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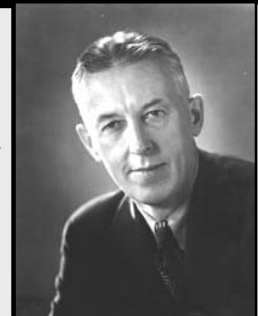
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Central Office is open most mornings if you need anything. Please call before you come to make sure someone is there. When visiting wear a mask!

“Yes, we AAs were once a burden on everybody. We were “takers.” Now that we are sober, and by the grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn’t we now about-face and become ‘thankful givers’! Yes, it is high time we did!”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., June 1948, “Tradition Seven”, The Language of the Heart



HOLIDAY PARTY

7pm December 5th!



HUMANS! HERE ARE A FEW REMINDERS for the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5th.

- The Party will start at 7:00pm
- Please RSVP by emailing Terri V at: terriv07@sbcglobal.net or calling at: 707-373-1062
- To purchase raffle tickets, send Venmo payment to @forebill. Tickets are 3 for \$1. Please include your email in the note section, and specify if you’d like your tickets to be put towards the gift baskets or the 50/50 raffle (or split between the two).
- Please ask your groups if they’d like to donate a gift basket for the raffle. If your group would like to donate a basket, please contact Donald H. at 707-815-7131. His address is 712 Primrose Lane, Benicia. Please arrange to drop your group’s basket off to him.
- If you would like to sing a carol during the Holiday Party, please contact Becky C at: 707-246-1569.

AND! A \$50 prize will be awarded for the best Christmas/Holiday Attire!!

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU THERE!!!

In service,
Alex H



see the history of the Holiday Party on page 3 of this newsletter



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Step 12

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

CNCA 06

California Northern Coastal Area of AA

Chair’s Preview

By the time you read this, we will have held elections for Panel 71. I am writing this a week before those elections, reflecting on the past two years of service – and the gratitude I feel for having been given the opportunity to serve as chair for our Area. These have been two years of tremendous growth for me. My spiritual life has grown, as has my ability to trust the process (even if the process feels too slow or the results are not necessarily what I would like). I look forward to seeing what is next for me and for my friends.

I have full confidence that the next Area Chair will experience similar growth and joy in this service. So thank you for letting me serve.

Now on to our Area’s business... Our new Technology Standing Committee has started meeting – and is in the beginning stages of developing a plan of action for what technology needs they will prioritize. At this month’s Area Committee meeting, we will hear their second report – and job descriptions for the three other standing committees – Finance, Interpretation and Translation, and Website. The opportunity to serve on standing committees is available to all members of the Area (though there are some specific requirements to serve on the Finance committee). Interested members can contact me through the Area website (or via email) to make themselves available.

At the last Area Committee Meeting, the first draft of a proposed budget for 2021 was presented. This was a unique budget – in part because of the many unknowns (almost all related to the pandemic) next year. We will continue discussing the budget (and possibly approving it) next month. A motion to disburse \$25,000 to the General Service Board was presented; this motion, along with several others, is now under discussion.

We also heard a riveting presentation from Nancy H., the chair of the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2020, who described the role of PRAASA Chair. She did this because we will be hosting PRAASA in 2024, and we will elect a host committee chair at the November Area Committee meeting.

I look forward to seeing what happens next.

Eric L.
CNCA Chair Panel 69

The Area website, www.cnca06.org is frequently updated and has up-to-date information on all events.

Delegate’s Corner November 2020 Rotate on, not out!

The season of rotation is in full swing. Some of you already know where your higher power has placed you, others (like me) await, with faith, the future. So long as we remain committed to carrying the message, we never rotate out, only on.

General Service has opened my eyes, and heart, to the full horizon of service. I had no idea of just how many service opportunities were available to me until I served as a GSR. Even then, the full range was beyond my comprehension. Serving in the District opened my eyes still further. Serving at the Area exploded my comprehension of the sheer scope and variety of what it takes to carry the message and fulfill our Responsibility Declaration.

