

Community News

East Bay Intergroup, Inc.

July 2008



SPEAKER MEETINGS

1st Friday Speaker Meeting

Monthly, 8:00 PM, First Congregational Church of Oakland,
2501 Harrison St. at 27th St., Oakland

2nd Saturday Birthday Speaker Meeting

Monthly, 8:00 PM, First United Methodist Church
1600 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro

El Cerrito Fellowship

Saturdays, 8:30 PM, birthday chips 2nd and last Saturday,
11157 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito

El Sobrante Fellowship

Last Saturday of each month, 7:30 PM
San Pablo Alano Club, 2426 Church Lane, San Pablo

Fremont Fellowship

Saturdays, 8:00 PM, and Sundays, 10:30 AM
37365 Centralmont Pl., Fremont

Hayward Fellowship

Saturdays, 8:30 PM, 16250 E. 14th St., San Leandro

Island Fellowship, Last Saturday of each month, birthday
speaker meeting, 8:00 PM, Island Fellowship, 1828 Lincoln
Ave., Alameda

In-Between Fellowship

Fridays, 8:15 PM, 4710 International Blvd., Oakland

Park Street Center

2nd Friday of each month, 8:00 PM, 1510 Oak St.,
Alameda

Newark Fellowship

Last Saturday of each month, 8:00 PM, birthday cake and
chips, 7115 Rich Ave., Newark

Triangle Fellowship

Last Saturday of each month, 8:00 PM, 26663 Mission
Blvd., Hayward

SERVICE MEETINGS

Hospitals and Institutions — Area 53

1st Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM, First Christian
Church of Oakland, 29th St. at Fairmount

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

3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Central Office,
295 27th Street, Oakland

Intergroup Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month, 8:00 PM, Central Office,
295 27th Street, Oakland

General Service District 07

4th Wednesday of each month, (3rd Wednesday in Nov
and Dec), 7:30 PM, First Christian Church of Oakland, 29th
St at Fairmount St.

General Service District 70

4th Monday of each month, 7:30 PM, 20080 Redwood Rd.,
Castro Valley

INTERGROUP CALENDAR

JULY 2008

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1st Wednesday

7:30 PM, Hospitals and Institutions (Area 53)
First Christian Church of Oakland
Fairmount St., at 29th St.

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1st Friday

8:00 PM, First Friday Speaker Meeting
First Congregational Church of Oakland
2501 Harrison St., at 27th St.

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2nd Friday

8:00 PM, Speaker and Birthday Meeting
Park St. Center
1510 Oak St., Alameda

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2nd Saturday

8:00 PM, Birthday Speaker Meeting
First United Methodist Church
1600 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro

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3rd Wednesday

6:00 PM, PI/CPC
8:00 PM, East Bay Intergroup Meeting
Central Office
295 27th St, Oakland

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Fourth Monday

7:30 PM, District 70 General Service Meeting 20080
Redwood Rd., Castro Valley

23

4th Wednesday

7:30 PM, District 07 General Service Meeting
First Christian Church of Oakland
Fairmount St. at 29th St

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Last Saturday

8:00 PM, Speaker and Birthday Meeting
Island Fellowship
1828 Lincoln Ave., Alameda

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THE SHORT FORM

By the time you read this, All Groups Day will already have happened. I hope a lot of you got there to enjoy the barbeque, workshops, speaker meeting, and dance, as well as the Delegates' Report from our recent General Service Conference. A good way to spend July 4th!



You'll notice in this month's issue of the *Community News* that a staggering amount of space is dedicated to Intergroup Minutes and Intergroup Reports. This is because we've decided that it's a Good Thing to have our information here in the *CN* as up to date as possible. So this is the month we're catching up. You'll see Intergroup Minutes from the meeting held in May *and* the meeting held in June. Same thing with Intergroup Reports—both May and June are represented. So from now on, we'll be printing the reports from the month immediately before, instead of that pesky lag we've had up until now.

You'll also see that this month Steve F.'s column, "Twenty-nine Five," consists of his Intergroup Report for the month of June.

All in all, we're taking a lot of space with the Great Leap Forward to more recent reports in each month's newsletter.

I hope everybody is having a sober and serene summer, with some positive adrenaline rushes thrown in!

- Kate G.

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"He says he was going the wrong way down the Road of Happy Destiny

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Submission deadlines for articles, flyers, letters to the editor, announcements, etc.:

Last day of the previous month



EDITOR'S NOTE: This month, Steve F. is using his column to give the Central Office report for June. The other Service Committee reports for June are on page 11.

All Groups' Day is our biggest event of the year. It offers us a place for all the separate groups, along with Al-Anon, to come together to share sobriety, workshops, food, and fun. This year was exceptional, as we had a special presentation by Sharon B., our area delegate to the general conference, to tell us what new things are going on in AA as a whole. All day, the *Men's Answer Group* provided delicious and inexpensive barbeque and the Men's Single Topic provided beverages and snacks. The Upper Room agreed to provide dessert for our First Friday Speaker meeting and Danny A. and Julie A. were our speakers. The workshops offered interesting, topical, and spiritual topics in AA and Al-Anon for discussion.

Imagine 30,000 people all saying "AHHH" at the same time. That was the beauty and thrill of the fireworks after the A's game. One hundred sober fans rooted for the A's, and had a fabulous tailgate party. Don't miss it next time!

Save the date!

Sober Raider's Game. Okay here's the deal, mark your calendar:

Raiders vs. Chargers. Sunday, September 28. Buy by September 2. You get a \$36 ticket, a coupon for a hot dog, chips and soda (\$10), an Official Raider's Cap (\$9) for group rate of \$36. Good deal! Big Fun! Great Company!

Community News is Changing!!

We also will be moving up the information this issue to cover the Intergroup meetings and financial results of the most recent month, and will be mailing in the first week of the following month. Shorter deadlines! Fresher news!

Have you read the New News.....the key issues in our lives, the hot topics that everyone struggles with, for example "To Hug or not to Hug," "To Swear or Not," are finding a place in our monthly newsletter, *Community News*—the very publication you're reading right now! Write a column, philosophize, opine, or just share. All columns must be about 500 words and must be within the bounds set by our traditions.

We are offering **free 12-month subscriptions** to all new subscribers. Please notify us at centraloffice@eastbayaa.org or call us at (510) 839-0709 and tell us where to send your new subscription.

Foreign Language 12-Step List: Still looking for bilingual recovering alcoholics to assist non-English speakers. Please call Central Office.

Financial Results

An accounting change this past month should be noted. We are now downloading our charges from our credit card and posting the transactions as they fall instead of when they are paid. So the results overall will be the same, but the timing of the last five months' entries will adjust slightly.

May results continue a significant improvement over the past year: +\$.5k versus -\$3.1k. For the year to date, we currently show a +12.2k profit versus -\$5.4k last year.

- Steve F.

