



AA District 09 Solano South CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER



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Special points of interest:

- Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting **Friday November 14@** The Clock Tower, Benicia. 8:00pm Speaker is Ken H.
- Vallejo Fellowship News
- Holiday Fest Preparation.
- *NEW!* Event Calendar

Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting

The District 09 Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting will be held 8:00 P.M., Friday, November 14 at the Clock Tower in Benicia.

The guest speaker is Ken H., Benicia
Commemorative chips will be given to those AA's celebrating periods of sobriety. Deserts, coffee, and tea will be served. Water and soft drinks will be available

for a buck. There will also be raffle prizes to win. Books and literature will be available for purchase.

There will be a pre-meeting dinner with the speaker at 6:00 P.M. at The Front Room restaurant in Vallejo near the ferry terminal. Reservations are required a few days prior to the dinner.

Please contact Connie at 707-554-8046 for reservations.

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News from Central Office

**DISTRICT 09
CENTRAL OFFICE
BUSINESS MEETING
*Temporary!***

First TUESDAY of the month at 6:45
Will meet at the Vallejo Fellowship :
942 Tennessee St.
(707) 643-8217

Huge THANK YOU! for our Central Office Scheduling Coordinator, Elliot. He has done an incredible job of staffing the phones and dealing with the many logistical problems associated with the tenuous state of the office since the fire at Casa Vallejo ruined our meeting place and his home.

New Central Office Chair Person!

Mike G. stepped up and was voted in as the Central Office Chairperson filling a void that has lasted several months. Thank you Mike for being of service!

There is a great service opportunity as H&I Liaison for someone with two or more years of sobriety. Please attend the next H&I meeting to find out more information about the position.

H & I Business Meeting

1st Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Sea Scouts Building
402 Riverside, Napa, CA

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Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

More News from Vallejo Fellowship

New Meeting: Every Wednesday-Open Discussion @ 9:00am.

New Men's Meeting: Friday Night @ 9:30pm (candlelight).

"**Back to Basics**" every Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:30PM at the VJO Fellowship. Great meeting if you need or wish to work the steps. We'll see you there!

The 1st Saturday is Speaker Night... starts at 6:45pm and runs 45 min to an hour max. This gives everyone a chance to get to other Saturday night meetings in plenty of time. Great out of town speakers too! September speaker from Concord was great and meeting was very well attended!

The 2nd Saturday of every month is Karaoke Night 7:00—10:00 P.M. at the Fellowship for a special activity. Games, Karaoke and/or Jam Session. Bring your instrument, voice, or favorite game. 7:00-10:00 P.M.

November 8, December 13, and January 10

The 3rd Saturday is Jam Session, which also includes open mike for poets. 7:00-10:00 P.M.
November 15, December 20, and January 17.

Last Saturday night of the month is Birthday Night! Come join us in the celebration, get your chip and enjoy the cake! 7:30 P.M.

The Vallejo Fellowship Business Meetings: 2nd Tuesday every month at 6:45pm... everyone welcome to attend. (Not to be confused with the Central Office meeting that now meets at the Fellowship on the 1st Tuesday of each month.)

Colusa Friday Night Candlelight

Still in desperate need of support and almost all service positions open except for treasurer! That's coffee maker, literature person, greeter, Central Office Rep.... Meetings now upstairs but will close if attendance continues to be down.

If anyone is interested in filling the Secretary position please call Janine at 707-704-9372. Operators standing by!

Tradition Eleven Checklist

Tradition Eleven

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around-even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

From Letters to the Grapevine. . . February, 1944

Dear Grapevine: Thanks to God and Bill for A.A. Here is an organization which is, in a sense, the answer to a drunkard's prayer. Not a cure, but a means of finding sobriety.

As a son of an alcoholic, I can vouch for the benefit of the 12-step program of A.A., foremost of which is enabling the alcoholic to find sobriety, and happiness in keeping sober.

The benefits the family receive are many. Mother and I, for example, have a real source of pride in seeing Dad able to refuse a drink. For me alone it means I've got a Dad who is the kind of a pal I always wanted him to be.

Now I realize that Dad should never have been condemned for his past drinking escapades. I know that he was a very sick man who needed aid. Today I understand the needs of an alcoholic.

