

THE VALLEY VIEW

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The Voice of the Valley

**I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. always to
be there. And for that,
I am responsible!**



The **Valley Intergroup** will meet on the **1st Monday of the month at 7:30 pm:**
Trinity Lutheran Church
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Pleasanton, Ca

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It's a Teen-aged Affair

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PERHAPS AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING you heard an AA speaker remark, "I started to drink at the age of thirteen and believe I was an alcoholic from the start. I wish that I had known of AA and this disease then. Maybe I could have saved myself a lot of miserable living."

Most of us have heard statements similar to this many times in AA but we may be hearing it less in the future. In fact newcomers may even become hard to find at all if the teen-age movement started in California continues its rapid snowball progress.

Named Alateen by its youthful members, its beginning is almost as inspiring as AA's. Its rise is almost as phenomenal and its motives and success just as vital to useful, happy living. Like AA it was the inspiration of one person, a young high school boy whose father had been a drunk. The father, through the teachings of Alcoholics Anonymous, was trying to create a new atmosphere of home life for his family.

Bob is a typical high school lad interested in sports, out-of-doors, hot rod cars and of course, girls. After Bob's dad had been in AA for a short time Bob got into a bit of disciplinary trouble with school officials. The trouble was of a sufficiently serious nature that his educators wanted to place him in a special school for problem children. Bob's mother, active in an Al-Anon Family Group, begged the school officials to give them one more chance.

She and Bob's dad spent an evening with the boy, explaining the exact meaning and promise contained in the Twelve Steps of AA. They asked him to try and apply them to his problem at school. Having a sincere desire to correct the trouble, Bob did try. From this point on he began to attend the Al-Anon Family Group with his mother and an occasional AA meeting with both parents. He felt, in these adult meetings, a wide divergence between the experience and needs of their problems and his. One night he explained his frustration to his parents and presented the idea of forming a group of teen-age children of Alcoholics Anonymous members for the purpose of sharing their experience, strength and hope with each other. Thus Alateen was born.

Bob contacted his dad's AA acquaintances and learned of other teen-age children in AA families. On a Wednesday night the first meeting was held in Pasa-

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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**INTERGROUP
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our next
Intergroup
Meeting will be
October 3, 2011

**There will be NO
MEETING in
Sept. The Office
Will be CLOSED
Sept. 5, 2011**

**DANVILLE/DIABLO
MONTHLY**

SPEAKER MEETING

**** Saturday, September 3, 2011 ****

222 W El Pintado Rd., Danville

Brian M. of Dublin, CA

Meeting begins at 8:15 PM

Birthdays Celebrated

Please **DO NOT** arrive prior to 7:45

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dena in the kitchen of the AA meeting place. Five other young people attended that first gathering. Bob told them his idea, a little of what he had been like, what had happened and what he was like now. He explained how the Twelve Steps had helped him. He thought the truths of AA could aid them toward living happier, more useful and less delinquent lives. His proposal was met with so much enthusiasm that a name was voted upon that same evening. Today, less than a year later, the Pasadena Group has twenty-three active members.

The usual problems of formation occurred. Most of these problems were ironed out with the aid of older AA and Al-Anon members. Because they found that most younger children did not understand the exact nature of the program and because some un-thinking AAs were using Alateen for a free baby-sitting service, they established an age limit of thirteen to twenty. Like Al-Anon, Alateen is separate from AA, but also like Al-Anon it is an important companion program for the alcoholic's family. These young people, having once learned of and accepted the explanation of the alcoholic problem in the family, go forward applying the principles of AA to their own personal behavior problems.

With a few minor changes, they make use of our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in their daily living. The Serenity Prayer is an important part of their living. They use our AA mottoes and have composed other bits of prose to aid them in living happy, cooperative and useful lives.

An Alateen meeting is conducted in exactly the same manner as an AA meeting. Each meeting finds an invited AA and Al-Anon in attendance. They have no voice in the meeting, voting, planning or conduct of it. Occasionally AA guest speakers are invited to aid the new Alateen member in getting a better understanding of the alcoholic problem and the disease of alcoholism. Al-Anon speakers present their message to help the youngsters in learning to accept the alcoholic problem in their home.

