



January Birthdays

Zoe Jan 1, 1980
Marcia K. Jan 28, 1981
Ace S. Jan 16, 1982
Diane S. Jan 1 1983
Nancy G. Jan 23 1984
Martin McC. Jan 22,
1985
Danny I. Jan. 25 1985
Janet J. - Jan. 23, 1986
Mary Pat O'C. Jan 2,
1987
Marianne S. Jan 6,
1987
Bob S. Jan 18, 1987
Colleen H. Jan 12,
1988
Mari R. Jan 18, 1988
Mary Z. Jan 5, 1989
Butch W. Jan 6, 1990
Gary B. Jan 10, 1990
Steve G. Jan 19, 1990
Frank M. Jan 21, 1991
Jimmy N. Jan 2, 1992
Jill P. Jan 20, 1992
Tom McK. Jan 13,
1993
Rich G. Jan 16, 1993
Rick S. Jan 23, 1993
Kenton W. Jan 1, 1994
Marion W. Jan 2, 1994
Ron B. Jan 25, 1994
Don S. Jan 1, 1995
George H. Jan 15,
1997
Lloyd G. Jan 17, 1997
Dee Dee H. Jan 26,
1997
Clarissa B. Jan 1, 1998
Renee K. Jan, 1998
Ben L. Jan 2, 1999
Rhonda W. Jan. 6,
2001
Joanne M. Jan 3, 2001
Mark O. Jan 28, 2001
Allan C. Jan 9, 2002
Bonnie W. Jan. 15,
2003
Amber J. Jan. 4 2008
Todd I. Jan 20, 2010
Scott S. 1/19/2011
Kimi O. Jan. 1, 2013
Kevin R. Jan 3, 2013
Glenna H. Jan 5, 2014
Stephanie B. Jan 28,
2014
Lisa A. Jan. 13, 2015
Chelsie O. 1/24, 2015
In Memoriam
Ron B. 1/25/94

FEBRUARY 2022 GRAPESCCIN

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING
FEBRUARY 5TH, 2022, 6:30 opens; MTG STARTS 7:00 PM.
NOAH L. 33 YEARS, COVINA CA.
HOST: EARLY MORNING SPIRITUAL

Service positions open:

-Intergroup positions rotating out:

We need new Chair of council, Vice chair, Activities chair, Birthday Speaker Meeting chair, Newsletter chair in February. If interested, attend Intergroup 7:30 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. Zoom Info on Calendar.

-Intergroup needs Area Reps for Areas 1 -Watsonville; 8- The Little Red Church, 11- San Lorenzo Valley. All Area reps will be up for election on March 2nd.

GSR- Needed: Public Information chair.matt.dcmc03@gmail.com; go to mtg.
H & I: Encourage your Home Groups to elect an H and I Rep; Need an intergroup and BSM Liaison, Literature person.

H and I Steering Committee 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM! All Info at handisc.org. For volunteer ?s, email Kat: santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com.

Central Office open shifts : Friday, 1-5 pm; Wed, 9 am -1 pm. Also need subs. 831 475-5782 to leave a message with name and number. 6 mo. suggested.

Diverter- open shift- 3rd Tuesday 7-11 pm. Lv message for Jack B. at 475-5782.

Birthday Speaker Meeting committee needs a new Chair (3 yrs sobriety) in February! There is someone to find speakers and record business meetings.

CRUZYPAA: Event, 2/27- Flyer! Planning to bid for **ACYPAA-** see meetings.

Business Meetings : Zoom links in Calendar, aasantacruz.org

Intergroup: 2/2, 7 pm- new volunteers; 7:30-8:30 intergroup meeting.**ELECTIONS!**

March Meeting: Area Group Rep meeting

CRUZYPAA: 1st & 3rd Sunday, 1 pm, Harvey West Park, benches near Swim Center.

GSR : 2/9, Wed. 6:45-7:30 for new volunteers; district meeting 7:30-9:30

Website Committee: 2/9— Wed. 7-8 pm

Grapesciin Writing Group- 2/13 Sunday, 4-5 pm

Bylaws: 2/15, 6-7 pm- meeting in person. Contact kim@kimhoganfinearts.com

H and I, 2/23, 7-9 pm, 420 Melrose, SC. Contact Kat to volunteer, or with questions at santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com. **Also see handisc.org**

Central Office now has a good selection of literature in Spanish, and up to date schedules of Spanish speaking meetings. Pick up at Central office, 5732 Soquel Drive, Soquel, 95073. Meetings will be on website shortly. Call to check if particular book is in.

As was stated in the openings for service positions, most of the Chairs of various committees in Intergroup are turning over this year when people have served 2 years in that position. Please thank those who have served there, and consider using your talents and knowledge to serve Santa Cruz County AA, as it has given to you. Or if you know of someone you think would be good in a certain position, give them a nudge to attend Intergroup meeting and indicate their interest.

BSM Committee Chair: Needs to be filled by February Intergroup! Please announce!

Birthday Speaker Meeting Chair Guidelines-

Facilitate/manage birthday speaker meeting, giving guidance to Host Group in organizing and presenting the Intergroup Birthday Speaker Meeting.

