

THE VALLEY VIEW

The Voice of the Valley

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Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous Celebrates their 69th Annual Spring Conference In San Ramon

It's almost here! The 69th Annual Spring Conference of NCCAA.

You've heard your intergroup rep announcing this upcoming conference at your home group. You've seen the blue flyers and have heard the announcements about the host committee meetings. But by the end of the meeting you're trying to figure out where you're going for coffee or a bite to eat and the NCCAA Conference (whatever that is!) has completely slipped your mind. By the time you remember that you want more information, it's late, and by the next morning, you've forgotten all about it.

So what is NCCAA and where did it come from? The idea for NCCAA (<http://ncc-aa.org/>) came about as the result of Bill and Lois Wilson visiting the Bay Area in 1943. At that time there were many requests for information, group operation, and personal pleas for help pouring into the San Francisco and Oakland post office boxes. Bill suggested to the area members with whom he met that the area might benefit by having a regular gathering of the groups.

As a result of discussions among the local members and correspondence with Bill back in New York, a problem solving/solution meeting was held at the Oakland Alano Club in early 1945. In attendance were representatives from the approximately thirty active groups in Northern California. In June 1946 Oakland opened its first Central Office; and in January 1947 the San Francisco Central Office was established.

Out of the discussions that began with Bill's visit in 1943, a decision was made to form some sort of informational organization for AA groups in Northern California. The result of these discussions was an organizational meeting, held March 23, 1947, at the Oakland Alano Club (then located at 423 15th Street). It was attended by representatives of most of the 145* existing AA Groups in Northern California. With Bill Wilson's good wishes this organization was named the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (NCCAA).

*Note that 115 new groups of Alcoholics Anonymous were created between "early 1945" (when there were thirty active groups) and the organizational meeting held in March of 1947 when there were 145 existing AA groups in Northern California.

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Recap of February 1, 2016 Valley Intergroup Meeting

For the recap or full minutes of the most recent March Intergroup meeting and the results of Intergroup Elections, please check with your Home Group's Intergroup Representative or go to the VSC web page at Trivalleyaa.org

Service Opportunities:

- ♥ H & I: Always looking for more people to volunteer, you can volunteer for a single day or multiple.
- ♥ PI/CPC: Bob W. is looking for people to volunteer for PI/CPC, he can be reached via the website.
- ♥ Hotline: Looking for volunteers, see website for more details.
- ♥ EBYPAA: Is looking for service opportunities

Announce that positions are available for Intergroup, see flyer for more positions and job descriptions

Valley Service Center: One spot open to volunteer at the VSC, 2 year sobriety requirement. Position would be for the 4th Saturday of each month 12:30pm – 2:30pm.

Events:

Secretary's workshop will be at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, February 20th at 11:30am – 2:00pm.

NCCAA Conference: Planning meetings for the San Ramon NCCAA Conference in 2016. The conference will be at the San Ramon Marriot from March 18th – 20th.

- ♥ Please distribute flyers at your meeting
- ♥ Please encourage people from your group to join the conference as delegates
- ♥ Encourage pre-registration for the conference and also that staying at the hotel helps keeps costs down.

EBYPAA: February 27th 6pm – Comedy and dinner Grange Hall in Danville – \$15 at the door, not suggested.

Valley View - Please distribute out to your groups. Has group contributions on page 4 – check these for your group names and contributions amounts. Consider showing it to your treasurer of your group and make sure it is accurate. Contact VSC if you don't think it is not correct.

GSR: Don't forget to register your group.

Anniversary Dinner went well and if anyone wants a CD they are available at the VSC.

Meeting Moved: Free Thinkers Meeting has moved – see Valley View and / or website for updated location.

No Danville-Diablo Speaker meeting in March 2016.