Internal group problems are handled strictly on the basis of AA tradition. Anonymity is respected and demanded more strongly by Alateen than our Traditions actually call for. Placing principles before personalities is the guide phrase of these guys and gals. One group augmented the idea by having dancing during the after-meeting social time. This practice has been halted without any outside pressure for the members decided that such activity might soon cause them to forget the evening's message of help. This group now holds a teen-age hop on a night other than meeting night. They extend an invitation to all teen-age couples in the area.

Several Alateen members do not have alcoholic problems in their families. They either contacted Alateen out of attraction or because some Alateen member mentioned the help he was gaining from the program. At first "non-alcoholic problem" members presented the question of violation of the anonymity tradition. With deep understanding, Alateens talked with their parents and concluded their primary duty was to aid those juveniles who had a desire for better behavior. These "outside the problem" members, as good Alateens, respect and adhere to the anonymity traditions.

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FELLOWSHIPS

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386 Preston Court Livermore

TRI-VALLEY 925/463-9899
3701 Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton



VALLEY INTERGROUP SERVICE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011,
7:30-8:30 PM

Opening: Chairperson, Tracy S., opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Purpose of Intergroup: Read by Donna T.

Concept 6 from the 12 Concepts of World Service: Summarized by Robert G.

New Members: Anny attended to be of service

May 2011 Minutes: Reviewed June 2011 Minutes. Motion carried to accept June 2011 Minutes as written.

Reports:

Financial Report: Theresa M.

Summary of finances for July 2011:

Cash Account = \$1091.38

Literature Fund = \$ 2341.97

Operating Account = \$ 4483.28

Prudent Reserve = \$ 10,000.00 (at the limit)

Wells Fargo Unity Fund = \$ 1750.00 (cap is \$2500)

Total Liabilities & Equity = \$ 26,295.24

Net Income/Loss for June = -736.07

Group contributions for July 2011 increased almost \$1000.00 from June

Motion carried to accept financial report as written.

Board Report: Allison F.

No board meeting held in June.

Majority of July meeting consisted of discussing renegotiation of VSC lease.

Office Manager: Trish C.

VSC will be closed 8/20 (VSC Picnic & Fundraiser) and 9/5 (Labor Day) VSC complex is under reconstruction, which might disrupt usual business hours. Decision made, if no objections, to add "Information on AA" to Newcomer Packets (Single sheet Information on AA printed for "Anyone New Coming to AA" or for "Anyone Referring People to AA")

General Service District 70: Nancy S.

Area Assembly is coming up in Vacaville

Area Assembly Motions - OLD BUSINESS

That Area 6 forms an Area Standing Committee to be known as "Corrections and Treatment Committee"

Redistricting Request: That Subdistrict 06 from District 07 become a new Spanish language linguistic District in Area 6

Area Assembly Motions - NEW BUSINESS

That the phrase "men and women" in the first sentence of the AA Preamble be replaced with the phrase "people of all ages"....

H&I Liaison: Terry S.

Announce at meetings that H&I can use more support; Pink Can should be passed separate & after 7th tradition basket & to donate to 7th tradition first.

Business Meeting is Weds. 8/3 @ 7:30 pm. 1st Christian Church, 29th & Fairmount, Oakland.

PI/CPC Chairperson: Bob W.

Providing AA info. At DUI classes at AXIS Community Health, 6666 Owens Dr., Pleasanton.

Young people are still needed to speak; most AXIS meetings in Pleasanton handled.

AXIS in Livermore is interested in having us come in once a month.

Workshop Liaison: Billie K.

No June workshop. July workshop attendance down; probably due to summertime.

No August workshop (not to conflict with VSC Picnic & Fundraiser).

Step 8 & 9 WORKshop: (9/17/11) 1:30-3 p.m. at John Knox Church.

Special Events Chairperson: Sue B.

