

# 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,  
Except 1st Monday 7pm  
Wed. 6-8 pm  
Sat. 10:30-2:30 pm  
**6990 Village Parkway  
Suite 214  
Dublin, CA 94568**  
Office: 925-829-3160  
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24 hrs: 888-859-3230

**A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL** OCTOBER 1995, VOL. 52 No. 5  
OUR GROUP HOLDS THREE MEETINGS A WEEK AT A LOCAL TREATMENT FACILITY. THE OLDEST OF THE MEETINGS IS MORE THAN THIRTY-THREE YEARS OLD; IT BEGAN WITH THE CLEAR-CUT GOAL OF BEING THE HAND OF AA REACHING OUT TO THE ALCOHOLICS IN THE TREATMENT CENTER. WITH A FIRM FOUNDATION IN AA BASICS, THE MEETINGS GREW IN SIZE AND NUMBER. THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN BECAME SOBER AT THESE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, AS THE DYNAMICS OF TREATMENT CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND AS THE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF ALCOHOLICS ENTERING TREATMENT CHANGED, SO DID OUR MEETINGS. THE NEWCOMERS WANTED TO ADJUST THE CONTENT OF THE MEETINGS TO SUIT THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, NOT THOSE OF THE GROUP. I'M SAD TO SAY THAT I WAS ONE OF THE MOST VOCAL AND PERSUASIVE OF THESE YOUNG KNOW-IT-ALLS. FOUR YEARS AGO, AS WE NEWCOMERS VASTLY OUTNUMBERED THE OLD-TIMERS, AND WE MADE OUR DISPLEASURE KNOWN, THE OLD-TIMERS SAID, "GO FOR IT. TRY YOUR NEW IDEAS. WE'LL SEE HOW LONG THE GROUP LASTS." OF COURSE, WE NEWCOMERS WERE SURE OUR IDEAS WERE BETTER. WE MADE ALL OF OUR MEETINGS OPEN MEETINGS. WE BEGAN ATTRACTING ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAD PROBLEMS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL; OFTEN, ALCOHOL WAS NEVER DISCUSSED AT THE MEETINGS. SLOWLY THE OLD-TIMERS STOPPED COMING TO OUR MEETINGS ALTOGETHER. AND SINCE FEW, IF ANY, OF THE REMAINING CHAIR-PEOPLE HAD SPONSORS OR WORKED THE STEPS OR READ THE BIG BOOK, THE MEETINGS TURNED INTO BITCH SESSIONS AND ADVICE SESSIONS RATHER THAN AA MEETINGS. EVENTUALLY ATTENDANCE DWINDLED TO A FEW PEOPLE EACH WEEK. CHAIRPEOPLE COULDN'T BE FOUND OR WOULDN'T SHOW UP. INTERGROUP ATTENDANCE WAS SPOTTY. AND THE MONEY WE COLLECTED RARELY MADE IT TO THE TREASURER (AN OLD-TIMER WHO

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**VALLEY INTERGROUP SERVICE COUNCIL – RECAP OF MEETING – AUGUST 4, 2014****SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Hotline

**NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR HOTLINE.**

Hospitals &amp; Institutions:

Please announce this service opportunity: Women are needed to take meetings into Santa Rita County Jail. One year sobriety required. H&I training is held in Oakland.

Speakers and Secretary Positions remain unfilled and people are needed to fill these meetings in the hospital and institutions.

General Service Meeting:

Held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month@ Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA.

**E V E N T S:**

Special Events Chairperson: Terri S (925) – 997-1820

Picnic at Val Vista Park, Saturday, August 16, 10-3pm

Tickets for Picnic are available tonight for \$5. Fliers distributed.

Planning meetings, Valley Service Center, July 16, 30, August 6, 13 at 7pm.

All group commitments for picnic are now filled.

Looking for volunteer to bring pop ups to set up for shade.

Planning meetings for Picnic, Valley Service Center, July 16, 30, August 6, 13 at 7pm.

**C O N F E R E N C E:****SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE OCT 2-3-4, 2014.****M E E T I N G S:**

San Ramon community center meetings are changing to 1130 -1230pm from June 16 to Aug 26.

Sunday morning at Crosswinds will be moving to Pathways Church.

San Ramon Women's Step Study Temporarily Suspended (Tuesday, 730 Pm)

**O L D B U S I N E S S:**

DISTRIBUTION OF EXTRA MONEY

MOTION MADE TO UNCOUPLE THE ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY.

