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AA DISTRICT 09 SOLANO SOUTH

### CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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## Central Office needs coverage:

Mondays Noon-3:00pm shift Tuesdays 9:00am-Noon shift Tuesdays Noon-3:00pm shift Thursdays every other 9am-Noon

We are always in need of Relief Volunteers. A Relief Volunteer will step in and cover a shift if the regular volunteer can't make it. It is on an as needed basis.

Contract Trish at 925-238-1425

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"What are we likely to receive from Step Five? For one thing, we shall get rid of that terrible sense of isolation we've always had. Almost without exception, alcoholics are tortured by loneliness."

~Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, page 57



# VALLEJO FELLOWSHIP'S 20TH ANNUAL BBQ & PICNIC JUNE 10TH

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** 



**LOCATION: Big Slide Park (AKA Community Park) 540 Rose Drive, Benicia** 

<u>TIME:</u> >>>> 10:00am — 4:00pm

AA Meeting at NOON
50/50 Raffle after the meeting
POTLUCK (Bring a dish to share)
Games and Prizes! Join us for a day of fun!!!
.....More information on page 9.....

### Meeting Notes

### Online Meetings Need Support

Some people are still unable to get out to live meetings because of health reasons. Your presence could be of service to them.

TUESDAY HERE AND NOW BOOK STUDY

12noon-1pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 7556 2290

SUNDAY MORNING ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT 6:30-7:30am
Zoom ID: 401 588 9045

Password: Attitude

A DESIGN FOR LIVING BIG BOOK STUDY

Monday Nights 6:00pm-7:00pm 2046 Columbus Parkway, Benicia

**Around Back** 

One of Benicia's favorites needs support! (Still going online)

GO TO ANY LENGTHS MEETING

SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM ON ZOOM

ZOOM ID: 857-669-5455

PASSWORD: sundays

The Doyle Drivers
Topic Discussion
Women's Meeting

#### **NEW LOCATION**

### Now at the Southern Solano Alano Club

2046 Columbus Parkway, Benicia around back MONDAYS AT 7:30-8:30pm

### Vallejo Fellowship Men's Meeting

THURSDAYS, 7:30-8:30PM

MEN'S SPEAKER
DISCUSSION MEETING



942 TENNESSEE ST.

### ZOOM MEETING BASED OUT OF ITALY!!!!

Monday Mornings, 9:00AM (CA time) (6:00PM Italian time)

ZOOM ID: 876 5329 0702

Password: bwilson

**CHECK IT OUT HUMANS!!** 

# WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!

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Sponsor: what's the biggest lie you've been telling yourself? Me:





don't let anyone ruin your day.

It's your day, ruin it yourself.

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"I know my husband and there's no point arguing with him about how fast he was going when he's drunk."



# ONLY THING I DO NOT UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING



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Vallejo Monday Women's Meeting: Changes! For more than 40 years, Vallejo and Benicia women had been meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity on Doyle Drive, Vallejo. Many of us had become very attached to Doyle Drive. It was our meeting place; it became our home. But as the pandemic forced so many changes in so many areas of life, it also brought changes to our meeting and our home on Doyle Drive. We briefly relocated to another church in Vallejo, but in January, 2023, we moved to the Southern Solano Alano Club at 2046 Columbus Parkway in Benicia, and changed the meeting's starting time from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Making this permanent move away from Doyle Drive stirred up a lot of reflection and precious memories in our hearts and minds. As we thought about forty years' worth of learning, growing, and sharing – remembering all the wisdom, life-lessons, love, and sobriety passed on to us by so many sisters - we wanted to honor their memories and pay tribute to the many women who put out their hands to us, taught us, sponsored us, worked the steps with us, and kept the Doyle Drive meeting alive and well. In recognition of the beautiful women, with gratitude for their dedication and drive to live the sober life and protect our Doyle Drive women's meeting, we've renamed our meeting:

The Doyle Drivers

Topic Discussion Women's Meeting (Continued on Page 7....)