Next Intergroup Meeting: March 7, 2016

*The recap posted above is from the **February** Intergroup meeting and may be out of date by the time you are reading this issue. Please see a recap and the results of the March Intergroup meeting and see who has stepped forward to take on service commitments for Intergroup! Recap and minutes can be found on the VSC website trivalleyaa.org*

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tri Valley Fwship General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	2 H&I Meeting Oakland 7:00 pm Orientation 7:30 pm General Meeting	3	4 Friday Night Live Birthday Meeting 7:00 pm	5 NO Danville-Diablo Speaker Meeting This month
6	7 Intergroup Meeting Trinity Lutheran 7:30 pm Monday Night Live Birthday 8:30 pm	8	9	10	11	12 Agenda Topics Fwship Faith Lutheran Ch Castro Valley San Leandro Second Saturday Birthday Meeting 8:00 pm
13	14	15	16 PI/CPC Meeting Oakland 7:00 pm	17	18 NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference San Ramon Long Timers Panel 3:30 pm	19 NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference San Ramon
20 NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference San Ramon	21 General Service Sub District Meeting 6:45 pm	22	23	24	25 San Ramon Cmty Denster Birthday Meeting noon	26 Crossroads Fwship Tri Valley Fwship Birthdays Meetings 8:00 pm
27	28	29 Ladies Lifeline Birthdays Meeting 6:30 pm Sunol Birthdays Meeting 7:30 pm	30 Hilltop Birthdays Meeting 7:30 pm	31 Sunol Birthdays Meeting 7:30 pm Broken Elevator Tradition Meeting 7:00 pm		

Group Contributions

March 2015 through January 31, 2016

If information shown in this table does not agree with your group's treasurer's report, please contact the Valley Service Center

	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	TOTAL
As Bill Sees It	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Broken Elevator Group	-	-	-	33	-	70	-	-	-	-	-	103
By the Book	-	123	-	-	97	-	-	87	-	-	60	366
Carrying the Message	-	-	-	-	-	302	-	-	-	91	-	392
Crossroads Fellowship	180	180	183	180	-	-	-	-	-	360	180	1,263
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	-	-	80	494
Individual	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Intergroup Meeting	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jaywalkers	72	82	-	80	38	75	-	123	62	89	121	742
Ladies Lifeline	87	155	97	74	136	206	-	137	84	106	157	1,239
Monday Nite Live	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	-	-	84
Primary Purpose	-	804	-	-	-	745	-	-	876	-	787	3,212
S. R. Recovery Group	-	-	-	-	145	-	-	84	-	-	113	341
San Ramon Comm'ty Center N	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Saturday Morning Breakfast	223	-	111	210	100	82	122	-	-	-	-	848
Serenity Seekers	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	85	132
Sunday Morning Coffee - Dubli	-	204	-	-	150	-	-	-	95	-	-	449
There is a Solution	-	60	-	-	-	31	-	-	48	-	41	179
Tri-Valley Fellowship	25	25	25	25	25	25	-	25	25	25	25	250
unscripted Group	-	277	-	153	-	226	-	99	-	267	140	1,161
Women Staying in the Book	142	-	111	80	67	135	92	86	172	120	24	1,028
Words Of Wisdom	-	77	-	-	-	317	-	444	-	-	184	1,022
TOTAL	871	2,236	551	914	850	2,387	892	1,213	1,544	1,474	1,997	14,928

Long-Timers Panel at Friday Kick-Off meeting

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Want to know more about the history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Northern California? Visit the archives at the NCCAA Conference at the San Ramon Marriott March 18-20.

The first NCCAA Conference held in San Ramon was held in Summer of 2002. Since that time San Ramon has hosted a conference every two years. This year's conference will be the 8th NCCAA Conference held in this area.

It has been tradition from that first San Ramon conference that the Kick Off meeting (3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon) be a Long Timers meeting. Come join our local Long Timers at the NCCAA Conference on Friday, March 18. Hope to see you there!

What is an NCCAA Delegate?

Each AA group in Northern California is entitled to have two members represent the group as NCCAA Delegates at the conference Delegates meeting on Saturday morning from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Delegates vote on issues put forward from the NCCAA Steering Committee including bids for upcoming NCCAA Conferences in other areas of northern California, Officers of the NCCAA, format changes to the conference, etc. The Chairperson for NCCAA will be voted on at the upcoming San Ramon Conference. Additionally, if you have celebrated an AA birthday since the last NCCAA Conference, you will have the opportunity to step forward and share your sobriety date with the group. Check with your home group to make sure that your group conscience will be represented at the upcoming conference. If your group does not have an NCCAA Delegate, consider making yourself available to be a trusted servant to your group. You will also be able to pick up flyers for the next NCCAA Conference to be held in Santa Rosa the weekend of June 10-12.