GENERAL SERVICE REPORT

As I write this, it is AA's Founder's Day; that is, the seventy-third anniversary of June 10, 1935, the day Dr. Bob sobered up for good and AA was "officially" off and running in Akron, Ohio. Today, by the General Service Office's best estimate, there are over 2 Million sober members of AA, and 113,168 AA Groups, worldwide.

Since that sobering day in 1935, AA has prospered in fits and starts, which is how the 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts were born; out of painful experience. After the Big Book was written, much additional literature was developed, and our General Service Conference in the U.S. and Canada has become the organization that has done the lion's share of work in spreading AA's message of recovery to the rest of our planet. So, when I travel, there are AA meetings virtually everywhere I go.

But, we're still alcoholics, and many of us still harbor various character traits (defects/assets?) which cause our behavior to sometimes be referred to as dysfunctional. One place where this appears is in our Northern California service structure, with General Service, Intergroups (Central Offices), and Hospitals & Institutions operating autonomously. In some counties there is more traditional "harmony" than in ours, but the roots of the "dysfunction" are the same: Intergroups and H&I got started before the General Service Conference came into being in 1951, and those older organizations did not want to fold themselves into the General Service structure.

By the early 1940s there were several AA Groups in Northern California, and Intergroups began to form in order to provide services like meeting directories and telephone contacts for potential newcomers. In 1942 Warden Clinton T. Duffy of San Quentin Prison became the first prison warden in the country to allow an AA Group to bring the 12-step message of recovery behind prison walls. He later said, "I looked upon Alcoholics Anonymous as a tool to help rebuild lives." *AA Comes of Age*, page 89. Thus was born what we now refer to as Hospitals & Institutions.

So why have these divisions persisted? I can't say that I know all the reasons, but my observation is that egos play a part in keeping these entities separate. It also seems to be a fact that the overall organization works pretty well, *so if its not broke, don't fix it!*

That is not to say that there isn't room for improvement, or that we cannot do more to cooperate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why is it, do you think, that East Bay AA Central Office's *Community News* doesn't get much response? As in, people who want to write how they feel about our community, our needs, our ideas, our purpose?

Here's what I think: for one thing, it uses a horrible font, not exciting to look at, doesn't incite curiosity or attraction, in my opinion. Secondly, there's nothing in it that promotes controversy, which I believe is detrimental to its survival. So, here's what I propose, let's get it started in here, let's provide our community with some relative topics to incite communication, controversy, thought provoking conversation. Who knows? Maybe it could change how we hardly do anything as a community, hardly do much service, hardly support our Central Office financially.

For one, I am disturbed by hearing how there's people in our meetings that hit on newcomers, whether it be new women, new men or new lesbians and gay men in the rooms. What? Hey, here's the thing, I think most new comers who enter AA are off limits for their first five years, come on, it takes that long to figure how to brush your teeth right, doesn't it?

Now I hear that there are guys who hit on young women—newcomers—find out what their drug of choice was and get it for them, entice them with it, be it alcohol or drugs. They're predators, are they not? Are they in program for themselves as honest alcoholics trying to get sober or are we dealing with something other than that? Like honest-to-god guys in our rooms who are searching out our vulnerable newcomers for ungodly purposes as victims for their own dishonest means. Well, I hear it's happening, and what are we going to do about it? Sit back and say, oh well, the only membership requirement for AA is the desire to stop drinking, and just allow it continue to happen? Oh, I think not!

I, for one, think there are people in AA who have behaviors that are sometimes predatory. However, they are folks who have been victims themselves with learned behaviors, but who have the means to get sober and can learn through the same methods we have in AA, through working the steps and volunteering to help others, and become more considerate members of their own AA communities. If there are folks out there preying on our members, I think we need to do something about it. Maybe we need to form a committee of elders to deal with such incidents. I'm not sure what we can do, but I think we can do something through positive thinking and brainstorming, not as a posse gunning for these folks but somehow to make a community effort to deal with this madness and make it stop.

Have you something to say about all this? Are you appalled as I am? Is it true this is happening? Can those of you who know about it come forward and talk about it, write about it, give us some honest information regarding it? Or is it just hearsay? Does it have any truth to it, does anyone know?

Here's another topic I want to discuss: how come so many of us are not putting much in the baskets? Do you

still really just put in a buck or two, whattttt? Okay, raise your hand if you are a cheepee? There are those of you, sometimes meeee, who make okay money, like in the summer months when my work volume goes up, and I find myself putting more in. What about those of you who are doing really well financially, can you not find your hand going a little deeper into the well? I want to see Central Office thrive, have enough hours for those who need more hours, for all the workers to get paid a decent wage and health benefits, it's only fitting, do you not agree? Maybe there are folks out there who do not have the time to do service, can you not dig a little deeper and make a contribution that way? That is a service! Sure you can! I know you can! Why not?

Speaking of service, hey, let's get this party started in here, come on! Maybe I'll write more in the next newsletter about service, how it's paramount to our sobriety and our survival as a community. I'll write more about how we have some very loving, kind, and responsible members who are generous with their time 24/7, filling the need as hotline volunteers. And now, even more are joining the 12th- Step call list, willing to show up for those who call in to the hotline, callers who need to be listened to, or taken to a meeting, a detox, or the hospital. Please consider if you are doing enough in and for your community. We need you, and we need you now! We need you financially, we need you physically and we need your input!

Thanks for listening...

Jac W.

YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS...

Since I woke up this morning it's been one thing after another....I finally get out of the apartment and go to the local coffee truck (yes, I'm back on coffee after much consideration) and this guy totally cuts me in line. When we get to ordering, the guy working there doesn't believe that I'm next! Then I cross the street and some idiot runs into me! I start thinking about it, and I ask myself which is more likely, is everyone else in the world being a jerk today or could it be me having *one of those days*?

I decide that it's probably me having "one of those days." So I continue walking down the street towards my AA meeting. I'm stepping off the curb to cross the street, and I step in a huge puddle! You know, one of those dirty puddles that look like they're just part of the road. That's when I accept that today is just *one of those days*. That makes me feel much better.

When I get across the street a car drives past me and through another puddle which splats all over me, but since I've already accepted that I'm having "one of those days" I'm fine with it and just shrug it off.

So, I finally get to my meeting, and the woman running it asks if I would share my experience, strength, and hope. Well, as my first sponsor taught me, never to say no to service for AA. I said sure, I can do that.

Guess what! That was exactly what I needed. I shared with the meeting about how I was having "one of those days." Now, my day has taking a different course and now I am having just **ONE OF THOSE DAYS!** - Michael D.



THE INQUIRING

AA MEMBER

By Sonya C.

This month's question: What do you think of the use of swear words in AA meetings?

"When I grew up profanity was just another adjective. It's part of my lexicon. I have no problem with it." - Michael L.

"It is certainly inappropriate [to swear] when women are present. It shows bad manners. I remember at a meeting a guy said, 'The use of profanity is the use of a weak mind trying to express itself.' It is up to the group to determine that obscene language should not be used." - Joe R.

