

THE VALLEY VIEW

The Voice of the Valley

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**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 Inter-
group**
will meet on the
1st Monday of the
month at **7:30 pm:**
Trinity Lutheran
Church
1225 Hopyard Road
Pleasanton, CA

Contact Info:
**Valley Service
Center**
Mon. 5-7:30 pm,
Wed. 6-8 pm
Sat. 10:30-2:30 pm
**6990 Village Parkway
Suite 214
Dublin, CA 94568**
Office: 925-829-3160
24 hrs: 925-829-0666
24 hrs: 888-859-3230

WANTED VOLUNTEERS
TO FILL SERVICE POSTIONS AT
INTERGROUP:
EVENTS COCHAIRPERSON
HOTLINE COCHAIRPERSON
WORKSHOPS COCHAIRPER-
SON RECORDING SECRETARY
H&I LIAISON
PLUS VOLUNTEERS FOR VSC
BOARD MEMEBERS
FOR MORE INFORMATION VIS-
IT THE WEBSITE:
VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG
THEN UNDER DOCUMENTS
VIEW INTERGROUP JOB BRO-
CHURE

VALLEY INTERGROUP SERVICE COUNCIL – RECAP OF MEETING – DECEMBER 2ND.2013.**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

COMPLETE YOUR RESERVATION FORM FOR YOUR COPY OF THE:
75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE EDITION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 'BIG BOOK.'

THE FORM FOR THE RESERVATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG

APPROXIMATE BOOK COST WILL BE NO MORE THAN \$13.50.

INTERGROUP ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY 2015. THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE:

CHAIRPERSON (5 YRS. SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT) SECRETARY (2 YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT)

GENERAL SERVICE GROUP 70 REPRESENTATIVE; H&I LIAISON; PI/CPC CHAIRPERSON;

CO-CHAIRPERSON SPECIAL EVENTS.

CONFERENCE:

NCCAA CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD: DECEMBER 8TH, 2014 AT 10:30AM AT THE SAN RAMON MARRIOTT. CHECK WITH DESK FOR MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENT.

NCCAA CONFERENCE IN MARCH 21, 22ND, 23RD 2014. REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON THE

WEB SITE WWW.NORCALAA.ORG. FLYER AVAILABLE ON VSC WEBSITE. INFORMATION REGARDING VOLUNTEERS WILL BE FORTH-COMING.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER:

TICKETS GO ON SALE WEDNESDAY EVENING, \$25.00 EACH. 304 TICKETS AVAILABLE. NO SALES

AT THE DOOR.

MISC:

THREE (3) COFFEE POTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM VSC. EACH COFFEE POT IS SERVES 4-12 CUPS. ALSO ONE (1) ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE IS ALSO AVAILABLE.

H&I IS STILL IN NEED OF FUNDS AFTER THE MEETING BASKET IS PASSED. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE PINK CAN WITH THE MEETING BASKET.

H&I: BUSINESS MEETING IS THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:30 PM (NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION @ 7 PM); LOCATION: 1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 29TH & FAIRMOUNT, OAKLAND.

GSO: GENERAL SERVICE: MEETINGS HELD THE 4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT FAITH LUTHERAN

CHURCH, 20080 REDWOOD RD, CASTRO VALLEY.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: JANUARY 6TH FROM 7:30-8:30PM, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLEASANTON, CA.

FULL REPORT OF VALLEY SERVICE CENTER INTER-GROUP'S MINUTES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG

THE BRIDGE**FEBRUARY 1969 VOL 25 NO 9****AT ONE TIME THE GROUP'S YOUNGEST MEMBER WAS TWENTY-TWO AND THE OLDEST WAS EIGHTY. BUT THEY HAD ONE COMMON GOAL--SOBRIETY**

I'VE BEEN AN AA MEMBER FOR NINE YEARS, AND THE PROBLEM OF THE YOUNG AA HAS BEEN ONE THAT I HAVE REFLECTED UPON FOR SOME TIME. I CAME INTO AA WHEN I WAS TWENTY-TWO AND BY THE GRACE OF GOD HAVE REMAINED SOBER EVER SINCE.

WHEN I JOINED AA, I WAS IN THE ARMY, STATIONED AT FORT BENNING, GA. I SPENT MY FIRST YEAR IN AA WITH A WONDERFUL GROUP IN COLUMBUS, GA. THEN I RETURNED TO MY HOME IN A LARGE MIDWESTERN CITY.