My experiences have also left me drenched in gratitude for all of you and the myriad tasks that are fulfilled, out of the limelight, to keep A.A. in action. It has been a privilege to witness and (at times) participate in the intricacies of our area finances, interpretation and translation, web, accessibility, archives, bridging the gap, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities, not to mention every envelope licked and stamped to mail the Comments/Comentarios. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg! As your delegate I have gotten to participate in the Spanish-speaking districts’ inter-district and anniversary meetings. I have gotten to be an ally to my Spanish-speaking sisters and, most humbling of all, I have gotten to be the vessel of your trust.

We sometimes say that we start out on our service journey to repay the debt we owe to Alcoholics Anonymous, but the further we travel down that road the bigger the debt becomes. That has been my experience and strangely, rather than looking forward to a rest, my heart propels me into a wonderful horizon of, as yet, undiscovered service adventures: my heart and those closest to me who continue to support my service instinct!

Thank you for preparing me for this moment.

If you’re still waiting to find out where your higher power thinks you ought to serve, I wish you a happy landing wherever you get to carry the message next and look forward to the next time our paths of happy destiny intersect.

Teddy B.-W.,
CNCA Panel 69 Delegate

NONE of the THREE District Committee Chair (DCM) Positions have been filled for District 09!

District 09 General Service Meeting is virtual and on the second Monday of every month at 7pm:
ZOOM id: 347 395 702 Passcode: 09



A History of the Holiday Party

by Maggie K.

The first Christmas Party began in 1981 at the Sunday Night Episcopal church. It began with people like Rachel, Jim N and Wino Ray. It started by having finger food. Who would have ever thought? The Christmas Party has evolved over a long period. It has come to be through God and a lot of trial and error. We didn't start out with a 39 year plan. The purpose has always been that everyone joins together with the help of God and to stay sober through one more holiday. The party was to have a touch of class with tablecloths, mashed potatoes and certainly there would be no dancing. The fun and the joining for months before the party and the day of are simply the best.

Rachel (a founder who I knew well) was famous for sharing food with people as well as being the Florence Nightingale of A. A. She was an army nurse under Patton in W. W. 2 and thusly had a large personality in more ways than one. She carried herself with a gruff exterior but with a heart of gold. She quickly ordered Sally to march in line and then Sally told Annie that if she wants what she had to do what she did.

People at other meeting soon learned that we had a lot of fun and began to come to our over crowded standing room only party. We moved to the social hall at St. Dominic's Church in 1985. We tried our luck with some singing but we didn't have Liz & Guy yet so we decided it wasn't a God thing. Ed D. was always concerned about the new people and again one more time we had our grown St Dominic's. We were thinking that maybe the Clock Tower would be a good idea. We moved to the Clock Tower in 1986 with beautiful center pieces by Tess & Gerry with tablecloths. Ed was there in Spirit. He died shortly before the 1986 party. We started with Duffy's speaking. Duffy had a voice like Jimbo's. The following year we had Johnny A speak. He had not only an accent but a small voice. We got it. We didn't have a sound system. We proceeded by bring in our own system. The wiring at the Tower was ancient so coffee was difficult. The breakers would continually blow so we started to use thermos. There were a group of people that thought this is not real AA but it is. We stay sober have and A. A. speaker.

We had financial problems. The party was funded by the generosity of the hearts. J.J & Leonard would lock people in meeting and not let them out till we had \$100.00. We then started asking for a \$3.00 donation. Your generous support of the party will allow us to begin to work on 2007 tomorrow.

We would have child care in the basement. The children are an important part of this party. Santa Claus is a regular. Unfortunately or fortunately many of the children are predisposed and this is there introduction to AA. We want them to know that this is a safe place.

Here we go with the infamous L.A Gene and the turkey story. I gave L.A. a turkey to cook for the party. He promptly asked Robert F. if he could eat the turkey. Robert being sober a week said Oh of course. So when I asked

L.A. to bring the turkey he said he had eaten it & to check in with Robert. Having been sober longer than a week I told him that that Dog would not hunt and he would have to replace the bird. Being a member in good standing he replaced it with a 40 lb. turkey. It ceases to amaze me that when I asked for volunteers to cook turkeys L.A. is still raising his hand. We have never had so much fun.