The Central Office Business meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm on Zoom Zoom ID: 935 8983 2790
Password: 841785



# May Sobriety Birthdays



Michael H. 05/01/2011 (12 Years!!)

Lloyd L. 05/04/1992 (31 Years!!)

Sylvie H. 05/04/2017 (6 Years!!)

Elwin H. 05/05/1986 (37 Years!!)

Greg H. 05/06/2010 (13 Years!!)

Cathy L. 05/12/2007 (16 Years!!)

Michael 05/17/1995 (28 Years!!)

Molly A. 05/18/2014 (9 Years!!)

Tom T. 05/18/2013 (10 Years!!)

Nina G. 05/20/2013 (10 Years!!)

### **District 09 Southern Solano**

Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting

At the Clock Tower 1189 Washington Street Benicia

May 12th at 8:00pm

Mo M. From Clayton, CA

> HOST GROUP: FIRST ST. GROUP



May 2023						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Attitude Adjustment Get to the Point Discussion St. Paul's Episc. 1st & J St., Benicia 8:00-9:00 PM Every Monday	American Canyon Fellowship 11 Poco Way American Canyon 7-8:00 AM Every Tuesday	CENTRAL OFFICE Business Meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm on Zoom Zoom. ID: 935 8983 2790 PW: 841785	Benicia Hill Top Discussion 1305 West 2nd St. Benicia Congressional Church 8:00-9:00pm No Smoking Every Thursday	Vallejo Fellowship 12:00 Noon to 1:00pm 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo Every Friday	Vallejo Fellowship Speaker Night starts at 6:45pm In Person 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo First Saturday of the Month	
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DISTRICT 09 GENERAL SERVICE Business Meeting the second Monday of every month at 7pm Zoom Id: 841 6742 5294 PW: yaysober!	Zoom Sober Online 7:00 am to 8:00 am Zoom ID# 208-975- 0077 Passcode# 480-984 Every Tuesday	Vallejo Fellowship Early Birds 7-8:00am 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo Every Wednesday	Daily Reflections Southern Solano Alano Club 2046 Columbus Pkwy Noon-1pm Every Thursday	District 09 Monthly  Birthday Speaker  Meeting 8:00pm Clock Tower Benicia	2 or More Big Book Study 9-10:00 am Reception Hall 101 Temple Way Vallejo Every Saturday	
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The Vallejo Fellowship is located at: 942 Tennessee St, Vallejo, CA
Telephone number is 707-557-6318

### A.A. ON THE WEB

Alcoholics Anonymous: aa.org

District 09 Southern Solano AA:
aasolanosouth.org

NorCalAA: norcalaa.org

# Birthday Speaker Meeting

# Mo M. from Clayton, CA



# Friday, May 12th, 2023

8 pm at the Clock Tower in Benicia Hosted by Attitude Adjustment

# DIRECTIONS TO THE CLOCK TOWER 1189 WASHINGTON STREET, BENICIA:

**Concord:** Take HWY 780 to 5th Street Exit. Turn left onto 5th Street at the bottom of ramp.

**Vallejo:** Take HWY 780 to 5th Street Exit. Turn right onto 5th Street at the bottom of ramp.

Proceed to the light and turn left onto Military East. Proceed about half of a mile, bear left at the fork when the street splits. As you near the end of the street, look for an uphill driveway on the left-hand side with a gate that says "Johansen Square/Commandant's Lane". This is the Clock Tower entrance.

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With much love and appreciation, we remember and express our never-ending gratitude....

Annie Lloyd was an elementary school teacher who instilled in her small students a sense of discipline as a means of achieving anything they wanted out of life. She brought those same achievable dreams to the "Doyle Drivers". We remember her "Annie-isms": "Expect nothing – Be grateful for EVERYTHING!