"There is nothing in the Preamble that has anything to do with swearing. Some people come to AA to decompress and if you can't swear in AA, where can you swear? Where does it say in the Big Book that you can't swear?" - Maurice A.

"I do it, but usually by accident. The shares are real. Me, personally, I don't have a problem with it. There is more cursing at men's meetings." - Reggie C.

"I think it's important. It depends on the moment. I find some people are offended. I certainly don't want to offend anyone. In AA we have to deal with our feelings." - Jac W.

"I think it's fine. I think we don't need to censor ourselves. I need to practice patience and tolerance. I think it's unrealistic to expect drunks not to swear." - Catherine B.

"I make a conscious effort not to swear. It has become more natural all the time. Every word out of my mouth used to be profane." - Marcia M.

"@&#* \$!@# &*%# @# \$! %\$@# @!*\$#!!" --Steve F.

"I came from a family who refrained from swearing. For me it's almost a relief that I can let the expletives fly in meetings. It feels almost cathartic. I don't do it often, but when I do, I don't feel bad about it. It's a personal choice." --Sonya C.

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*Be kinder than necessary, for
everyone you meet is fighting
some kind of battle.*

~

Hope From the Inside Out

Hope is funny, the way that it works.
It's trotted about by insensitive jerks.
It's levied like tax—
"the gift of your pain,"
then pressed into service,
again and again.

An unholy mantra, dressed up like the pope,
digested by dummies,
and droned on by dopes.
Losers and liars much worse than I,
seem to bangle and bungle,
and barely get by.

Whackos and wizards,
felons and worse
all say their lines, chapter and verse.
They all say their lines
day after day,
seeking to find an easier way

These people are lame, they are dim—
they're perverse.
At the end of the day,
they think it works.
It does seem to work for that unfortunate mix,
their luck is long gone,
and there's no new tricks.

Their luck ran way out,
and then straggled back in,
a faint little hope, in a very small way.
It's too small to measure,
just a week or a day,
but too-small and too-simple to throw it away.

Sharp Pain and Doubt are the best of the tools
that loan heart to the coward,
and faith to the fools.
It's good those tools worked,
just as they did,
to lessen the pain for the women and kids.

I've nary a clue to how good it will get,
but I'm certain those tools aren't put away yet.
When there's no place for joy,
and no place to hide,
when your skin's inside out,
and so is your pride . . .

Then go find a man who suffers the Curse,
Who sees only the changes
from ugly to worse.
And tell him you know
a way to get right.
If we're both real lucky,
we can be there tonight.

- John F.

Balance

Recently, a man I sponsor called to discuss a problem he was having with someone he had been dating. Essentially, his difficulty lay in what he saw as a conflict between his desire to live by the spiritual principles of service and compassion, and his need to not abandon his own truth by acceding to a version of reality which he knew to be false. This dichotomy, fundamentally between service and honesty, can be difficult to resolve, and may severely test the limits of my wisdom to know the difference.

It's critical for me to remember that despite my fears, and notwithstanding my responsibility to be true to myself, neither my conscious contact with a Higher Power nor my spiritual growth and wisdom are improved by being mindful of myself and my needs. In putting another's needs first and, through humility, being willing to forget about my own, I am not only being of service, I am demonstrating and living in the faith that I seek and espouse. Because, really, at this stage of my recovery, how likely is it that I'll do something that allows someone else to take advantage of me or define my reality in a way that is harmful to me? My ego just isn't that smashed; nor is it likely that it ever will be. As is often the case, I think it comes down to a question of identity: Do I want to be the guy who makes sure no one gets away with saying something about what I've done or who I am and with which I disagree; or the guy who is committed to living a life based on growth along spiritual lines, and is therefore more concerned with the needs of others? It's a choice.

Yet I don't think it's necessarily a mutually exclusive one. I believe there's a balance to be found, and the test for that balance is chiefly one of motivation. If my intent truly is to be of service, without regard for what I want or think I need, then 'taking care of my side of the street' includes a requirement to 'show up' and contribute my part, even if it may contradict someone else and give rise to conflict. But I need to make sure this comes from a place of both compassion AND integrity. If my motive deviates from that of service and becomes one of self-justification, wanting to 'teach them a lesson' or just making sure that my position is given equal weight, then I have veered into self-seeking and trying to control the outcome, and that just doesn't work for me.

So how do I find that balance? Well, prayer helps; meditation, too, for that matter. In the end, I have to be willing to do the best I can and risk making mistakes. Living according to spiritual principles is not something that comes easily, at least not for me. So the real measure of growth in recovery, as illustrated by my sponsee, is the willingness he showed in asking the question in the first place. If I'm willing to look at my choices, if I'm willing to seek the balance that is called for and take the risk of possibly going off course, then I will grow in a direction that promises to facilitate an increased ability to employ the principles by which I'm trying to live. And that, oddly enough, looks whole lot like spiritual progress.

- John R.

A Message From PICPC

One of the biggest myths in AA, and for that matter in our community, is that an alcoholic is a 50- to 60-year-old white male in a trench coat, unshaven and with a paper bag, drinking something from it.

Well, that is one of the main reasons we in the PICPC committee need the help of female alcoholics as well as young AA members to do make presentations to high schools, colleges, and DUI classes, and more.

When did it all get started? PI and CPC were begun in 1935. As the story goes, Bill and Dr. Bob were doing CPC the first time they went to the local hospital to carry the message to the still-suffering member in the famous photo of "The Man on the Bed."

Or was it when they decided that AA needed a Big Book so that we could communicate to the drinking alcoholic in written form, and collaborated to develop Public Information? Or maybe they wanted to communicate to the news media AA's need to be anonymous.

What is PI? Public information is AA's way of hope and help to the unknowing community through the media—television, radio, newsprint and the internet, to name a few—to help the still-suffering alcoholic.

There has been a great deal of misinformation about alcoholism in the general public, but with AA's Public Information activities, the community can become better informed about how to be helpful to the alcoholic.

What is CPC? Cooperation with the Professional Community is AA's way to communicate with doctors, nurses, health care professionals, as well as judges, police, fire departments, therapists, and many human resources and employee development workers who come into contact with alcoholics.

We AA members are given the gift of sobriety through the steps and traditions, but we cannot keep this priceless gift unless we freely give it away.

One of the ways that we are able to do this is through the work of PI and CPC. We are invited many times each month to make presentations to potential alcoholics, friends of alcoholics, and those who come in contact with drinking alcoholics.

If you are one of those fortunate AA members who have experienced the hope and help of the program, come join some of us who are willing to share the happy, joyous, and free life we have been given through AA with those who could use AA's message, that there is hope and help for alcoholics, as well as for their friends family and co-workers.

PI/CPC meets at Central Office in Oakland on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. For more information, call Central Office 510-839-8900. Please come join us on the road of happy destiny.

