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

NEW NEWS

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

CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE

Speaker Meeting now at
Methodist Church
8:00pm
SOBER Men's Group at
4149 Linda Vista Ave
7pm

OPEN INTERGROUP SERVICE POSITIONS

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WORKSHOP CHAIR
DELEGATE AT
LARGE

UPCOMING

Napa Valley AA EVENTS

Anniversary Meeting-Last
Saturday of October
Paul R and Dan W Co Chair
this event and
welcome your support

HOT LINE ACTIV- ITY FOR THE LAST QUARTER

April-June -299 calls
8 going to male volunteers
16 to female. volunteers

For July 1-24 - 85 calls
12 to men volunteers
1 to female volunteers

Napa Valley Intergroup has established an ad hoc finance committee to clarify current financial status and address funding services, facilities and events in the future.

Newsletter, website, answering service, literature, central office, anniversary party and birthday meetings are among the responsibilities IG must meet from group contributions.

We have reviewed current assets and commitments and need participation of the entire Fellowship to chart a realistic plan and budget for the future.

The next meeting will be 1200 hrs 8/14/10 at the central office immediately following IG regular meet. Questions?
Jdklineman@comcast.net
(707) 738-8738

NEW MEDITATION MEETING

SUNDAY 7:30am
Old Sonoma Rd.
Building A room 121



CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE PRESENTS:

THE 2010

SUMMER ASSEMBLY

- SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2010
SANTA CLARA FAIRGROUNDS
344 TULLY ROAD
GATEWAY BUILDING, SAN JOSE, CA
Registration: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Orientation: 9:30-10 a.m.
Business Meeting: 10:00-12 p.m.
Lunch: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Workshop Session I: 1:00-2:15 p.m.
 - o Vulnerable members in A.A.
 - o How do we share the role of GSO with the groups?
 - o Is A.A. growing?

Workshop Session II: 2:30-3:45 p.m.

 - o The Concepts: Tools for the GSR / Tools for Life.
 - o Anonymity in the Digital Age.
 - o Relevance of the GV/LV

COME TO
HEAR OUR
DISTRICT 11
Literature Chair
Jeff D speak on
the relevance of
the Grapevine/
La Vina Panel



75 years of Alcoholics Anonymous was celebrated July 1-4 in San Antonio. Over 50,000 Alcoholics and members of their families attended the convention. Over 90 countries were represented, there were meetings and hospitality. Meetings were held to share experience strength and hope and to inform the international community of the scope of recovery over the past 75 years.

Nancy H of St Helena spoke at the convention and below is an excerpt from her presentation on the Grapevine, "Our meeting in print".

[As we have heard,] the 1986 General Service Conference recognized AA Grapevine as the "international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous." which, to me, is a useful description of how AA Grapevine presents to the Fellowship. "Our meeting in print" seems to me to be a good description of how the Fellowship responds to that presentation.

Bill W. fondly referred to six "ink stained wretches", the four women and two men who began this adventure for us. We do not know if either a coffee pot or a resentment was involved, but we do know that many resentments have been created, as a quick glance at the "Dear Grapevine" section each month confirms. This was my first clue that "our meeting in print" might be an apt description!

In summary, the Grapevine, "our meeting in print," is a place to safely air or blatantly display our differences, to demonstrate that unity is very different from uniformity, a place wider than one's own neighborhood or

group, a window to what the rest of us are doing. As fabulous as it is to be here in San Antonio, celebrating with tens of thousands of our closest friends, we can maintain this same connection with many more of us with every single issue!

In a 1945 letter, our co-founder wrote that "if every A.A. clearly grasps the facts about The Grapevine, if we see the importance of maintaining our National voice, I think The Grapevine subscribers will be very glad to pay whatever the freight may be....After all, The Grapevine is to be their voice - their newspaper. I am quite sure they will support it." Bill W.'s optimism may have been justified 65 years ago, but only we can decide now to keep the doors open for our meeting in print, both by our financial support and by our own willingness to contribute experience, strength and hope, by stories, by pictures, on binder paper, digitally, in any format that shares your own voice.
Nancy H.

Live and Let Live

**Napa Intergroup Central Office
How, When and Why**

Your Napa Valley Intergroup Central Office officially opened its doors at 10:00 am on Wednesday June 2, 2010. The work to do so however, started several years earlier.

