



# CNIA District 30 Newsletter

A confidential newsletter, published by the trusted servants of District 30 of the California Northern Interior Area 7 (CNIA), a General Service Area of Alcoholics Anonymous. Articles appearing in this newsletter are the opinion of their authors.

Vol. 30 Issue 7 **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS** July 2023

## Mark Your Calendar

**District 30 Business Meeting:** Normal business meetings are held at St. Matthew's Church, 414 Oak St., San Andreas. District meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am.

ZOOM ID: 908 356 8186 PW: D30

### Regular Speaker Meetings

**Arnold Mountain High Speaker Meeting:** First Saturday, 4 pm, Villela Hall, Arnold.

**Valley Springs Fellowship Potluck Speaker Meeting:** Second Friday, 7 pm, Daphne St., (brown building behind Vet's Hall)

**Amador County Speaker Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** 6 PM held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Hall, 115 Court Street, Jackson in back of the church in the Parish Hall on Kearney St.

**H&I Committee Meeting, Amador:** Odd numbered month, Second Wednesday, 6 pm, Jackson Fellowship, 14 Water St., Jackson

**PI/CPC Committee Meeting:** Not currently meeting in person. Normally, meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2 pm.

**District 30 Archives Committee:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday meeting via Zoom - 2 to 4 PM.

### California Northern Interior Area

**Area Committee Meeting:** Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday meets by Zoom. First United Methodist Church 2100 J St, Sacramento, CA 95816. Entrance will be on the 21st side.

## Special Events

None scheduled

## Historical Factoids for the Month

**1918** - July 18, Bill sailed from Boston to NY Harbor on the British ship Lancashire. Detained in London, Bill visited the Winchester Cathedral and experienced a "tremendous sense of presence." He read an epitaph on the headstone of a Hampshire Grenadier later to be cited in the Big Book chapter "Bill's Story."

**1935** - June 28, Bill W, Dr Bob and Eddie R visited Bill D whose Big Book Story is "Alcoholic Anonymous Number Three," at the City Hospital of Akron. Bill D, a prominent attorney, was hospitalized eight times in 1935 for his drinking. It took five days before he would admit he could not control his drinking. On Independence Day July 4, he checked out of the hospital never to drink again. Akron's Group #1 (AA's first group) marks its beginning as the date that Bill D left the hospital.

**1938** - July 18, Dr Esther L Richards of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, stated in a letter that Bill W, at that time, was using the name "Alcoholics Anonymous" both as the working title of the book and the name of the Fellowship.

**1949** - July 14, in a letter to the Rev Sam Shoemaker Bill W wrote "So far as I am concerned, and Dr Smith too, the Oxford Group seeded AA. It was our spiritual wellspring at the beginning."

**1950** - July, the Alcoholic Foundation passed a resolution to no longer accept money from anyone other than AA members

## CNIA District 30 Business Meeting

*For meeting information within District 30, go to [cni30.org](http://cni30.org) for meeting information, click on meetings and then on printable pdf. Please give Jim B, our webmaster, any updates for your group [jbearden@ieee.org](mailto:jbearden@ieee.org). If you think you might have a drinking problem or wish to speak to a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, please contact our Hotline at (209) 464-1594.*

### **June Draft Minutes:**

**Open with the Serenity Prayer** – Titia opened meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Read the GSR Preamble** – Read by Brian S

**Read the Declaration of Unity** – Read by Dylan C

**Introduction of New GSRs or Visitors here for the first time:**

- Mark – Tu Angels
- Michelle – Jackson Fellowship

### **Celebrations or Announcements:**

- Founders Day today! 88 years.
- International Conference in Victoria in 2025

### **Readings for the Month –**

- The Area Committee: Chair & Secretary pg. 26 & 27 : Dorothy – Focus on keeping issues clear. Manage voting. It was commented that we should keep an AA resume when applying for Area level positions. Also that we should have a Service Sponsor. The secretary is responsible for meeting minutes and mailing lists.
- Registrar, Treasurer & Other Area Officers pg. 27 & 28: Brian – Registrar is responsible for keeping information for Area members. They are first point of contact for Area data. It was commented that this position requires solid period of sobriety. Treasurer is responsible for keeping financial records for the Area. This requires a lot of responsibility. Discussion on Fellowship Connect which is to keep rosters of meetings and GSR listed. This is a service provided by the Registrar.
- Financial Support for Area pg. 30: Greg N. – Includes costs for assemblies and committee meetings. The focus is to carry

the message at the Area level to the Alcoholic. Also includes the Area Accents.