My greatest hope is that someday every alcoholic in the world can receive the same A.A. medicine which Dad has received. This organization may not cure an alkie, but it certainly helps him stay on the beam, as the saying goes. Gratefully yours,

Allen C. Jr., Yonkers, New York

DISTRICT 09-SOLANO SOUTH

www.aasolanosouth.org**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE BUSINESS MEETING**

October, 2008

Chaired by Karin . September 2008 Minutes approved.

Visitors: Diane, Mike G

Birthdays: Steve 9 yrs, Henry 31 yrs

Treasurer – Don B

August- Began the month with \$3700; \$700 below average. Returned rent money of \$290 to Here & Now mtg. Net income \$67. Prudent reserve at \$2299.09

September- Contributions from Groups below \$500. No rental income from Central Office, Annual Ins premium paid, Literature purchases resulting in net loss. Prudent reserve at \$1435.97

Literature – John W.

John on vacation. Per Wanda, Literature has been ordered & received.

Newsletter – Mike B

Newsletter has been printed & emailed.

Birthday Speaker Meeting –

No report. Flimsy Reed & Steps R Us hosting October Birthday Speaker Meeting

H&I Liaison –

No report. It was mentioned there is an interested AA that may take the H & I position

General Service-

No report

Meeting Schedule Coordinator – Russ F

Schedules are up to date. It was discussed & approved to change the address of the Cent Off from Capitol to the Vallejo Fellowship on the meeting schedules.

Website –

Rep not present – Joy to contact Mary for update on the website.

Supplies/Handyman – Chuck:

Everything is AOK. Wanda to purchase receipt book.

Public Information – Josh –

Meeting Saturday 9:00 am at Benicia Starbucks on Military. Recovery Day went really well @ City Park in Vallejo.

Central Office Scheduling Coordinator – Elliot.

All Central Office volunteer positions are full !! There is however, problems housing Cent Off at the Vallejo fellowship. Noisy, theft, traffic.

OLD BUSINESS

Central Office Chairperson position open - Motion accepted to have Mike G. accept the position

NEW BUSINESS:

Central Office has a 90 day housing probation period at the Vallejo Fellowship. It was thoroughly discussed that Prior to anything being moved or done at the Vallejo Fellowship, Vallejo Fellowship is to be notified AND a GROUP CONSCIOUS is to be taken regarding the matter.

Discussion for November Cent Off meeting: Possible Wall for privacy be erected.

Terri V to check in to possible Office space outside of the Vallejo Fellowship. M – F 9:00-5:00 & 1 meeting a month on the first Tuesday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Yours in service,
Terri V.

Group Report next page.

GROUP REPORTS

*This list of meetings is for the benefit of all groups. It is requested that the Central Office Representative for each group either attend monthly meetings or call and let Central Office know how your meetings are going. Please feel free to let Central Office know if this list is incomplete or in need of revision.

City	Time	Day	Location	Group Rep.	Remarks
BEN	7:00 AM	M-Sat, (Sun 6:00 am)	Attitude Adjustment - St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Porter	Doing fine
BEN	6:30 PM	T,Th,F&Su n	Benicia First Street Group/Heritage Presbyterian Church	Mark R.	No report
BEN	8:00 PM	Th	Benicia Hilltop	Open	
BEN	7:30 PM	T	Benicia Straits/East "N" St.,	Steve M	
BEN	8:00 PM	Sun	Benicia Sunday Night		
BEN	7:00 PM	Sat	Came to Believe	Open	
Crock- ett	8:00 PM	Mon	Crockett Group	David	Mtg Great, growing
VJO	8:00 PM	Fri	Friday Night Candlelight/Colusa	Janine	Poor attend. w/close end of Oct if Svc positions aren't filled
BEN	7:00 PM	Mon	Get to the Point - Congregational Church	Gary	No report
VJO	12:00 PM	Tue	Here and Now Big Book Study/Capital St. @ Central Office	Wanda	At Nebraska & Amador, growing
VJO	12:00 PM	Thu	Here and Now Big Book Study/Capital St. @ Central Office	Wanda	At Nebraska & Amador
BEN	7:30 PM	Wed	Men's 12 by 12 Study/West 2nd St., Benicia	LeeBo	Mtg doing really well
MI	7:30 PM	Tue	MI Group/Mare Island	Chris	Grp needs support
VJO	8:00 PM	Sat	Saturday Night Discussion/Doyle Dr.	Lynda	Mtg doing really well
VJO	10:00 AM	Sat	Serenity on Saturday	Karin	Well attended, new- comers, 20-25 People attending
VJO	8:00 PM	Wed	Spring Hill Study Group	Open	
Crock- ett	8:00 PM	Thu	Starr Street Big Book Study	W/O Rep	Good Mtg, Good core group, pay 1 st Bridge toll
VJO	6:00 PM	Tue	Steps R Us/Georgia St	Anne	Really, really good Mtg
Am- CYN	5:30 PM	Wed	The Flimsy Reed/American Canyon	Jeff	Mtg doing fine, good
VJO	7:30 PM	Fri	The Grapevine Speaks	Ben	No report
VJO	5:30 PM	M-Sun	Vallejo Fellowship/Tennessee	Janine	Hanging in there !
VJO	7:00 PM	Mon	Vallejo Women's Group/Doyle Drive	Cathy	
MI	10:30-noon	Sun	Valley Alumni		No report
Ben	9:30- 10:30 AM	Sun	Go To Any Lengths	Russ	doing well, consis- tant, grp of 8-10