VSC Annual Picnic & Fundraiser (8/20/11) 10-2:30 pm. Amador Valley Park, 4301 Black Ave, Pleasanton. Leslie K from Modesto will speak @ 11 & lunch to follow (hamburgers & hot

dogs).

Anniversary Dinner: will be in January 2012; speaker will be Mike S. from Riverside, CA.

Outreach Chairperson: Laura H.

Outreach to one meeting this past month. (Letting Go Group, Livermore). Encouraged to participate in Intergroup and join us monthly at this meeting.

Hotline Chairperson: Beth A. for Mark S.

Hotline committee is formed & underway realigning & resetting Hotline list & new 12 Step list.

Hotline/12 Step Workshop: Saturday, 9/24 @ Tri-Valley Fellowship 3:30-5 p.m. in room 1. Please announce at your meetings & encourage volunteers to participate.

EBYPAA Liaison: Jon A.

53rd International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA) (9/2-9/5/11), San Francisco Marriot Marquis, 55 4th St., San Francisco. \$25 preregistration, www.icypaahost.org.

NCCAA Liaison: Penny P. (Absent)

Old Business: None

New Business:

Group Conscience taken to not meet in September due to Labor Day Holiday.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be 10/3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Group Announcements:

Tri-Valley Fellowship (Amby L): mtgs 4x/day 7x/week; Fri/Sat mid-night mtgs. Old Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton.

Hilltop (Cheryl R): topic/discussion mtg.; Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm; United Methodist church, Pleasanton.

By the Book (Sue B): book study; Tuesdays @ 7:30pm; St. Clare's Church, Pleasanton.

Ladies Lifeline (Barbara): discussion women's mtg; Tues @ 6:30 pm; Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton.

Words of Wisdom (Theresa): open/discussion mtg.; Fridays @ 6 pm; St Augustine's Church, Pleasanton.

Women Staying in the Book (Donna T): women's book study; Thurs @ 5:30 pm; Tri-Valley YMCA, Pleasanton.

Rebellion Dogs (Donna T): book study; Sat, 8:30-9:30 am; Ashbury United Methodist Church, Livermore.

Jaywalkers (Laura H): book study; Saturdays, 9-10:00 am; St Phillips Church, Dublin.

Friday Night Live (Doug H): open/discussion mtg; 7 pm; St. Philips Lutheran Church, Dublin.

Back to Basics (Diana C): closed/discussion mtg; 7:30 pm; St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livermore.

Friday Night Stag (Bob W): men's mtg; Fridays @ 7pm at Kaiser, Pleasanton;

Unscripted Men's Group (Don B): men's mtg; Wednesdays @ 8pm @ St. Claire's Church, Pleasanton

Broken Elevator (Robert G): book study; Thursdays @ 7p.m. @ Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore.

Men's Stag (Don M): men's mtg; Fridays @ 8 @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livermore.

Recap of Meeting:

Service Opportunities:

H & I: Many service opportunities; contact Terry S. (925) 997-1820. Next Newcomers Orientation is Wednesday, 8/3 @ 7 pm & Business Mtg. @ 7:30 pm. 1st Christian Church, 29th & Fairmount, Oakland. Contact Sharon O. (925) 548-3007 re: Santa Rita Women's Jail. Next trainings for Santa Rita jail are in August and October.

General Service: 12th step service "Bridging the Gap," assist inmates released from institutions get to first AA mtg. Contact Kevin Y at 925.408.4410, Kevin.young@vintagesenior.com.

PI/CPC: Provide AA info. @ DUI classes @ AXIS Community Health, 6666 Owens Dr., Pleasanton. Go to DUI class in pair; can observe 1st time; 1-year sobriety requirement; need more young people. Contact Bob W. at 925/998-9447, bwit.

