

# NOVEMBER 2021 GRAPESCCIN

## October Birthday List

### OCTOBER

Michele D. 10/24/76  
Marty W 10/11/78  
Nancy N 10/13/1980  
Vanessa S 10/21/81  
Sally Ann 10/16/85  
Ken C 10/12/86  
Sheri 10/31/87  
Lee J 10/30/88  
Erik H. 10/18/91  
Briana K 10/26/91  
Barbara H. 10/13/92  
Denise R. 10/14/94  
Tim M 10/28/94  
Clare T. 10/17/95  
Penny C. 10/22/95  
Tim E Oct 2, 2000  
Kimberly H. 10/30  
2000  
John S. 10/20/02  
Brigid F. 10/1/06  
Casey L. 10/1/07  
Kathy D. 10/4/07  
Christine R. 10/26/12  
Gary H. 10/7/13  
Rose T. 10/15/14  
Joe Newman - 10/19/14

### In memoriam

Dan C. 59 yrs. 10/4/  
1947

**To be added-Email:**  
[grapesccin@gmail.com](mailto:grapesccin@gmail.com)

**Pick up your chip at  
Central Office as the  
Birthday Speaker  
Meeting is still  
zooming!**

**Will go back in  
person- Jan 2022  
at the Senior Center**



## BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING

**Saturday, November 6 - 7:00-8:15 pm.**

**Speaker: Debbie D. Concord 45 yrs.**

**hosts: Ben Lomond Speaker Discussion**

## **HALLOWE'EN DANCE OCT. 29TH, 7-10, VETERAN'S HALL**

### Service Opportunities

**Intergroup NEEDS Area Reps for Areas : 1 -Watsonville; 8- The Little Red Church.** If you go to meetings in one of these areas, be of service and be a link between groups and Intergroup! Thanks, Kimberlee, for doing Greater Soquel!

**Intergroup: Treasurer elected** Congratulations, Clint!

**H & I:** Please volunteer to be a coordinator! SC Behavioral Health (3 locations) is reopening. And jails also. Encourage your Home Groups to elect an H and I Rep, attend the H and I Steering Committee 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM!

**All Info at [handisc.org](http://handisc.org)** . An important announcement follows after Minutes. For volunteer ?s, email Kat: [santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com](mailto:santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com)

**Open Central Office shifts:** Fiday, 9-1. 6 mo suggested. Call 831 475-5782 and volunteer. Great way to be of service!

**Diverter open shift:** 3rd Thursday, 5-7 pm. Call 831 475-5782; leave name & no.

**Activities Committee:** needs recording secretary. Contact Grey; call Central for #.

**Birthday Speaker Meeting** committee needs new Secretary in January, and new recording secretary. Sobriety requirements/jobs described after **Minutes**

**CRUZYPAA back in action!**. Many positions open, see more detailed announcement and time of meeting, **after Minutes**. YPAA, please step up!

### Meetings : Zoom links in Calendar, [aasantacruz.org](http://aasantacruz.org)

**Intergroup meeting (Open to all)- 11/ 3**, new volunteers, 7 pm, mtg. 7:30-8:30

**Activities committee-** bring finger food to Hallowe'en dance, Vet Hall, 10/29

**H & I :** Wed. 7 pm; next: 10/27; 11/24; [handisc.org](http://handisc.org) for Zoom link, info. **See new announcements after Intergroup minutes**

**Intergroup:** 11/3 7:00 pm new volunteers, 7:30 pm meeting

**GSR:** 11/10 6:45-7:30 orientation for new reps; 7:30 district meeting.

**Website Committee:** 11/10, 7-8 pm

**Bylaws:** Tues. 11/16, 6 pm. Contact [kim@kimhoganfinearts.com](mailto:kim@kimhoganfinearts.com) for info.

**Birthday Speaker Meeting Business meeting: 11/18**, 6:30 pm-7:30

ID: 84167317231; PW: 8675309; (bi-monthly meeting)

**Newsletter Writing Group:** Sun. **11/14** 4-5:15 pm; email [grapesccin@gmail.com](mailto:grapesccin@gmail.com)

**SCFAA BSM- Speaker and chips- 11/27, 6-8 pm. Celebrate sobriety!**  
**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL: MINUTES**, edited for brevity  
OCTOBER 6th, 2021  
Commenced 7:30 PM

**OPENING CUSTOMS:**

Serenity Prayer, Preamble & 12 Traditions Preamble, Marty, Traditions, Marianne  
7th Tradition;- Posted in the chat -Intergroup Paypal  
Birthdays - Matt – 5 Years!  
Approval of previous month's minutes – Motion by Kimberlee, 2nd'd by Darcy, moved, 7:36 pm.

**REPORTS:**

Chair: Magi – Magi has a new kitten!! Updates for Joint committee on safety – long process to address issues of feeling unwanted. Magi is still looking for volunteers, and is in the process of working out regular meeting time.