WHEN I CAME INTO AA IN GEORGIA, I WAS THE YOUNGEST IN THE GROUP. I WAS AN ODDITY. BUT I LEARNED MOST ABOUT THE PROGRAM BY TALKING WITH THE OLDER MEMBERS--THIRTY AND OVER. I QUESTIONED THEM ABOUT THEIR DRINKING, AND THEY ASSURED ME THROUGH THEIR STORIES THAT IT WOULD ONLY GET WORSE IF I CONTINUED DRINKING. I WAS FORTUNATE, I REALIZED, BECAUSE I HAD GOTTEN OFF THE BOOZE MERRY-GO-ROUND WHEN I WAS SO YOUNG.

WHEN I RETURNED TO MY HOME TOWN, I JOINED AN ALL-MALE GROUP. I'M STILL A MEMBER OF THAT GROUP. HOWEVER, FOR A FEW YEARS, OTHER YOUNGER AAS AND I FORMED A YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP. (I STILL WENT TO THE ALL-MALE MEETINGS, TOO.) WE DID NOT HAVE MUCH SUCCESS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP. SO WE BROKE UP AND RETURNED TO OUR OTHER GROUPS.

SINCE THAT TIME, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE COME INTO OUR ALL-MALE GROUP. MANY OF THEM HAVE STAYED. SOME HAVE LEFT TO DO MORE DRINKING. BUT I DON'T THINK THEY LEFT BECAUSE THEY FELT ISOLATED FROM THE OLDER MEMBERS. WE YOUNGER MEMBERS WHO STAYED DIDN'T FEEL THAT WAY.

I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WELL THEY ARE DOING IN OTHER PLACES. I DON'T THINK THEY ARE NECESSARY ANY MORE. OF COURSE, THAT IS JUST MY OPINION.

I FIND THAT IN OUR GROUP THE PRESENCE OF THE OLDER MEMBERS IS VERY HELPFUL. I KNOW THAT WITHOUT THEIR HELP I WOULD NOT BE IN AA TODAY. IT IS THEIR STEADYING INFLUENCE THAT KEEPS THE GROUP GOING ON AN EVEN KEEL. WHAT'S MORE, I'VE NOT FOUND THAT THEY TRY TO PREVENT THE YOUNGER MEMBERS FROM TAKING POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE GROUP. IN FACT, THEY ENCOURAGE IT.

WE HAVE OTHER YOUNG MEMBERS IN OUR GROUP WITH LONG YEARS OF SOBRIETY. ONE HAS EIGHT YEARS, ANOTHER SEVEN, AND TWO OTHERS LESS THAN THAT. NONE OF THEM, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, HAS EVER BELONGED TO A YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT IF THEY HAD THEY WOULDN'T HAVE FOUND IT HELPFUL.

OF COURSE, SOME OF OUR INTERESTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE OLDER MEMBERS', BUT THAT DOESN'T PREVENT US FROM ENJOYING THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM. AT ONE TIME, OUR YOUNGEST MEMBER WAS TWENTY-TWO AND OUR OLDEST WAS EIGHTY. OUR COMMON GOAL--SOBRIETY--HAS ENABLED US TO BRIDGE THE AGE GAP.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND BELONGED TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP, I ATTENDED A YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION. I ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY, BUT THAT WAS FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO. TODAY, I THINK THAT A YOUNG PERSON WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE FEELING COMFORTABLE IN A REGULAR AA GROUP. PERHAPS THIS ISN'T TRUE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, BUT I THINK IT IS TRUE IN OUR CITY.

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Profit & Loss Statement December 2013