14 VOTING INNERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. 8 REPRESENTATIVES VOTED YES TO UNCOUPLE THE ITEMS.

THE ITEMS WILL BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY IN AUGUST MEETING. PLEASE BRING NUMBERS BACK TO MEETINGS.

REDUCE COST OF PICNIC FROM \$10 TO \$5 = \$1000

REDUCE COST OF ANNIVERSARY DINNER BY \$5 = \$1500

REDUCE COST OF BIG BOOK BY \$1 FOR 1 YEAR = \$300

FREE DRINKS FOR PICNIC INCLUDING COFFEE = \$300

FREE DRINKS FOR ANNIVERSARY DINNER = \$500

OUT OF STATE SPEAKERS = \$1500

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRI-VALLEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS (\$2740- NEW TABLES CHAIRS CEILING TILES AND VERTICAL BLINDS)

ADD WORKSHOPS \$300

**NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 730PM****VALLEY INTERGROUP SERVICE COUNCIL****IS STILL IN NEED OF A****24HR HOTLINE CO-ORDINATOR C-CHAIR****2 YEAR COMMITMENT AND 2 YR SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT****COME TO THE NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING****TO VOLUNTEER!**

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COULDN'T BEAR SEEING WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THIS ONCE-THRIVING GROUP). EVEN I WAS DISTURBED AT THE LACK OF AA QUALITY AT THESE MEETINGS, YET I COULDN'T QUITE FIGURE OUT WHAT HAD GONE WRONG. I BEGAN GOING TO ONLY ONE OF THE GROUP'S THREE MEETINGS. (THIS SOON BECAME THE ONLY MEETING I WENT TO EACH WEEK; YOU SEE, MY STYLE OF AA DIDN'T INCLUDE FINDING A SPONSOR. I THOUGHT I COULD WORK THE STEPS ON MY OWN. AND AFTER NEARLY FOUR YEARS I WAS STILL ON STEP THREE AND COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I WAS SO MISERABLE.) THE TREATMENT CENTER WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THROWING OUR GROUP OUT; WE REALLY WEREN'T FULFILLING OUR MISSION AND WERE PROBABLY DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD OVERALL. IT SEEMED THAT THE OLD-TIMERS' PROPHECY WAS COMING TRUE.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, LAST DECEMBER MARKED A TURNING POINT FOR THE RAY OF HOPE GROUP. TWO MEN, ONE JUST A BABY IN THIS PROGRAM, THE OTHER WITH A HEALTHY SOBRIETY OF FIVE YEARS, COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO HELPING THE GROUP. WE MADE THE DECISION THAT IF IN SIX MONTHS WE COULDN'T TURN RAY OF HOPE AROUND, WE'D END THE GROUP. OUR MONDAY NIGHT MEETING BECAME A CLOSED STEP MEETING BASED ON THE "TWELVE AND TWELVE." THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPEN SPEAKER MEETING BEGAN ATTRACTING GOOD SPEAKERS WITH SOBRIETY BASED ON THE BASICS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. AND THE FRIDAY CLOSED DISCUSSION MEETING STUCK TO BIG BOOK TOPICS. WE WENT TO THE LOCAL INTER-GROUP MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE MISTAKES OUR GROUP HAD MADE, PROMISING TO STICK TO THE BASICS IF PEOPLE WOULD ASK THEIR GROUP MEMBERS TO SUPPORT US BY ATTENDING A FEW OF OUR MEETINGS. FLYERS WERE DISTRIBUTED. SERVICE POSITIONS WERE FILLED. AND A MIRACLE BEGAN TO TAKE PLACE.

OUR GROUP IS BOUNCING BACK. ATTENDANCE IS GROWING AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE MADE RAY OF HOPE THEIR HOME GROUP. WE'RE SELF-SUPPORTING THROUGH OUR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS. WE'RE EARNING A REPUTATION AS A VIBRANT, GOOD GROUP OF WHICH TO BE A PART. AND THE TREATMENT CENTER NOW CONSIDERS OUR MEETINGS A VITAL PART OF THEIR PATIENTS' RECOVERIES.

