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Napa Valley Fellowship of  
Alcoholics Anonymous

# napa valley

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CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS  
M,W, F 10-2  
Saturday's 1-5  
68 Coombs,  
bldg D room 4  
Napa CA  
Phone # 258-8295



## NEW NEWS

These are some updates  
about what is going on in  
Napa Valley AA

**INTERGROUP  
OPEN  
SERVICE  
POSITIONS**

Literature Chair  
Alkathon Chair  
for  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas

**Interested?**

**Attend the next  
intergroup meeting  
November 13,2010  
68 Coombs  
Or call  
Molly T  
707 758 0688**

**Intergroup Chair Reports**

**Literature -Alternate Chair Janet S** - New meeting schedules are yellow! Please email Janet with meeting changes at [jjaz0904@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjaz0904@sbcglobal.net)

**Hot Line Chair, John Kent** - 108 calls,  
3 referrals to men  
1 to a woman

**Webmaster Chair, John G**—The Napa Valley AA intergroup Website address is [www.aanapa.org](http://www.aanapa.org). The site is up to date and contains a full meeting schedule for the Napa Valley Intergroup Newsletter, and the Literature Order Form. I have recently added information about the Napa Valley AA Central Office. Please contact me to make changes or post more information on the website as requested by the Napa Valley Intergroup.  
Email contact at:  
[webmaster@aanapa.org](mailto:webmaster@aanapa.org)

**H&I Chair, John B.**— We are looking at presenting a workshop with the Bridging the Gap Committee. Our monthly business meeting is at the Central Office, 68 Coombs. Anyone interested in service please attend, the first Friday of the month at 6:45pm.

**Committee Meeting Information  
Central Office Activity**

June, July, August

Respectfully submitted by Jo B and Sue M

12 step calls	3
AA calls	1
Alanon calls	1
Visitors	50
Information	5
Literature sales	42
Total Sales	\$1969.40
Group Contributions	\$300.00
Central Office donations	\$230.00
Rent collected	\$52.00
Misc. donations	\$7.00
Misc. Rebate	\$125.00
Total cash collected	\$2683.40

**AD HOC FINANCE  
COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Intergroup Ad Hoc Finance Committee will report out to the October Intergroup Meeting on past and present finances, including a monthly breakdown of 2010 group contributions, income and expense. We are asking the groups to validate the record of contributions with their treasurers, and begin discussion of what needs to be done to support the current commitments, tasks, and responsibilities taken on by Napa Intergroup.

**CNCA  
Area General Service**

**Fall Election Assembly (Watsonville)  
November 6**

**Napa General Service Elections  
Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Elections for all Napa District 11 General Service Officer and Liaison positions will take place Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – Noon at the Veteran's Home, Section "A", in Yountville.

The positions available are District Committee Member Chair, (DCMC), Alternate District Committee Chair - PI / CPC Chair, District Committee Member, (DCM), for Napa, District Committee Member, (DCM), for Up valley, Literature / Grapevine Chair, Beginner's Meeting Chair, Registrar, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, "Bridging The Gap" Chair, Archives Chair, H&I Liaison, and Intergroup Liaison.



The suggested sobriety requirement for all positions is two years. The term of service for all positions is two years. Previous General Service experience as a GSR is helpful. You must be present at the election to be considered. Complete written descriptions of each of the District service positions are available from your Group's GSR. Call Pat B., 707-258-0525, with any questions.



## NAPA VALLEY AA ANNIVERSARY PARTY AND BIRTHDAY MEETING

Come celebrate the Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Napa Valley and our Fellowship's Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting at the same time!

7:00 pm—Birthday Meeting—COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

8:00 pm - Potluck Dinner

DJ and Dancing to Follow

FREE Door Prize

OCTOBER 29—Crosswalk Community Church

Volunteer Contact - Paul R 799-0106 or Dan W 815-0859

## Does your group subscribe to the Grapevine?

**Check it out at :**  
**AAgrapevine.org**

*What does anonymity mean in the digital age? What would Bill W. think of AA's connecting with this powerful tool, the internet?*

*The October issue of the Grapevine has stories on these topics.*



### Anonymity, by an Old timer

Dave S. of Cleveland, Ohio, brings up the subject of "Anonymity on the Internet" from the Audio Grapevine. He has some good suggestions about what not to do for AAs using social networking sites. But I think that maybe some younger members underestimate the power of the founding traditions. The TV and newspapers and radio stations were not as accessible as the internet, but the principles remain the same.

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." Tradition Eleven may have been written before the internet, but it doesn't seem vague on the issue of personal anonymity. It says "always" and that seems fairly unambiguous. "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities." Tradition Twelve is our AA foundation. How does this work on the internet? Er. I don't get it. What's the difference? People want to break their anonymity on social networking sites? Why and how would that be acceptable?

Okay. I'm busted. I am old and I don't do Facebook. I think it's one more way to waste my time and for my employers to know more about me than I want them to know. But I have been guilty of taking my being fairly, all right, too

open about my own AA membership. I was sort of thinking that I was so proud to be in Alcoholics Anonymous and that I'd like some of my colleagues to know that I was so that if they needed some information, I could give it to them.

(Notice the ego?) But I was forgetting something: "...the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility." We are supposed to practice humility and attract people by our actions, not by self-seeking or by promoting ourselves as cool members of the AA club.

As AAs we are responsible for maintaining the strength of our program and of being available whenever anyone anywhere needs the hand of AA. We are cautioned in The Twelve and Twelve at the end of Tradition Eleven: "This Tradition is a constant and practical reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A. In it, each member becomes an active guardian of our Fellowship." As guardians of the Fellowship, it is extremely important to treat the concept of anonymity with kid gloves. For those of you too young to remember kid gloves, that means with extra care and consideration.

Anne G  
AAgrapevine.org  
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## Opportunities to be of **SERVICE**



**AA Answering Service Hotline**  
Contact [jdklineman@comcast.net](mailto:jdklineman@comcast.net)  
or call 707-738-8738

### **Volunteers are needed**

**CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS**  
M,W, F 10-2  
Saturday's 1-5

**Volunteer Positions**  
Central Office Manager-  
5 years sobriety  
20 hours/week  
Central office worker-  
2 years sobriety

### **Interested?**

Sue M. 707.252.2108  
Jo B. 530.400.9140

### **Come and get involved Young Peoples meeting**

First United Methodist Church  
5th and Randolph ST.  
7:30

also

### **NAPYPAA**

Business meeting  
1st & 3rd Wednesday  
6:00

Come to get into service and have  
**FUN IN SOBRIETY**

### **H& I**

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

First Friday of the Month  
**CENTRAL OFFICE**  
68 Coombs @ 6:45

# NAPA VALLEY

## Ongoing activities

Beginner's Meeting	Every Monday	7:30 pm	625 Randolph St., Kagawa Rm, Napa
Birthday Meeting	Last Friday of the Month	7 pm	Crosswalk Church, 2590 First st. Napa
H&I Business Meeting	First Friday of the Month	6:45 pm	68 Coombs St. Bldg. D Room 4., Napa
District 11 Meeting	First Saturday of the Month	10 am	Yountville Vets Home, Section A
Intergroup Meeting	Second Saturday of the Month	10 am	68 Coombs St. Bldg. D Room 4
Saturday Speaker Meeting	Every Saturday night	8 pm	625 Randolph St., Methodist Church, Napa