Why Register for an AA Conference or Event?

If there are "no dues or fees" for AA membership, why do conferences and events charge a registration fee? AA conferences are self-supporting. No group money is used to pay for the event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees and the 7th Tradition. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members "We are self supporting through our own contributions" and "We do pay our own way." Registration costs for an AA conference help pay for the expenses of the event. This may include, but is not limited to, costs for the facility, covering expenses to bring in speakers from other areas, etc. Please help us carry the message to as many people as possible by registering and giving generously in the basket.

Taking a trip — Not taking a trip . . .

A friend of mine says that until he was about a year sober he thought his AA name was "Shut up and get in the car!" The guys in his area would pick him up and head off to a meeting. There would be the meeting on the way to the meeting, the meeting, and the meeting on the way home from the meeting. He says that he didn't always know where they were headed, but he knew there would be an A.A. meeting and usually a cup of coffee and possibly a piece of pie on the way home.

Grab an A.A. newcomer, a friend, a sponsor, or a sponsee (or all of the above) and try a new meeting, a meeting you've never attended, or one you've heard about in another area!

Upcoming Events

NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference

March 18, 19, 20

See flyer on page 5 of the Valley View

Agenda Topics Workshop

Saturday, March 12 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Annual Valley Service Center Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 2016

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 or 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

If information for your group needs to be updated, please contact the Valley Service Center

NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference

Host Committee Planning Meetings

San Ramon Marriott Hotel—March 18 – 20, 2016

There are still opportunities to be of service at the up coming conference!

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.



SATURDAY, MAR 12TH, 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 66th General Service Conference.

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NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED, JUST
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TOPIC PRESENTERS
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PRESENTATIONS
START AT 9:00AM

**FAITH LUTHERAN
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20080 Redwood Road,
Castro Valley, CA. 94546

8:30AM – 3:00PM








NCCAA 69th Annual Spring Conference


Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

San Ramon, CA

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

Friday, March 18, 2016	Registration Opens 2:00 PM Early Bird Meeting 3:30 PM Open Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM 
Mike L., Indianapolis	
Saturday, March 19, 2016	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  Courtney A., Pleasant Hill Open Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM  David D., Millersville MD Dance Following Drawing 10:00 PM
Sunday, March 20, 2015	All A.A. Services Panel Meeting 9:00 AM Open Speaker Meeting 10:30 AM 

Marathon Meetings 

Fellowship - Workshops - Speakers - Free Drawing - Dance
 PRE-REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE IS MARCH 1st 2016
 Junias en Español 

With Al-Anon and Spanish participation

Hotel and map on back

Please remit with payment to: Treasurer NCCAA, P.O. BOX 205386 Sacramento, CA 95829
PRE-REGISTRATION - \$15.00 (per person) - AT THE CONFERENCE - \$20.00

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 or motel? YES _____ NO _____ Hotel/ motel name _____

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

The History of Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Come and join us in celebrating the History of Women in Alcoholics Anonymous presented by The Love and Service Group www.LoveAndServiceGroup.org

Here's what to look forward to...

- ◆ Deborah P., San Diego, CA explores the effect Women had on the understanding of alcoholism, both within our fellowship and in society as a whole.
- ◆ Nancy K., Galt, CA takes an in-depth look at the women who wrote for the personal stories section of the Big Book.
- ◆ Sally and Dave B., Redwood City, CA share their experience writing "A Biography of Mrs. Mary Mann".
- ◆ Mann was one of the 1st women to achieve long term sobriety and founded the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism.
- ◆ Long Timers Panel

- ◆ \$17 Advanced Registration Only for this Co-Ed event. No Refunds
- ◆ For more information, contact Meg B. at (925) 648-9610 or email megmcg75@gmail.com

Online Registration is Now Open

To register visit www.LoveAndServiceGroup.org for the link.

For help with registration or questions, please contact:
 Bonnie L. at (408) 656-4269



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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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!

Valley Intergroup
 meets on the
1st Monday of the
 month at **7:30 pm:**
 Trinity Lutheran
 Church
 1225 Hopyard Road
 Pleasanton, CA



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
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CROSSROADS FELLOWSHIP

*Open Speaker meeting
 and birthday chips*

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