GS Liaison: Matt- Reported early, since he has to leave. District 3 is hold a biannual group inventory discussing topics, and all members are welcome to attend the 2nd Wednesday of November. They need an alternate GS Liaison! Matt needs help! Please contact him to step up. Info posted in chat or email matt.dcmc03@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Marianne No report

Treasurer: Clint Reporting numbers that he has – they are not considered final:

August \$12,465. Income \$4,831.88 and Exp \$4,7708.05 for ending cash \$12,588.83 Gain \$123.83. BSM brought in \$145 – needs to discuss with Bob. Group Donations \$3,305.35 Kathy is questioning the BSM amount. Kimberlee asked about income from events – Clint says it's "Other Activities" \$1,021.53, this is not validated, so they're not verified.

Office Manager: Bob – Absent by Plan, but sent Magi a report. There are some vacancies in Central Office – Monday 1-5; Tuesday 1-5pm; Friday 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm. There are no volunteers for Fridays at all right now. We need Coverage! Please announce to your groups. Clint might be available to cover some shifts after the 15th of this month! Yay, he will reach out to Bob. Randy was questioning The Awareness Group's Hybrid meeting, and Magi will reach out to her separately

BSM Chair: Kathy Income for September was \$45.00 – hasn't received info for October yet. 30 years of Sobriety were celebrated. October had 163 years of sobriety.

Next meeting November 6th at 7pm Speaker Debbie D from Concord 45 years.

Host group is Area 11, and there's no area rep, so she's making some contacts.

Kathy has a new Speaker Coordinator – and BSM needs a chair (3 YR Sobriety requirement) and Secretary (6 MO sobriety requirement. More info in the chat.

BSM going live January 1, 2022! Volunteers will be needed.

David T asked for October numbers and she doesn't have them yet.

Kimberlee noted it would be a great day for a dance on New Year's Day. Kathy said no-way they will leave that up to the Activities Committee

Activities Chair: Grey - Halloween Ball is happening Friday October 29th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Band and potluck/finger food. Vets Hall downtown Santa Cruz.

Diverter Chair: Jack – Someone is missing in action and he had 5 shifts!

1st and 3rd Monday 7am to 9 am

3rd and 5th Wednesdays from 7am to 9am

4th Saturday 7am-10 am

Grey said he wasn't getting a call to relieve him, and Jack said sometimes people just log in without calling the prior volunteer.

Olivia asked about sobriety requirement – 6 months

Newsletter Chair: Mary absent by plan, sent Magi a report. Things are going well! Bob taught her to print, so she's doing that by herself. Writing group: Sunday the 10th from 4-5 – email [grapescin@gmail.com](mailto:grapescin@gmail.com) if you'd like the zoom info.

Bylaws Chair: Kim Committee met in September and they are gradually taking small sections of the Bylaws and reviewing them. Next meeting Oct 19th at 6pm

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Website Chair: Murias - Web Committee going well. There'll be a new section for "The Newcomer" they're still meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:pm.

Delegate at Large: OPEN

Recording Secretary: Kimberlee, David H. is going to be filling in next month as the Secretary!

H&I Liaison: David T. 2 Big Pieces of News – Behavioral health units are going to open in October – they need a coordinator and secretaries – he believes there are 3 units. Contact the volunteer coordinator Katryn. Number in the chat; financial report in there and the link to the website.

Salinas Valley Prison is allowing sponsorship of inmates. 5 years sobriety; grounded in Big Book, 12x12 and Sponsorship. Must go to the prison one a month to meet the Sponsee, but if you're interested, make sure and email Dave. The committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the Month.

CRUZYPAA Liaison: ???

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Open Area Rep positions – County broken up into areas and the rep serves as the middle person from the group to Intergroup Council. Recruit a group for the BSM when it's their term. Go to meeting twice per year.

Watsonville/LaSelva Area, no volunteers.

Area 3 Greater Soquel NOT the White Church – Kimberlee volunteered!

Area 8 Little Red Church – no volunteers.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Group Standards Check In

Magie sent a survey to Area Reps who have left Intergroup, and top 3 answers:

Meetings take too long

Where are the Area Reps? Don't always show up.

It's "off-putting" to see people arguing "all the time."

#### Area Rep Reports:

Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): OPEN

Area 2 (Aptos): Darcy S She sent out a reminder to the folks in her area. Went to Aptos Serenity Group, and they'll consider it when they go live again.

Area 3 (Greater Soquel): Kimberlee – new and no report

Area 4 (Soquel Main St): Julie Has no report

Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rick He made it to several meetings, and made announcements about the reps. Made calls to remind people of the meeting.  
Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Jordan, had to leave early, no report.  
Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): David H. Absent, no report  
Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): OPEN  
Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): John, No report, but back in Santa Cruz county! Has been to Sober Slugs and Bonny Doon Meeting.  
Area 10 (Scotts Valley/Emeline): Dion, Monday Night, Sunday before noon, goes to 2 meetings. His goal this month is the reach out the rest of the meetings in his area.  
Area 11 (SLV): OPEN

#### Takeaways

General Service needs Alternate DCMC  
Central Office has several positions  
BSM coming up November 6th  
Halloween event coming up Oct 29th at the Vets Hall  
Several Open Diverter shifts.