When the original River Group on 8th Street was relocated by the Napa Flood Project in late summer 2001, they were awarded relocation costs. Not knowing if these funds would be considered outside contributions, the River Group members contacted World Service in New York for direction. They were told the funds were a payment, not a contribution, much like a payment on an insurance claim for fire damage. As such, the River Group was free to accept the payment. New York suggested the funds be used for the relocation and after a year or so the group should consider distribution of funds above their prudent reserve.

The River Group did not find it necessary to use the \$11,000 relocation payment during the following two years of moving their meeting location. During that time they had acquired additional funds and ended up with slightly more than \$14,000 in prudent reserve.

The group conscience of the River Group before finally disbanding was that all remaining funds should be used to help establish a Central Office if Intergroup desired. If no such office were to be established, the remaining funds were to be sent to New York. The River Group was adamant however, that none of the funds should be directly distributed to Intergroup "lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

The concept of a local (Napa) Intergroup Office was initially presented to Intergroup several years ago. It was clear that more information would be needed before Intergroup could make a decision. With that charge, several surviving River Group members investigated neighboring community Intergroup Central Offices and developed an outline of requirements necessary to start a Central office.

On September 12, 2009, a draft proposal and budget was presented by Intergroup to the individual groups. A group conscience was requested from them to determine if Intergroup should develop a specific plan to open a Central Office. All groups that participated came back with a yes vote. Our fellowship was on its way to forming and establishing the possibility of a Central Office in Napa.

Over the next few months, a subcommittee of Intergroup was formed. The subcommittee members reviewed the rough draft and revisited our friends at the Northern Solano Central Office in Vacaville and developed a specific plan. A suitable location was found and a lease was negotiated, pending Intergroup approval. The subcommittee presented a specific plan, budget, available funds, and location to Intergroup. Then Intergroup asked each group representative to report to their groups the motion, "should Intergroup proceed with establishing and developing an Intergroup Central Office location?"

On March 13, 2010, at the Intergroup meeting, the group representatives discussed their results. With a

final vote of 18 – yes and 4 no – the motion passed. With that meeting, the Napa fellowship had moved to provide support for all groups and members with a physical office setting that until now only neighboring communities enjoyed the enormous support offered by the North Solano County Intergroup Central Office and the immediate donations from our AA members of furnishing and equipment, not to mention all the time donated by volunteers who became available, made it possible for such a rapid and complete opening.

The main objective of a Central Office is to provide support and services to the individual members and groups to help conduct AA's primary purpose. Services include making AA literature, meeting schedules, and pamphlets available on a regular basis. We also provide a location for business meetings such as Intergroup and the H & I committee as well as all other AA business meetings wishing to utilize this facility. Eventually the answering service hotline will be able to be turned over to the volunteers during our business hours. At a workshop on Central Offices at the recent convention in San Antonio, one panel speaker said it best when he stated "the local Central Office is the front line whenever an alcoholic reaches out for help".

Based on the majority group conscience of our local groups to establish this office, along with the experience and assistance from our neighboring communities who have already trudged this path, we are hopeful that the 1st Tradition of AA unity will bring us together so all members and groups will continue to help make the Napa Valley Central Office a success in helping to carry "this message".

During my part in volunteering I have been blessed to get to know many of you on a more personal level by participating in this exciting part of our local AA legacy. I am hopeful this chronology of our Central Office and how it has evolved will help detail the events and facts which enabled this to become a part of our AA community. Now we can come together and all pitch in by either contributing through our group, keeping it financially sound, or by volunteering time to staff the office during the hours we are open. We have an ever growing volunteer list for service-but we can always use more.

Your Central Office is currently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. and on Saturdays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Sue M

Special Contributions

A.A. Members may make individual contributions, on a pledge or voluntary basis, directly to the service office, keeping in mind, that the General Service Conference has recommended that G.S. O.'s contributions not exceed \$3, 000.00 in any one year.

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Opportunities
to be of **SERVICE**



AA Answering Service Hotline

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

Volunteers are needed

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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

NAPYPAA

Business meeting

1st & 3rd Wednesday

8:30

Special Event

Berryessa Campout

9/10-12

CONVENTION

MEMORIES

Watching the world cup

soccer game with drunks

from all over the

world!!!! Thom H.

Sitting with "my fam-

ily" in a crowd of

55,000....Randy C

Looking for ice-cream

and giant cinnamon

rolls.....Molly T

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	6:30 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
Speaker Meeting	Every Saturday night	8 pm	625 Randolph St., Methodist Church, Napa