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	July '11	March '11 -	% of		July '11	March '11 -	% of
		February-12	Income			February-12	Income
Income				Expense			
<u>Contributions</u>				<u>General Office Expenses</u>			
Back to Basics	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	0.84%	Bank Charge		\$ (12.00)	-0.11%
Broken Elevator Group		83.79	0.78%	Corporate fee			0.00%
By the Book	21.57	208.67	1.95%	Insurance	\$ 89.54	447.70	4.17%
Crossroads Fellowship	90.00	450.00	0.20%	Internet Service	30.00	150.00	1.40%
Friday Nite Stag Kaiser	300.00	300.00	2.80%	Licenses and Permits			0.00%
Friday Nite Live		102.25	0.95%	Miscellaneous, Bus			0.00%
Friday Night Stag			0.00%	Office Equipment			0.00%
Hard Knox Group		113.00	1.05%	Office Manager Expense	630.00	3,480.00	32.44%
Hilltop Group	60.00	151.50	1.41%	Office, Misc.			0.00%
How it Was			0.00%	PVCPC			0.00%
Intergroup Meeting		114.38	1.07%	Postage and Delivery		91.85	0.86%
Into Action			0.00%	Rent - Intergroup		180.00	1.68%
Jay-Walkers	56.61	294.61	2.75%	Rent - Office	478.00	2,390.00	22.28%
Ladies Lifeline	68.00	704.69	6.57%	Sales Tax	779.00	779.00	7.26%
Letting Go Group		288.50	2.69%	Subscriptions - Grapevine		101.97	0.95%
Monday Night Live			0.00%	Supplies, Bus		159.40	1.49%
New Meeting/other group		32.96		Travel - Office Mgr Meeting		329.45	3.07%
Primary Purpose	536.50	977.90	9.12%	Web Services	24.95	124.75	1.16%
Rebellion Dogs	100.00	185.80	1.73%	<u>Total General Office Expenses</u>	\$ 2,031.49	\$ 8,216.12	76.59%
Saturday Morning Breakfast		322.20	3.00%				
Serenity Seekers	67.00	112.00	1.04%	<u>Literature Purchases</u>			
Sunday Breakfast Blackhawk			0.00%	Birthday Chips			
Sunday Morning Coffee	123.96	215.82	2.01%	Book & Pamphlet Purchases	\$ (56.81)	\$ 33.75	0.31%
Sunday Morning Serenity			0.00%	<u>Total Literature Purchases</u>	\$ (56.81)	\$ 33.75	0.31%
The Unscripted Men's Group			0.00%				
Tri-Valley Fellowship		960.00	8.95%	<u>Printing & Reproduction</u>			
Women Staying in the Book		150.47	1.40%	Meeting Schedules	\$ 97.88	\$ 251.53	2.34%
Women's Tuesday San Ramon			0.00%	Misc. Copying		30.36	0.28%
Words of Wisdom			0.00%	Newsletter		131.57	1.23%
<u>Total Contributions</u>	\$ 1,513.64	\$ 5,858.54	50.31%	<u>Total Printing & Reproduction</u>	\$ 97.88	\$ 413.46	0.04
<u>Literature Sales</u>				<u>Unity Function Expenses</u>			
Book and Pamphlet Sales				Anniv. Dinner Expense			0.00%
Book & Pamphlet Sales	\$ 752.85	\$ 2,791.20	26.02%	Traditions Breakfast			0.00%
Chip Sales	220.75	634.55	5.92%	Unity Day Picnic Exp.			0.00%
Newsletter		12.00		Workshop Expenses		961.30	8.96%
<u>Total Literature Sales</u>	\$ 973.60	\$ 3,437.75	31.93%	Unity Fundraisers - Other			
<u>Other Income</u>				<u>Total Unity Function Exp.</u>	\$ -	\$ 961.30	8.96%
Donations		\$ 18.00	0.17%				
<u>Total Other Income</u>	\$ -	\$ 18.00	0.17%				
<u>Unity Functions</u>				<u>Telephone</u>			
Anniversary Dinner		\$ 50.00	0.47%	925 829 0666 - Hotline	\$ 35.41	\$ 177.20	1.65%
Traditions Breakfast			0.00%	925 829 3160	43.55	222.82	2.08%
Unity Picnic			0.00%	Automated Hotline	33.83	189.34	1.77%
Workshops		\$ 1,362.98	12.71%	<u>Total Telephone</u>	\$ 112.79	\$ 589.36	5.49%
<u>Total Unity Functions</u>	\$ -	\$ 1,412.98	0.47%				
<u>Total Income</u>	\$ 2,487.24	\$ 10,727.27	82.71%	<u>Total Expense</u>	\$ 2,185.35	\$ 10,213.99	95.22%
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 703.12	\$ 2,248.33	20.96%				
<u>Gross Profit</u>	\$ 1,784.12	\$ 8,478.94	61.75%	<u>Net Income/Loss</u>	\$ (401.23)	\$ (1,735.05)	-33.46%