Volunteers for next meeting –

- The Delegate through “Duties & Responsibilities pg. 32 & 33: Sunni
- Qualifications & Term of Office pg. 33 & 34: Susan R
- Leadership in AA: Ever Vital Need pg. 37: Carole

### **Consideration of Minutes** – May 13, 2023

Motion to Approve: Carole 1<sup>st</sup> – Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- D30 Draft Guidelines – Motion – Randy, Greg N. Motion carried.
  - Web site content discussion – decided that the list of original links that were questioned in May meeting stay off the website.
  - Recommended that printed copies of guidelines be available in the December meeting for the next panel.

### **New Business:**

- Discuss the Plain & Simple Language Translation of the Big Book of AA – Greg N – This idea was originally introduced at the 2019 Conference. The target would be to create a new book at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. This was an advisory action. The Sierra Foothills (Mossback) group is writing a letter to motion to NOT recommend changing the Big Book basic text. The current effort is to view this as a “translation” of the Big Book and not a replacement. It was commented that it will be expensive to produce a new copy in this format. Greg is asking D30 to consider backing this letter as it promotes to the Area and GSO Trustee level. This will be presented in July.
- Idea from the DCM for possible use of funds – The Home Group Heartbeat of AA – Selection of stories from the AA Grapevine related to home groups. Titia proposed purchasing 75 books for

\$1050 for the District to the Finance Committee. It was suggested that we put together a packet from the District to the groups.

- Workshops – Discussed Sponsorship and GSR workshops. It was suggested that Jackson Fellowship host a Sponsorship workshop. Target September 9 @ 2:00 PM. This would allow travel time from the regular D30 business meeting. Greg, Sunni, Susan, Brian and Teri will help coordinate. Idea was to have a panel. GSR workshop is scheduled for Dec.

#### **Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:**

**DCM: Titia A Panel 72:** No report for June.

**ALT DCM:** Greg N. – Received the Delta Intergroup treasurer report.

**LCM North Amador Hwy 49:** – Open

**LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88: Cecilia S** – GSR for Jackson Fellowship is back

**LCM San Andreas – West Point:** – Open.

**LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche: Dorothy S** –

**Recording Secretary/Publications: Mike C** – No report

**Treasurer: Randy S** – Submitted report:

								May	2023
								( 1 May - 31 May)	
Group Contributions:									
Angels Camp 49s								\$	200.00
Jackson Fellowship								\$	60.00
Murphys Daily Reflections								\$	48.54
Pioneer Sierra Foothills								\$	150.00
Railroad Flat								\$	113.85
West Point AA								\$	75.00
7th Tradition at District Meeting								\$	17.00
							Total Inflow	\$	664.39
Expenses:									
District Storage								\$	80.00
Zoom (3 months)								\$	59.96
Hotline -Delta Intergroup (April and May)								\$	100.00
Publications-Secretary Workshop copying								\$	220.81
District Meeting Supplies and Refreshments								\$	16.00
							Total Outflow	\$	476.77
							As of :		5/31/2023
Checking Account Balance								\$	14,263.09
Savings Account Balance (Prudent Reserve)								\$	3,008.45
							Total	\$	17,271.54
Treasurer's Commentary:									
Year to date contributions from groups are exceeding budgeted contributions significantly.									
Actual expenses are less than budgeted.									