Attend monthly Intergroup Council and Steering Committee meetings; attend the BSM and every two month's BSM Business Meetings

Prepare agenda for the BSM Business Meeting. Assists Area reps with the selection of Host Groups
Sobriety requirement 3 years

Bridging the Gap:

Please pass along that Bridging the Gap is part of General Service and they need Volunteers to take people just getting out of jails or institutions to their first meeting! Email btg.scz@gmail.com

H & I Committee- Additional Information:

Please visit the handisc.org website for information, & to fill out the application to be able to take meetings into the jails and prisons when they re-open. Print it out, fill in and sign and bring it to the meeting to get info to become coordinators. It takes a while, so get approved ahead of time! Most of the treatment centers have re-opened meetings.

H & I also needs committee members: BSM and Intergroup Liaisons, and a literature rep, and a volunteer coordinator.

Inside Visiting Sponsorship Services.

This program has been successfully tested at San Quentin State Prison, where the response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. We have over 60 confined alcoholics who are currently getting the benefits of one-on-one sponsorship .Due to State Prison regulations and federal PREA requirements, regular H&I meeting volunteers CANNOT sponsor inside members at the institution they serve.

Our solution is to create an "inside visiting sponsorship service" under the auspices of the NorCal H&I Committee which operates in addition to, but separate from, our H&I meeting activities at the prisons.

A special group of A.A. volunteers go into the prison as VISITORS. The clearance procedure for visitors is very simple – just a basic one-page questionnaire. Outside volunteers are matched with inside members requesting the service. After the first meeting both members are free to decide if they want to work together – like all sponsorship, it is entirely voluntary on both sides. Your anonymity is protected. Your name and address aren't revealed.

IVSS is now being rolled out to the Salinas Valley State Prison. IVSS Coordinator: Dave R. at svsp.ivss@gmail.com

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL: JANUARY 5th, 2022

MINUTES

Commences 7:30 pm

OPENING CUSTOMS:

Serenity Prayer, Preamble- Ted T. & 12 Traditions Marianne

25 in attendance as of 7:34 pm

7th Tradition – Paypal posted

Birthdays- Jack B. December 8, 2021 – 41 years of sobriety!

Approval of previous month's minutes. Kimberlee made the motion 2nd'd and approved. 7:36 pm

REPORTS:

Chair: Magi. Discussed Intergroup meeting going back in person, and the general consensus is to see what happens with the current variant.

Hiring Committee for Central Office Manager. Application deadline was 12-31-2021. More to come soon, applications are being reviewed.

Safety Committee. Gathering documents and putting ducks in a row for a presentation. Anyone wanting to attend is the 2nd Friday on Zoom is the meeting time.

Elections are next month! All Officer Positions are Available!

Sobriety requirements and position descriptions will be sent via email.

End of Year Review Google form for feedback, and it's been wonky – we did not plan to be virtual for two years, but here we are! Magi will follow up later on.

Vice Chair: Marianne. Has no report.

Treasurer: Clint. Has the statement for December.

Beginning balance in the operating account: \$13,496.40 / Closed with \$11,273.74 There was something that was wonky – a deposit was prepared and taken to the bank, but it wasn't credited to the account until Jan 3rd. There were some additional expenses for the bookkeeper, but things are on par.

Library Account started with \$28,955.59 / Closed \$27,434.68

\$31,688.10 is the ending balance on the reserve account. We earn \$0.27 a month of interest woohoo!

Office Manager: Mary/Grey Grey reported that the toilet broke, had that repaired, they are purchasing a new phone. If someone calls, and they're busy, the caller gets a busy signal. We'll discuss the phone situation at Steering.

Kathy asked if there are any open shifts and Grey said they're always taking names for people to volunteer. A couple of people need to bow out due to schedules, so they need back ups right now.

Mary added that book and chip orders were made – there has been a request for more books in the Spanish language. She is hoping to make the office look better, and a person came to measure for carpet, and they're waiting on another bid.

BSM Chair: Kathy January 1st meeting 372 years of Sobriety! This must be a reco since Zoom! Next meeting February 5 – Noah L. from Covina with 33 years. The Host group is forth coming. The Area 2 Rep is working on it. The meeting is on Zoom until further notice.

Activities Chair: Grey. Nothing is in the works. No report.

Diverter Chair: Jack. Shifts are all full! Grey asked if we could get the phone numbers of the people on the agenda. Jack said there is a daily coordinator for each day, and to contact him if there's an issue with the phone being answered.

Newsletter Chair: Mary Newsletter is going fine and Sunday Jan 9th is the Grapesccin writing group at 4:00 pm. It'll go on the calendar via Zoom. She's training a prospective Editor. (fell through)

Bylaws Chair: Kim – Had the Bylaws meeting a couple weeks ago. Kimberlee is a new Member. We're working through reviewing. Next meeting is January 18 at 6pm.