WHICH BRINGS US TO OUR GRAPEVINE SUBSCRIPTIONS. ALL OF THE GROUP'S TRUSTED SERVANTS READ THE GRAPEVINE REGULARLY; WE FEEL IT'S A KEY PART OF OUR RECOVERY. AND SINCE MANY OF OUR GROUP MEMBERS ARE NEW TO SOBRIETY, WE WANT TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER AA'S MEETING IN PRINT. EACH MONTH WE WILL HAVE TWO ISSUES OF THE GRAPEVINE AVAILABLE FOR ONE DOLLAR APIECE. ONE OF OUR FRIDAY DISCUSSION MEETINGS EACH MONTH WILL REVOLVE AROUND THAT MONTH'S GRAPEVINE. AND WE WILL BE PUSHING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

ON A BRIEF PERSONAL NOTE, AFTER THOSE TWO MEN HELPED TURN RAY OF HOPE AROUND, THEY BEGAN WORKING ON ME. I NOW HAVE A WONDERFUL SPONSOR AND I'M DILIGENTLY WORKING THE TWELVE STEPS. THANK GOD FOR THIS PROGRAM AND THE MIRACLES IT INSPIRES. STEPHANIE J., FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

### **ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT    JANUARY 1990    VOL. 46    No.8**

THE OTHER NIGHT AT OUR REGULAR WEDNESDAY MEETING, A WOMAN SAID THAT SHE HAD A "SLIP" AFTER THREE AND A HALF YEARS OF "QUALITY" SOBRIETY. IN THAT MEETING THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE--TOO FEW--WITH LONG-TERM SOBRIETY, AND MANY FROM TREATMENT CENTERS AND HALFWAY HOUSES WHO WERE BUT A FEW SHORT MONTHS AWAY FROM A DRINK. THE DISCUSSION WENT AROUND THE ROOM AND EACH ONE OF US SHARED IN TURN. FROM THOSE FEW OLDER MEMBERS, THE "SLIPPER" HEARD THAT QUALITY SOBRIETY MEANT SOLID SPIRITUAL MAINTENANCE BASED ON WORKING THE STEPS. FROM THE MANY NEWCOMERS SHE GOT SYMPATHY, SUPPORT FOR HER SELF-PITY, TALK OF HOW EASY IT

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**Profit & Loss Statement July 2014**

INCOME	JUL2014	YTD 2014	% OF		JUL 2014	FISCAL YTD 2014	% OF IN-COME
			INCOME	EXPENSE			
AS BILL SEES IT	425.00	425.00	4%	CORPORATE FEE	0.00	25.00	0%
BROKEN ELEVATOR GROUP	0.00	39.20	0%	INSURANCE	102.00	510.00	3%
BY THE BOOK	152.15	342.80	3%	INTERNET SERVICE	45.00	225.00	1%
CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP	180.00	2,260.00	22%	MISCELLANEOUS, BUS	0.00	7.10	0%
DAY IN AL-ANON	0.00	37.00	0%	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	0.00	377.13	2%
EBYPAA	0.00	83.34	1%	OFFICE MANAGER EXPENSE	794.00	4,427.00	26%
HARD KNOX GROUP	0.00	122.73	1%	OFFICE, MISC.	0.00	45.89	0%
HILLTOP GROUP	0.00	152.38	1%	POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	0.00	150.75	1%
INTERGROUP MEETING	32.70	128.70	1%	RENT - INTERGROUP	20.00	100.00	1%
JAY-WALKERS	0.00	466.98	5%	RENT - OFFICE	444.00	2,220.00	13%
LADIES LIFELINE	0.00	706.97	7%	SALES TAX	1,088.00	1,088.00	6%
PRIMARY PURPOSE	1,048.69	1,890.84	19%	SUBSCRIPTIONS - GRAPEVINE	0.00	49.97	0%
S. R. RECOVERY GROUP	83.42	219.31	2%	SUPPLIES, BUS	64.99	267.47	2%
SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST	272.64	1,054.58	10%	TRAVEL - OFC MGR MTG	526.86	526.86	3%
THE UNSCRIPTED MEN'S GROUP	79.50	548.22	5%	TOTAL GENERAL OFFICE EXP.	3,084.85	10,020.17	58%
THERE IS A SOLUTION	0.00	192.00	2%	PAMPHLET PURCHASES	60.80	224.62	1%
TRI-VALLEY FELLOWSHIP	25.00	125.00	1%	TOTAL LITERATURE SALES	60.80	224.62	1%
WOMEN STAYING IN THE BOOK	106.50	396.18	4%	MEETING SCHEDULES	0.00	244.15	1%
WORDS OF WISDOM	1,024.88	1,024.88	10%	MISC. COPYING	18.62	135.30	1%
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<b>3,430.48</b>	<b>10,216.11</b>	100%	NEWSLETTER	39.80	155.70	1%
CONTRIBUTIONS	3,430.48	10,216.11	59%	TOTAL PRINING & COPYING	58.42	535.15	3%
BOOK SALES	882.00	6,319.45	37%	TELEPHONE			
CHIP SALES	54.50	578.40	3%	925 829 0666 - HOTLINE	48.09	238.26	1%
MINI PAMPHLETS	0.00	24.00	0%	925 829 3160	72.98	367.71	2%
NEWSLETTER	0.00	24.00	0%	AT&T LONG DISTANCE	5.31	21.47	0%
TOTAL LITERATURE SALES	936.50	6,945.85	40%	HOTLINE -FREEDOM VOICE	25.86	129.69	1%
ANNIVERSARY DINNER	0.00	10.00	0%	TOTAL TELEPHONE	152.24	757.13	4%
VSC ANNUAL PICNIC	75.00	75.00	0%	TOTAL UTILITIES	152.24	757.13	4%
TOTAL UNITY FUNCTIONS	75.00	85.00	0%	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,356.31	11,537.07	67%
TOTAL INCOME	4,441.98	17,246.96	100%	NET ORDINARY INCOME	274.66	-89.07	-1%
COST OF GOODS SOLD	811.01	5,798.96	34%				
GROSS PROFIT	3,630.97	11,448.00	66%	CASH (PETTY CASH)	40.00		
				WF LITERATURE FUND	3,446.90		
				WF OPERATING ACCOUNT	3,246.76		
				WF PRUDENT RESERVE	22,838.64		
				WF UNITY FUND	5,955.00		
				INVENTORY ASSET	3,798.46		
				PREPAIDS & DEPOSITS	6,084.46		
				TOTAL ASSETS	<b>41,611.76</b>		