SOUTHERN SOLANO COUNTY AA CENTRAL OFFICE
Treasury Report August & September

	August	September	YTD	Average
<u>BALANCES FORWARD</u>				
Operating Account	\$133.50	\$0.00		
Liability Insurance Fund	\$395.37	\$430.29		
Sales Tax Fund	\$155.69	\$176.61		
Prudent Reserve Fund	\$3,000.00	\$2,299.09		
Total Cash on Hand	\$3,684.56	\$2,905.99		
Literature Asset Value	\$670.84	\$0.00		
Total Assets	\$4,355.40	\$2,905.99		
<u>INCOME</u>				
Group Donations:	\$356.97	\$524.21	\$9,429.74	\$1,047.75
Misc Donations: Sublet: Here & Now	(\$290.00)	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$18.89
total income	\$66.97	\$524.21	\$9,599.74	\$1,066.64
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Newsletter Printing	\$42.94	\$0.00	\$165.54	\$18.39
Schedules (donated recently) \$50.00 avg/ month	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Three Ring Answering Service	\$180.65	\$209.13	\$1,262.23	\$140.25
A T & T Phone Service	\$83.54	\$5.50	\$644.52	\$71.61
Utilities: PG&E	\$62.87	\$18.31	\$481.71	\$53.52
Office Supplies, bank charges, etc.	\$72.66	\$0.00	\$281.48	\$31.28
Misc Supplies (Coffee, paper towels, cups, etc.)	\$7.40	\$0.00	\$83.05	\$9.23
Annual Liability Insurance Premium	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$554.00	\$61.56
Rent: Casa de Vallejo	\$700.00	\$375.00	\$5,975.00	\$663.89
Annual Events (Picnic, Dinner, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93.20	\$10.36
total expenses	\$1,150.06	\$1,161.94	\$9,540.73	\$1,060.08
<u>INCOME-EXPENSES</u>				
	(\$1,083.09)	(\$637.73)	\$59.01	\$6.56
Literature: Book sales	\$283.60	\$0.00	\$2,394.20	\$266.02
Purchases: Grapevine, books, pamphlets, audio	\$0.00	\$605.32	\$2,732.37	\$303.60
<u>NEW ACCOUNT TOTAL</u>				
	\$2,905.99	\$1,662.94		
<u>IN-HOUSE TRANSFERS:</u>				
from liability insurance fund	\$0.00	\$430.29		
from sales tax fund	\$0.00	\$0.00		
to sales tax fund	\$20.92	\$0.00		
to liability insurance fund	\$34.92	\$50.36		
total	\$55.84	(\$379.93)		
<u>CLOSING BALANCES</u>				
Operating Account	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Liability Insurance Fund	\$430.29	\$50.36		
Sales Tax Fund	\$176.61	\$176.61		
Prudent Reserve Fund (Should be \$3000.00)	\$2,299.09	\$1,435.97		
Total Cash on Hand	\$2,905.99	\$1,662.94		
Literature Asset Value	\$0.00	\$605.32		
Total Assets	\$2,905.99	\$2,268.26		