Liz & Tim & Guy blessed us with the music in 2001 at the Camel Barn. The program is always the best with at least 2 months of practice. The best part is that the group is all a part of A.A. family. The talent is awesome and we would never know this about our members. Gina joined the crew and got us together on the food thing. I am sure Rachel is turning over knowing that we have mashed potatoes.

Other important people that have been involved have been T Bill, Dawn & Dan, Karen & Russ, Robert & Terry, John F. Jimmie S

Gina continued to cook for us through 2008. AA people were so enjoying visiting with each other that we decided to give our full attention to that and discontinue the gorgeous music for now. The group decided to prepare a meal that would be totally prepared by the committee. We decided to do tickets for \$10.00 donation and the meal would lean towards the gourmet side. Gary D. offered his expertise in 2009 and 2010. Kim K and Robert & Terry and Jimbo were at the helm.

In 2011-2012 Buz M. brought back the turkeys and we were able to do the party for a \$5.00 donation. Judy C. was our trusted treasurer for a couple of years and did a mighty fine job. It was obvious that we wanted everyone to be able to come and the attendance was right back to full capacity. I think we had about 450 and standing room only.

In 2013 we turned the party over to the central office so we could have a broader spectrum of participation. Susan S. was at the helm for the 2013 & also did the party for 2014. We all miss Susan! Our very own Dalis spoke and was fabulous.

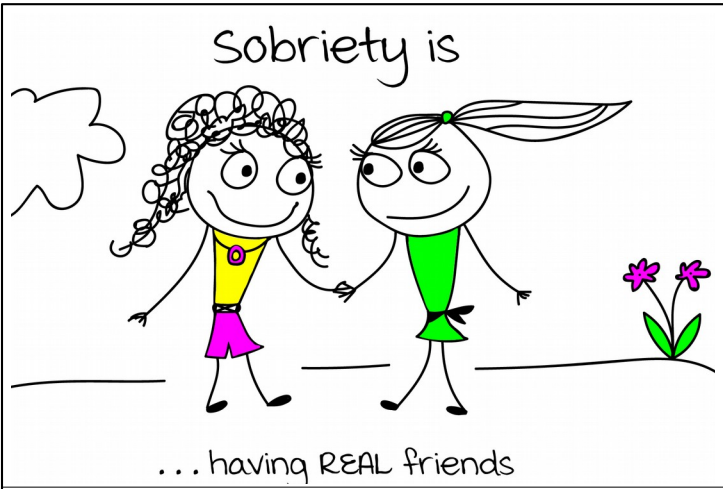
Star & Jay Bradshaw had a year of sobriety and graciously volunteered to do the party in 2015. They did a great job but once was enough. We were blessed.

Elmer brought his Turkey expertise to the Christmas Party for 2016 and did an unbelievable job!

Becky C. & Sharon brought a whole new look for the party in 2017 and also for 2019. Robert & Terry did an unbelievable job on the huge fireplace. The decorations were simple but oh so gorgeous.

Linda A brought her organization skills to the 2018 party. It ran smoothly. Becky C. & Sharon are back for the 3rd time for the Virtual Christmas Party. This has been a really hard time for all of us with the pandemic and missing our meeting. It is all about seeing each other and hopefully we will all be hugging again soon. The Virtual party is the best we can do for now! Thanks Becky & Sharon.

Hopefully in 2021 we will be back in the Clock Tower for our 40th anniversary. Hugs and all.



SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO SOSOEDITOR@GMAIL.COM

List of In Person Meetings

Sun.-Sat 12 Noon- 1PM Mask Required, Social Distancing. Tracking, Temperatures
Alano Club 960 Grant Street, Benicia, CA Parking Lot
Daily Reflections Every day but Friday (Living Sober)
12 Noon – 1 PM

Monday Vallejo 5:30 P.M. Men only, Mask Required, Social Distancing
On the green next to Zio Fraedo, 23 Harbor Way, Vallejo,
Bring your own Chair

Tuesday-Thursday Vallejo 5:30 P.M., Masks Required, Social Distancing
On the green next to Zio Fraedo, 23 Harbor Way, Vallejo
Bring your own Chair

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Men Only 12X12
Mask Required, Social Distancing
Alano Club inside 960 Grant Street, Benicia, CA.

