

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 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
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24 hrs: 888-859-3230



**Northern California
Council of
Alcoholics Anonymous**

San Ramon, CA

San Ramon Marriott Hotel – 2600 Bishop Drive
March 21, 22, 23, 2014

Friday, March 21, 2014 2:00 PM 3:30 PM 8:00 PM	Registration Opens Early Bird Speaker Meeting Open Speaker Meeting Victor S., El Dorado Hills, CA
Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:30 PM 8:00 PM 10:00 PM	Hospital & Institutions Panel Host Committee Workshop General Service Panel Young People's Speaker Meeting Vikki R., Yuba City, CA Open Speaker Meeting Peg M., Bellevue, NE Dance Following Drawing
Sunday, March 23, 2014 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	All A.A. Services Panel Meeting Open Speaker Meeting Peter M., Boca Raton, FL



Fellowship – Workshops – Speakers – Free Drawing – Dance
Pre-Registration Is Appreciated
Hotel map on back



Please remit with payment to: Treasurer, NCCAA, P.O 3162, Yuba City CA 95992
PRE-REGISTRATION - \$10.00 (per person) AT THE CONFERENCE - \$15.00

Name _____ Home group _____
 Address _____ County _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Number of persons attending _____ (show additional names on back of form) Amt. Enclosed \$ _____
 Are you staying at a hotel/motel in San Ramon? Yes ___ No ___ Name of hotel _____

 Please mention NCCAA when you register at the hotel. It does help defray our costs.

VALLEY INTERGROUP SERVICE COUNCIL – RECAP OF MEETING – JANUARY 6TH 2014

PLEASE ANNOUNCE THE MEETING, STAYING IN THE BOOK WHICH MEETS ON THURSDAY @ 5:30PM

AT THE YMCA ON FIRST STREET IN PLEASANTON, WILL BE MOVING AT THE END OF THE MONTH. CHECK

THE VSC WEBSITE FOR NEW LOCATION.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- VSC IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:30-12:30PM AND 12:30-2:30PM.
- FOR THE NCCAA SPRING CONFERENCE: GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS ARE NEEDED TO HOST/SPONSOR MARATHON MEETINGS. IF YOUR GROUP CAN BE OF SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT JANET V.
- H&I HAS UPCOMING OFFICER ELECTIONS. THE JAIL COORDINATOR POSITION WILL BE OPEN.

CONFERENCE:

- NCCAA CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING ARE HELD THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE MARRIOTT AT 10:30AM.
- THE NCCAA CONFERENCE SPRING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE SAN RAMON MARRIOTT, MARCH 21,22,23, 2014.
- REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE WWW.NORCALAA.ORG. FLYER AVAILABLE ON VSC WEBSITE. INFORMATION REGARDING VOLUNTEERS WILL BE FORTH-COMING.
- GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS ARE NEEDED TO HOST/SPONSOR MARATHON MEETINGS. IF YOUR GROUP CAN BE OF SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT JANET V.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER:

JANUARY 18TH, 2014. NO TICKET 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.

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

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WHY IT WORKS

I MUST ADMIT THAT WHEN I FIRST LOOKED OVER OUR TWELVE TRADITIONS HANGING ON THE WALL, I THOUGHT THEY WERE A DUMB, BORING BUSINESS CHARTER. I WAS SO SMART THAT I KNEW THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, AND WITH THAT INFORMATION, I IGNORED THEM FOR AS LONG AS I COULD. THAT WAS UNTIL THE DAY MY SPONSOR, WISE WOMAN THAT SHE WAS, SUGGESTED THAT I GO THROUGH THE TRADITIONS WITH HER JUST AS WE HAD THE STEPS. IT SEEMED LIKE A CORNY IDEA AT THE TIME, BUT SHE WAS MY SPONSOR AND I DID NOT KNOW YOU COULD TELL YOUR SPONSOR NO. (I STILL DON'T RECOMMEND THAT).

ONE BY ONE WE READ THEM TOGETHER, STUDYING PAGE AFTER PAGE, LOOKING FOR THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES AND THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

THOUGH AT THE TIME I DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE THEY WOULD HAVE IN MY LIFE OR HOW MUCH WISDOM WAS WITHIN THE WORDS ON THE PAGE, I KNOW TODAY THAT THEY ARE "WHY IT WORKS" AND THEY ARE ALSO, WHEN PRACTICED IN MY OWN LIFE, THE GLUE THAT ALLOWS UNITY IN MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ROOMS OF AA.