INCOME

Group Donations:	Vallejo Fellowship	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$	200.00	\$	22.22
	Attitude Adjustment (7AM)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	463.74	\$	51.53
	First Street Group	\$0.00	\$38.67	\$	867.43	\$	96.38
	Benicia Sunday Night 8PM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	337.66	\$	37.52
	Vallejo Women's Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	683.38	\$	75.93
	Crockett Monday Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	390.55	\$	43.39
	Steps R Us	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	101.60	\$	11.29
	Tuesday Night Benicia Straits	\$106.23	\$0.00	\$	620.35	\$	68.93
	Here & Now Central Office Big Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
	Mare Island	\$78.84	\$0.00	\$	174.30	\$	19.37
	The Flimsy Reed	\$0.00	\$122.16	\$	498.08	\$	55.34
	Men's 12 x 12 Study Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	738.19	\$	82.02
	Spring Hill 12 x 12 Study Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	84.00	\$	9.33
	Thurs Nite Benicia Hilltop	\$0.00	\$142.38	\$	433.64	\$	48.18
	Heritage Nooners	Closed	Closed	\$	72.00	\$	36.00
	Starr Street Big Book Study	\$76.20	\$0.00	\$	279.46	\$	31.05
	Friday Night Candlelight	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	28.58	\$	3.18
	Serenity on Saturday	\$52.62	\$0.00	\$	195.10	\$	21.68
	Saturday Night Discussion (Doyle)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	1,106.76	\$	122.97
	Sat Came to Believe (Candlelight)	\$0.00	\$171.00	\$	318.50	\$	35.39
	Valley Alumni	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	75.65	\$	8.41
	SSCO Birthday Spkr Mtg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	789.43	\$	87.71
	Friday Night Grapevine Speaks	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$	350.00	\$	38.89
	Get-to-the-Point Mon Benicia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	308.35	\$	34.26
	Go-to-Any-Length Benicia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$	183.54	\$	20.39
	Misc	\$18.08	\$0.00	\$	129.45	\$	14.38
	total	\$356.97	\$524.21	\$	9,429.74		

# groups contributing this month	5	5
# groups not contributing this month	19	19
Total # groups	24	24

The Annual AA Holiday Party Potluck Celebration

Please join us for our Winter Holiday Party!!- Featuring Dinner,
Speakers, Santa and Mrs. Claus -- Good Conversation & Dancing

When: Saturday, December 6, 2008

Where: Benicia Clocktower, Commandants Lane, Benicia, CA

Time: 6:00-11:00 pm

Speakers: Brian B. of El Sobrante; AA
Vicki H of San Jose; Alanon

Turkeys, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy will be provided.

This potluck celebration is always well attended, so please bring ample size quantities of your food contribution- below are the suggested assignments for your contribution--

A-L: Hot Dishes (Holiday casseroles, yams, green beans, creamed spinach, other vegetables)

M-S: Salads, (green salads, macaroni, cold slaw, , etc)

T-Z: Fruit plates & Desserts

Children are welcome. No Day Care provided this year.

Directions: Take Highway 680 to Benicia, take the 5th Street Exit and turn towards town. Make a left turn on Military, veer left on Adams, continue on Adams pas the Park fork, and take Commandants Lane, veering left on the last fork. (There will be signs posted) Please call 707-746-5261 if you need additional directions,

Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family, for more information contact Karen or Russ at 707-746-5261 Set up will start at 1:00 pm. Anyone who wants to help is encouraged to come and join in.

We always have a lot of fun.. As "we are not a glum lot!"

New Meeting Place for Tuesday Here & Now and Thursday Big Book/12x12 Study

The Tuesday and Thursday Noon meetings that were held at Central Office will now be held at the

**First Presbyterian Church
1350 Amador St. at Nebraska.**

2008 CNCA Archive Open House!

The California North Coastal Area 06 Archive Committee will be holding an open house on November 9th, 2008 and will be displaying and sharing about the work that they do.

The function of the Archives Committee is to give members of the AA Fellowship a sense of its past and an opportunity to study it. The archives are also available to members of the non-A.A. professional community who may have an interest in the beginnings and development of A.A. in this area.

The main purpose of the archives, consistent with A.A.'s primary purpose, is to keep the record straight, so that myth does not predominate over fact as to the history of the Fellowship.

This event should be fun as well as educational.