Thursday 8:00 P.M. Young People or Young @ Heart,
Mask Required, Social Distancing
Alano Club inside 960 Grant Street, Benicia, CA.

Saturday 9:00 AM Saturday, 2 or More Big Book Study,
(Closed Meeting) Mask Required, Social Distancing.
Please bring your Big Book.
Reception Hall, 101 Temple Way, Vallejo, CA.

Saturday 10:A.M.,Daily Reflections,
Mask Required, Social Distancing
On the green across from Sailor Jack's, 1st Benicia, CA.
Bring your own Chair

Saturday 7:00 P.M. Came to Believe,
Mask Required, Social Distancing, Tracking, Temperatures
Alano Club 960 Grant Street, Benicia, CA Parking Lot

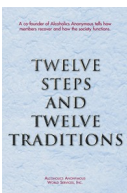
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



[Big Book Online](#)

[Big Book Audio Online](#)



[12 and 12 Online](#)

[12 and 12 Audio Online](#)



[Daily Reflections](#)

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The Central Office Corner

Sobriety Birthdays In the month of **December**



Tom P. 12/2/2014 (6 Years!!)

Bill H. 12/19/1985 (35 Years!!)

Elmer C. 12/12/2009 (11 Years!!)

Charlie B. 12/10/2004 (16 Years!!)

Marty L. 12/28/2009 (11 Years!!)

Chuck E. 12/04/2014 (6 Years!!)

Darren Woody 12/03/92 (28 Years!!)

Sue D. 12/24/1998 (22 Years!!)

Anrae W. 12/07/1984 (36 Years!!)

Cindy B. 12/22/2015 (5 Years!!)

Bruce M. 12/29/1984 (36 Years!!)

Ed C. 12/29/1987 (33 Years!!)

Karen F. 12/17/1988 (32 Years!!)

Suzanne C. 12/28/1987 (33 Years!!)

Josh G. 12/03/2002 (18 Years!!)

Stephanie G. 12/16/2003 (17 Years!!)

Maggie K. 12/24/1975 (45 Years!!)

District 09 Solano South

**ONLINE MONTHLY BIRTHDAY
SPEAKER MEETING!**

Wade F. from Santa Fe NM

December 11

8:00pm

Zoom ID:

594-146-1966

Password: 1935



AA Solano South
Zoom Holiday Party
Saturday December 5th, 2020 at 7:00pm

Please join us for our first Zoom Holiday Party!

The Meeting ID is: 594-146-1966
No password is needed

ORDER OF EVENTS

AA Meeting Starts - 7pm
with Guest Speaker Quiet Mark from El Sobrante

History of the Solano South Holiday Party - by Maggie

Christmas Caroling

Raffle includes Gift Baskets and a 50/50 Cash Prize

Sobriety Countdown

Meeting Closes

Purchase Raffle Tickets Online by Venmo
Go to: @forebill and please include your name, e-mail and ticket type.

Please contact Becky C at 707-246-1569 if you would like to donate a Gift Basket for the Raffle.

AA Solano South Zoom Holiday Party

Saturday December 5th, 2020 at 7:00pm

RAFFLE INFORMATION



DONATIONS

As we have done in the past years, we are asking each home group and individuals to provide and donate Gift Baskets or Prizes to be raffled off at the Zoom Party.

All prizes/donations are to be wrapped securely and labeled who they are from. Donations are to be dropped off to the designated location by Thursday, December 3rd.



Please contact Becky C at 707-246-1569



TICKETS

Tickets for the 50/50 and Gift Basket Raffle can be purchased on Venmo.com @forebill

Please include your name, e-mail address and ticket type.

Tickets are 3 for \$1

Tickets must be purchased by December 4th.

Bill will e-mail you a photo of the actual tickets and the raffle winners will be announced during the Zoom Holiday Party.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!



Southern Solano Central Office Monthly
Birthday Speaker Meeting

Speaker:

Wade F. *from Santa Fe, NM*



Friday, December 11th, 2020

8 pm on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 594-146-1966
Password: 1935

Raffle ticket winners will be announced at the end of the meeting. Chips will be mailed to those who would like to receive a chip. 7th traditions donations and how to donate will be posted in the chat at the start of the meeting.