

GRAPESCCIN JULY 2021



June Birthday

Vince H June 7, 1966
Caroll Y June 1, 1976
Cynthia S June 15, 1980
Barbara B June 8, 1984
Terry M June 6, 1985
Peter V. June 6, 1985
Joan Rose S.6/17, 1985
Jennifer M June 6, 1987
Earlene W June 5, 1989
Jerry M June 6, 1989
Stan June 4, 1999
Tom R June 21, 1999
Kelley H June 29, 1996
Dana C. June 16, 1993
Kathie W. 6/12/00
Carrie Z June 21, 2001
Dave S. 6/6/05
Gary R June 9 2006
Sean H. June 10, 2006
Carrie O June 2, 2007
Jess F. June 27, 2009
Janice O June 15, 2011
Johnny R June 3, 2012
Amanda T June 6, 2012
Sal L June 12, 2012
Craig M June 6, 2013
Steve C June 1, 2014
Rob V. (6/8/2016)
Marta S 6-22-16
Jocelyn M. 6/29, 2009
In memoriam
Richard Lien 48 yrs.
1933 - 2014
Rich L. 38 yr June 1965
or 6
Richard (Sully) S. June
22, 1962-2020

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MONTH, PLEASE CONSIDER
GIVING BACK A DOLLAR
FOR EVERY YEAR YOU
HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE
GIFT OF SOBRIETY!

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

Saturday July 3, 2021 7:00-8:15 pm.

Speaker: Kenna F. 35 yrs Pasadena, CA.

HOST GROUP: Conscious Contact

Service Opportunities

Intergroup NEEDS Area Reps for Areas : 1 Watsonville; 3-greater Soquel; 11- San Lorenzo Valley. Be a link between your groups and Intergroup! - 1 mtg. a month required. Be up on the latest, and give back to AA.

Intergroup: Still needs Treasurer (some bookkeeping experience preferred; time requirement waived) Call/email Magi through 831 475-5782 or come at 7 to Intergroup, and bring questions.

H & I: Please encourage your Home Groups to elect an H and I Rep and have them attend the H and I Steering Committee 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM! **All Info at handisc.org. A doc with all current**

openings is attached for jails and treatment centers (with flyers at end)*

Preparing to reopen jails in Sept— **You must submit application to be certified!** For volunteer ?s, email Kat at santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Open Central Office shift: Tuesday, 9-1; 1 yr sobriety suggested. Need more 12th step volunteers also. Call 831 475-5782.

Activities- needs volunteers for planning next Jeopardy , and Sept. in person barbeque. Contact Grey through 831 475-5782

Diverter-: Open shift- 4th Tues, 11 pm-7 am. Contact Jack with interest through 831 475-5782.

Birthday Speaker Meeting committee needs Treasurer- 3 year sobriety **Meetings**

H & I : Wed. 7/28 7 pm; next 8/25 handisc.org for Zoom link, info.

Intergroup (Open to all) : 7/7, 7:30 pm. Come early if new volunteer.

GSR: 7/7, 6:45-7:30 new orientation;7:30 main meeting. Zoom link in Calendar

Website Committee: 7/11, 7-8 pm Zoom posted in Calendar

Bylaws: Tues. 7/20 6 pm.Contact kim@kimhoganfinearts.com for info on attending

BIPOC service- contact to volunteer bipocrecovery@gmail.com

Birthday Speaker Meeting Business meeting: 7/22, 6:30 pm- Zoom: ID: 84167317231; PW: 8675309; next meetings (bi-monthly)- 7/22, 9/23

Newsletter Writing Group: 7/11, 4-5 pm; email grapesccin@gmail.com

To be added to list and receive the Zoom information

Reflections on the gradual re opening of AA meetings in the county, and our past year

Be ready for changes every week on the website! Please have secretary submit the meeting change on the change request form located at "Meeting and Website Changes" on bottom of our website home page; the web master is informing Central office of all the meetings which are changing to in-person, or hybrid, so volunteers can tell callers.

HOW TO READ SCHEDULE: If a physical address is listed, the meeting is in person. If Zoom info is listed, the meeting is Online. If both are listed, it is either a Hybrid meeting, or concurrent, but separate meetings - one in-person and one online.

We understand that some facilities are not reopening rooms to outside groups, so it may be a little slow going. We also understand that not all meetings are re-listing in the schedule. (A few have wanted to just do a "soft opening" with members who have kept current over last year before they put it in the website.)

