

VALLEY INTERGROUP SERVICE COUNCIL - RECAP OF MEETING - MARCH 3RD, 2014

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

MARCH 3RD WAS ELECTION NIGHT FOR INTERGROUP !! THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS WERE NOT FILLED AND IT IS URGENT WE FIND CAPABLE AND WILLING MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO JOIN THE FUN.

CHAIRPERSON: 2-YEAR COMMITMENT, 5-YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT. (THIS PERSON WOULD ALSO BE A BOARD MEMBER AND ATTEND MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS IN DUBLIN).

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR: 1-YEAR COMMITMENT; 2-YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT

H & I LIAISON 1-YEAR COMMITMENT; 1-YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT

PI/CPC CHAIRPERSON: 2-YEAR COMMITMENT; 2-YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT

BOARD POSITIONS: RECORDING SECRETARY: 2 YEAR COMMITMENT, 2 YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT.

COME TO THE MARCH 31ST BOARD MEETING AT THE VALLEY SERVICE CENTER FOR CONSIDERATION.
POSITION BEGINS APR. 28TH.

YOU MAY REFER TO OUR WEB SITE WWW.VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES OF EACH OF THESE SERVICE POSITIONS. PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE APRIL 7TH INTERGROUP MEETING AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PLEASANTON 7:30PM.

HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS WE ARE IN NEED OF MEN AND WOMEN VOLUNTEERS TO ANSWER CALLS COMING IN TO OUR HOTLINE. THESE CALLS ARE ROUTED TO YOUR CELL OR HOME PHONE, NOT AN OFFICE. FOR DETAILS OF WHAT'S INVOLVED WITH THIS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT DENAY AT 925-785-3747 OR DENAYD.RDH@GMAIL.COM

H & I: SANTA RITA WOMEN'S JAIL: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 1 SATURDAY A MONTH TO TAKE A MEETING IN TO THE WOMEN'S JAIL. MORNING AND AFTERNOON TIMES ARE AVAILABLE. 1 YEAR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT AND A BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED. PLEASE SEE YOUR H&I REPRESENTATIVE FOR DETAILS. OUR NEW SANTA RITA JAIL COORDINATOR IS TINA F. AND HER CONTACT INFO IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE.

VALLEY SERVICE CENTER OPENING: ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO GREET VISITORS AT THE VSC THE 2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH FROM 12:30 - 2:30PM. PLEASE CONTACT LYNN Y. AT IN-FO@VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME.

EVENTS:

NCCAA: ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS FRIDAY MARCH 21 - 23RD. AT THE SAN RAMON MARRIOTT. VOLUNTEERS ARE IN GREAT NEED FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDING 7TH TRADITION, BASKET CARRIERS. PLEASE CONTACT JANET V. AT 925-455-1426 OR JANET9226@ATT.NET. VISIT WWW.NORCALAA.ORG FOR REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE DETAILS.

GENERAL SERVICE PRE CONFERENCE MEETING: THE PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN APRIL IN MONTEREY. DETAILS WILL BE POSTED SOON AT WWW.VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG

MISC.: INTERGROUP WILL BE DISTRIBUTING A RARE "EXCESS OF FUNDS" AND WELCOMES IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THIS MONEY CAN BE DISTRIBUTED AND USED IN OUR LOCAL AA COMMUNITY. PLEASE ANNOUNCE THIS AT THE GROUP LEVEL AT YOUR MEETINGS FOR A DISCUSSION AT YOUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING AND BRING YOUR SUGGESTIONS BACK TO THE APRIL 7TH INTERGROUP MEETING. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT TO BE USED IN LIEU OF 7TH TRADITION OR H&I CONTRIBUTIONS AT YOUR MEETINGS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR LOCAL MEETINGS.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL. 7TH @ 7:30 P.M. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLEASANTON.

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

LEAVING HOME**JULY 2010 Vol 0 No. 0****BEYOND THE HOME GROUP LEVEL, AA GENERAL SERVICE FILLS DIFFERENT NEEDS**

DOES DOING SERVICE WORK END AT THE GROUP LEVEL? I THOUGHT IT DID UNTIL I HEARD ABOUT CONCEPT ONE.

WHAT STRUCK ME ABOUT THIS CONCEPT IS THE FOLLOWING: "THE AVERAGE MEMBER, PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS GROUP LIFE AND HIS OWN TWELFTH-STEPPING, KNEW ALMOST NOTHING OF AA'S WORLD SERVICES. NOT ONE MEMBER IN A THOUSAND COULD TELL WHO OUR TRUSTEES WERE. NOT ONE IN A HUNDRED HAD THE LEAST IDEA WHAT HAD BEEN DONE FOR AA'S GENERAL WELFARE. TENS OF THOUSANDS ALREADY OWED THEIR CHANCE AT SOBRIETY TO THE LITTLE NOTICED ACTIVITY OF OUR TRUSTEES AND GENERAL SERVICES. BUT FEW REALIZED THAT THIS WAS TRUE."

IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING TO SEE THAT THIS IS STILL TRUE TODAY. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN MY RECOVERY: WORKING THE STEPS, SPONSORING WHEN ASKED, AND DOING SERVICE WORK AT A GROUP LEVEL.

THIS MEANT SETTING UP, CLEANING UP, LEADING MEETINGS, BEING TREASURER AND A VARIETY OF OTHER POSITIONS THAT THE GROUP CREATED, NOT TO MENTION THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT MY GROUP OFFERS. WHILE CONTINUING MY GROUP LEVEL WORK, I'VE ADDED DISTRICT AND AREA-LEVEL SERVICE WORK.

AN OLD-TIMER FROM MY HOME GROUP RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT I WAS BECOMING TOO INVOLVED IN AREA ACTIVITIES, INSINUATING THAT THE AREA ACTIVITIES SHOULD NOT BE A PRIORITY TO MY SOBRIETY.

I FIND THIS ATTITUDE UNSETTLING, AND CONTRARY TO THE THREE LEGACIES (RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE) THAT WE SHOULD HAVE FOR RECOVERY IN OUR LIVES. I HAVE FOUND THAT BEING ACTIVE IN THE AREA HAS NOT TAKEN ANYTHING AWAY FROM MY GROUP OR MY SOBRIETY.

IN FACT, IT HAS OPENED UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD IN REGARD TO THE SERVICE STRUCTURE AND THE FELLOWSHIP, AND HAS BEEN VERY REWARDING. IT FEELS BALANCED AND RIGHT, AS IF I'VE COMPLETED MY CIRCLE. I AM GRATEFUL.

OUR GROUP'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WOULD LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONCEPTS ARE IMPORTANT, YET THEY ARE NEVER MENTIONED AT THE PODIUM. OUR DISTRICT'S DCM AND THE GSRs FROM THE GROUPS I ATTEND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND GROUP-SPONSORED EVENTS RATHER THAN FULFILL THEIR AREA COMMITMENTS. THIS SEEMS TO CONTRADICT CONCEPT FOUR IN PARTICULAR, THE "RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION." THE GROUP, EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE GROUP, PLUS THE OTHER GROUPS THAT THE DCM REPRESENTS, ARE THEN DENIED THEIR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE. OUR FOUNDERS NEVER ENVISIONED THAT THE SERVICE LEGACY WOULD BE EXECUTED ONLY AT THE GROUP LEVEL.

ANOTHER REOCCURRING GRIEVANCE FROM GROUP MEMBERS REGARDING THE AREA IS THAT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME PEOPLE ROTATING FROM ONE POSITION TO THE NEXT. DO THEY REALIZE THAT THIS WILL ALWAYS BE THE CASE IF THE GROUPS FEEL THAT THE AREA IS NOT IMPORTANT?

I NEED TO GIVE BACK ON EVERY LEVEL, NOT JUST IN MY GROUP. FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW (IT IS THE BEST-KEPT SECRET), THERE IS MORE BEYOND OUR GROUPS. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE AREA AND AA STRUCTURE AND DID NOT HAVE A FAVOURABLE EXPERIENCE, THERE IS ANOTHER SECRET: AA IS OURS. IF IT'S NOT WORKING OR NEEDS CHANGING, WE NEED TO CHANGE IT; WE HAVE THE POWER.

NANCY B.
HARTLAND, WISCONSIN

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Profit & Loss Statement March 2014