- Tall Paul C. - PI/CPC Chair 07/00

INTERGROUP MINUTES MAY 21, 2008

I. Opening (Secretary—Ben; Minutes—Susan)

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and 12 Traditions. New reps were welcomed: Ellen/Island Fellowship (Alameda); Carol/Park St. Fellowship (Alameda); Gordon/Dr. Bob's Nightmare

II. Minutes of April meeting reviewed and approved with one correction: If you would like the Minutes emailed to you the week after the meeting, send an email to Sonya@eastbayaa.org and request the document.

III. Committee Reports were attached to the packet handed out to meeting attendees. Steve highlighted:

- June 7 is the group trip to an Athletics game. Even if you are not seated with our group you are welcome at the tailgate party starting at 4:00. (Gordon)
- Because group contributions to Intergroup continue to be strong, we will soon be able to add to the Prudent reserve, which has been at 65% or less of what it should be for many years. GO TEAM! (Steve)
- *Community News* is growing and needs your support: write for it (send emails to cnditor@eastbayaa.org); subscribe and/or get bulk copies for your meeting/fellowship (call Central Office). (Steve)
- The training for 12th Step work went really well, and there will be another one announced soon. (Jac)
- The search committee for a new Office Coordinator did not find any candidates. However, Ryn expressed her interest during the meeting, and we hope to have one or two more nominees by the time we vote at the June meeting. (Bruce, 510-334-8907)
- PICPC could use more volunteers, particularly women and young people. (Paul)

IV. Old Business (none)

V. New Business

- a. East Bay Young People's AA is having a camp-out July 11-13 and a fundraiser comedy night on June 14. (Mike, 510-350-6086)
- b. Our District 70 liaison would like to have his report included with Committee Reports. The big news from the last meeting is that Mongolia had its first AA General Services conference! (Anthony)
- c. July 4 is All Group's Day. Please make sure your groups know about this important event. The first planning meeting will be at Central Office at 5 PM on Saturday,

May 31. Sharon B., our delegate to World Services, will report on the actions taken at the May meeting.

VI. Discussion Topics

- a. Should Central Office create and maintain a Speaker List? When this topic was first discussed at the April meeting, there were several people who spoke in favor of the list because it would help smaller meetings. However, during this discussion almost all the speakers said their group was opposed to the idea, many because they felt it is an important part of a secretary's service to go to different meetings to find good speakers for their particular group. VOTE: Approximately 35 people voted not to create a speaker list, no one voted for creating a list, and 8 people abstained from the vote.
- b. Should Central Office purchase insurance that would cover individual meetings at other sites? One group has been asked by the church where it has met for many years to provide liability insurance. Some groups have chosen to move when asked for insurance, and some groups have been allowed to stay where they were, even though they did not provide the requested insurance. It seems that this issue has not affected many groups, so no action was taken.

EL CERRITO FELLOWSHIP MOVES

On June 23, the El Cerrito Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous moved to its temporary location:

San Pablo Alano Club
2426 Church Lane
San Pablo, CA 94806
(510) 234-7310

The schedules for all meetings remain the same as currently published with the following exceptions:

- Monday 7:00 PM Spanish-speaking (except for business meeting 2nd Monday of each month) moves to Tuesday 7:00 PM (except for business meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month)
- Monday 8:30 PM moves to Monday 9:00 PM
- Tuesday 10:30 AM Literature has been discontinued
- Tuesday 7:00 PM Candlelight moves to Thursday 7:00 PM
- Wednesday 8:30 PM moves to Wednesday 9:00 PM
- Friday 8:30 PM moves to Friday 9:00 PM

INTERGROUP REPORTS

MAY 21, 2008

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

Steve F. - 510-839-0709

April continued our steady improvement and we posted a gain of \$3,207 for the period and are tracking in the black for the year, \$14,751. Assuming this pattern holds we will move something like \$10k into our prudent reserve to reduce our long-standing deficiency of (\$35k). As the I Ching elegantly says, "Perseverance furthers."

Tail-gate, A's Game, Fireworks!!

Bring a blanket. After sunset, we'll go onto the infield and lie down to watch the fireworks! Tickets are going fast for \$29- field level \$18- bleachers. Call it in, using your credit card to central office.

People are pitchin' in. Just this month, too many people to mention everyone have been donating other things beyond our seventh tradition calling. Thanks to **Charlie S.** for the donation of some much needed computer equipment. Thanks to **Richard L.** for his contribution toward new bike racks. Thanks to **Gordon O.** and **Lynn S.** for building shelves and drawing up plans for new lockers. Thanks to **Jac** and **Michael** and **Alex** for the afternoon of scrubbing our meeting room floor. Thanks to **Catherine B.** for taking on the migration of our database. Thanks the **Men's Answer Group** and **Men's Single Topic** for collecting money to provide the food and drinks for our upcoming All Groups Day on July 4th. Many thanks to **Dave** and other gardener volunteers who have help keep our rent low at the First Congo Church by pitching in to help. Thanks to **Paul E.** for setting up our Raider's game. Thanks to all our **Grateful Givers** who continue to go beyond the call to support our efforts. Thanks to all the trusted servants at Intergroup and the Service Committee, our outgoing Office Coordinator, **Bruce F., Paul C., Jac W., Bob W. and Gordon O....** what a wonderful, committed bunch! And here' **Joyce S.** and all the volunteers for the **Hot-line, Twelve-step list** and **central office helpers** that keep the hand of AA always present, thank you so much.

And personal thank you at my year one anniversary of serving as your Office Admin to **Richard M.**, my predecessor, for continuing to support and mentor me.

Secretary Workshop chaired by **Richard M.** at Central Office May 3 at 3:00 sharp to 4:30 pm. Review of the suggested role and responsibilities of the job with sharing of experiences and problem solving. All groups and any interested members are encouraged to attend and contribute.

Foreign Language 12-Step List: Still looking for bilingual recovering alcoholics to assist non-English speakers. Please call Central Office.

Raiders Game. Okay here's the deal, mark your calendar:

Raiders vs. Chargers. Sunday, September 28. You get a \$36 ticket, a coupon for a hot dog, chips and soda (\$10), an Official Raider's Cap (\$9) for group rate of \$36. Good deal! Big Fun! Great Company!

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SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Office Coordinator No Report

Bruce F.

Beginners' Meeting Chair No Report

Bob W.

Special Events Chair:

Gordon O.

The last day to purchase tickets for A's game is on Friday, May 30. The A's game will take place on Saturday, June 7. All Groups Day, July 4, is seeking those with 2+ years of sobriety to conduct workshops.

Booked Special Events are listed below. All events will be held at 27th and Harrison:

Event	Date	Time
All Groups Day	Fri, 7/4	10 am–10 pm
Karaoke Dance	Sat., 9/13	7 pm-Midnight
Gratitude Night	Tues., 11/25	7 pm–9:30 pm
New Years Dance/Party	Wed., 12/31	8 pm–12:30 am

Telephone Committee:

Jac W.