MY SPONSOR TAUGHT ME TO TAKE EACH TRADITION AND FIND HOW IT APPLIED TO ME PERSONALLY. WHEN I FELT STUCK AND COULD NOT SEE THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OR APPLICATION, SHE ENCOURAGED ME TO DIG DEEPER. SHE SHARED HER OWN EXPERIENCE ABOUT WHAT THE TRADITIONS HAD BROUGHT TO HER OWN LIFE. WHEN I STRUGGLED WITH FINANCES AND DEBT, AND WITH MY HUSBAND WANTING TO SET A BUDGET, SHE SHARED WITH ME THE FREEDOM I WOULD EXPERIENCE BY BEING SELF-SUPPORTING THROUGH MY OWN CONTRIBUTIONS.

WHEN I WANTED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MY HUSBAND OR MOTHER-IN-LAW ONE MORE TIME, SHE SHARED WITH ME THAT HAVING NO OPINION ON OUTSIDE ISSUES MIGHT SAVE ME FROM SOME RESENTMENTS.

SHE SAID THAT THE COMMON WELFARE OF MY FAMILY SHOULD COME FIRST. SHE SAID I SHOULD STICK TO MY OWN SIDE OF THE STREET AND BE SELF-GOVERNING, AND IN THIS AUTONOMY I WOULD HAVE PEACE OF MIND. SHE SAID THAT EVERYONE, INCLUDING MYSELF, HAD THE RIGHT TO BE WRONG.

AND SHE TAUGHT ME THAT KEEPING MY MOUTH SHUT AND NOT PLAYING THE BIG SHOT WAS A GREAT WAY TO PRACTICE ANONYMITY, FOR IT IS ONLY BY STAYING RIGHT-SIZED WITH HUMILITY THAT I CAN PRACTICE THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES I LEARNED BEFORE I LET MY PERSONAL-

HEATHER L.

OCEANSIDE, CALIF.

ITY RUN THE SHOW.

OPEN MIC NIGHT TALENT SHOW

MARCH 15TH, 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM, AT TRI-VALLEY FELLOWSHIP

3701 OLD SANTA RITA ROAD, #20

EVERYONE WELCOME! TALENTS INCLUDES SINGING, KARAOKE, PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENT, COMEDY, DANCING. OR JUST COME AND WATCH, LOTS OF FUN! WATER, SODA AND POPCORN. SIGN-UP AT THE FELLOWSHIP, OR CONTACT LIN AT 925-918-2678. COME JOIN US!