SEPTEMBER 2011

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
28	29 VISC Board Mtg 6:45 PM 7000 Village Pkwy Ste 5 Dublin, CA 94568	30 Ladies Lifeline Birthday Meeting 6:45 Pm & Sunol Birthday Meeting 8:00	31 Thump This Birthday Mtg. Each & Every Wednesday	September 1 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday Meeting 8:00 PM	2	3 DDSM Birthday Speaker meeting 8:15 PM 222 W. El Pintado Danville Brian M. of Dublin, CA
4	5	6 7PM Tri-Valley's General Membership Business Meeting	7 Thump This Birthday Mtg. Each & Every Wednesday	8 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday Meeting 8:00 PM	9	10
11	12 Sub. District 6:45 PM Resurrection Lutheran Church 7557 Amador Valley	13	14 PICPC Meeting Eastbay IG Office 6 PM & Thump This Birthday Mtg	15 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday Meeting 8:00 PM	16	17 Step 8&9 WORKSHOP John Knox- Church Dublin 1-3 PM
18	19 General Service 7:30 Faith Lutheran Church 20080 Redwood Rd CV	20	21 Thump This Birthday Mtg Each & Every Wednesday	22 Primary Purpose Speaker/ Birthday Meeting 8:00 PM	23	24 Tri-Valley & Crossroads Birthday 8 PM Meetings & Crossroads Biz
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- 1st Monday is Intergroup 7:30 @ Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton & Monday Nite Live Birthday Meeting
- 1st Wednesday is H&I 7:30 @ 29th & Fairmont in Oakland
- Every Wednesday is a birthday meeting @ Thump This in Livermore
- Every Thursday Primary Purpose Cakes taken Spkr Mtg in Dublin
- 1st Friday is Friday Nite Live Birthday meeting
- 2nd Tuesday is Tri Valley General Members Meeting 7 PM
- 3rd Monday is the GSR Sub District meeting 6:45 @ Resurrection Lutheran Church 7557 Amador Valley Boulevard, Dublin
- 4th Monday GSR meeting @ 7:30 20080 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley
- 4th Saturday Tri Valley & Crossroads Speaker/Birthday meetings
- Last Tuesday & Thursday in Sunol Birthday meetings
- Last Wednesday is Hilltop Birthday meeting in Pleasanton

Let's add your Birthday meeting to our calendar! Call 829-3160

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ◆ **September 2-4, 2011 53rd Annual ICYPAA**
<http://www.icypaahost.org/>
- ◆ **September 17, 2011 5th Hand in the Hand**
Women's Day of Unity
Century Assembly Church Lodi, CA
Toni P.209-322-5147 Nancy K 209-745-5107
- ◆ **September 24, 2011 Hotline Workshop**
<http://valleyservicecenter.org/events.html>
- ◆ **October 28-30, 2011 64th Annual NCCAA**
Fall Conference Santa Rosa
<http://ncc-aa.org>
- ◆ **November 11-13, 2011 24th Annual Roundup**
Lake Havasu City
<http://www.havasuaa.com>

For registration forms visit us @ the Valley Service Center

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Alcoholics Anonymous has now truly become a family affair in those areas which have all three of these programs. Quite often all three meetings are conducted in the same building on the same night. The social time after meetings often finds all three participants mingling together, eating donuts and drinking coffee or soda pop.