<u>Barbara Tinker</u> was a professional clown. Her sense of lightness, playfulness and good natured humor was a gift joyfully received by the "Doyle Drivers". Always reminding us to not take ourselves too seriously we nicknamed her "Tink".

<u>Jean Kozlowski</u> lived up to her Polish heritage. The family name Kozlowski is derived from the <u>occupation</u> of goat herder. She kept the "Doyle Drivers" on track, focused and unified.

Gail (Carver) Miller was a whiz in the financial world and possessed a most fabulous collection of high heeled shoes. With her impeccable wardrobe she showed the "Doyle Drivers" how important our appearance was as this might be the only example of the Big Book a woman might see. Not many of our group knew that she was also a master at restoring and refinishing furniture – a self-taught skill learned when she owned her own furniture shop.

<u>Marlene Tennyson</u> was employed by Bank of America. Kind, compassionate and most especially patient she taught "Doyle Driver" newcomers how to balance checkbooks and make financial amends. By her example she instilled in these newly sober women a new sense of self-respect, self-esteem and self-confidence.

Paula Gourlay was a dietician at the Vacaville State Prison. She often quipped, "Why on earth would I want to be married while surrounded by all these men every day? Too high maintenance for me! I prefer the single life." Rarely seen without her knitting bag she sponsored many "Doyle Drivers". Graciously, she invited these women into her home. She listened, gave suggestions and knitted up a storm! Her two little dogs, Zipper and Snoopy, sat one on each side of her as together they worked through the Steps. Her beautiful sweaters became works of art as her talent grew.

<u>Rachel Smith</u>, an army nurse and veteran of World War II, marched her "Doyle Drivers" out into the real world like the true drill sergeant she was in her heart of hearts. Her salty language, her background and no nonsense attitude taught us the true meaning of courage and bravery when faced with hard and seemingly insurmountable situations.

Sally O'Hare Woodard was an attorney as well as a scratch golfer (someone with a handicap of 0 or less). A great reader, she avidly collected coffee-tabled-size art books. And as an art lover she fabricated and installed stained glass windows throughout her Vallejo home on Glen Ellen Drive. Her knowledge of the law was a boon for many women. "Doyle Drivers" faced with custody battles, eviction notices, court hearings and the like benefited from her wise counsel. She loved being outdoors and paraphrasing Mark Twain would tell us that, "Golf was a beautiful walk only spoiled by a little white ball!" reminding us that nature was also a great healer.

<u>Jackie LeGrande</u> was one of the original founders of the Vallejo Doyle Drive Monday Night Women's Topic Discussion Meeting. She was a curly haired red head with a fiery temperament to match. Unafraid, she spoke her mind and taught the "Doyle Drivers" to openly share their feelings. You never knew how your share might have helped another woman face her own private battles.

Many thanks for everything, dear sisters!



Alcoholics Anonymous

1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 PM - Doors Open at 7:30pm



Celebrate Your Birthday!

30, 60, 90 day, 1 year+



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 222 W. El Pintado Danville, CA 2023

Feb 4 – Korey K, Miami Beach, FL Mar 4 – Danny D, El Segundo, CA April 1 – Pat V, Seal Beach, CA

April 1 – Pat Y, Seal Beach, CA May 6 – Duffy N, Placentia, CA

> Watch via ZOOM Zoom ID 885-8083-9460 Password 146975

NO DRINKS INCLUDING WATER allowed in the Sanctuary

ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING on the church grounds



Join us for Dinner with the Speaker

- 5:30pm before the meeting -





General meeting inquiries or questions - danvillediablosm@gmail.com
Business Meeting - United Methodist 902 Danville Blvd Alamo, CA 94507 Upstairs @ 6:40pm

Skuttle Service Service Service

20th Annual BBQ
Big Slide Park
540 Rose Dr.
Benicia
June 10th 10a-4p

We hope everyone will zon us.

Those who would like to go and do not have a ride please contact:

DAVID AMES (text) 707-320-8982