

# THE VALLEY VIEW

## The Voice of the Valley

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### Intergroup Elections in March

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail. Remember they are very ill.

“Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends—this is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it. Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot in our lives.”

*Chapter 7. Working With Others  
 Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*

### Elections for Intergroup service commitments will be held at the March 7, 2016 meeting of Intergroup

This is your opportunity to get involved in the AA fellowship, to insure immunity from drinking, to work with others, to add to your host of friends, and to see a fellowship grow up about you!

The following positions will be voted on at the March 7, 2016 Intergroup meeting. Please review the commitments and come make yourself available for service.

#### Chairperson

Requirement—Five years continuous sobriety

Commitment—Two years (one year as VISC Chairperson and Board Member and one year as Board Member only)

**Duties:** Preside over and guide monthly VISC meetings, working knowledge of the concepts, traditions, and Robert’s Rules of Order, Able to conduct meetings in an orderly, timely, and impartial manner; Provide input for VISC meeting Agenda, Recaps, and Minutes; Serve on the VISC Board, Attend the monthly VISC Board meeting (last Monday of the month) and the monthly VISC meeting (first Monday of the month).

#### Secretary

Requirement—Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—One year

**Duties:** Prepare agenda for monthly VISC meeting with input from Chairperson; attend and record minutes of the monthly VISC meetings; disseminate recaps of the minutes to Intergroup Representatives (IGRs) and all other VISC members; finalize minutes for dissemination to VISC Council and publication on the VSC website.

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## Recap of January 4, 2016 Intergroup Meeting

*For the recap or full minutes of the most recent February Intergroup meeting, please check with your Home Group's Intergroup Representative or go to the VSC web page at [Trivalleyaa.org](http://Trivalleyaa.org)*

- ♥ Secretary's Workshop coming in February, 2016. Date and location to be announced. Please encourage members of your home group, especially your group Secretary to attend.
- ♥ NCCAA Liaison commitment is available at Intergroup. This is a 2 year service commitment and requires a minimum of six months of sobriety.
- ♥ NCCAA San Ramon Conference will be held at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel on March 18-20. Host Committee meetings are held from 3:30—5:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Fellowship, 396 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. The next two meetings are scheduled for: January 17 and February 21. The final meeting for the host committee will be from noon to 2:00 pm on March 13 at the Marriott Hotel, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon. To make yourself of service, contact Don K. (Host Committee Chair) at [4busybees@comcast.net](mailto:4busybees@comcast.net)
- ♥ The Valley View is now available to read or download from the Valley Service Center website [trivalleyaa.org](http://trivalleyaa.org)

*The recap posted above is from the **January** Intergroup meeting and may be out of date by the time you are reading this issue. Please see a recap of the latest Intergroup meeting on the VSC website [trivalleyaa.org](http://trivalleyaa.org)  
A full report of the Valley Service Center's Intergroup minutes can always be found at*

### **Are you a Secretary of an AA meeting?**

**Do you want to be a Secretary of an AA meeting?**

**Are you a member of the AA Police and want to make sure meeting Secretaries are doing their job correctly?**

**Then YOU want to attend this workshop!**

## **Secretary's Workshop**

Saturday, February 20

11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church**  
3350 Hopyard Road  
Pleasanton

*Learn the basics of being a Secretary of an A.A. meeting, review the Group Handbook, learn the difference between an open and closed A.A. meeting, suggestions on how to run a business meeting for your group.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Intergroup Meeting Trinity Lutheran 7:30 pm Monday Night Live Birthday 8:30 pm	2	3 H&I Meeting Oakland 7:00 Orientation 7:30 General meeting	4	5 Friday Nite Live Birthday Mtg 7:00pm	6 Danville-Diablo Speaker Meeting 8:15 pm
7	8 Tri Valley Fwshp General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13 San Leandro Second Saturday Birthday Meeting 8:00 pm
14	15 General Service Sub District Mtg 6:45pm	16	17 PI/CPC Meeting Oakland 7:00 pm	18	19	20 Secretary's Workshop St. Clare's Church Pleasanton 11:00-2:00
21	22 District 70 General Service Mtg 7:30 pm	23 Ladies Lifeline Birth- day Meeting 6:30 pm Sunol Tuesday Birthday Mtg 7:30 pm	24 Hilltop Birthday Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Sunol Thursday Birthday Mtg 7:30 pm Broken Elevator Traditions Mtg 7:00 pm	26 San Ramon Cmty Ctr Birthday Mtg noon	27 Crossroads Fwshp Tri Valley Fwshp Birthday Meetings 8:00 pm
28	29 VSC Board Meeting 6:30 pm					NO Danville- Diablo Speaker Meeting in March