Personally, I have been incredibly grateful for Zoom, both because I can still go to my regular meetings, but also hit a meeting in New York City or my old home towns, see and hear friends who I haven't been able to see in person. I know nothing replaces a big hug from a member of your home group, and the meeting before or after the meeting. However, Zoom has been invaluable to most of us over the shutdown, and I am grateful for it and hope it continues for many of the big speaker meetings, and business meetings. Mary K.

Here's Peg's reaction to having that sacred space violated from earlier in the pandemic.

Dear Zoom Bombers
By Peg Pierce
8-24-2020

Zoom Bombers (and elementary school custodian and junior high school counselor you might as well read this too),

How dare you? How dare you take the sense of safety and smash it into the ground like a cigarette butt? How dare you violate our safe space, the place we go to do the work, the hard work you so clearly need to do on yourselves? How dare you take your sicknesses, mix them together, blend them into one super-hideous disease, and coat the inner sanctity, our safety net, with your ugliness? Really, how dare you?

I'm not so sure I want your answer, not even sure I want to give you any attention, pretty certain I do not want to affirm your nasty-hateful-hurtful-downright-caustic behavior by even acknowledging you. Kind of like the runner across the baseball field, they are not put on camera, their name is not announced, they get no airtime or any other attention with which to feed their ego.

And yet . . .

I spoke to you then, and I speak to you now, and I even find myself considering talking about what happened today on social media. Not because I want to feed your sick craving for attention, not because I think what you did was ok, but because I want others to know how to be on guard, what to watch for, how NOT to do what I have done, but rather how to react like my co-host did, how to take action, get rid of you, get you out of our room, remove you. I froze, my brain froze, I could not think of the word 'remove' only of 'mute', which did nothing but allow you more time to display your sick imagery and make your vicious threats. I watched my mouse fly across my monitor as your pictures ricocheted from

here to there, my finger clicking frantically on mute, my panic rising to take more and more control, paralyzing me in my PTSD, the result of sexual predators from my early years. The janitor and guidance counselor I thought I could trust to keep me safe. My concern for the safety and well-being of our group, our zoom room, caused me to call out, "Shut your eyes" to which someone far more objective and sane than I in that moment, responded, "We've already seen all of this". I was so shocked, surprised, and saddened by the presence of a young woman as part of your team – a woman!

Why am I so bothered that a woman (but not a man) would be a zoom bomber. I don't know. Yet. That soul searching will come later. For now, I have to get back on the horse, back to hosting a meeting, back into zoom. I have to work on my reflexes remind myself to shut down your video, REMOVE you from the room. To be more alert from the git go, be prepared for the likes of you. What I do know is that I felt betrayed. How could a person cause such turmoil? I was so shocked when the woman in your ranks stated your purpose, to hack all of our computers.

Was it because of the fires that my guard was down? I saw you all come in. Hell, I LET you in, names I did not recognize, one right after the other, I just kept clicking 'admit' while my imagination told me you were fire-related displaced persons, or actually that you came to us because your regular meeting was a fire-related displaced meeting, and I was so glad you found us, a normally very open and welcoming group, and that we would benefit from the influx of new blood, the silver lining of whatever technical difficulties you might have had that brought you to us.

Our meeting is Inclusive by its very nature. We welcome the visitor, the newcomer, and the wayward member finally returning home to us. I am so angry – at you for violating our safe space, inflicting your agenda upon us. But I don't even know what your agenda is. Really, what is the point? Are you making a statement? Is there a method to your madness? Is there some kind of gratification you get from seeing our reactions to your actions? I really don't understand. Do I even WANT to understand your agenda? I don't think I do. I cannot begin to imagine why I might need this information. Because I cannot imagine anything positive, productive, persuasive, or profound about your actions.

So, yes, I asked you a question. How dare you? But I require no answer. I simply require that you stop. I understand that I am powerless over you – I am powerless over everything but my actions and my attitudes. So, I will educate myself on quick ways to remove someone from a meeting; I will check with others about unfamiliar names, cautiously maintaining our inclusivity, I will practice removing, I will pay very close attention to what's happening in the room so that I can take quick, appropriate, responsive action. I will not live in fear that you might enter our rooms again. No, I will stand strong, empowered, sober. I will protect the wounded child in me, and remind myself that I am a woman in recovery, I am part of a team, a community. I have resources, I can ask for help, and I can offer help when I am asked. And, I can remind myself, in the name of love and tolerance, that you are probably a wounded soul and I can pray for you, for healing, for recovery.

