroup Meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center 829 Bay Ave Capitola or on zoom from 7-8pm to inquire or volunteer

## EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

**\*Labor Day Picnic** Mon Sept 1st  
11am-4pm at Covered Bridge Park in  
Felton. Bring \$\$ for food and raffle.  
Guest speaker **Steven T** at 2pm

**\*Birthday Speaker Meeting ~**  
Saturday September 6th Doors open  
6pm, meeting from 7pm-8:15pm ~  
829 Bay Ave. Capitola. Come potluck  
fellowship and hear **Michelle H.** from  
Auburn Fellowship! Come early to  
help set up, and feel free to bring  
snacks and desserts to donate to the  
party!

**\* 4th Step Workshop** 10-12 every  
2nd Saturday @Ben Lomand  
Fellowship

**\* Cruzypaa Tug of War and Flag  
Football Tournament** Sat Sept 27th  
At Brommer street park, meeting  
starts at noon, \$10 suggested  
donation, see you there! Bring your  
friends!

BEN LOMOND FELLOWSHIP  
**LABOR DAY  
PICNIC**

09/01/2025 • 11AM – 4PM

COVERED BRIDGE PARK  
GRAHAM HILL RD, FELTON

- Pulled Pork Sandwiches \$15
- Refreshments
- Snow Cones
- Bounce House

LIVE MUSIC BY  
**MIKE RENWICK  
AND FRIENDS**

GUEST SPEAKER AT 2PM  
**STEVEN T (THE TOOL MAN)**  
50/50 RAFFLE

AA SANTA CLUZ INTERGROUP

**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAY SPEAKER  
MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**MICHELLE H**  
AUBURN FELLOWSHIP • DATE: 4/11/18

POTLUCK • FELLOWSHIP • DOOR PRIZES

MID-COUNTY SENIOR CENTER,  
829 BAY AVE • CAPITOLA CA

Back  
School

CRUZYPAA PRESENTS...

# WE STAND OR FALL TOGETHER

Team Tug-of-War and Flag Football Tournament



September 27th Brommer Street Park  
Meeting at noon Santa Cruz

**\$10 Suggested Donation**

Food and Drinks For Sale

RSVP via Partiful:




**BEN LOMOND FELLOWSHIP**

# 4TH STEP WORKSHOP

with STEVE D.

2025 DATES:  
Jan. 11  
Feb. 8  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10  
June 14  
July 12  
Aug. 9  
Sept. 13  
Oct. 11  
Nov. 8  
Dec. 13

**10 A.M. TO NOON EVERY 2ND SATURDAY**

**BEN LOMOND FELLOWSHIP**  
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**FREE:**

Rare antique AA book rack free to the first group that wants it. It's 24" wide, 11" deep, and 17" tall. Does not collapse. Doesn't have pamphlet slots like the pamphlet display does. Call the office to claim it! (Books not included)



## **ONGOING BUSINESS MEETINGS**

- **Bridging the Gap Mon Sept 1st 6:30pm** ~ first Monday of each month  
102 Rancho del Mar, Aptos / Zoom ID: 979 7159 5498 Pass: 1935
- **Cruzypaa “what’s that?”** Santa Cruz County Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday **Sept 7th & 21st 1pm-2pm**  
At Jade St. Park