Website Chair: Murias Had a glitch on a certain meeting, but it got worked out. They are going to be closing out the service term, by doing a "site audit" They're going to see if they are ADA compliant, so to speak, and making sure the site is user friendly.

Mary asked about the Newcomer Section that he's been promising, and NO it's not up yet, but they have about half of the content they would like. The info will get passed along.

Delegate at Large: OPEN

Recording Secretary: Kimberlee no report

GS Liaison: Matt: Absent by plan – no report

H&I Liaison: David T. Term is up, and Magi is posting a report in the Chat. The main thing is the phone number for the volunteer coordinator. You can always go to HANDISC.org for info. H&I Elections are next month, so hopefully we'll know who our new Liaison is.

CRUZYPAA Liaison: Devon – The next event is February which will be a beach clean up and beach volley ball party on Sunday February 27th from 1-4. CruzyPaa would love to be of service to your entity.

All Calif Young People in AA will be in Visalia the weekend of March 24 to the 27th. The 2nd longest running event in the country!

CRUZYPAA are going to bid for ACYPAA, to bring the event to Santa Cruz! One of the requirements is to receive a letter of support from Intergroup.

Rick said we would discuss (under new business) writing the recommendation letter, so Magi will put the issue on the Steering Committee Agenda.

Mary asked if they're making a flier for event in February for the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: Area Rep Elections – anyone interested for the next month?

NEW BUSINESS: None

Area Rep Reports:

Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): OPEN

Area 2 (Aptos): Darcy

Area 3 (Greater Soquel): Kimberlee, checked in with a Thursday group, and needs to show up at the business meeting. She mentioned that people wanted new meeting schedules, and Mary noted that the updated schedules are printed and are free to pick up at Central Office.

Area 4 (Soquel Main St): Julie

Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rick - Made some calls and is Introducing Early Risers, Maggie M. Welcome Maggie!

Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Jordan, No report

Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): David H. No report

Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): OPEN

Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): John absent by plan, no report

Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): Dion, Happy New Year~

Area 11 (SLV): OPEN

What's on your mind?

(Intergroup reps are welcome to bring up any topic or ask any questions at this time, but the topics may not be fully discussed until following Council Meeting)

Kathie W. asked if the CRUZYPAA event was for young people only, or you don't have to be young? Everyone is Welcome!

Krishna wanted to know if the Intergroup meeting will open live, or if it will be hybrid and Magi said we're going to revisit that in the spring.

Takeaways:

Committee Chair Elections, Feb Intergroup mtg. Area Rep elections in March.

Cruzypaa, Beach Clean up and Volley Ball Twin Lakes. Feb 27th.

Grey wants to emphasize, that we need subs for the office.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:08 pm.

From the Writing Group

Twelve Footsteps

I have always loved Manhattan. Some people vacation in warm climates, some exotic far off ports, for me it has been the city that never sleeps since the late nineties. I went seven times on a teacher's salary, but this past Thanksgiving I went sober for the first time.

I was on a quest to learn more about Barry Leach (his name is a matter of public record now). I have started doing a one hour slide presentation about the history of that little book Living Sober. I found out that his lover, Spencer Beach, worked for the New York Public Library (the big one with the lions) and there's a folder about them in their archives. I went to Greenwich Village to interview a man in his nineties who knew Spencer. Clifford is a historical author who lives above the Magnolia Bakery. We chatted for over an hour and I took notes. Later I went to a meeting of the Greenwich Village Group. It was a newcomer meeting, but it was the only one that worked with my schedule. They had a panel of three alcoholics and the last to share on a topic opened Living Sober and read one of my favorite passages about self-pity.

The next day I got on a train and went to Stepping Stones for a tour. It was just over an hour by train. I knew that Lois Wilson and Barry had become very close after Bill died. He even took her to conventions. Barry, like Bill, was an avid writer and he helped edit and revise Lois Remembers (that bit of information came from the page before the table of contents). The tour was wonderful, such amazing history and knowledgeable volunteers. There were only four of us and still it was hard to get a word in edgewise, such was our enthusiasm for the history. I found little evidence of Barry, but the woman who runs the place said she has a picture of Lois and him on the property in their archives.

The last stop on the tour was Bill's writing studio called Wit's End. There are twelve large rocks for you to step on as you make your way into the room that overlooked the house and garage. The fall foliage was amazing and they let us take pictures at his enormous writing desk. I did some holiday shopping in Katonah and had a nice lunch.

I headed back to Manhattan to see friends, relations and museums. I had been to New York before and witnessed amazing things. Still, there is nothing quite like seeing the world with sober eyes.

B. B.

SANTA CRUZ INTERGROUP

PRESENTS

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

HOSTED BY: EARLY MORNING SPIRITUAL

NOAH L. — COVINA, CA.
33 YEARS

FEBRUARY 5, 2022 7-8:15 PM PST

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CRUZYPAA PRESENTS:
BEACH
CLEAN-UP/VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

TWIN LAKES BEACH
2875 E CLIFF DR SANTA CRUZ, CA

SPEAKER MEETING:
1PM TO 2PM

BEACH
CLEAN-UP/VOLLEYBALL:
2PM TO 4PM

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5