When: November 9th from 11:30 to 4:00P.M.

Where: 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek

People in Service at Central Office

Chair:	Mike G.
Assistant Chair:	Henry
Recording Secretary:	Terry V.
Treasurer:	Don B.
Schedules:	Russ F.
Schedule Coordinator:	Elliott
Supplies:	Chuck N.
Public Information:	Josh
Website:	Mary
Birthday Speaker Mtg.:	Bill K. & Susan
Literature:	John W.
H&I:	Open
Newsletter:	Mike B.

Bridging the Gap

"AA's Welcome Wagon"
A 12th Step Opportunity
Volunteers Needed

To ease the transition of recovering alcoholics being released from treatment facilities and other places of confinement into the AA Community. Involves taking newcomers to an AA meeting after their release and introducing them to members of the group.

For more information please contact:

Dave W., BTG Chair District 09 at 707-553-1815
or email: c_lion@comcast.net

General Service

Elections for General Service Positions will be held on November 12 at the monthly General Service meeting. Most, if not all of the positions are open. They include: Central Office Liaison; Bridging the Gap, Chair; Literature/Grapevine Committee Chair; Archives, Chair; Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Chair; Registrar; District Recording Secretary; District Treasurer; District Committee Members (there are three positions); District Committee Member, Chair.

All General Service Commitments require 2 years of sobriety and are 2 year commitments. It is also recommended to have experience as a group General Service Representative.

Please attend the next GSR meeting on November 12, 7:00 P.M. at:

1st United Methodist Church
502 Virginia Street, Vallejo, CA

For more information about General Service visit:
<http://cnca06.org/help.php>

Sober Activities from the First Street Group

The First Street Group has an Activity committee that organizes various sober activities that include hikes, bike rides, movie nights, game nights, karaoke and a variety of other fun stuff. Watch for fliers for more information. You may also get on the emailing list by sending a note to Kim at:
kimpossiblenow@gmail.com

A.A. District 09 November 2008 Southern Solano County

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Vallejo Fellowship Speaker Night 6:45 Vallejo Fellowship 942 Tennessee
2	3	4 Central Office Business Meeting 6:45-7:45 Vallejo Fellowship 942 Tennessee St. Vallejo	5	6	7 H&I Business Meeting 6:30 Sea Scouts Building 402 Riverside, Napa, CA	8 Vallejo Fellowship Karaoke 7:00-10:00 P.M. Vallejo Fellowship 942 Tennessee St. Vallejo
9 2008 CNCA Archive Open House 193 Mayhew Way, Walnut Creek 11:30-4	10	11	12 DISTRICT 09 GEN'I SERVICE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 P.M. 502 Virginia St. Vallejo	13	14 District 09 Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting 8:00 P.M. Clock Tower Benicia	15 Vallejo Fellowship Jam Session & Open Mic Poetry Vallejo Fellowship 942 Tennessee St. Vallejo
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Deadline for News & Events sub- mission for December Newsletter	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29 Vallejo Fellowship Birthday Night Vallejo Fellowship 942 Tennessee St. Vallejo
30	December 1st	2 Central Office Business Meeting 6:45-7:45 Vallejo Fellowship 942 Tennessee St. Vallejo	3		5 H&I Business Meeting 6:30 Sea Scouts Building 402 Riverside, Napa, CA	December 6th Holiday Celebration. Clocktower. Set-up at 1:00 P.M. Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

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Mark Your Calendars

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NEW LOCATION:

Sea Scouts Building
402 Riverside, Napa, CA

DISTRICT 09 GENERAL SERVICE BUSINESS MEETING

2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

1st United Methodist Church
502 Virginia Street, Vallejo, CA

Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting *2nd Friday of each month*

Oct 10 Benicia Clock Tower Speaker: Jim S Oakland
Host: Steps R Us

Nov 14 Benicia Clock Tower Speaker: Ken H Benicia
Host: Benicia 1st St. Group

Dec 12 Benicia Clock Tower Speaker: TBD
Host: Benicia Hilltop

Please send announcements and articles to: Mike B., fauxevermb@gmail.com

Must include your name and phone number or email address.

Information should be in form of **MS Word doc**. PLEASE! No Fliers or at least contact the Editor prior to submitting.

Deadline for submitting items for the November issue is November 24.