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new news

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

THE CENTRAL OFFICE IS A GO!

The new address is 68 Coombs,
bldg D room 4
Napa CA

Open Intergroup Positions:

- Delegate-At-Large
- Workshop Chair
- Anniversary Chair

**IN MAY LOOK FOR OUR SPECIAL
EDITION ALL ABOUT THE CENTRAL
OFFICE!**

beginner's meeting

Monday night at 7:30

United Methodist Church, Kagwa Rm.,
625 Randolph St. Napa.

It features a special format and is
always amazing.

*Get in touch with the newcomer in you!
Freshen up!*

The beginners meeting rotates a secretary every 6 weeks. Stop by and sign up! What a nice, quick, GREAT way to be of service.

Napa Valley AA online

The website is updated with current schedule information. Webmaster *Jon* welcomes any input or suggestions for the website content.

Check it out at aanapa.org

Napa District 11 presents

UNITY DAY 2010

A Vision for You

Saturday, June 12th 2010 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
CrossWalk Community Church Gymnasium
2590 1st Street, Napa, CA

Napa District 11 will have its annual Unity Day on June 12th this year. Unity Day is an informative and fun event which offers A.A. members in the Napa Valley Fellowship an opportunity to learn about all of the service entities within our District. Our California Northern Coastal Area Delegate, David N. will share his experience on the activities of the 60th General Service Conference held in New York. The Tri-tip Barbeque is a crowd pleaser and this year NAPYPAA will host a Founders Day Dance from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00. The day long event kicks off at 2:00 p.m. at the CrossWalk Community Church in Napa when the registration table opens. Sign-up sheets for food items to accompany the barbeque will be coming soon. Also new this year will be a multi media presentation surrounding the 75th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, and a commemorative book of our personal best wishes to our newest member during the sobriety countdown. Watch for this traveling book at your home group and feel free to convey your experience, strength and hope in its pages



2010 International Convention Of Alcoholics Anonymous

The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme, "A Vision for You." AA members and guests from around the world will celebrate AA's 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and local hotels.

Friday and Saturday, 8:00-1:00pm meetings in the Alamodome stadium

Flag Ceremony before the Friday night meeting.

Old timers meeting Saturday night-Shares from AA's with 40+ years of sobriety!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
You're Invited!**

What: AA Birthday Meeting

When: Last FRIDAY of every month 7:00 pm

Where: CrossWalk Community Church
2590 First St. Napa





TRADITION FOUR

“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

This is tradition four of our A.A. program. What does it mean? What is it talking about?

What tradition four means is that a group can form with their own group conscience as their guide. The only restriction on this incredible freedom is that the group cannot do anything to injure A.A. as a whole, nor can it be affiliated with another organization. We cannot have “Republican” A.A. groups or “Protestant” A.A. groups. Sobriety had to remain the only objective.

Travelling around the country we can find A.A. groups that have very different formats. You can have a speaker that calls on people and then gives feedback, a round robin where everyone present takes a turn speaking, a speaker meeting where the speaker gives a drunkalogue for an hour. There is no one way for an A.A. meeting to be formatted.

There are meetings that want to stick to spirituality and feel the business of A.A. is beside the point. There are meetings where the business of A.A. is considered very important and a basis for spirituality. There are gay meetings, young people’s meetings, women’s meetings and men’s stag meetings. All these are allowed by the A.A.’s tradition four. The only caveat is that the meeting cannot affect other A.A. groups or A.A. as a whole. So we never want groups formed to war against each other and we cannot form a group that goes against A.A.’s principal of not affiliating with any controversy, politics, religions, or institutions.

The *Twelve and Twelve* talks about someone in “Middletown” starting a terrific A.A. center with bells and whistles and educational facilities, a rehabilitation unit, medication and many wonderful, programs for alcoholics. The A.A. Foundation would not issue a charter to the center. The center became the big mess that some of the elder statesmen at the A.A. Foundation had worried about and the idea that A.A. should remain a bunch of drunks getting together to get sober is the ideal of our program.

So anywhere two or three people want to get together to talk about staying sober, they can be an A.A. meeting. They are not required to read “How it Works,” or post the twelve steps or have a G.S.R. They are autonomous, self governing, and can do whatever they want as long as sobriety remains their goal and they do no harm to A.A. as a whole. Just like the steps which are “suggested” as a means of recovery, this incredible freedom helps the stubborn, ego-driven drunk to feel unrestricted in recovery. “These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.” (*Twelve and Twelve* pg. 146.)

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths - his lengths, not mine - to stay sober?

IN Memory

Louise P will always be remembered for her compassion, helping hands, and love of home baked cookies.

Bob G we remember you for your support of the community of Napa, love of sports and service in PI/CPC

Opportunities
to be of **SERVICE**



AA Answering Service Hotline

Contact jdklinman@comcast.net or call
707-738-8738

General Service Distric 11

District Positions Available

*Archives Chair

*H&I Liaison

General requirements: Two Years suggested sobriety. Current Service term concludes December 2010

Speak to your General Service Rep for more details

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Bridging The Gap

Primetime Presenters Needed

One year sobriety

Working knowledge of Steps

Available during daytime

Email ability

Call Eleanore-942-6972

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Come and get involved

Young Peoples meeting

First United Methodist Church

5th and Randolph ST.

7:30

NAPYPAA

Business meeting

1st & 3rd Wednesday

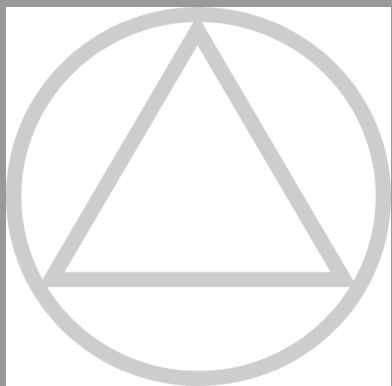
8:30

We host events aimed at the young and young at heart

Our next event

Unity Day Dance

Come and see what it's all about!



Keep It Simple

NAPA VALLEY

Ongoing activities

Check out the new info on these familiar ongoing activities. Many are new locations

Beginner's Meeting	Every Monday	7 pm	625 Randolph St., Kagawa Rm, Napa
Birthday Meeting	Last Friday of the Month	7 pm	2590 First st. Napa
H&I Business Meeting	First Friday of the Month	6:30 pm	Sea Scout Bldg., 402 Riverside Dr., 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	Yountville Vets Home, Section A
Speaker Meeting	First three Saturdays of the Month	8 pm	Salvation Army Napa