<b>Valley Service Center Group Contribution Summary</b>											
<b>March through December 2015</b>											<b>Accrual Basis</b>
	<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>Jun 15</b>	<b>Jul 15</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Sep 15</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
As Bill Sees It	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Broken Elevator Group	-	-	-	33	-	70	-	-	-	-	103
By the Book	-	123	-	-	97	-	-	87	-	-	307
Carrying the Message	-	-	-	-	-	302	-	-	-	91	392
Crossroads Fellowship	180	180	183	180	-	-	-	-	-	360	1,083
EBYPAA	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	-	-	-	236
Fri Nite Stag Kaiser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	250
Friday Night Live	-	-	-	-	-	-	442	-	-	167	609
Friendship Group - SR Friday	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	47
Hard Knox Group	-	-	-	78	-	-	-	-	97	-	175
Hilltop Group	113	-	-	-	-	174	-	127	-	-	414
Individual	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Intergroup Meeting	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jaywalkers	72	82	-	80	38	75	-	123	62	89	621
Ladies Lifeline	87	155	97	74	136	206	-	137	84	106	1,082
Monday Nite Live	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	-	84
Primary Purpose	-	804	-	-	-	745	-	-	876	-	2,424
S. R. Recovery Group	-	-	-	-	145	-	-	84	-	-	228
San Ramon Comm'ty Center N	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Saturday Morning Breakfast	223	-	111	210	100	82	122	-	-	-	848
Serenity Seekers	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	47
Sunday Morning Coffee - Dubli	-	204	-	-	150	-	-	-	95	-	449
There is a Solution	-	60	-	-	-	31	-	-	48	-	139
Tri-Valley Fellowship	25	25	25	25	25	25	-	25	25	25	225
unscripted Group	-	277	-	153	-	226	-	99	-	267	1,021
Women Staying in the Book	142	-	111	80	67	135	92	86	172	120	1,004
Words Of Wisdom	-	77	-	-	-	317	-	444	-	-	838
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>12,931</b>

### Valley Service Center Annual Anniversary Dinner

Thanks to everyone who was of service at the 46th annual Valley Service Center Anniversary Dinner on January 20, 2016. From the time we arrived until the last straggler left at the end of the evening, laughter and fellowship was found throughout the event! From the decorations to the delicious dinner (including dessert), the fabulous items in the drawing (except for the fact that I didn't win anything!) to our marvelous speaker (thanks, Sheldon F. from Las Vegas), the event was a great opportunity to see the ninth step promises up close and personal. Not to mention the sentence in the very middle of page 132, "We absolutely insist on enjoying life" — and so we did!

Thanks especially go to our Special Events Chairperson, Kira E. for her hard work and lasting energy expended on this event. The Anniversary Dinner is one of the main fund raisers for the Valley Service Center. We were able to drop the price of dinner tickets to \$20.00 again this year as well as offering drinks at no charge.

**Upcoming Commitments for Intergroup***Continued from page 1***Board Member for the Valley Intergroup—THREE POSITIONS OPEN**

Requirement—Five years continuous sobriety

Commitment—Two years

**Duties:** Act as an advisory arm of the VISC concerning the business and administration of the Service Center. Attend monthly Board meetings, Previous experience in Intergroup is a plus, but not required.

**Hotline Vice Chairperson**

Requirement—Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—Two years (one year as Vice Chairperson, one year as Chairperson)

First year functions as Vice Chairperson assisting Chairperson in all Hotline duties. Second year functions as Chairperson and responsible for all Hotline duties (shadowed by new Vice Chairperson)

**Duties:** Keeps an active list of volunteers to answer the Hotline and to conduct 12-step calls and provide updated lists to the VSC; oversees the gathering of names, phone numbers, and duty times of Hotline volunteers; schedules training sessions for 24-hour Hotline volunteers and 12-step volunteers.

**Workshop Coordinator**

Requirement—Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—One year

**Duties:** Organize and host a minimum of three workshops throughout the year to share experience on recovery-related topics—one of the workshops is the Secretary's Workshop.

