

# GRAPESCCIN MAY 2021



## April Birthdays

### APRIL

Jason O April 1, 1985  
Evie April 9, 1989  
Garth S April 4, 1990  
Vaughn F April 11, 1993  
Kendra M Apr 2, 1994  
Julie A April 5, 1994  
Craig S (Oceanside) April 18, 1994  
Juliet M April 10, 1998  
Ardelle April 11, 1998  
Lou C. April 13, 1998  
Ben W April 4, 1998  
Michael H April 24, 1999  
Judi D April 7, 2002  
Paul T April 9, 2013  
John April 28, 2013  
Carissa Y April 5, 2015  
Curly T April 12, 2015  
Keith H. April 19, 2014  
Amanda G. April 30, 2014  
Julie R. April 4 2015

### In memoriam

Nancy R. 5 yrs. Aug. 8, 2004  
Susan A. 35 yrs. April 4 1985

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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 May 1, 2021 7:00-8:15 pm.**

**Speaker: Kay S. 44 yrs Studio City, CA.**

**HOST GROUP: Early Risers**

### Service Opportunities

**Intergroup NEEDS Area Reps for Areas :** 1 Watsonville; 3-greater Soquel; 9- Westside/ Davenport; 11- San Lorenzo Valley. Be a link between your groups and Intergroup! - 1 mtg. a month.

**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](http://handisc.org).** Also tell them about the penpal program. Info available on same page, with also a lengthy doc with all the openings for service at jails and treatment centers. Preparing to reopen in the next few months. Only Janus is now open.

\*There are a few openings for Secretaries at Janus. 6 months of sobriety is required and you should contact Sabrina L., the Janus Coordinator if interested.

**Bridging the Gap conference** 5/12, 12 pm-5 pm (see attached flyer)

**Open Central Office shifts: Sat 10-2;** call Central office to volunteer, 1 yr sobriety.

**Activities volunteer:s UPCOMING: SPEAKER/AA History GAMESHOW- May 15th-needs co-host and contestant,** contact Grey through 831 475-5782

**Diverter-: Openings:** 1st Tuesday of month 11pm-7 am; 3rd Monday 5 pm-7 pm; 5th Sunday 11 pm-7 pm. Contact Jack with interest through 831 475-5782

### Meetings

**H & I :** Wed. 7 pm, 4/28/21 ,7 pm; next 5/26 [handisc.org](http://handisc.org) for Zoom link, info.

**Intergroup (Open to all) :** 5/5 7:30 pm. Come early if volunteer for 1 of the 2 openings.

**GSR:** 5/12, 6:45-7:30 new orientation;7:30 main meeting. Zoom link in Calendar

**Website Committee:** 4/28. Next mtg TBD at that time.

**Bylaws:** Tues.5/18, 6 pm.Contact [kim@kimhoganfinearts.com](mailto:kim@kimhoganfinearts.com) for info on attending

**BIPOC service committee-** contact to volunteer [bipocrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:bipocrecovery@gmail.com)

**Birthday Speaker Meeting Business meeting:** 5/27, 6:30 pm- Zoom:

ID: 84167317231; PW: 8675309; next meetings (bi-monthly)- 7/22, 9/23

**Newsletter Writing Group:** 5/9, 4-5 pm; email [grapesccin@gmail.com](mailto:grapesccin@gmail.com) for Zoom link.

### Upcoming Events Locally

**Monterey Bay Founders Day:** June 12, 6-9:30 pm: Games, Speaker, Raffle (Flyer attached with Zoom link.,

(International) **Language of the Heart women's brunch:** June 13th, register by June 5th. Will receive Zoom link when registering. Will attach flyer again in June newsletter.

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL: APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Minutes (these minutes have not yet been approved.)**  
**They were condensed for newsletter.**

**OPENING CUSTOMS: 7:30**

Birthdays David H. Area 7 Rep- 14 years / Kim - Bylaws Chair -40 years!  
Approval of previous month's minutes

**REPORTS:**

**Chair:** Magi Huge Thank you for the referrals, people have been reaching out for info on becoming Area Group Reps.

- Topic of reaching newcomers during quarantine was brought up and a survey was put out asking for feedback. Thought of Newcomer packets. Would like to get together to discuss. Sample will be sent out
- Idea for Joint Committee with Intergroup and General Service to discuss safety at meetings.
- Alisa from Gay and Grateful Meeting needs our prayers!