The Volunteer Training for the Hotline and the 12 Step Call List we had at Central Office Saturday was a wonderful, huge success. Roughly 40 people showed up, including Volunteers already on the Hotline, new folks interested in being present and accounted for when someone calls AA and needs help. Plus, we had our dynamic speakers, (Lenny B. Donna B. and Steve F.) who showed up and shared their incredible years of service and insight to the meaning of commitment and dedication to 12 Step work. We had lots of laughs while doing some wonderful role playing of how it would play out when someone called the Hotline and how a Volunteer would answer their call. Zillions of questions were answered, new people's fears were contained with simple solutions, and the experienced ones who have been standing up in the name of AA's East Bay Central Office Hotline for quite some time, came forward sharing their brilliance in spiritual guidance in how they reach out the hand of AA for ones in need. It was truly one of the most touching, fun-filled, exciting days I've had in AA.

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INTERGROUP MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2008

Special thanks to Susan S. for her outstanding service as recording secretary for Intergroup.

I. Opening (Secretary—Ben; Minutes—Susan)

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and 12 Traditions. New reps were welcomed: Dennis/In-Between (Oakland); Jac/Sunday Step Study (Central Office); Lisa/Island Fellowship (Alameda)

II. Minutes of May meeting reviewed and approved.

III. Committee Reports were attached to the packet handed out to meeting attendees.

For Central Office, Steve highlighted:

- The Prudent Reserve is now \$59,000; there is an additional \$30,000 in a money market account. We are close to having the \$100,000 Prudent Reserve mandated in our bylaws (6 months' expenses).
- Please consider writing an article of about 500 words for *Community News* (cncditor@eastbayaa.org).
- If you are or know a sober member of our fellowship and speak an Asian language, please contact Central Office—we need the hand of AA to be there in more languages.

For Special Events, Gordon highlighted:

- **ALL GROUPS DAY is Friday, July 4** and will include the First Friday meeting, as well. *Can your group sponsor tickets for people in treatment programs and others who cannot afford the \$10 admission to the day's events?* (Meeting is, of course, open at no charge.) Please contact Central Office to get tickets/information. Planning meetings on Saturday June 21 and 28 at 5:00 at Central Office.

For Hotline, Jac highlighted:

- More volunteers are needed to make sure the help phone is answered at all hours of the day and night. You do need to be sober and have a year or more of recovery, but you don't need to be an expert! Contact Central Office to find out more.

For Beginners' Meeting, Steve reported (for Bob):

- One man and one woman are needed to facilitate the 8-week series of informational meetings for those new to AA starting July 27. Meetings are Monday at 6 PM at Central Office. Please contact them if you are interested in this important service.

GSR representative for District 70, Anthony, reminded everyone what a great opportunity we will have on All Groups Day to hear the hot-off-the-presses report from our delegate to the World Services annual meeting last month.

IV. Old Business

Two nominees for the volunteer service position of Office Coordinator qualified—Michael R. and Ryn S. By paper ballot, Ryn was elected, and both were thanked sincerely by all present for their long-time, ongoing support of Central Office.

V. New Business

On behalf of East Bay Young People's AA (EBYPAA), Mike thanked everyone for their support of the June 14 fundraiser. For info about their camp-out July 11-13, contact Mike.

VI. Discussion Topics

- a. A member of the fellowship has been prescribed medical marijuana for pain management, and he has stopped going to meetings because of people's judgments. What advice should we give?
 - Use honesty as the benchmark—tell the truth about what you are taking and look for others in recovery with the same issue; look for non-drug alternatives.
 - I can only sponsor people on a clean and sober path, because that's the one I have experience with; don't give advice about something you haven't experienced.
 - Check out the AA pamphlet about prescription drug use.
 - Over my years in recovery, my attitude has changed, and now I realize each situation is unique; sometimes I go with a sponsee to the doctor to make sure the doctor knows (1) the patient is in recovery and (2) how risky prescription drugs are for many of us.
 - Would make a great *Community News* article and panel at All Groups Day.
 - Since the question comes up because of a call to Central Office, maybe we need to be clear that our staff is not there to give advice about recovery—that's the work of groups, sponsors, and higher powers.
- b. What are the proper steps for a member who learns of predatory behavior (e.g., someone offering a newcomer drugs or alcohol, or soliciting sex in the guise of lending a helping hand)?

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INTERGROUP REPORTS

JUNE 18, 2008

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

Steve F. - 510-839-0709

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve's Central Office Report for June can be found this month on page 4 under his usual column heading, "Twenty-nine Five."

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Office Coordinator No Report
Bruce F.

Beginners' Meeting Chair

Bob W.

The beginners meetings are going well. There is regular attendance and we're self supporting through our own contributions. We're looking for two volunteers starting July 27th, and two starting at the end of September. Raise your hand and say 'YES'!

Special Events Chair:

Gordon O.

I would like to thank all those that helped with our last event (Day at the Ballpark). The A's didn't win the game but that didn't stop us from having a great time and the fireworks after the game was worth the price of admission alone.

I would also like to thank all those that had and ran the All Groups Day planning committee meeting without me they did a very good job and accomplished a lot of work. We are still looking for volunteers for this event and look forward to any raffle prizes that people may care to donate to this event. We are still meeting at Central office at 5 PM every Saturday until the day of the event (Friday July 4th) so please fill free to join us and have some fun making this event happen.

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Telephone Committee:

Jac W.

For this month's committee report for the hotline, all is well, but we are still looking for volunteers for the hotline and for the 12th-Step call list. We are doing much better as far as having easier coverage goes; however, we still need help. It's summer and people are going on vacations, or leaving their shifts and moving on, which requires us to use our alternates to cover the shifts. Please continue to announce in your meetings that we still can use the help.

As far as the 12th Step call list goes, we now have a new phone number for our volunteers to use as a sort of

diverter number which we hope to have up and running as soon as possible. This number will make 12th step volunteers accessible to our hotline folks in order to get callers to meetings, detox, hospital, or to someone to talk to (which is not a hotline volunteer function). We are only a referral hotline. We are continually looking for more volunteers to help us. It's a wonderful service with lots of lovely people, and we are looking forward, as a group, to possibly holding more trainings, but for sure, having some great barbeques in our future.

PI/CPC Chair:

Paul C.

The Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (PICPC) Committee is always seeking new volunteers. We will continue to request the AA service committee members to inform their home groups, and to have the IGRs & GSRs to inform their AA groups of the ongoing need for assistance. Women and young members are encouraged to get involved.

The month of May provided many opportunities to be of service to the public, as well as to the Professional community. We are most grateful for those members whom took time to be of service. We provided volunteers to various community DUI classes, and some of the local college health fairs and organizations that requested we provide information about AA

One of the local service areas did an outstanding presentation on CPC. PI and CPC are served separately in some service areas, and then are combined in other AA communities.