# SEPTEMBER 2014

## BIRTHDAY MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

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WAS TO RELAPSE, AND AN UNHEALTHY KIND OF FEAR THAT THE PROGRAM OF AA MAYBE DIDN'T WORK LIKE THEY HAD BEEN TOLD IT DID. NO MATTER WHAT THE OLD-TIMERS SHARED, THE THEME ALWAYS RETURNED TO HOW HARD IT WAS TO LIVE SOBER. BY THE TIME MY TURN CAME, I WAS SO ANGRY THAT MOST OF MY SHARING WAS GRATITUDE TO THE SLIPPER FOR DRINKING SO THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO. MY FEELINGS OF COMPASSION HAD DROWNED IN THE SEA OF SELF-PITY I WAS HEARING. I CAME OUT OF THAT MEETING MAD AT MYSELF FOR NOT HAVING SHARED MORE LOVINGLY AND CRITICAL OF MYSELF FOR NOT ADDRESSING MY REAL FEELINGS DURING THE MEETING. I SHARED THIS ONE-TO-ONE WITH A SOBER FRIEND, BUT IT KEPT ME UP NEARLY ALL NIGHT ANYWAY. BUT WE HAVE A TENTH STEP IN AA, AND I FINALLY THOUGHT: "WHAT COULD I HAVE DONE BETTER?" I KNOW NOW I COULD HAVE REMEMBERED WHAT THE BIG BOOK SAYS ABOUT THE DESTRUCTIVENESS OF SELF-PITY AND WHAT *AS BILL SEES IT* SAYS ABOUT NOT COMMISERATING WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHO REFUSE THE PAIN OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH. I COULD HAVE SHARED MY EXPERIENCES IN THESE AREAS. IN THE MORNING, MY NOSE WAS IN THE BIG BOOK. I WAS STIMULATED TO STUDY, TO KNOW MORE, TO LEARN TO HANDLE THIS KIND OF EXPERIENCE BETTER. A WISE OLD-TIMER ONCE SAID TO ME, "YOU DRINK YOUR WAY IN, YOU LEARN YOUR WAY OUT." SO FROM A MEETING I TOOK AS A BITTER PILL, I WAS GIVEN A PUSH TOWARD MORE HEALING, MORE TOLERANCE, BETTER, MORE HONEST SHARING, AND A TRULY "QUALITY" SOBRIETY.

ANONYMOUS, GEORGIA

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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

June 7	July 5	August 2	September 6
Bobby C., Philadelphia, PA	Denise K., Walnut Creek, CA	Edith F., Omaha, NE	Chuck H., Cary, NC

*(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 DAVONA DR., DUBLIN, CA  
AT ALCOSTA

*KEEP  
COMING  
BACK*

*THIS TOO  
SHALL  
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AND LET  
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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 and con-  
tact Tina F. 925-525-  
4807





**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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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Livermore, CA 945	#20, Pleasanton, CA 94577

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**OUTREACH**

\*\*\*\*\*OPEN\*\*\*\*\*

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THERE TO ANSWER  
THE PHONE AND LET  
THE NEW COMER  
KNOW THAT YOU  
CARE.

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