**Vice Chair:** Marianne – Last couple of weeks have been out to meetings to spread the word for Intergroup Reps and Area Reps!

**Treasurer:** OPEN Financial report sent out, but not the most updated one. Bob reported Group donation \$2,890.69 BSM brought \$185.00 Income for month \$3,075.69.  
Expenses pretty normal \$2,902.35 giving a balance of \$173.34 profit. Kathy (BSM) asked if that was for February and Kathy corrected the income- \$212.00 for February

**Office Manager:** Bob-keeping ahead of bills. Looking for a Saturday 10-2 volunteer! Great volunteers filling other positions. A new sign is out front to show they are open. Kimberlee asked about call volume, and Bob says it's steady, and getting more 12 step calls. Brought up idea of having live chat on Website. Magi said to discuss with Murias.

**BSM Chair:** Kathy. Income from March BSM \$160.00 and April was \$257.00.  
Ext Speaker MTG 5-1-2021, opening time changed from 6:00 to 6:30pm  
Speaker is Gail L. from Akron Ohio – 42 years. \* Changed last minute (4/21/21) Host Group Early Risers. (See flyer) If you make a donation, add BSM to the memo line. Get a free chip if it's your birthday month at Central Office!

**Activities Chair:** Grey. Fundraiser is is May 15, 2021 7:00PM for Speaker/Jeopardy Game Show. Working on the poster/flier for the website. Prizes are approved. Get ahold of Grey for more information. Call central Office to volunteer or compete and leave number, Grey will call you. They'll need a co-host for Zoom.

There will be contestants for Jeopardy, with AA history questions, then a half hour speaker. It will be reviewed. Grey has played it before. Grey needs an aasantacruz.org email. He'll discuss with Murias.

**Diverter Chair:** Jack All shifts are full!

**Newsletter Chair:** Mary Writing Group Meeting Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – it's on the Website. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday from 4-5 pm. Please make sure to send Mary your fliers for any activities so she can post into the Newsletter. Kathy asked for the deadline. It's always the Friday after the Steering Committee meeting, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month.

**Bylaws Chair:** Kim Met last week, next meeting April 20 at 6pm, reviewing bylaws.

**Website Chair:** Murias Still figuring out when regular meeting will be, and now getting caught up on emails. Maya asked about virtual newcomer packet. Murias said they're thinking about it. Magi brought up that any ideas are welcome and to send to the committee.

**Recording Secretary:** OPEN – Kimberlee sitting in for tonight.

**GS Liaison:** Matt E.

Past month very busy – Weekend had the first virtual PRAASA meeting. (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly). There was a lack of diversity in the panelists. A letter on the subject was sent and well received. Teddy requested a liaison to serve on the committee. Next year's meeting will be in Portland on the first weekend in March. Pre conference assembly last weekend. A lot of representation from Santa Cruz delivering group consciences.

A motion was made 2 years ago to prepare a pamphlet for the Transgender Alcoholic. Support was nearly unanimous and the motion passed. Next year the pamphlet will be presented for review.

**H&I Liaison:** David T. March 24<sup>th</sup> was their meeting, and there were 9 groups that donated \$522.98, in the bank Santa Cruz H&I \$2,604.98. Meetings being taken back into Janus. Started March 29<sup>th</sup>. There are a couple of openings for Secretaries at Janus. It's a once a month commitment to secretary the meeting and get a speaker. The Coordinator at Janus is Sabrina L. The H and I website [www.HandISC.org](http://www.HandISC.org). You can find all the help wanted stuff. Good idea to get a jump on it if you're interested. Look for the volunteer button on the front page.

Krishna asked about timing on the Janus meetings. David was not aware of the current schedule. Magi (works at Janus) stated typically until 5:00, the residents are busy, so probably the meeting times are after 5:00 pm. A different fellowship comes in at 6:30. Residents really need H and I visitors! A lot of them have never been to a meeting and it's the most interaction they'll get with recovery.