Profit & Loss Statement January 2014

INCOME	JAN 2014	YTD 2014	% OF INCOME	EXPENSE		% OF INCOME
				JAN 2014	FISCAL YTD 2014	
AS BILL SEES IT	0.00	715.00	4%	BANK CHARGE	0.00	0%
BACK TO BASICS	0.00	70.79	0%	CORPORATE FEE	25.00	0%
BROKEN ELEVATOR GROUP	0.00	409.66	2%	DONATIONS	285.15	1%
BY THE BOOK	144.46	514.16	3%	INSURANCE	102.00	3%
CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP	0.00	3,210.00	17%	INTERNET SERVICE	45.00	1%
EBYPAA	0.00	300.00	2%	INVENTORY WRITE OFF	185.98	0%
FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP	0.00	62.70	0%	LICENSES AND PERMITS	21.00	0%
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE	0.00	259.25	1%	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	0.00	0%
GROUPO LIVERMORE	0.00	250.00	1%	OFFICE MANAGER EXPENSE	900.00	22%
HARD KNOX GROUP	0.00	252.80	1%	OFFICE, MISC.	240.35	1%
HILLTOP GROUP	0.00	484.71	3%	POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	2.72	0%
IND	0.00	40.89	0%	RENT - INTERGROUP	20.00	1%
INTERGROUP MEETING	24.00	330.73	2%	RENT - OFFICE	444.00	11%
JAY-WALKERS	98.95	765.87	4%	SALES TAX	831.00	2%
LADIES LIFELINE	97.36	1,771.05	9%	SUBSCRIPTIONS - GRAPEVINE	34.97	0%
LETTING GO GROUP	104.50	444.00	2%	SUPPLIES, BUS	0.00	1%
MONDAY NITE LIVE	0.00	250.00	1%	TRAVEL - OFC MGR MTG	670.00	2%
PRIMARY PURPOSE	0.00	2,180.82	11%	WEB SERVICES	282.14	1%
REBELLION DOGS	0.00	289.61	2%	TOTAL GEN OFFICE EXPENSES	1,699.70	44%
S. R. RECOVERY GROUP	0.00	243.62	1%	PAMPHLET PURCHASES	47.20	1%
SAT MORNING BREAKFAST	0.00	1,692.40	9%	TOTAL LITERATURE PURCH	47.20	1%
SERENITY SEEKERS	0.00	304.42	2%	MEETING SCHEDULES	23.54	1%
SUN MORNING COFFEE - DUBLIN	0.00	687.90	4%	MISC. COPYING	44.14	1%
UNSCRIPTED MEN'S GROUP	0.00	1,608.40	8%	NEWSLETTER	34.34	1%
THERE IS A SOLUTION	0.00	60.00	0%	TOTAL PRINTING & COYING	102.02	2%
TRI-VALLEY FELLOWSHIP	25.00	262.75	1%	ANNIV. DINNER EXPENSE	2,646.11	8%
TUES. NITE WOMEN'S STEP STUDY	0.00	39.00	0%	VSC PICNIC EXP.	125.93	2%
WOMEN STAYING IN THE BOOK	55.50	755.43	4%	WORKSHOP EXPENSES	176.73	0%
WORDS OF WISDOM	0.00	998.24	5%	TOTAL UNITY FUNCTION EXP	2,772.04	10%
TOTAL	549.77	19,254.20	100%	925 829 0666 - HOTLINE	43.09	1%
CONTRIBUTIONS	549.77	19,254.20	45%	925 829 3160	61.01	2%
BOOK SALES	1,014.10	8,781.95	20%	AT&T LONG DISTANCE	4.90	0%
CHIP SALES	66.05	1,070.30	2%	AUTO HOTLINE -FREEDOM VOIC	52.07	1%
MINI PAMPHLETS	2.50	53.00	0%	TOTAL TELEPHONE	161.07	4%
NEWSLETTER		32.00	0%	TOTAL UTILITIES	161.07	4%
TOTAL LITERATURE SALES	1,082.65	9,937.25	23%	TOTAL EXPENSE	4,782.03	61%
ANNIVERSARY DINNER	10,848.53	10,848.53	25%	NET INCOME	6,832.84	21%
VSC ANNUAL PICNIC		3,116.00	7%	WF LITERATURE FUND	860.30	
TOTAL UNITY FUNCTIONS	10,848.53	13,964.53	32%	WF OPERATING ACCOUNT	3,305.84	
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	12,480.95	43,155.98	100%	WF PRUDENT RESERVE	10,000.00	
COST OF GOODS SOLD	866.08	7,840.07	18%	WF UNITY FUND	20,771.04	
GROSS PROFIT	11,614.87	35,315.91	82%	INVENTORY ASSET	3,166.55	
				PREPAID EXPENSE	2,172.00	
				SECURITY DEPOSITS	1,150.00	
				TOTAL ASSETS	41,625.73	

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

MARCH 2014

BIRTHDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSD</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
23	24	25	26	27	28	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 TriValley Open Mic Talent Night 9:30-11:30
16	17 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, 8pm General Service Sub District mtg. 6:45 pm Resurrection Church, Dublin	18	19 PII/CPC Meeting 6pm Central Office 295 27th St. Oakland	20	21 NCCAA Conference Flyer Front page	22 NCCAA Conference Flyer Front page
23 NCCAA Con- ferenc e Flyer Front page	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 Birth- day Meet- ing 7:30 pm	28 SR Community Ctr Birthday Mtg Noon	29 TriValley & Cross Roads Speaker Meeting with Birthday Chips 8pm
30	31 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, Meeting 8 pm	1	2	3	4 Friday Nite Live St. Phillip Dublin Birthday Mtg	5 1st SAT. SPEAKER MTG CPC, DANVILLE, PAGE

- 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 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 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

March 1	April 5	May 3	June 7
Nancy Mac	Bill W.	Mickey B.	Bobby C.
Pleasant Hill, CA	San Francisco, CA	Santa Monica, CA	Philadelphia, PA

(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 LUTHERAN CHURCH
 8850 DEVONA DR. AT ALCOSTA

*KEEP
 COMING
 BACK*

*THIS TOO
 SHALL
 PASS*

*BUT FOR
 THE
 GRACE
 OF GOD*

*LIVE
 AND LET
 LIVE*

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
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**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
CONTACTS**

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WACYPAA

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OUTREACH

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H&I LIAISON

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NCCAA

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Address

City

State and Zip

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