Some of the areas to service are- television, radio, doctors and nurses, and other health care professionals, to name a few.

I would like to thank some of the members for their service to PICPC and the AA community. **Thank you.** We look forward to seeing more of you all at the next PICPC meeting June 18, at 6 PM and/or some of the PI/CPC presentations along the way.

Remember the NCCAA Conference in San Ramon July 18, 19, and 20th, 2008 - PICPC will have a table top display, so come by and say hi. Also, on July 4th, at the All Groups Day event we will have a PICPC workshop, so if you don't know about PI or CPC, come on out, and find out what it's about.

Remember, we cannot keep the priceless gift of sobriety, unless we give the message away. We are looking for some young AA members, as well as female members. Our AA community is made up of 30% female, and 30 % young people...so come on down and get in to some of the fun.

We look forward to seeing some of you, as we trudge the road of Happy destiny, and Thank Central Office for all their support and help. (Sonya- you're the bomb!) "May God bless us and keep us until, then."

AA BIRTHDAYS

Please join us in offering congratulations to all the following members, who celebrated their AA anniversaries both in June at the First Friday Speaker Meeting:

Jack C.	6/3/1961	Hayward Flwshp	Hayward
Marilyn H.	5/22/1979	Safe Haven	Oakland
Claudia P.	6/2/1979		
		Montclair	
Gayle M.	5/10/1980	Weekenders	Oakland
John F.	4/24/1984	Berkeley Flwshp	Berkeley
Babs S.	5/13/1987	El Cerrito Flwshp	El Cerrito
Jennifer C.	5/20/1989		
Carlos W.	5/23/1989		
John K.	6/6/1994	Flatlands Men's Grp	Berkeley
Cathy H.D.	1/20/1998	Millennium Grp	El Cerrito
Hannah P.	5/15/1998	Young People	Oakland
Wendy J.	3/10/1999	Gd. Morn. America	Oakland
Toni G.	4/6/2000	Gd. Morn. America	Oakland
Eddie C.	5/13/2001	Stow Sunday Morn. LGBT People of Color	Stow, MA
Robert W.	5/17/2002		Oakland
Susan S.	6/1/2002	Gd. Morn. America	Oakland
Joe M.	6/4/2002	Drunks R Us	Berkeley
Nancy H.	4/7/2003	Happy Hour	Alameda
June W.	4/24/2004		
Hillary M.	6/1/2004	Bill's Angels	Portland, OR
Alicia B.	6/1/2004	Breath of Fresh Air	Oakland
Andrew J.	2/25/2005	Mission Flwshp	San Francisco
Casey D.	5/2/2005	Vision for You	Oakland
Carol F.	5/14/2005	Sisters in Sobriety	Oakland
Stakula	5/18/2005	Saturday Nite G/L	Oakland
Carrie M.	5/23/2006	The Upper Room	Oakland
Rose	2/10/2007	Girls Night Out	Oakland
Maureen	6/2/2007	Women's Book Stdy	Oakland
Ben S.	6/6/2007	Wild Bunch	Berkeley
Diana R.	8/1/2007		
Reiko M.	11/1/2007	El Sobrante Flwshp	El Sobrante
Donald Q.	11/14/2007		
George	12/1/2007		
David B.	12/25/2007		Oakland
John B.	1/5/2008		Vallejo
Jose	1/7/2008		
Jose F.	1/28/2008		
Rocky P.	2/4/2008	Young People	Oakland
Paul R.	2/10/2008	Gd. Morn. America	Oakland
Kelly W.	2/17/2008	Gd. Morn. America	Oakland

Mike F.	3/3/2008		
Kat S.	3/21/2008		
Keon G.	3/30/2008	El Sobrante Flwshp	El Sobrante
Danny S.	4/7/2008		
Charity M.	4/11/2008	Noonie Tooners	Berkeley
Nowell P.	4/14/2008	Late Show	Oakland
Charles	4/28/2008		El Cerrito
Melissa	5/3/2008		
Jeremy R.	5/31/2008		
Richard Y.	8/24/2008		
Mike P.	6/6/?		Pittsburg

Maybe Faith

The faith of a zealot
can last all night.
We know how it goes,
and it's just not right . .

The way somebody's luck
can turn on a dime,
and nobody's luck
will get worse than mine.

Sure faith in failure
you can take to the bank.
To prove yourself right,
dive back in the tank.

Where you know where to go,
and you know what to say.
A hard game with rules,
you know how to play.

Then comes a wild, wooly minute
when the score's not the deal.
When winning won't work,
and your knowing is real.

Hope says you'll win—
Faith proves you can't lose.
To walk with your brother,
and the path he can choose.

Lifting, leaning, laughing, loving,
It is work to uncover
gifts we're given together,
only seen by the others.

The work is the message,
simple, strong and clear.
Life can only get better,
walking together with fear.

- John F

General Service Report *(Continued from page 4)*

As in most human relations, communication is very important, and our General Service District has liaisons to both Central Office and H&I, to keep us informed about activities and let us know where we can be of help to alcoholics.

This year our General Service District is making an even greater effort to participate with Central Office in Oakland in providing services to the alcoholics in the overlapping geographic area we share. To this end, we have arranged for our Area's Delegate, Sharon B., to give her report of what happened at the General Service Conference in New York City at All Groups Day in Oakland on Friday, July 4. By the time you read this, she will have given her talk. I hope you were able to hear it.

Come join us in general service; it's fun, believe it or not! District 07 (Oakland and North) meets at the First Christian Church, 29th and Fairmount in Oakland at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of every month, and District 70 (South of Oakland) meets at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month. May God bless and keep you.
Kris W., District Chair (DCMC), Dist 07

May Intergroup Reports *(Continued from page 9)*

I just wish I could express how loving and thoughtful it was to have so many people participate, showing up and caring about each other and the caller on the other end of line.

Eight people signed up to be either alternates for the Hotline or to do the 12 Step Call List. And, we still need another 20 people. We're also interested in Meetings throughout the East Bay who would be willing to step up to the plate to either take on the 12 Step Call List for a month or so every year, or to be alternates for the Hotline. If you have any interest, please call Central Office. I so want to again thank everyone who came, you are all adored.

PI/CPC Chair:

Paul C.

The PI/CPC committee is always seeking new volunteers. We will continue to request the AA service committee members to inform their home groups, and to have the GSRs to inform their various groups of the ongoing need for assistance from the fellowship. The



month of April provided many opportunities to be of service to the public, as well as to the Professional community. We are most grateful for those members who took time to be of service. We provided volunteers to various community DUI classes, and some of the local college health fairs and organization that requested we provide information about AA

I would like to thank some of the members for their service, Brock and Sue, Nicole and Phil, Ted and Julie, Sam, Tomas, Shaun, Eric, and some that I may have missed for the service to PICPC and the AA community, thank you.... We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting May 21st, 6 PM and/or some of the presentations along the way. NCCAA summer Conference in San Ramon July 18, 19, and 20th, 2008 - we will have a table top display, so come by and say hi...