I have a sixteen-year-old son who is a member of an Alateen Group. I have been invited to sit in at their meetings and also to speak. I sat in on a recent meeting of the original group in Pasadena. Because of the alcoholic problem in their families two of the girls, both seventeen, are now wards of the juvenile court. One is the oldest of five girls and all are now living in separate foster homes. Both parents are still practicing alcoholics but through the teachings of Alateen she is now able to understand them. Because of resentment and lack of proper supervision her thought patterns led her into running away from home, direct insubordination to parents and school officials and general lack of responsibility. She is now a fine young lady, attractive, intelligent, with fine inner qualities that are now beginning to blossom forth because of her Alateen program .

The other seventeen-year-old girl ran away from home after her dad came to AA. She had more or less assumed his place beside her mother during his drinking days and she couldn't easily relinquish her station when he became sober. She ran away from home, skipped school, flagrantly broke school and social regulations until at last it was necessary for her parents to ask juvenile authorities to aid them. The court placed her in a foster home. While residing there she began going to Alateen. Today she is back in her own home and living in harmony with her family and friends. Citizenship grades for both these girls have remained consistently high since coming to Alateen and both have raised their scholastic standings at school.

One of the boys at age eighteen decided he wanted to get married. His still practicing alcoholic mother forbade this so he ran away from home. He moved in with a fast crowd of older fellows and soon found himself using sedatives for kicks and stealing auto parts for expense money.

The desire to do things right drove him back home, where he discovered AA had entered his home. His mother suggested Alateen to him and he went to his first meetings for laughs. He hasn't missed a meeting since. He has been able to unburden his resentments and big-shot attitude to kids who understood. Today his wrong habit patterns and adverse thinking are under control. His parents, family and friends overflow with praise for Alateen which has saved him from himself.

These are the exceptional cases. Most of the kids have never strayed that far from proper behavior but they will readily tell you that they were heading that way.

The majority are applying their program to normal teen-age difficulties. They are trying to overcome problems of disobedience, resentment, lack of responsibility, boredom, disrespect, smoking, staying out past parents' curfew hours and, as my own son puts it, just plain laziness.

Each week the members of the Pasadena Group select a personal problem they feel they need to correct. They apply the idea of living one day at a time to the problem. The following week they report to the group on their progress.

In answer to my queries about the spiritual concepts of the program, members agreed that the Serenity Prayer and finding a God of their understanding made the Alateen way easy. Most are going to church now without their parents' insistence. Most admitted asking for guidance during the day.

Word of this new teen-age program spread. Soon inquiries were pouring into the Los Angeles AA Central Office. The Pasadena Group visited other areas to explain their program and help form new groups. The effort to carry their message has resulted in nine other active groups in the Los Angeles area. They now receive and handle Alateen Twelfth Step calls in the same manner as AA and Al-Anon. A few calls come in from AA Central Office, although more are passed on to them from AA Twelfth Step calls when it is discovered there are teenagers in a newcomer's family.

These are facts about teen-aged kids like yours and mine--the kind of kids that church leaders, juvenile authorities and school officials are seeking a way to handle. Alateens believe that they may have the answer to the delinquency problem if they can just get it to the sources that count--other teen-agers like themselves. I can't help but agree. I am seeing it work every day. I experience the benefits in my own home.

I left that Pasadena meeting knowing that I had had another spiritual experience. I thanked God that some twenty years ago he had placed the right message in the right hands at the right time.

Ed. Note--This new extension of AA seems to us so exciting and so full of potential far reaching influence that it is our hope other AA and Al-Anon groups will be inspired to initiate similar Alateen projects in their communities. Next month we will bring you a report from some of the teen-agers who will speak for themselves on how their groups are helping them. Anyone interested in finding out more about Alateens and how they work should contact the Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, 125 E. 23rd St., New York, New York.

Bill M.
La Puente, CA

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Hotline: Volunteers Needed. Contact Mark S. 487-6790 or Beth A 829-8790 if interested.