**Special Events Vice-Chairperson**

Requirement—Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—Two years (one year as Vice-Chairperson, one year as Chairperson)

First year functions as Vice Chairperson, assisting Chairperson at all Special Events. Second year functions as Chairperson and responsible for all Special Events (shadowed by new Vice Chairperson)

**Duties:** Organizes and hosts Special Events including at least two fundraisers (Annual Anniversary dinner on the third Saturday of January and the Annual Picnic)

**H&I Liaison**

Requirement— Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment – One year

**Duties:** Attends monthly VISC meeting and provides information about needs, service opportunities and activities of H&I, attends monthly H&I meeting in Oakland (third Wednesday of each month), and gives and takes reports between VISC and H&I.

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## Save the Date!

### Valley Service Center Secretary's Workshop

11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2016

St. Clare's Episcopal Church

### NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference

March 18, 19, 20

See flyer on page 5 of the Valley View

*online registration available at [ncc-aa.org](http://ncc-aa.org)*

Planning dates for the host committee are listed below.

*Flyers for events listed above and other events outside our area are available at the Valley Service Center or on the VSC web page at [valleyservicecenter.org](http://valleyservicecenter.org) or [trivalleyaa.org](http://trivalleyaa.org)*

**For AA events in nearby communities, visit these web sites:**

Contra Costa County Service Center <http://www.contracostaaa.org/>

East Bay Intergroup <http://eastbayaa.org/>

San Francisco Central Office <http://www.aasf.org/>

Santa Clara County Intergroup Office <http://aasanjose.org/>

## There's an app for that!



### New (free) Meeting Guide App

Find yourself on the freeway during rush hour and know that you would rather be at a meeting? Traveling and want to find an AA meeting?

### There's an app for that!

In the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android), type in "Meeting Guide"  
Click on the folding chair logo (see image at left), click on Get or Install

## NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference San Ramon Marriott Hotel—March 18 – 20, 2016

**Two more meetings of the Host Committee before the conference (see flyer elsewhere in this issue)**

February 21, 2016 at *396 Civic Drive in Pleasant Hill 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

March 13, 2016— The final meeting for the Host Committee will be held at the Marriott Hotel  
2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon— noon until 2:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Commitments for Intergroup

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### Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)

#### Chairperson

Requirement—Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—Two years

**Duties:** Acts in an informative capacity with non-AA organizations and professionals to keep the community informed as to the availability of AA. Participates as a member of the California Northern Coastal Area (CNCA) Public Information Committee. Attends the CNCA PI Committee meetings and reports back to the monthly VISC meetings.

#### Outreach Chairperson

Requirement— Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—One year

**Duties:** Responsible for visiting groups that meet within the area covered by the VSC, specifically those groups that are not currently active within VISC, keep groups informed about upcoming VISC activities, encourage participation in VISC, provide most recent copy of the Secretary's Handbook and Valley View newsletter.

### Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA) Liaison (2 positions)

Requirement—Two years continuous sobriety

Commitment—One year

**Duties:** Attends monthly VISC meeting and keeps VISC informed about needs, service opportunities and activities of NCCAA; serves on and attends NCCAA Steering Committee meetings and conferences; Gives and takes reports to and from VISC and NCCAA.

## Service Opportunities!

**March 7, 2016**  
**7:30 pm**

### Election of Intergroup Positions

- ◇ Intergroup Chairperson
- ◇ Secretary
- ◇ VSC Board Member (3 positions)
- ◇ Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)
- ◇ Hotline Vice-Chair
- ◇ Special Events Chair
- ◇ Workshop Coordinator
- ◇ Outreach Chair
- ◇ H&I Liaison
- ◇ Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA) Liaison

*Job descriptions available at*  
[www.trivalleyaa.org](http://www.trivalleyaa.org)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1225 Hopyard Road  
Pleasanton



Alcoholics Anonymous  
Danville-Diablo  
Speaker Meeting  
(First Saturday of the month)

**February 6 speaker Patti O.**

### No Meeting March 2016

Community Presbyterian Church will not be available in March for the Danville-Diablo Monthly Speaker Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.