INCOME	DEC 2013	YTD 2013	% OF INCOME	EXPENSE	DEC 2013	FISCAL YTD 2013	% OF INCOME
AS BILL SEES IT	0.00	715.00	4%	CORPORATE FEE		25.00	0%
BACK TO BASICS	0.00	70.79	0%	DONATIONS		285.15	1%
BROKEN ELEVATOR GROUP	75.71	409.66	2%	INSURANCE	102.00	1,020.05	3%
BY THE BOOK	0.00	369.70	2%	INTERNET SERVICE	45.00	415.00	1%
CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP	360.00	3,210.00	17%	LICENSES AND PERMITS		21.00	0%
EBYPAA	0.00	300.00	2%	OFFICE MANAGER EXPENSE	555.00	8,475.00	28%
FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP	0.00	62.70	0%	OFFICE, MISC.	18.02	240.35	1%
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE	0.00	259.25	1%	POSTAGE AND DELIVERY		79.12	0%
GROUPO LIVERMORE	0.00	250.00	1%	RENT - INTERGROUP	20.00	200.00	1%
HARD KNOX GROUP	0.00	252.80	1%	RENT - OFFICE	444.00	4,375.00	14%
HILLTOP GROUP	484.71	484.71	3%	SALES TAX		831.00	3%
IND	0.00	40.89	0%	SUBSCRIPTIONS - GRAPEVINE		34.97	0%
INTERGROUP MEETING	27.00	306.73	2%	SUPPLIES, BUS	42.47	322.66	1%
JAY-WALKERS	138.24	666.92	4%	TRAVEL - OFC MGR MTG		670.00	2%
LADIES LIFELINE	192.94	1,673.69	9%	WEB SERVICES		282.14	1%
LETTING GO GROUP	0.00	339.50	2%	TOTAL GENERAL OFFICE EXNSSES	1,226.49	17,276.44	56%
MONDAY NITE LIVE	0.00	250.00	1%	PAMPHLET PURCHASES	50.80	450.72	1%
PRIMARY PURPOSE	1,053.44	2,180.82	12%	TOTAL LITERATURE PURCHAES	50.80	450.72	1%
REBELLION DOGS	0.00	289.61	2%	MEETING SCHEDULES	7.27	234.47	1%
S. R. RECOVERY GROUP	129.33	243.62	1%	MISC. COPYING	48.25	273.63	1%
SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST	0.00	1,692.40	9%	NEWSLETTER	27.24	322.82	1%
SERENITY SEEKERS	0.00	304.42	2%	PRINTING & REPRODUCTION	82.76	830.92	3%
SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE - DUBLIN	0.00	687.90	4%	ANNIV. DINNER EXPENSE	966.15	966.15	3%
THE UNSCRIPTED MEN'S GROUP	259.00	1,608.40	9%	VSC PICNIC EXP.		578.53	2%
THERE IS A SOLUTION	0.00	60.00	0%	WORKSHOP EXPENSES	0.00	176.73	1%
TRI-VALLEY FELLOWSHIP	25.00	237.75	1%	TOTAL UNITY FUNCTION EXP	966.15	1,721.41	6%
TUES. NIGHT WOMEN'S STEP STUDY	0.00	39.00	0%	925 829 0666 - HOTLINE	43.09	406.92	1%
WOMEN STAYING IN THE BOOK	37.92	699.93	4%	925 829 3160	63.72	607.96	2%
WORDS OF WISDOM	480.00	998.24	5%	AT&T LONG DISTANCE	3.29	41.36	0%
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	3,263.29	18,704.43	100%	AUTO HOTLINE -FREEDOM VOICE	25.96	307.98	1%
CONTRIBUTIONS	3,263.29	18,704.43	61%	TOTAL TELEPHONE	136.06	1,364.22	4%
BOOK SALES	634.25	7,767.85	25%	TOTAL UTILITIES	136.06	1,364.22	4%
CHIP SALES	145.50	1,004.25	3%	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,462.26	21,643.71	71%
MINI PAMPHLETS	4.00	50.50	0%	NET INCOME	972.55	2,057.33	7%
NEWSLETTER	0.00	32.00	0%	CASH ACCOUNT (PETTY CASH)	40.00		
TOTAL LITERATURE SALES	783.75	8,854.60	29%	WF LITERATURE FUND	800.05		
TOTAL OPERATION INCOME	4,047.04	27,559.03	90%	WF OPERATING ACCOUNT	4,514.88		
VSC ANNUAL PICNIC		3,116.00	10%	WF PRUDENT RESERVE	10,000.00		
TOTAL UNITY FUNCTIONS		3,116.00	10%	WF UNITY FUND	12,579.51		
TOTAL GROSS INCOME		30,675.03	100%	INVENTORY ASSET	3,234.45		
COST OF GOODS SOLD	612.23	6,973.99	23%	PREPAID EXPENSE	2,274.00		
GROSS PROFIT	3,434.81	23,701.04	77%	DEPOSITS	1,350.00		

FULL SET OF THIS YEAR'S AND LAST YEAR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE VIEWED AT OUR WEBSITE
VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG

TOTAL ASSETS 34,792.89

FEBRUARY 2014

BIRTHDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 1st SAT. SPEAKER MTG CPC, DANVILLE, PAGE 6
2	3 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, Meeting 8pm Mon Nite Live Birthday Mtg. 8:30pm YMCA -6693 Sierra Lane Dublin Intergroup Mtg. 7:30 pm Trinity Lutheran, Pleasanton	4	5 H&I Beg Mtg 7:00 H&I Mtg 7:30 pm 1st Christian Church 111 Fairmont Ave. Oak- land	6	7 Friday Nite Live St. Phillip Dublin Birthday Mtg	8
9	10 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, Meeting 8 pm	11 Tri-Valley Fellowship's General Member- ship Business Mtg 7pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, 8pm General Service Sub District mtg. 6:45 pm Resurrection Church, Dublin	18	19 PI/CPC Meeting 6pm Central Office 295 27th St. Oakland	20	21	22 TriValley & Cross Roads Speaker Meeting with Birthday Chips 8pm
23	24 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, Meeting 8 pm General Service Mtg 7:30 Faith Lutheran 20080 Redwood Rd Castro Valley VISC Board Meeting VSC Office 6:45 pm 6990 Village Pkwy #214	25 Ladies Lifeline Birthday Mtg 6:30 pm Sunol Birthday Mtg 7:30 pm	26 Hilltop Group Birthday Mtg 7:30 pm Pleasanton	27 Sunol Birthday Meeting 7:30 pm	28 SR Community Ctr Birthday Mtg Noon	1 1st SAT. SPEAKER MTG CPC, DANVILLE, PAGE 6
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- 1st Mon - Intergroup 7:30, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton
- 1st Mon - Mon. Nite Live Birthday Mtg, YMCA, Dublin, 8pm
- 1st Wed - H&I 7:30, 111 Fairmont Ave., Oakland
- Every Mon - Primary Purpose Speaker Mtg, 8-9:15pm
- 1st Friday - Friday Nite Live Birthday Mtg, 7:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday - Tri Valley General Members Mtg, 7 pm
- 3rd Monday is the GSR Sub District Mtg, 6:45 pm, Resurrection Lutheran, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin
- 3rd Wednesday PI/CPC Mtg, 6pm, 295 27th St., Oakland
- 4th Mon - GSR Mtg, 7:30 20080 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley
- Last Saturday - Tri Valley & Crossroads Speaker/Birthday Mtg, 8pm
- Last Tues & Thurs - Sunol Birthday Mtg, 7:30
- Last Tues - Birthday Meeting, Ladies Lifeline 6:30, Trinity Lutheran, Pleasanton 6:30
- Last Wed - Hilltop Birthday Mtg, Pleasanton 7:30
- Last Fri - San Ramon Community Ctr, 12 Noon

VALLEY SERVICE CENTER
 LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE SERVICE DESK TWO
 HOURS ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 10:30 TO 12:30 AND 12:30 TO 2:30
 2YRS SOBRIETY REQUIRED
 IF INTERESTED DROP BY THE VALLEY SERVICE CENTER AND SEE
 LYNN OR CALL 925-829-3160

WE HAVE 3 COFFEE MAKERS
 EACH MAKES 12 CUPS
 AND AN ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE
 FREE TO ANY GROUPS THAT MIGHT NEED THEM
 STOP BY THE VALLEY SERVICE CENTER

COME TO THE DANVILLE-DIABLO AA

SPEAKER MEETING



Celebrate your 30, 60, 90 day,
 6 month, 9 month and
 1-year-plus AA birthday &
 stay for the speaker's
 inspiring message

*Signing available
 for the hearing
 impaired*

8:15 p.m.

1st Saturday of every month
 Community Presbyterian Church
 222 W. El Pintado, Danville
 (in the main sanctuary)

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 5	November 2	November 30	January 4
Kathy Y. Livermore, CA	Bill J. Livermore, CA	Heidi S. Folsom, CA	Darrel T. Danville, CA

(no drinks allowed in the sanctuary and absolutely no smoking anywhere on the church grounds)

PRIMARY PURPOSE
SPEAKER MEETING

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
8PM TO 9:15 PM
BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED
EVERY WEEK
COME JOIN THE FUN!

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH
8850 DEVONA DR. AT ALCOSTA

KEEP
COMING
BACK

THIS TOO
SHALL
PASS

BUT FOR
THE
GRACE
OF GOD

LIVE
AND LET
LIVE

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I HOPE MEMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS WON'T TAKE OFFENSE AT THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE THINK ABOUT IT. ARE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS STILL NECESSARY?

SPEAKER MEETINGS WITH BIRTHDAY
CHIPS LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY
MONTH 8PM

TRI-VALLY
FELLOWSHIP
3701 OLD SANTA
RITA RD, #20
PLEASANTON, CA
94588

CROSSROADS
FELLOWSHIP
386 PRESTON CT.
LIVERMORE, CA
94551

**Help Carry the
Message: H & I
Need women:**
Get involved in Hospi-
tals and Institutions.

Go to the Beginners
Orientation meeting on
the 1st Wednesday of
the month @7:00PM at
111 Fairmount Ave.,
Oakland, CA



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

FELLOWSHIPS

CROSSROADS

925/449-9796

386 Preston Court
Livermore

TRI-VALLEY

925/463-9899

3701 Old Santa Rita Road
Suite 20 Pleasanton

**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**

**VALLEY INTERGROUP
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