Events: VSC Annual Picnic & Fundraiser (8/20) 10-2:30 pm. Amador Valley Park, 4301 Black Ave, Pleasanton. Leslie K. of Modesto will speak @ 11 & lunch to follow (burgers/hot dogs). Contact Sue B. @ sue_beville@yahoo.com. for info. Step 8 & 9 WORKshop (9/17/11) 1:30-3 p.m. at John Knox Church. Contact Billie K. (925) 548-2467 or by email kort36@yahoo.com. No workshop in August!

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Hotline /12 Step Workshop (9/24/11) 3:30-5 pm. at Tri-Valley Fellowship Rm 1 (followed by potluck at 6pm & Birthday Speaker Meeting @ 8 pm.

Misc.: Encourage treasurer of your group to make donations to VSC more promptly/consistently.

H&I can use more support; announce Pink Can should be passed separate & after 7th tradition basket & to donate to 7th tradition first.

VSC will be closed Saturday, 8/20 and Monday, 9/5.

Next Intergroup Meeting will be Monday, 10/3 @ 7:30 p.m. No meeting in September!

Volunteer to do Concept 8 in August: TBD

7th Tradition: Basket passed and donations collected.

Birthdays since we last met: None.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement: "I am responsible... when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."



Hotline/12 Step Workshop

The Hotline is sometimes the first and most important connection we can make with a newcomer.

Want to be of service in an *easy, important* way?

You choose the time; you choose the hours!

Come join us at the workshop to learn how you can help

on the Hotline or on 12 Step Calls

IT'S IMPORTANT AND IT'S GOOD SERVICE

Sat. Sept. 24, 2011

3:30 – 5:00

Tri Valley Fellowship Room 1

3701 Old Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton

(Stick around and join the pot luck at 6:00

and birthday night meeting at 8:00)



2012 Wall Calendar

See striking photographs that reflect the joy of living, serenity and other sobriety themes. Full-color photographs taken by our readers, accompanied by brief quotes selected from Grapevine articles. The quotes aren't directly related to either AA or

alcoholism, so the calendar may be displayed anonymously. Trilingual (English/Spanish/French)

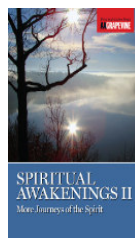
2012 Pocket Planner

A companion to the Wall Calendar, the Planner features a month-at-a-glance spread and quotations from the Calendar. Great for keeping anniversary dates.

Spiritual Awakenings II

The greatest gift that can come to anybody is a spiritual awakening"- Bill W. Grapevine, December 1957 Only in the challenging, dynamic daily lives of AA members do the Twelve Steps come to vibrant life. In these

stories from the pages of Grapevine, published since 1944, sobriety's message of miracles and redemptions is shared with passion and humor in 74 colorful voices.





The Valley Intergroup presents:

12 step WORKshops

Come join us work the Steps! You can come to one, to your favorite few, or commit to all dates! Bring your sponsees — Newcomers Welcome!

**These are WORKing WORKshops — bring
Big Book, 12 and 12, pen and paper**

Each month we will have an opportunity to learn and grow! We will have speakers, panels, handouts and provide new insights into working/reworking the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Time: 1-3 p.m.

3rd Saturday of the month

John Knox Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd. Dublin, CA

(Directions: Heading west on Dublin Blvd., cross San Ramon Valley Blvd. and turn right on Hansen Dr. Take the 3rd right onto Amarillo Rd.)