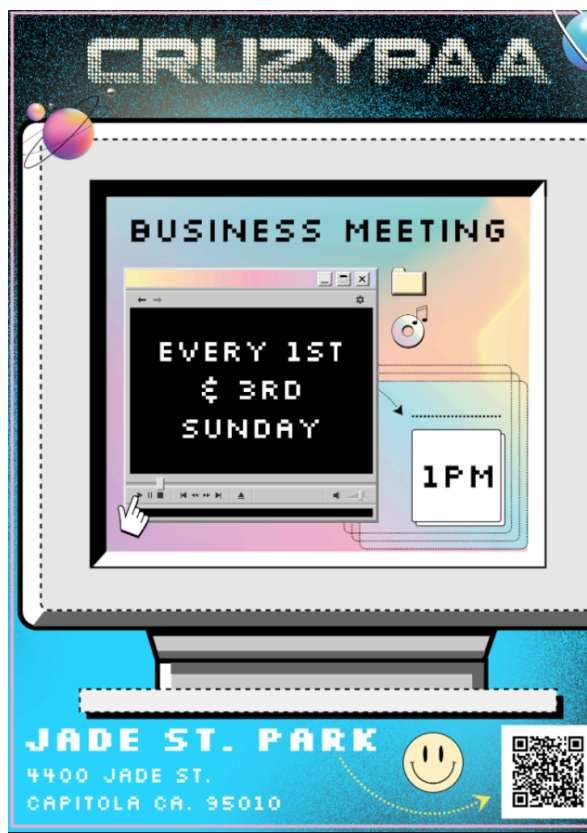
- **Intergroup Council Mtg. Wed Sept 10th 7-8:30pm**

On the first Wednesday of every month @Mid County Senior Center 829 Bay Ave.

- **Web Committee Mtg. Thurs Sept 11th 7pm-8pm**

The Web Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8847009> Mtg ID: 884 7009 1801 Passcode: 2272



- **General Service District Mtg. Wed Sept 10th 7:30pm-9:30pm**

New General Service Orientation starts 6:45 Mid County Senior Center or on zoom, find the link at [aasantacruz.org](http://aasantacruz.org) Event Calendar

- **ByLaws Committee:** 3rd Tuesday every month **Sept 16th 6pm** contact via email at [bylaws@aasantacruz.org](mailto:bylaws@aasantacruz.org)

- **Intergroup Steering Committee** **Wed Sept 17th @ 7pm-8:30pm** This meeting is the third Wednesday of the month (hybrid/zoom)

- **Joint Committee on Safety Events Planning Meeting** **Thurs Sept 25th @6pm-7pm**

This committee meets every fourth

Thursday on Zoom. Use meeting ID: 892 3730 0658 Passcode: 857738

- **H&I Committee Mtg** **Wed Sept 24th @7pm-8pm** Trinity Presbyterian Church 420 Melrose Ave. Santa Cruz

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...



### *Who was Rowland Hazard?*

#### **“The Messenger behind the Messenger..”**

Born October 29th 1881, an American businessman from a well off prominent family, not named in the big book, however, is credited as a vital support being one of the three members of the Oxford Group who convinced the courts to parol Ebby Thacher (Bill Wilson’s “sposer”) into their care.

We know from Bill’s letter of January 23rd, 1961 to Dr. Carl Jung that Rowland was under Dr.Jung's care in Zurich in 1931. On page 26 of the Big Book we get an insight into Rowland’s battle with alcohol: “For years he had floundered from one sanitarium to another. He had consulted the best known American psychiatrists.”

Even Ebby is quoted as saying “I was very much impressed by his drinking career, which consisted of prolonged sprees where he traveled all over the country.” So when a hopeless case like Rowland was able to recover and show up for his friends, they listened.

It was under the care of Dr.Jung that Rowland was told a “vital spiritual experience” was essential to recovery, that psychology and medicine weren’t enough. It was this prognosis that shook him up enough to seek out the Oxford Group; a group dedicated to the vigorous pursuit of personal change. Rowland spoke for his friend, Ebby, in court, convinced he could get sober if he could accept spiritual principles. He then shared these principles and resources with Ebby Thacher who then shared them with Bill W and ultimately led to the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous. Rowland H. was never technically considered a member, as he was 8 years sober when the formation of AA groups began, but we lovingly and gratefully consider him a founding member as one of the very first alcoholics sharing the message with another alcoholic leading to the groups we all have to this day.