Creator,
Zoom bombers.
Zoom bombers, Creator.

Dear Creator,
Please help,
Love, Peg

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL:
JUNE 2nd, 2021
Minutes
Commenced 7:31 pm**

OPENING CUSTOMS:

Serenity Prayer, Preamble & 12 Traditions

Birthdays David T. May 9th 23 Years! Vicki M. May 24th 32 Years! Marilyn T. 42 Years!

Dion May 22nd 18 months! Krishna, May 1st 35 years! Christina 9 years!

Approval of previous month's minutes motion by David T and seconded.

REPORTS:

Chair: Magi Group Inventory discussion. Are we missing anything? Can we do better? Do we have any shortcomings? Kimberlee asked about the plan – separate meeting? Written via email or during a regular meeting? Answer – regular meeting, and individual reports would be sent in writing instead.

Joint Committee on Safety. How do we make sure AA is safe and welcome to all people, and getting the recovery they need. Please contact Magi, there's only two people in the group.

Any change to your meeting – going hybrid, going in person –PLEASE fill out the form on the website. Any questions, Magi can help, but please do not contact Magi directly for changes to the website – use the form! Or contact your area rep about meeting changes. Now that people are returning live, we'll need to update the address list for meetings. Magi will be working on the update, we are anticipating a lot of changes.

Kathy C asked about trouble getting into a meeting, pass code not working, and there was an extra level of security requested. Magi suggested she contact the Web Chair. Mac B asked about meeting change procedure in terms of who is responsible, Intergroup or the individual group – Answer – Individual Group.

Deb D asked if a group can't pay rent to contact Intergroup to put the word out that the meeting needs support. Intergroup would not directly give money.

Vice Chair: Marianne absent by plan.

Treasurer: OPEN Bob reporting: April pretty bleak. Started \$18,687.89 had \$2619.44 donations from groups for a total of \$2726 income. Expenses were \$6,305.08. A grand total \$3199.25 in the hole. Loss of \$3,538.64 Do not be discouraged. Yearly liability insurance and employment taxes were paid, so we had abnormal expenses.

Office Manager: Bob – Things are getting busier! Has volunteers most of the time, but people are taking unexpected vacations, but time was covered somehow. The Log shows 193 calls and 78 visitors (top of his head numbers). Things are good!

Mary asked if there were any openings, and everything is currently covered. Bob is wondering if he should start moving back to Aptos Park for our meetings. Magi thought the discussion would be best for Steering Committee

BSM Chair: Kathy Income \$107.00.

June 5th doors open at 6:30 Speaker Thaddious K from Union City – 8 Years and hosted by Saved by Grace.

Kenna from Pasadena with 35 years for July – still looking for host groups for July and August. Kathy will send info to Joel to help recruiting a host group.

Please make sure to make a note in the Paypal donation at the BSM.

Kathy has been discussing returning to live meeting with the committee, but until she meets with the center, she cannot commit to when we'll meet in person again.

Reminder – if you have a birthday in June, stop by Central Office for a free chip!

Kathy needs a new treasurer for the BSM – need 3 years sobriety.

Recording Secretary is also needed - 6 month sobriety required. Please announce at your groups.

Bob said the BSM committee is doing a great job! He mentioned that people picking up their chip have been making small donations in the donation jar. Yay!

Activities Chair: Grey not present. Kimberlee reported the Jeopardy game was great fun and asked for better coordination with the Website committee to have the event posted on the meeting page. Darcy and Jack were the winners of the 2nd game show. People have asked about repeating the game, so there is discussion for once a month.

Diverter Chair: Jack Shifts: 3rd Thursday 5-7pm and 3rd Friday 7pm to 11pm available. They've been empty for a while, please announce at your groups! A handbook is sent out to help with calls, and the phone doesn't ring very much, so it's a super easy commitment. Call Jack. 831-234-4346. Sobriety requirement is 6 months. Calls are diverted to your phone, so it's super easy!

Newsletter Chair: Mary. There may be an error on the dates for some meetings based on fliers she's received. There's a writing group meeting on the 3rd Sunday at 4:00. Some discussion about going back in person, but people haven't responded to Live or Zoom.

Bylaws Chair: Kim. Format was finalized and is much easier to read with the full table of contents. Was presented to the Steering Committee, so they're ready for the Website. Next meeting 6pm June 15th.