Once more, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the intergroup and service committees for allowing me to be of service, as the new PI/CPC chair, and will do the best that I am able to provide service and guidance to our fellowship and PI/CPC members.

We look forward to seeing some of you, as we trudge the road of Happy destiny."

June Intergroup Minutes *(Continued from page 10)*

- My group has had this conversation dozens of times, and the only thing we seem to agree on is if you are concerned, express your concern to the newcomer, saying "We have found what's best for promoting sobriety for newcomers is men relating to men and women relating to woman."
- Our women's group took a group conscience at a business meeting and decided to make a public announcement saying, "We are aware that some people at the meeting are approaching newcomers in a romantic or sexual way, and we want it known that our group believes this behavior is against our traditions." That seemed to help.
- Why don't we focus on the offender rather than the offended? Why don't we take the person aside and say, "Your behavior is not good for the newcomer or our group"?
- Men need to talk to men who are engaging in bad behavior, rather than leaving it to women to protect themselves.
- Everybody who walks into these rooms has a problem with sanity, so we need to be careful about blaming, shaming, or embarrassing people who act out their illness. We can approach people with compassion and still tell the hard truths.

VII. The 7th Tradition contribution was taken.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.

NOTE: Reports and agenda items for the July 16 Intergroup meeting need to be submitted to Central Office by July 9. centraloffice@eastbayaa.org

FROM THE GRAPEVINE**The Time Is Now**

Around the tables, I have heard repeatedly about tomorrow's fears and yesterday's guilt, with a number of admonitions about living one day at a time. It has come to me that my brethren who experience difficulties in living one day at a time have missed an extremely important point, namely: that you don't live one day once upon a time.

Invariably interwoven in any discourse on today is this childish fairy tale: "But once upon a time I had a good time drinking. Drinking overcame my shyness. It made a man out of me." Such thoughts are usually contrasted with the horror chamber of the last years of active alcoholism. But relentlessly the speaker goes back to a time when things were pleasant, when alcohol was the supposed servant and not the master.

Reminiscing about the good old days is as fatal to spiritual development as wallowing in self-pity or remorse. Forget yesterday's pleasant memories, as well as yesterday's troubles. This is today. Delight in the wonderment of today's good things. Accept today's

troubles as merely a means to develop the faith that they are only for today and that God can and will, if you seek Him, adjust today's troubles.

The alcoholic part of our mind wants us to live in the past, because that is where fear remains. Fear can't live with love, nor can love live with fear. Dwelling in the past promotes fears which push out the love of today. It weakens our resolve not to take the first drink, which would actually drive us backward into the past. Living one day at a time means thinking of today, not of yesterday. Think today, so that yesterday's negatives don't swallow you up.

Now I try to think today so that I can live today in this beautiful AA world of reality.

D. W. R.
Detroit, Michigan

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FINANCIAL REPORT, YEAR TO DATE 2008

	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	TOTAL
Income							
Individual Member Contrib.	1,219.67	953.28	625.12	656.14	977.05	514.56	4,945.82
Group Seventh Tradition	10,188.63	11,351.11	6,562.15	12,379.94	7,404.87	7,626.93	55,513.63
Other Group Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.95	511.03	81.49	719.47
Special Events Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,407.00	2,610.00	620.77	4,637.77
Meeting Room Income	913.67	1,393.15	1,310.96	1,963.00	1,700.00	1,810.00	9,090.78
Literature Income	5,691.39	8,869.72	4,927.60	3,761.19	4,602.28	8,494.11	36,346.29
Directories and Cards	827.46	410.72	934.36	850.55	902.31	633.13	4,558.53
Chips & other merchandise	719.62	390.87	304.93	714.35	728.10	611.34	3,469.21
Shipping Charges	10.53	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	34.53
Interest Income	158.72	1.36	1.41	1.50	1.36	6.33	170.68
Total Income	19,729.69	23,370.21	14,666.53	21,884.62	19,437.00	20,398.66	119,486.71
Expenses							
Office Expenses	574.92	884.82	927.30	2,020.13	1,520.54	1,026.51	6,954.22
Lease costs	2,817.36	2,917.82	2,890.56	2,813.27	3,055.00	2,813.27	17,307.28
Insurance	669.67	0.00	0.00	325.00	567.60	-915.69	646.58
Building Maintenance	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	456.70	189.58	696.28
Telephone Committee	408.76	1.37	636.93	236.30	232.44	434.09	1,949.89
Community Outreach	1,095.73	1,198.52	1,149.28	1,805.96	437.29	1,021.86	6,708.64
Payroll Expenses	5,995.47	6,495.35	4,174.50	6,012.66	6,236.45	6,849.30	35,763.73
Special Events Expenses	412.91	206.68	2,572.36	845.00	2,626.00	827.22	7,490.17
Meeting Room Expenses	258.45	119.78	345.88	215.04	0.00	4.00	943.15
Literature Expenses	2,292.61	6,057.27	893.58	6,862.14	2,864.24	4,499.51	23,469.35
Medallions, etc...	191.70	0.00	106.65	456.60	206.25	485.30	1,446.50
Write Off	-32.57	3.20	0.00	2.41	100.00	50.12	123.16
Total Expenses	14,685.01	17,934.81	13,697.04	21,594.51	18,302.51	17,285.07	103,498.95
Net Income	5,044.68	5,435.40	969.49	290.11	1,134.49	3,113.59	15,987.76