**Rowland H. (left), wife and son.  
Rowland carried the Oxford  
Group message to Ebby.**



## AA LITERATURE:

The books *Emotional Sobriety Volumes 1 and 2* have now been compiled into one hardcover copy for sale at the central office! Pick up your copy or ask your groups' literature person to keep some stocked for your homegroup!

*Emotional Sobriety* is a compilation of personal stories of living in recovery. Here is one from Volume 2...

### ***The Great Art of Living*** **(from PO Box 1980) June 1975**

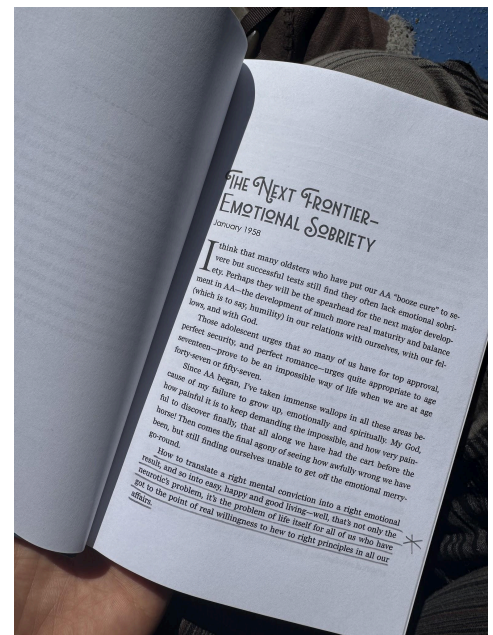
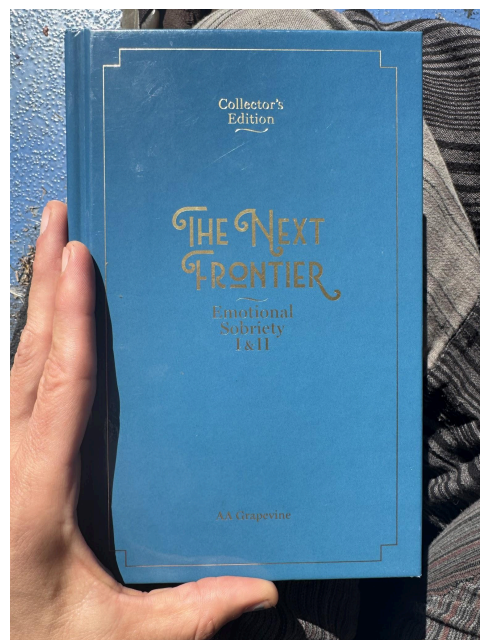
The world seems lost and wandering again now, but we are the lucky ones; we have the AA program to help us rise above it, and in spite of it.

If we hope that things will one day work out perfectly, we are mistaken. Does that depress you? It needn't, for the fact is, from the cradle to the grave there is always something wrong somewhere, something to rob us of enjoying perfection, something to bother us. When we put one thing right, another will surely go wrong sooner or later. So it behooves us to

enjoy every minute we can, for a minute lost is a minute gone forever.

The happiest folk are not the folk without a care in the world; they are the folk who have a genius for happiness, and enjoy themselves even though quite a few things are wrong. ***The great art of living is to make the best of things as they are.***

(G.E.H. Cumbria)



***Sponsorship is an essential part of our program. Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.***



### **A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS...**

**“My experience sponsoring women in the AA program has been deeply rewarding. It keeps me connected to the literature and strengthens my own spiritual awakening. When I’m actively engaged in step work with others, my life becomes richer with gratitude and appreciation. Sponsorship reminds me of where I came from and keeps me grounded in the principles that**

**have given me a new way of living.” -Maggie**

**“Sponsees are like a flower, one must water them and feed them the steps and traditions and the concepts so that they will bloom into a beautiful, caring and loving example of nature, they must know that they are loved and valued and vouched for or they may wither and wilt away, back to the clutches of alcohol and drug abuse, we learn not to abuse anything.”**

**-Mark G**