No sign-ups needed, but are appreciated ☺

Coffee and snacks provided

To get involved, for more information or to sign up to attend please contact:

Kathy Y. (925) 699-7323 or gfyqrl@yahoo.com

January 15th—Step 1

February 19th—Step 2

March 19th—Step 3

April 16th—Step 4

May 21st—Step 5

June—No Workshop

July 16th—Step 6 & 7

August—No Workshop

September 17th— Step 8&9

October 15th—Step 10

November 19th—Step 11

December 17th—Step 12



Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

Santa Rosa, CA

Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA
October 28, 29 & 30, 2011

Friday, October 28, 2011 2:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 	Registration Opens Early Bird Meeting Open Speaker Meeting Chuck H., Cary, N.C.
Saturday, October 29, 2011 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 10:00 PM 	General Service Panel Host Committee Workshop H & I Panel Young People's Meeting Heather H., Minneapolis, MN Open Speaker Meeting Beth H., Cary, N.C. Dance Following Drawing
Sunday, October 30, 2011 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 	All A.A. Services Panel Meeting Open Speaker Meeting Paul W., Sunset Beach, CA

Fellowship - Workshops - Speakers - Free Drawing
 Pre-Registration is Appreciated
 Hotel and map on back

Please send with payment to: Treasurer, NCCAA - P. O. Box 6464, San Diego, CA 92163
PRE-REGISTRATION - \$10.00 (per person) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$15.00

Name _____ Home group _____
 Address _____ County _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Number of persons attending _____ (see back of book) Ad. Encl. \$ _____
 Are you staying at a hotel or motel? YES ___ NO ___ Hotel/ motel name _____

Website: NCCAA Web Site at WWW.NCCAA.ORG

Group Contributions and the Pink Can

At the January H&I Steering Committee Meeting we heard from members that some group contribution baskets have come back with less money in them than is put in the Pink Can. We do not want to take from the Intergroups/Central Offices, Districts, and other services that the group supports. We can never tell a group what to do but after some discussion we agreed that as committee members our response is:

We ask that the group contribution basket be passed completely before the Pink Can is passed and that the Pink Can is not passed inside the group basket. That the Pink Can either be passed after the group basket is completed or be left on the table with a brief announcement about the purpose of the Pink Can.

We have not asked that the Pink Can no longer be passed at meetings and we have not said we no longer need contributions. As long as there are confined alcoholics there is the need to purchase AA books to bring the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to them.

We have a letter called What Are Those Pink Cans For? which states "One of the fears expressed early on in the implementation of the Pink Cans was that they would subtract from the support of the meetings. This should not happen if the AA group secretaries announce (before the baskets are passed) both the importance of supporting your group (thereby supporting the service entities it contributes to) and the purpose of the Pink Can. Also, the H&I Committee requests that the Pink Cans be passed separately from the baskets so as to avoid confusion." The entire letter is available on our website at www.handinorcal.org.

More volunteers are also needed to bring those AA books into the hundreds of facilities we go into each month. It is when one alcoholic shares with another alcoholic that the message of hope is carried, so consider this 12th Step service and attend your Area H&I Committee Meeting to get involved.

In Fellowship and Service,
Lorraine MacDonald
General Chairman of Northern California
Hospital and Institution Committee

Hospitals & Institutions Opportunities



LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN

Ladies Santa Rita Women's Jail is in need of Volunteers Saturdays 1:00 to 2:45 PM One year of Sobriety Call Sharon O. 925-548-3007

The Danville-Diablo AA Speaker Meeting

Meets the 1st Saturday of every month
8:15pm in the Main Sanctuary
Community Presbyterian Church
222 W. El Pintado, Danville

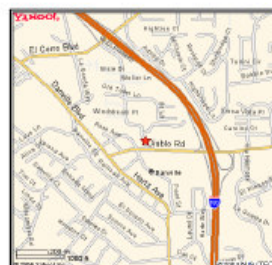
Upcoming scheduled speakers:

- August 6** - Darryl P. from East Palo Alto, CA
- September 3** - Brian M. from Dublin, CA
- October 1** - Carrie C. from Danville, CA
- November 5** - Astrid H. from Granada Hills, CA
- November 26** - Ruth H. from San Ramon, CA

No Smoking Allow



Come celebrate your AA birthday & stay for the speaker's message!



- Directions to the Danville-Diablo Speaker Meeting from Hwy 680:
- Exit Diablo Road.
 - Go West onto Diablo Road.
 - Go Right onto W. El Pintado (1st Light on the right).
 - Turn Right into the church parking lot.

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