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS, YEAR TO DATE 2008

	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	TOTAL
ALA Equal Time Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	243.77	0.00	0.00	243.77
ALA Happy Hour	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
ALA Island Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	637.02	0.00	637.02
ALA Morton	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
ALA Park St. Center	1,199.70	398.70	865.20	792.00	0.00	841.58	4,097.18
ALA Serenity	0.00	0.00	155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.00
ALA Women's	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.64	0.00	0.00	159.64
ALA Women's Serenity	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
ALB Traditional Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	240.00
BRK 101 Stag Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	240.00
BRK Berkeley Fellowship	337.91	100.00	92.44	100.00	0.00	300.00	930.35
BRK Drunks R Us Grps.	12.02	2,163.91	0.00	1,908.29	0.00	0.00	4,084.22
BRK Flatlands Mens Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	452.89	0.00	0.00	452.89
BRK Nooney Tuners	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
BRK Sun Candlelight	273.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.83
BRK Sun Nite GLBT	229.68	0.00	49.00	48.30	0.00	0.00	326.98
BRK The 1st Step Group	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	135.00
BRK Walnut Square	0.00	877.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	877.01
BRK Walnut Square Friday	0.00	0.00	333.19	0.00	0.00	244.17	577.36
BRK Walnut Square Tuesday	114.53	0.00	0.00	193.17	0.00	0.00	307.70
BRK Walnut Square Wed Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.83	0.00	0.00	232.83
BRK Wild Bunch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.50	43.50
BRK Women's Book Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	199.82	0.00	0.00	199.82
CSV Back to Basics	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
CSV Camel Castro Valley Serenity	67.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.00
CSV Gratitude Grp	77.05	102.29	121.97	122.47	160.18	141.49	725.45
CSV Irregulars	0.00	123.40	0.00	0.00	221.86	115.35	460.61
CSV Serenity by the Lake	86.51	63.97	0.00	101.00	0.00	0.00	251.48
CSV Serenity Group	0.00	44.78	0.00	114.90	0.00	0.00	159.68
CSV Sunday Nite	0.00	142.33	79.04	102.69	100.65	197.56	622.27
EIC Godless Heathens Group	15.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.50
ELS El Sobrante Fellowship	10.20	75.19	0.00	64.20	0.00	0.00	149.59
FMT Centerville Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	96.00	156.00
FMT Five Cities Fellowship	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
FMT Fremont Fellowship	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
FMT Mission San Jose Grp	0.00	360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
FMT Wed. Nite N/S Stag Group	70.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.00	214.20
FMT Women's Freedom Finders	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
HWD BYOB	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
HWD Road to Recovery	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
HWD Step By Step Mens Stag	0.00	135.60	0.00	0.00	69.00	0.00	204.60
HWD Sunday Joy	240.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	480.00
HWD Women In Sobriety	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.40	0.00	44.44	86.84
Intergrp - 3rd Wed	148.91	86.75	101.27	45.32	0.00	150.42	532.67
Intergrp 1st Fri Spkr Mg	427.46	0.00	460.38	413.00	196.34	285.00	1,782.18
NWK Newark Fellowship	120.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	320.00
OAK A Vision for You	239.68	0.00	172.20	243.86	172.89	148.90	977.53
OAK Adeline Group	100.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.26
OAK And What We Are Like Now	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.02	0.00	156.02
OAK Back To Basic Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.59	0.00	214.59
OAK Breath of Fresh Air	632.40	0.00	329.16	120.40	266.49	0.00	1,348.45
OAK Clinton Group	91.95	0.00	0.00	104.30	0.00	0.00	196.25
OAK Diamond Link	63.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.62
OAK Dr Bob's Nightmare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.50	0.00	87.50
OAK Finally Friday Group	78.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.45
OAK Friday Nighters	0.00	0.00	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.99
OAK Gay Men's Stag	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.33	0.00	208.33
OAK Good Morning America	260.00	169.53	263.56	172.18	168.19	154.75	1,188.21
OAK Howe St., How It Works	0.00	253.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	253.20

OAK In-Between Fellowship	180.00	120.00	0.00	180.00	300.00	0.00	780.00
OAK Interest in Our Fellows	0.00	0.00	82.23	60.52	0.00	62.11	204.86
OAK Just the Book B/B Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.75	0.00	24.75
OAK Lady A Group	0.00	0.00	39.60	0.00	0.00	82.20	121.80
OAK Lake Shore Lushes	0.00	241.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.60	401.17
OAK Last Chance	273.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.60
OAK Late Show-Wed	113.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.50
OAK Lincoln Square	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.00	0.00	0.00	167.00
OAK Men's Single Topic	457.58	71.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.58
OAK Mon Night Men's Lit Study	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.37	0.00	0.00	48.37
OAK Montclair Group	20.15	20.79	462.12	15.00	12.00	15.00	545.06
OAK Nursery # 1	198.00	0.00	0.00	126.00	0.00	0.00	324.00
OAK NUTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
OAK Old Timers	0.00	122.00	229.00	327.00	0.00	194.00	872.00
OAK Podium Participation	90.00	83.70	41.40	0.00	52.45	127.50	395.05
OAK Practice These Princ.	568.50	0.00	0.00	646.73	0.00	0.00	1,215.23
OAK Rockridge Fellowship	1,265.00	2,100.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,380.00	900.00	7,645.00
OAK Safe Haven	0.00	112.62	0.00	0.00	184.12	0.00	296.74
OAK Sat. Night Gay & Lesbian	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.00	0.00	90.00	196.00
OAK Satin Dolls Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	117.56	0.00	117.56
OAK Saturday Night Live	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
OAK Serenity Central	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.00
OAK Sisters in Sobriety	45.00	99.61	74.94	64.39	35.62	94.32	413.88
OAK Sober 51/50s	0.00	65.00	20.00	27.00	35.00	29.00	176.00
OAK Sun 9am Step Study	277.78	139.73	161.86	228.42	189.20	156.30	1,153.29
OAK Sunset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.80	256.80
OAK Sweet & Condensed	0.00	0.00	94.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.04
OAK The Upper Room	0.00	553.18	0.00	266.64	0.00	260.66	1,080.48
OAK Thirsty Thursdays	154.70	0.00	0.00	93.10	0.00	0.00	247.80
OAK Tues Nite AA	0.00	0.00	0.00	478.80	0.00	603.50	1,082.30
OAK Up to My Neck Group	0.00	411.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.64
OAK Workenders #2 Fri	0.00	0.00	178.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	178.35
OAK Workenders Mon Night SS	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.79	0.00	0.00	31.79
OAK Young People	0.00	450.00	381.61	0.00	0.00	373.25	1,204.86
PMT East Bay Grp	0.00	224.79	0.00	202.56	360.74	0.00	788.09
PMT Group Six	0.00	198.97	0.00	0.00	274.24	0.00	473.21
PMT Montclair Weekenders	370.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.51	0.00	776.27
PMT Piedmont Group	0.00	390.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	390.24
PNL We're Here	20.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.90	65.25
PTR Pt Richmond Gp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	165.00
PTR Tue Pt Richmond BB	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
SLN Book Worms B/B	0.00	129.60	0.00	191.19	0.00	104.88	425.67
SLN Hayward Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	120.00
SLN Mon Women's BB Study	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	240.00
SLN Second Sat Birthday Grp	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.00	0.00	0.00	102.00
SLN The Answer Grp Men's Stag	735.38	0.00	431.67	0.00	265.48	256.75	1,689.28
SLN Triple Twelve	0.00	0.00	40.00	80.00	0.00	30.00	150.00
SLN Wed Night	90.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	360.00
SLN Women's Heart to Heart	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
SLZ End of the Bridge Grp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	220.75	0.00	320.75
SLZ Fireside Grp	0.00	80.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
SLZ Joy Of Living Grp	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	360.00
SLZ Mon Night	76.47	0.00	268.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	344.76
SLZ Morning Recovery Grp	0.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00	120.00	300.00
SNP Women of AA	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.00
UNC New Start Grp	0.00	0.00	110.64	0.00	63.39	0.00	174.03
UNC The Unkn Heroes	0.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.00	249.00
TOTAL	10,188.63	11,351.11	6,562.15	12,379.94	7,404.87	7,626.93	55,513.63