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AA NAPA VALLEY

As Bill Sees It

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As An Individual: pages 21, 32, 84, 94, 97, 115, 123, 128, 145, 178, 202, 253, 262, 271, 292, and 317. See Also Service, and Twelfth Stepping.

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Intergroup Chair Comments

"Start the meeting on time, end the meeting on time, and keep my opinion to myself." This was the first suggestion given to me as Intergroup Chair. I thought that seems

pretty simple. Turns out, that all three of those suggestions are more difficult than they appear. First, a timely meeting means I need to suit up and show up to the commitment. That, is the number one thing this commitment has taught me. I must be present to win! Keeping my opinion to myself during the meeting... well I need a power greater than myself for that, Thank you HP.

What I've discovered is that being the Chair is no different than being the Secretary of a Home Group. Come early, stay late and read the script. AA has taught me how to follow through on a commitment to the best of my ability. I watch and learn from the people who have what I want. I see the other Officers and Representatives show up every month and take care of business.

The other suggestion: ask for help. God this is hard. There is a little voice buried deep between my ears that says, "You Should KNOW This!" Some how my ego and pride conspire to sabotage my humility. Do you have a Service Sponsor? Sounded intimidating to me. Really? Wait, I need that too? It makes sense though, If I don't know how to navigate situations, I should find out what others have done before me. Simple concept, but I can't see around my ego sometimes. I'm grateful for my Service Sponsor.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Brian T.

Short Notices

.Photo Contest. AA Grapevine has annual photo contest for the AA Grapevine Calendar.

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest>

Meeting News

The **Talking Stick Group** and **Upvalley Step Sisters** moved to the Heritage Christian Center on Petrified Forest Road, Calistoga, just up from the gas station and on the right.

First Step Group is now called "**Crosstalk at Crosswalk**" Tuesday Nights at 8 pm, Napa. Crosswalk Church.

A Safe Place (LGBTQ mtg) meets at Crosswalk Church, Napa Mondays at 7pm. Big Book, Discussion.

Area Workshop Assembly

Summer Assembly with afternoon workshops is in Petaluma August 5th. Save the date as all AA's are welcome to attend

FLYER http://www.cnca06.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017_0603_summer_eng-1.pdf

Beginner's Meeting

Every Monday - 7:30 PM
United Methodist Church
625 Randolph St., Napa

This is a special format meeting with questions encouraged. There are six topics which repeat, and you may attend them in any order. The meeting at 7:30 pm each Monday, and lasts for an hour. Coffee is provided. A Big Book and Living Sober Book are available at the meetings. Please ask about these books. T Pamphlets in the literature rack are free for the taking. You may ask someone someone at the meeting to sponsor you through the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

More information is on our own Napa Valley Intergroup site
<http://www.aanapa.org/>

Newcomer page at [aa.org](http://www.aa.org)
with reading material
WHAT IS AA?

http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/what-is-aa

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Notes

UNITY DAY is July 15, 9:30 am Registration, at Crosswalk Church, 2590 First Street, Napa. See Food Flyers in group meetings and

Flyers are to be posted for Unity Day on aanapa.org web site of the Intergroup, by the **Web Editor**.

TESTING MEETING PAGE & E-mail to Report Mtg. Change

The URL of the build site not completed has a meeting page we are testing at <http://www.aanapa2.org/meetings>.

E-mail to report meeting change

is ReportMeetingChange@aanapa.org

ABOUT UNITY DAY, JULY 15th (A.A. District 11)

I'd like too extend a warm invitation to all, to come and join your Fellow Trusted Servants at our Unity Day Celebration upcoming on July 15th, at the Crosswalk Community Church, from 9:30am to 2;30pm. We will have a great panel of speakers passing on their Experience, Strength and Hope about General Service in all it's various forms. Included will be a BBQ and potluck lunch, entertainment and the report form our Delegate to the General Service Conference, Joann L.

You may ask yourself, what exactly is a Delegate and what is their responsibility? Earlier this year, as every year, many Groups were asked to give their Group Conscience about the Agenda Topic Items. Delegates are tasked with carrying your message to the General Service Conference of how you want AA to continue to improve and grow, based on the Agenda Topic Items. Our Delegate carries your message to share with the other 92 Delegates (93 total Delegates) from all over the US and Canada and, after lengthy discussion, they too have a Group Conscience to determine the Higher Power directed course of AA. Since 1955, Bill passed on to the General

Service Conference the responsibility of ensuring AA is still here. Just as our fabulous local Intergroup connects AA Groups with one another in the Napa Valley, so too does General Service connect the Napa Valley Fellowships with AA as a whole. Their only goal is to insure that all doors of AA across the US are open and available for the alcoholic who is still suffering on the outside.

We have many dedicated volunteers who are ready to serve the Napa Valley to that end. All the way from helping someone to their first meeting when they are ready and able to leave rehab, to bringing the message to medical and law enforcement professionals who may not understand our new found freedom, to schools who's young people may be hiding in plain sight, struggling with their disease.

So plan on bringing yourself, your families, your sponsees and your sponsor to Unity Day! Unity Day is open to all. Oh, did I forget to mention Root Beer Floats! Hopefully, see you there.

Yours in Service,

Jeff D, District Committee Member Chair of District 11.(DCMC of District 11)

Intergroup Secretary What Has Intergroup Taught Me?

Being the Intergroup Secretary has taught me that, no matter how small, my contribution is important. It has also taught me that Rule 62 applies everywhere in AA, including Intergroup. The ability to not take oneself too seriously has allowed me to stay fluid and report on the facts and not my feelings. I have learned and been given a chance to practice a variety of lessons through my participation in Intergroup. I have been given a deeper understanding about how AA functions at different levels, and seen first-hand how important our (individual members of AA) participation in service is.

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I have learned how to put the conversation in my head to the side and listen to other's opinions about things. I have learned how to change my mind when there are new facts or ideas presented that I may not have thought of before. Intergroup has also given me the opportunity to practice the idea that it is not about me, it is about us – and the greatest good trumps my self-interest every time.

By Jenna.

**About the Public Information and
Cooperation With Professional Community
(PI/ CPC Committee Chair of District 11, Napa Valley)**

What do we do?

We make presentations to people who are not AA members and explain what AA is and what it is not, and share a little about how it has worked for us. First we reach out to professionals who may work with people that might need AA, and offer to give a presentation to their staff. We then ask if we may present to the people they touch that may need AA. For example, we observed at a high school in Sonoma County and watched as the teacher of a ninth grade health class told her students about how her sister had died of an overdose two years ago. Then, one AA member told a little about how AA started, and how it worked. Then another AA member told her story briefly. The students each had a flashcard on their desk and were asked to write a question they had. As the AA members read the questions aloud, they answered them from their own experience. The students asked very vulnerable questions, and it was clear that most

knew an alcoholic in their lives. We are looking to bring this into the schools in the Napa Valley, to plant the seeds of hope at an early age. We are making a presentation to The Geo Group, who provide rehabilitation to those recently released from jail. One of the presenters graduated from the program she was presenting at, and the other worked in Corrections and found recovery in the rooms of AA. This hits close to home for all of us. We are presenting at Napa NEWS, a women's shelter, and we have a consistent calendar speaking at the Napa Drinking and Driving Program. We need help, both making connections to present at other programs that might need to hear about AA, and volunteers to make the presentations. We ask that our presenters have worked the Steps, and we train every third Sunday of the month at the NRRC at 7:30pm. Please join us in our outreach.

Thank you,
Chitra
PI/CPC Chair, Napa District 11