**CRUZYPAA Liaison:** No one present for this. **They need to elect a new rep.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Open Positions:**

**Treasurer-** 3 year Sobriety, however time can now be waived. Be responsible for accurate accounting for Intergroup. Attend 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays for Council and Steering. Asked for volunteers...No one volunteered.

**Recording Secretary.** 3 year sobriety requirement, keep minutes for Council and Steering. Kimberlee volunteered. Sobriety requirement was waived, and the vote was taken. Kimberlee elected!

#### **Area 1 Rep, Area 3 Rep, Area 6 Rep, Area 9 Rep, Area 10 Rep, Area 11 Rep. Job-**

Attend meetings in your area twice a year: find host group for BSM when it's your area's turn. Get Reps at meetings in your area.; attend Council and Steering. It's a voting position.

**Area 1- Watsonville/ LaSelva:** Jordan asked about Gender specific meetings. The answer is to go to the meeting early, give updates from Intergroup, and ask if they're comfortable during the announcement period to make Intergroup Announcements. Or you can swap with another Intergroup Rep if Gender or timing doesn't work. No Volunteers.

**Area 3- Greater Soquel-** Every meeting that is not the White Church. In Soquel, includes Mattison Lane. No Volunteers

**Area 6, East Santa Cruz-** Pleasure Point, Mid Town, one of the bigger Areas. Grey asked if it includes Zoom meetings and in Person meetings. Yes, all meetings are included. Jordan Volunteered... Sobriety time waived. Jordan voted in!

**Area 9 West Side/Davenport-** Called for Volunteers. No Volunteers.

**Area 10 Scotts Valley & Emeline.** Dion K. Volunteered! Dion Voted in!

**Area 11-San Lorenzo Valley & Bonny Doon-** No Volunteers.

**NEW BUSINESS: No new business**

**Area Rep Reports:**

Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): OPEN

Area 2 (Aptos): Darcy. Contacted groups and reminded them of the meeting, and they're here!

Area 3 (Greater Soquel): OPEN

Area 4 (Soquel Main St): Julie not present

Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rick-made it to a couple meetings, Big thanks to Early Risers and Julie C for stepping up to the plate and being available to Host the May BSM!

Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Now Jordan. An SLE in area is starting an in person mtg in their backyard.

Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): David H. Went to a couple meetings without Reps. David asked if Santa Cruz Fellowship has an Intergroup Rep, and they do not.

Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): Joel. Reps are present and he's attended a couple meetings.

Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): OPEN

Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): Now Dion!

Area 11 (SLV): OPEN

**3 Take Aways:**

Areas Open for Reps! **(1, 3, 9, and 11)** Also: **Treasurer.** Please recruit for openings.

Saturday Office Staff 10-2:00 Saturdays

Birthday Speaker Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Zoom Jeopardy Event

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Krishna asked about hybrid meetings and information about them. Magi asked all to please bring info back to Intergroup. Can also post a request link on the website request form if changing to hybrid.

Marianne motioned to close 2<sup>nd</sup>d 8:36 pm

Our own Denise R. had an article published in the April issue of Grapevine and sent it to us to be reprinted. The importance of fellowship and our home groups is highlighted within.



## TWISTED SISTERS

**L**OVE my home group. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in a cozy little room next to a little white church in Soquel, California, two miles inland from beautiful Capitola Village.


We read the Spiritual

Experience appendix in the back of the Big Book to start us off, read a section and then we all share by candlelight. There are some pretty amazing sober women in this group. It's a very intimate meeting and good

times as well as hard times are shared. There's so much support here; we know we can count on each other.

When I got sick and tired of being sick and tired and decided to come into AA, I just followed the footsteps of two very special people in my life. They were already sober, and we had all drunk together, so I decided "if they could do it, I can do it." Thank God for these examples.

Right away, I hooked into a women's meeting in Aptos and met some awesome sober women. One of the women asked me to come to a brand-new meeting (which didn't even have a name yet), so I showed up and worked it into my



Wednesday night schedule. They were trying to think of a name. One of the ladies had been on a retreat and a priest had made a comment about his nun friends by lovingly calling them his “twisted sisters.” We all looked at each other and said, “That’s it!”