Website Chair: Murias not present, texted Magi. The Website was down over the weekend but was quickly resolved. He has a new position available on the committee for every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Delegate at Large: OPEN

Recording Secretary: Kimberlee reported the Bylaws and all Steering Committee and Intergroup Meetings Minutes are all saved in the cloud. The Birthday Speakers are also saved there, so if anyone needs anything, they're all saved and can easily be emailed.

GS Liaison: Matt. Big News General Service Conference was on Zoom; our Area's Delegate Jennifer participated and made a report, so if you'd like to hear what went on – she is going to visit us at our District Meeting.

Several Agenda Topics passed – Highlights:

Preamble will be updated to Men and Women will change AA is a fellowship of People. 12 x 12 line about lustful enough to rape will be removed and modified, and the line about “seeking to find a mate of the opposite sex” will be removed.

Sponsorship pamphlet will be updated also from “choose opposite sex” to “choose where sexual entanglement will be unlikely”. 5th Edition of the Big Book is in the works.

Marilyn asked about a new Big Book, but Matt said that hasn't changed yet.

General Service District Meeting is next Week. The meeting information is on the AA Website under business meetings. Matt's email address is in the chat if you would like more information.

H&I Liaison: David T. Info in the Chat, but at H&I we provide meetings and carry the message to institutions. We send a lot of literature who would not otherwise have access to AA material. That's where most of your \$\$ go.

- a. If you have any questions about sobriety requirements or service opportunities, please contact the volunteer Coordinator Katryn K. Info in the chat
- b. Handlsc.org website has been updated, please check it out for service positions.
- c. Encourage your meetings to elect an H and I Representative. 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The link to the business meetings is on the website and on the H and I website.
- d. Janus Perinatal and New Life are having live meetings, they need help.
- e. Round Minimum Security Facility is open for Zoom Meetings

There are lots of opportunities for being of service in jails, and you HAVE to complete the clearance forms to get approved to carry a meeting in the facility! Get on it!

Coordinators are needed for the facilities and the people holding the meetings also.

Mary asked if people want to volunteer, do they HAVE to attend the meeting?

David answered that it's a good idea, but may not be necessary, so contact Katryn.

They've been going through a transition with getting back to live meetings and filling the spots for the service positions. The facility coordinator is just responsible for making sure there's enough secretaries. Janus has 16, so that's a big one, but others are only 4, 5, or 6, so it depends on the facility.

Time requirement varies because they're subject to the institution's requirement. 6 Months to a couple of years, so you must check with the facility to find out, or with the facility coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Open Positions: Treasurer, We need a Treasurer! Magi asked if anyone was available...no response – please pass it along.

Area 1 Rep, Watsonville / La Selva Any Volunteers? **Still Open**

Area 3 Rep, Greater Soquel, everything except the White Church. Still Open

Area 9 Rep, West Side and Davenport Laurel Street, onward. **John J Volunteered, votes were counted and he was elected. Woohoo!**

Area 11 Rep San Lorenzo Valley, Boulder Creek, Felton, all of that! **Still Open**

NEW BUSINESS:

Area Rep Reports:

Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): OPEN

Area 2 (Aptos): Darcy Attended the HOW Group meeting Wed at 8:00 and inquired about a volunteered and they didn't seem too interested. It is a virtual meeting.

Area 3 (Greater Soquel): OPEN

Area 4 (Soquel Main St): Julie has called Donut Group, they do have a rep, and she needs to go to a men's meeting.

Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rick – no report, everything going good!

Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Jordan – no report, but has questions about the spiel, so she knows what to say. She put her contact info in the chat.

Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): David H. Everything going good. Is looking for a sponsor group for the July BSM.

Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): Joel-will start looking for a group for BSM for August.

Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): OPEN John J is the new guy!

Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): Dion From the Heart Meeting needs a rep, so he made some announcements and his goal is to hit some other meetings. There's women's meeting he needs to attend to see how that goes.

Area 11 (SLV): OPEN

Magi noted that if you have an opposite gender meeting in your area, you can swap it with another area rep to make the announcements.

3 Take Aways:

Intergroup needs a Treasurer and Area Reps

Birthday Speaker Meeting needs a Treasurer and a Recording Secretary

H and I and Diverter have openings.

Motion to close, seconded, oops, but then Krishna said this Friday night at Highlands Park for \$10.00 there's a Barbeque, and the meeting at 6:00 is free!