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> – Greg N / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carole . Motioned passed

**Finance Committee: Dorothy S (Chair) ,Greg N, Diana F, Randy S** –

**Directory/Website Chair: Jim B / Mike C** – Jim formally signed off as webmaster. Mike will take over the role.

**Archives Chair: Susan R:**

**Unity Day: Mike C** – Everything in good shape.

**Grapevine Chair: Paul C** – No report

**Bridging the Gap Chair: Arrah M** – -Did 2 presentations at Turning Point Rehabilitation Center in Arnold, CA. 1 for 5 people and 1 for 6 people. Used 2 new fill in male partners. Did 2 presentations at The Lakes Rehabilitation Center in Lake Tullock, CA for 20 people each totaling 40 people. Forwarded 9 Temporary Contact Requests to the Area Bridging The Gap Rep for distribution. Found 2 Temporary Contacts for people in District 30.

**PI/PCP: Harry T** – No report

**H&I Liaison Amador County :** CeCe – No update

**H&I Liaison Calaveras County:** No Report

**YPAA – Young People in AA - Open**

**Responsibility Declaration:** “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.” was recited by the Group. Meeting adjourned 11:45

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Hybrid on Zoom and St. Mathew’s Church**

#### GSR Reports via Email:

- **11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Meeting Murphy's – Suzy B** – No report
- **49er Group – Paul C – Friday night** – No report
- **Copper Group -- Diana F** – No update
- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas** – Dylan – No report
- **Friday Night Men's Group, Sutter Creek** – Brian G – No report
- **I'm With You Guys (White Pines Independence Hall)** – Randy S – Attendance is steady at about 15-20 including attendance by residents of "Turning Point", usually 4-6 attendees.
- **Ione Group** – Dorothy – No report
- **Jackson** – Dede L – No report
- **Men's Freedom From Alcohol Group – Greg A** – No report
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch – Amanda** - Mountain Ranch celebrates the sobriety of all attendants, and the arms of our Fellowship are open to anyone with "a desire to stop drinking." New-comers and Old-timers are equally loved, as demonstrated through our beloved Traditions. All are welcome, especially for Birthday Night, which is held on the last week of the month. Weekly meetings are held each Wednesday night at the Lutheran Church starting at 7:00pm, preceded and followed by warm Fellowship.
- **Murphys Brown Baggers – Teri C.** – Meeting is well attended
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting – Grace** – No report
- **Murphy's Tuesday Night Book Study – Susan** - Our group is doing well. We are reading from the Big Book and lots of good conversation about what we're reading.
- **New Hope @ Changing Echos – Sunni** – No report
- **Pine Grove Fellowship – Brian S** – No report
- **Plymouth Group – Janet G** – No report
- **Prospectors Group – Cecilia S.** – No report
- **River Pines – Janet G** – No report
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship, Monday at 7:00 p.m.** – Greg N – No report.
- **There is a Solution Group, Murphy's – Saturday 10:00 am. Carole S** – Attendance is good and several of us are looking forward to attending the Secretary's Workshop on June 10!
- **Turning Point Recovery Facility Meeting – Michael M** – No report
- **Valley Springs – Jeff** – No report
- **Valley Springs, Coffee Break Meeting, Wednesday 10 AM Group** – Mike C – Meeting is holding steady with 6-8 people attending each week. Marie is new secretary
- **Villella Hall Topic Discussion Group – Harry T** – No report
- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels, 1141 S. Main Street, Angels Camp** – Chrys M: No report
- **West Point – Michael S** – No report

Yours in Service, Mike C., Recording Secretary

### **District 30 Business Meetings**

CNIA District 30 includes all groups in Calaveras and Amador counties. GSRs and all *other interested* AAs are invited to attend the monthly business meeting normally held at St. Matthew's Church, 414 Oak St., San Andreas, the second Saturday of the month at 10 am.

Everyone is welcome to attend district meetings. If you are at all interested in doing this level of service or if you would just like to know what goes on, please join us. (Please bring your own coffee but we have doughnuts!)

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