#### March meeting alternative:

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
(Youth Center downstairs)  
Open Discussion Meeting  
1550 Diablo Road, Danville

Directions: From Diablo Road head east toward Mt. Diablo  
In 1/4 of a mile, bear left at the signal to stay on Diablo Road.  
In 1/2 mile, turn right at the signal to stay on Diablo Road.  
Drive exactly one mile.  
St. Timothy's will be easily visible on your left

#### Upcoming Speakers:

March - NO MEETING  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcel A., San Francisco, CA  
May 7<sup>th</sup> Sterling H., Omaha, NE  
Visit [www.ddam.org](http://www.ddam.org)



# SATURDAY, MAR 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 AGENDA TOPICS WORKSHOP

A workshop for GSR's (and others) to learn how to present the Agenda Topics to your groups and learn about some of the Topics which will be presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

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START AT 9:00AM

FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
20080 Redwood Road,  
Castro Valley, CA, 94546

8:30AM - 3:00PM

**NCCAA**  
69<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Spring Conference

Northern California  
Council of  
Alcoholics Anonymous

## San Ramon, CA

San Ramon Marriott- 2600 Bishop Drive  
March 18, 19, 20, 2016

<b>Friday, March 18, 2016</b>	Registration Opens 2:00 PM Early Bird Meeting 3:30 PM Open Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>Mike L., Indianapolis</b>
<b>Saturday, March 19, 2016</b>	General Service Panel Area (06) 9:30 AM Open Delegate's Business Meeting 11-12:30 PM Hospitals and Institutions 1:00 PM Young People's Meeting 3:30 PM Open Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM Dance Following Drawing 10:00 PM	<b>Courtney A., Pleasant Hill</b> <b>David D., Millersville MD</b>
<b>Sunday, March 20, 2015</b>	All A.A. Services Panel Meeting 9:00 AM Open Speaker Meeting 10:30 AM	<b>Mildred F., Toronto Ontario Canada</b>

**Marathon Meetings** Fellowship - Workshops - Speakers - Free Drawing - Dance  
PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2016  
\*Hotel and map on back\*  
With AL-Anon and Spanish participation

Please remit with payment to: Treasurer NCCAA, P.O. BOX 283598 Sacramento, CA 95829  
**PRE-REGISTRATION - \$15.00 (per person) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$20.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home group \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ (Show additional names on back of form) Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you staying at a hotel or motel? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Hotel/motel name \_\_\_\_\_

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



### Monthly Events

- **1st Monday** Intergroup 7:30pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton
- **1st Monday** Monday Nite Live Birthday Meeting 8:30 pm, YMCA, 6693 Sierra Lane, Dublin
- **1st Wednesday** H&I Meeting, Orientation 7:00 pm General Meeting 7:30pm, 111 Fairmont Ave., Oakland
- **1st Friday** Friday Nite Live Birthday Meeting 7:00 pm, St. Philips Church, 8850 Davona Dr, Dublin
- **2nd Tuesday** Tri Valley General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Tri Valley Fellowship
- **2nd Saturday** San Leandro Speaker/Birthday Meeting
- **3rd Monday** General Service Sub District Meeting 6:45 pm, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7557 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin
- **3rd Wednesday** PI/CPC Meeting 6pm, 295 27th Street, Oakland
- **3rd Saturday** Saturday Night Live Speaker Meeting, Brentwood
- **4th Monday** General Service District 70 Meeting 7:30 pm 20080 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley
- **Last Monday** VSC Board Meeting 6:30 pm Valley Service Center, 6990 Village Parkway, Dublin
- **Last Tuesday** Ladies Lifeline Birthday Meeting 6:30pm, Trinity Lutheran, 1225 Hopyard, Pleasanton
- **Last Tuesday & Thursday** Sunol Birthday Meeting, 7:30 pm, 143 Kilkare Road, Sunol
- **Last Wednesday** Hilltop Birthday Meeting, 7:30 pm Lynwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave, Pleasanton
- **Last Thursday** Broken Elevator Group studies the Tradition of the Month, 7:00 pm, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore
- **Last Friday** Birthday meeting, San Ramon Community Center, 12noon, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon
- **Last Saturday** Crossroads Speaker/Birthday Meeting, 8pm
- **Last Saturday** Tri Valley Speaker/Birthday

### MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!

**The Free Thinkers Group  
has moved to**

**Asbury United Methodist Church  
4743 East Avenue  
Livermore**

**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**

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**H&I LIAISON  
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**Website:**  
[www.trivalleyaa.org](http://www.trivalleyaa.org)

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## **Our area Fellowships celebrate sobriety!**

8:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month  
Come and celebrate your A.A. birthday with us!

### **TRI-VALLY FELLOWSHIP**

*Open Speaker meeting  
and birthday chips*

3701 Old Santa Rita Rd,  
#20  
Pleasanton

### **CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP**

*Open Speaker meeting  
and birthday chips*

386 Preston Ct.  
Livermore