Serenity Prayer at 8:35 pm to close the meeting!

Help Wanted - June 2021

Hospitals and Institutions Committee Santa Cruz County - Area 73

Please visit HandISC.org/Voluneer and fill out the volunteer form. We will be in touch with you to initiate your volunteering and placement into an open meeting. For more information and to volunteer please visit: HandISC.org for form; print it and sign it (for jails), bring to H & I meeting; send an email to Kat at: santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com with further ?s.

Correctional Facilities:

Ben Lomond Fire Camp - Needs Coordinator. Male or female, 3 years sobriety. Email santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Blaine Street Women's Jail - Needs Coordinator. Female, 3 years sobriety. Email santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Water Street Jail/Women - Needs Coordinator. Female, 3 years sobriety. Email santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Juvenile Hall - Needs Coordinator - Male and Female, 3 years sobriety. Email santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Behavioral Health/Dual Diagnosis Facilities:

Behavioral Health Unit - Needs Coordinator. Male or female, 3 years sobriety. santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Casa Pacific - Needs Coordinator. Male or female, 3 years sobriety. Email santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

El Dorado Center - Needs Coordinator. Male or female, 3 years sobriety. santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Telos - Needs Coordinator. Male or female, 3 years sobriety. Email santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Rehabs/Treatment Centers:

New Life Treatment Center- Needs Coordinator. Male, 3 years sobriety. santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Transitional Housing For Homeless Veterans:

Paget Center - Needs Coordinator. Male or female, 3 years sobriety. santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com

Santa Cruz County Jails On Standby

Water Street Men's Jail On standby for in person meeting to resume

Water Street Women's Jail On standby for in person meeting to resume

Blaine Street Women's Facility On standby for in person meeting to resume

Roundtree Men's Facility On standby for in person meeting to resume

All Jail Facilities : One year sobriety, 5 years since last felony & 2 yrs since last misdemeanor required. Orientation and clearance required for service at both men's and women's county corrections facilities. Orientation is held on the first Wednesday at 1PM or last Wednesday at 6 p.m. at

Water Street Jail, 259 Water Street, Santa Cruz. You must complete an application before orientation can be scheduled. Please visit: HandISC.org to fill out an application.



SANTA CRUZ INTERGROUP

PRESENTS

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

HOSTED BY: CONSCIOUS CONTACT GROUP

KENNA F. — 35 YEARS

PASADENA, CA

JULY 3, 2021 7-8:15 PM PST

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July 9 - 11, 2021 (all times PDT)



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Friday, July 9

5:45 pm - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff
(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

6:00 pm - "Loving Our Three Legacies"
Sister Judith Ann Kumar, Class A Trustee

7:30 pm - "Our Primary Aim"
Tim C., Hayward CA

9:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity

Saturday, July 10

8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff
(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

9:00 am - "My Favorite Traditions"
Jimmy D., Dallas TX

10:30 am - Service Panels
Young People, Bridging The Gap, Corrections (H&I), Grapevine

12:00 pm - Break

12:30 pm - "Why Stay? Overcoming Racial Barriers"
Kesha S., Grinnell IA

2:00 pm - "Three Legacies, Family Style"
Craig, Marissa and Stephen, Sandy Hook CT

This 2 Hour and 15-Minute Session Includes a 15-Minute Break at 3 pm Before Concluding at 4:15 pm

4:30 pm - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Foundation"
Steve L., Nashville TN

6:00 pm - Close with Responsibility Statement

Sunday, July 11

8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff
(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

9:00 am - "The 12 Concepts"
Ashley J., The Beacon Group, Boston

10:30 am - Service Panels
PS/CPC, Intergroup/Hotline, General Service, Sponsorship

12:00 pm - Break

12:30 pm - "Never Too Young For General Service"
Katie H., Fair Oaks CA

2:00 pm - Ask It Basket with Speakers
Sister Judith Ann, Tim, Jimmy, Kesha, Steve, Ashley, Katie, Craig, Marissa, Stephen

3:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity

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Monterey Bay Area Roundup (MBAR)

The Monterey Bay Area Roundup (MBAR) committee has made the decision to put all of it's efforts into a face-to-face conference to be held on Labor Day 2022. If you would like to participate in putting this fun event together, the planning meetings are on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 am.

- Zoom Meeting ID: 831 4306 2293
- Password: 2022