That was 23 long years ago and our Twisted Sisters AA meeting is still going strong. We get a lot of out-of-towners coming just because they see our name listed in the local AA meeting schedule. Visitors relate to our twisted thinking, which needs to get untwisted!

We have fun at Twisted Sisters. We go on camping trips to Big Sur, garage sales

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**We go on camping trips and service assemblies. When we go on vacation, everyone takes a “toenails in paradise” photo—a picture of where our feet are.**

and service assemblies. We have gone on sober cruises, sober vacations, women’s retreats and the AA International Convention. We wear badges with our home group name on it, and everyone loves to comment on them.

When you come to visit our group, we have our own meeting chips that we love



to pass out. The chips are pink, and one side says, “Pink Cloud” and the other says “Twisted Sisters.” Our group has a fun tradition. When we go on vacation, everyone takes a “toenails in paradise” photo—a picture of where our feet are. We have so many photos now! And we definitely seek out AA meetings wherever we go.

We always get a smile when we say our home group name. We are so lucky. We women have found a way out and a way of life that has truly rocketed us into the Fourth Dimension. Please come by and visit!

DENISE R.  
*Santa Cruz County,  
Calif.*

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**NOTICE: SPEAKER HAS CHANGED,  
BUT EARLY RISERS IS STILL HOSTING-  
RIGHT ON!**

**SANTA CRUZ INTERGROUP**

PRESENTS

**BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING**

HOSTED BY: EARLY RISERS

**KAY S. — 44 YEARS**

**STUDIO CITY, CA**

**MAY 1, 2021 7-8:15 PM PST**

**ZOOM ID: 891 4678 6139  
PASSCODE: 8675309  
DIAL IN (669) 900-9128**

**7TH TRADITION  
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ADD A NOTE—"BSM-5/1/21"**

A Special  
Workshop

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

BRIDGING  
THE  
GAP

TEMPORARY CONTACTS

Saturday May 15th 2021

Bridging the Gap is the Temporary Contact Program between a treatment and/or a correctional facility and A.A. It is designed to help the alcoholic in the facility make that transition from inside to AA on the outside.

[altcoordinator@btgww.org](mailto:altcoordinator@btgww.org)

**ALL TIMES EASTERN**

12:00PM	ABOUT BRIDGING THE GAP
12:45PM	BRIDGING THE GAP IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES
1:30PM	BRIDGING THE GAP IN TREATMENT FACILITIES
2:15PM	WORKING WITH PROFESSIONALS
3:00PM	HOW IT WORKS
3:45PM	TECHNOLOGY TOOLS
4:30PM	IN PERSON IN SEPTEMBER

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MBAIAA  Presents

## *Founders Day*

A Virtual Celebration

Saturday, June 12 2021 6pm-9pm

**Zoom ID: 652-224-0517**

**Password: 061035**

**Speaker: Mary B  
Walnut Creek, CA**

Fellowship-Unity-Trivia-50/50 Raffle-Prizes


**6-6:45 : Games & Fellowship**

**7-8:00: Speaker**

**8-9:00: Raffle-Games-Prizes &  
Fellowship**

**50/50 Raffle Tickets  3/ \$5.**

**Venmo: @aamonterey comment "Raffle"**

The background of the entire page is a soft, light-colored wash with a dense collection of colorful butterflies in various sizes and colors, including shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, pink, and purple. The butterflies are scattered across the page, creating a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere.

**18th Annual  
Language of the Heart Women's Brunch**

Sunday, June 13, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

11:30 am - 2:00 pm PST

Speakers:

**Julia K. Berlin, Germany**

**Rosie T. Seal Beach, CA**

"Doors" will open at 11:15 AM. Meeting starts at 11:30 AM

Registration is Free & there will be an online auction

Space is limited, so please respond by June 5, 2021.

**Send your registration to [lothwb@gmail.com](mailto:lothwb@gmail.com)**

With the following information:

Name, Home Group, Length of Sobriety (Years or months), email

Meeting code & password will be emailed to you on June 9th.

In keeping with the Spirit of Anonymity, please do not share this invitation on Social Media sites.