INCOME	MAR 2014	YTD 2014	% OF INCOME	EXPENSE	MAR 2014	FISCAL YTD 2014	% OF IN-COME
BROKEN ELEVATOR GROUP	39.20	39.20	2%	INSURANCE	102.00	102.00	2%
BY THE BOOK	157.65	157.65	6%	INTERNET SERVICE	45.00	45.00	1%
CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP	1,540.00	1,540.00	61%	MISCELLANEOUS, BUS	7.10	7.10	0%
EBYPAA	83.34	83.34	3%	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	377.13	377.13	9%
INTERGROUP MEETING	35.00	35.00	1%	OFFICE MANAGER EXPENSE	1,080.00	1,080.00	25%
JAY-WALKERS	162.63	162.63	6%	OFFICE, MISC.	13.37	13.37	0%
LADIES LIFELINE	130.76	130.76	5%	POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	52.75	52.75	1%
SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST	179.29	179.29	7%	RENT - INTERGROUP	20.00	20.00	0%
THE UNSCRIPTED MEN'S GROUP	133.11	133.11	5%	RENT - OFFICE	444.00	444.00	10%
TRI-VALLEY FELLOWSHIP	25.00	25.00	1%	SUBSCRIPTIONS - GRAPEVINE	0.00	0.00	0%
WOMEN STAYING IN THE BOOK	31.50	31.50	1%	SUPPLIES, BUS	0.00	0.00	0%
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	2,517.48	2,517.48	100%	TOTAL GENERAL OFFICE EXP	2,141.35	2,141.35	50%
CONTRIBUTIONS	2,517.48	2,517.48	59%	PAMPHLET PURCHASES	52.90	52.90	1%
BOOK SALES	1,599.70	1,599.70	38%	TOTAL LITERATURE PURCHASES	52.90	52.90	1%
CHIP SALES	115.50	115.50	3%	MEETING SCHEDULES	95.68	95.68	2%
MINI PAMPHLETS	12.00	12.00	0%	MISC. COPYING	35.84	35.84	1%
NEWSLETTER	12.00	12.00	0%	NEWSLETTER	23.89	23.89	1%
TOTAL LITERATURE SALES	1,739.20	1,739.20	41%	TOTAL PRINTING & COPYING	155.41	155.41	4%
ANNIVERSARY DINNER	5.00	5.00	0%	TELEPHONE			
TOTAL INCOME	4,261.68	4,261.68	100%	925 829 0666 - HOTLINE	45.06	45.06	1%
COST OF GOODS SOLD	1,431.92	1,431.92	34%	925 829 3160	73.68	73.68	2%
GROSS PROFIT	2,829.76	2,829.76	66%	AT&T LONG DISTANCE	3.31	3.31	0%
				AUTO HOTLINE -FREEDOM VOICE	25.94	25.94	1%
				TOTAL TELEPHONE	147.99	147.99	3%
				TOTAL EXPENSE	2,497.65	2,497.65	59%
				NET INCOME	332.11	332.11	8%
				CASH ACCOUNT (PETTY CASH)	40.00		
				WF LITERATURE FUND	2,530.60		
				WF OPERATING ACCOUNT	4,021.83		
				WF PRUDENT RESERVE	22,838.64		
				WF UNITY FUND	6,000.00		
				INVENTORY ASSET	3,143.87		
				PREPAID EXPENSE	1,928.00		
				SECURITY DEPOSIT - VILLAGE PKW	600.00		
				TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS DEPOSITS	750.00		
				UNDEPOSITED FUNDS	180.00		
				TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	42,032.94		

FULL SET OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE VIEWED AT OUR WEBSITE VALLEYSERVICECENTER.ORG

MAY 2014

BIRTHDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSD</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
27	28	29	30 H&I Beg Mtg 7:00 H&I Mtg 7:30 pm 1st Christian Church 111 Fairmont Ave. Oak- land	1	2 Friday Nite Live St. Phillip Dublin Birthday Mtg	3 1st SAT. SPEAKER MTG CPC, DANVILLE, PAGE 6
4	5 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	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, Meeting 8 pm	13 Tri-Valley Fellowship's General Mem- bership Business Mtg 7pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 Primary Purpose Speaker/Birthday St Philip, Dublin, 8pm General Service Sub District mtg. 6:45 pm	20	21 PI/CPC Meeting 6pm Central Office 295 27th St. Oakland	22	23	24
25	26 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	27 Ladies Lifeline Birthday Mtg 6:30 pm Sunol Birthday Mtg 7:30 pm	28 Hilltop Group Birthday Mtg 7:30 pm Pleasanton	29 Sunol Birth- day Meet- ing 7:30 pm	30 SR Community Ctr Birthday Mtg Noon	31 TriValley & Cross Roads Speaker Meeting with Birthday Chips 8pm
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- 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

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

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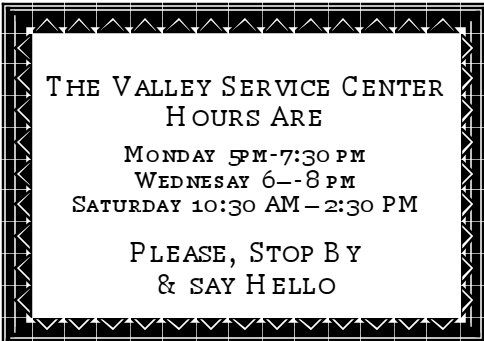
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WOMEN VOLUNTEERS
ARE ALWAYS NEEDED
FOR THE
24 HR HOTLINE.
BE OF SERVICE. CARRY
THE MESSAGE. BE
THERE TO ANSWER
THE PHONE AND LET
THE NEW COMER
KNOW THAT YOU
CARE.

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6990 VILLAGE PARKWAY #214
DUBLIN, CA 94568
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