Motion to adjourn 8:20 pm. 2nd'd

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### **BIG NEWS from Central Office!**

Our longtime Central Office manager, Bob S. has resigned. He has served for 7 years, and brought a warm presence, dedication to serving AA, and his quirky sense of humor to the Santa Cruz office at 5732 Soquel Ave. When you come in to pick up chips and buy books for your meetings, he is the one who has been behind the scenes, keeping them in stock. He answers our questions and knows AA members all over Santa Cruz county, and how AA events have been working for many years.

Please send in your memories to [grapesccin@gmail.com](mailto:grapesccin@gmail.com)

Dear Fellow Alcoholics,

I'm sorry to say that I'm leaving my position as Office Manager and I wanted to offer my thanks to all of the Volunteers and Intergroup officers that I've shared this position with over the last seven yrs. I've served most of my sober life in 10 years in Intergroup and 10 years in General Service and it always was a part of being Sober for me.

Your Humble Servant,

Bob S.

Intergroup will be looking for a new Central Office manager. More news on this to come....  
Meantime, Grey and Mary K are serving as interim co-managers.

**CRUZYPAA** has available positions. **We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1pm at Harvey West on the benches near the friendship garden.**

OPEN POSITIONS:

Co-chair	Intergroup liaison	Co-bylaws
Co-secretary	Bid Chair & Co-Bid Chair	
Co-Treasurer	Facilities Chair	

**BSM Committee: Additional Information:** We are in need of a Chair, sobriety requirement 3 years; and a Recording Secretary (sobriety requirement: 6 months). Needs to be filled by January 1st. Please announce at your meetings!

**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 bi-monthly BSM Business Meetings

Prepare agenda for the BSM Business Meeting.

Assists Area reps with the selection of Host Groups

Sobriety requirement 3 years

**Recording Secretary:** take minutes, make any corrections, send them out promptly.  
6 month requirement

**H & I Committee- Additional Information:**

Its meeting is now **in person at 420 Melrose, Santa Cruz at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.**

**(10/27, 11/24)** 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 and a recording secretary to take notes.**

**Behavioral Health recovery centers are going to be opening soon.**Contact

[santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com](mailto:santacruzcountyhi@gmail.com) with interest. **They are especially looking for coordinators** who can connect potential secretaries with meetings.

**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 entirely 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.

But what about anonymity? Due to our dedicated P.O. Box and the cooperation of the prison administration, your anonymity is protected. Your name and address aren’t revealed.

IVSS is now being rolled out to the Salinas Valley State Prison.

**If you have a desire to participate in this ground breaking progra or if you have any questions, you can contact the Salinas Valley State Prison IVSS Coordinator: Dave R. at [svsp.ivss@gmail.com](mailto:svsp.ivss@gmail.com)**

**From the writing group**

I Come From A Family Of Women

by Peg P., 10-13-2021

I come from a family of women.  
I mean of course there was a man,  
My sisters and I would not be here if he hadn't been around.  
But from my experience, my family of origin is a family of women.

I come from a family of women.  
There were other men, later.  
Husbands, nephews, uncles. Sons, cousins, a brother.  
And a few rat bastards.

I come from a family of women.  
My deep-rooted family, the place I call home, consists mainly of women.  
Strong women, creative women, empowered women.  
Funny, smart, loyal, courageous, passionate women.

I come from a family of women.  
We are perfectly imperfect, with flaws, isms, and warts.  
Accomplished in a variety of ways. A force with which to be reckoned.  
We are women, hear us roar.

I come from a family of women, of my blood.  
I built a family of women, of my heart.  
I regularly choose women, as the professionals in my life.  
I go to women to feel safe, and seen, and heard, and advised.

I come from a family of women.  
I love the men in my family;  
I am grateful for them; I adore them.  
And, I come from a family of women. Happily so.

I live in a community of sobriety and recovery, which includes men.  
Brothers in sobriety. Men who are friends.  
I come from a family of women. I have created a family of people.

*Alcoholics Anonymous Santa Cruz County Intergroup Presents*

# **HALLOWEEN Ball and** *Costume Contest*

OCTOBER 29th | 7PM - 10PM

*Prizes for Best Costumes!!*

*Join us at the Vet's Hall for:*

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**SASHA'S MONEY**

FINGER FOOD AND  
DESSERT POTLUCK  
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846 FRONT ST.,  
SANTA CRUZ

**Halloween**



# **SANTA CRUZ INTERGROUP**

PRESENTS

## **BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MEETING**

HOSTED BY: BLF SPEAKER DISCUSSION MEETING

**DEBBIE D. — CONCORD, CA**  
**45 YEARS**

NOVEMBER 6, 2021 7-8:15 PM PST



**ZOOM ID: 891 4678 6139**

**PASSCODE: 8675309**

**DIAL IN (669) 900-9128**

**7TH TRADITION**

**PAYPAL.ME/INTERGROUP923**

**ADD A NOTE — "BSM-11/6/21"**