



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 9 **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS** September 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 – 3rd 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 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 pm.

District 30 Archives Committee: Every 1st Wednesday meeting via Zoom - 2 to 4 PM.

California Northern Interior Area

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

Special Events

- Sponsorship Workshop – September 9 @ 2:00. Jackson Fellowship. Pizza!!!

Historical Factoids for the Month

1912 - September, at the start of his senior year at Burr and Burton, Bill W was class president, star football player, pitcher and captain of the baseball team and first violin in the school orchestra.

1915 - September 11, Bill and Lois were secretly engaged.

1930 - September 3, Bill W wrote his last pledge to stop drinking in the family Bible: "Finally and for a lifetime, thank God for your love." After that, he gave up making promises in despair.

1939 - September 30, in the late 1930s and early 1940s public relations had the most dramatic impact on AA membership growth. Liberty Magazine, headed by Fulton Oursler, carried a piece titled "Alcoholics and God" by Morris Markey. He was influenced to write the article by Charles B Towns.

1946 - September 12, a dispute arose over a funding solicitation letter from the National Council for Education on Alcoholism by Marty M. Dr Bob and Bill W's names were on the letterhead. The Alcoholic Foundation issued a letter and an October Grapevine article to disavow AA affiliation

1952 - September, Al-Anon adopted and adapted AA's Twelve Traditions.

1954 - September 17, Bill D (AA #3) died.

2001 - September 12, AA trusted servants of NY Area 49 and the NY Intergroup Office organized AA meetings around the clock near Ground Zero for AA members engaged in rescue and emergency work at the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster.

CNIA District 30 Business Meeting

For meeting information within District 30, go to cni30.org for meeting information, click on meetings and then on printable pdf. Please give Mike C., our webmaster, any updates for your group (mike.canniff@outlook.com). 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.

August Draft Minutes:

Open with the Serenity Prayer – Titia opened meeting at 10:04 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Read the GSR Preamble – Read by Michael M

Read the Declaration of Unity – Read by Grace

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

- Kathy – Alt GSR for Jackson Fellowship

Celebrations or Announcements:

- Cecilia – 32 years on 8/17
- Kathy – 43 years on 8/30

Readings for the Month –

- The Annual General Service Conference & What Goes on at the Conference pg. 39: Harry
- Conference Membership & How the Conference Operates pg. 40 & 41: Greg A.
- Process & Procedures pg. 41 & Sources of Agenda Item Pg 42: Sunni

Volunteers for next meeting –

Conference Committees;
Activities/Selection/Electing Chairs pg. 44: Cecilia
Conference Committees; Agenda thru Grapevine & LaVina pg. 45: Michael M
Conference Committees; Literature thru Trustees pg. 46: Neil

Consideration of Minutes – July 8, 2023

Motion to Approve: Greg N 1st – Carole S 2nd,
Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Sponsorship Workshop September 9th @ 2:00
Jackson Fellowship – LB. There will be pizza

- Sierra Foothill Fellowship – Plain & Simple Language Translation of the Big Book – Greg N. Motion to consider / discuss the letter presented: Neil / 2nd DeDe APPROVED 9 / 2
 - Minority Opinion: It was stated that many do not have the ability to read and understand the language of the Big Book. This is a deterrent for those who will not ask for help. One member asked to change his vote after Minority Opinion. With that 8/3 vote, the District opened discussion of the letter. It was decided as all had not actually received a copy of the letter that it would go back to groups for group conscience of whether or not the District as a whole should support the letter. Also, the groups have been given permission to use the letter for their group's conscience to Area or GSO if they so choose.

New Business:

- Request for possible use of excess funds
 - Greg N. gave information on the possibility of advertisements being placed on the public transit buses. "If you want to drink that's your business, if you want to stop that's ours" AA and phone number. Cost would be \$175 per add, per month, per county as they are two different public transit divisions. Someone requested the District 30 bring back the Gould Country Round-Up, we talked about that NOT being a District event, and that the GCR had dissolved last year as there was no one interested in reviving/chairing/running the event. And that it was a separate 501-C3. Another member asked if we could set aside \$350 to help support GSR's to Assemblies. It was then discussed that the District currently has a plan for scholarships to the Assemblies. Next month we will finalize the list for the Finance Committee.

Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

DCM: Titia A Panel 72: I attended the July ACM meeting via Zoom on July 15th, 2023. Due to a heat warning of 108 in East Yolo County, and limited air conditioning at the ACM. We took a group conscience and decided we would move the Delegates Report to 12:00p and after that we would disperse early. There was a question for H&I as some have been told not to put \$ bills in the pink can. Vicky Ray the Area H&I Liaison said that as H&I has expanded their services, all contributions be it coin, or paper are appreciated. Also of note, the contribution to H&I are for their service structure including providing literature to those who cannot get out to meetings. There was a motion made to hire a bookkeeper to assist the Area Treasurer. The cost is approximately \$250 per quarter. Motion Passed. Claudio our Area Chair has not yet been able to get additional information from the church about rent increase or our ability to stay longer (another year lease). There was a discussion with the Area Finance Committee about the next spending plan. The Area spending plan runs on a calendar cycle from January to December and a new Spending plan should be approved at the Winter Assembly, the 3rd weekend in January. The Area needs to cut approximately 38% of their current expenditure to match current income (contributions). Questions to think about, does Area need to send all the chairs to PRAASA and the Forum? Other ideas to help cut spending would be appreciated. Our Delegate gave a short report via Zoom as she was on vacation with her family.

ALT DCM: Greg N. – Coordinating the Sponsorship workshop for Sept.

LCM North Amador Hwy 49: – Open

LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88: Cecilia S – No update

LCM San Andreas – West Point: – Open.

LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche: Dorothy S – Not present

Recording Secretary/Publications: Mike C – No updates

Treasurer: Randy S

7/1/2023 through 7/31/2023	
REVENUE	Amount
7th Tradition at District Meeting	\$ 36.00
Group Contributions	\$ 763.87
Group Contributions:Arnold Mountain High	\$ 121.75
Group Contributions:Arnold We Are All Back Together	\$ 170.00
Group Contributions:Copperopolis New Hope	\$ 25.54
Group Contributions:Jackson Fellowship	\$ 60.00
Group Contributions:Mt. Ranch Fellowship	\$ 120.00
Group Contributions:Murphys Came to Believe	\$ 66.45
Group Contributions:Murphys Mon. Topic Disc. Group	\$ 70.13
Group Contributions:Valley Springs Coffee Break Group	\$ 80.00
Group Contributions:West Point AA	\$ 50.00
EXPENSES	\$ (452.00)
District Operating	\$ (155.00)
District Operating:D30 Storage	\$ (80.00)
District Operating:Post Office box rental	\$ (75.00)
Hotline	\$ (75.00)
Hotline:Delta Intergroup	\$ (75.00)
OTHER DISTRICT EXPENSES	\$ (24.00)
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PI-CIC	\$ (187.00)
PI-CIC:Fees	\$ (70.00)
PI-CIC:Mileage	\$ (117.00)
Treasurer	\$ (11.00)
Treasurer:Treasurer - Copies	\$ (11.00)
TRANSFERS	\$ (12,000.00)
[12th Step Funds]	\$ (9,500.00)
[D30 Prudent Reserve]	\$ (2,500.00)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (11,652.13)
BALANCES	
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,508.80
12th Step Funds	\$ 9,500.00
Checking Account	\$ 2,647.95
Treasurer's Commentary: Establishment of funds for 12th Step work in the amount of \$ 9,500 and increase of \$ 2,500 to Prudent Reserve decreased checking account balance to working level. 12th Step funds to be dispursed as directed and approved by District 30.	

Motion 1st – Greg N / 2nd – Cecilia Motioned passed
Finance Committee: Dorothy S (Chair) ,Greg N, Diana F, Randy S – No update.

Directory/Website Chair: Jim B / Mike C – Keeping meetings up to date.

Archives Chair: Susan R:

Unity Day: Mike C – All speakers have been identified.

Everything is on schedule for Oct 28 event. The committee will be meeting at the end of Aug to determine which rooms to use at the Senior Center

Grapevine Chair: Paul C –

Bridging the Gap Chair: Arrah M –

PI/PCP: Harry T – This month we attended the Annual Cal Force Annual Awards Event held in Roseville. It was quite an event for them, where they raised over \$30,000.00 to continue offering health services for the under privileged. They offer Medical, Dental, and eye glasses for seniors throughout the Hwy 99 corridor. The highlight for us in AA was our Top Golf event, when we were asked by a new comer with only 6 months of sobriety if they could join our group of players. The way

she found we were in the program, was from the coordinator who knew of me, from the registration desk, see it actually works!! Next month we will be working with Calaveras County through a lead from Carole, more info today.

H&I Liaison Amador County : CeCe –

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 11:47

Next Meeting: September 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid on Zoom and St. Mathew’s Church

GSR Reports via Email:

- **11th Step Meditation Meeting Murphy’s – Joy L**
- **49er Group – Paul C – Friday night –**
- **Copper Group -- Diana F –** At this time the group is considering re configuring the split of the money. Temporarily, to revisit the decision each month or so. We understand things go slowly as District and Area and New York work on a plan to best serve AA with their excess. At this time there are 3 things being considered. 1) keep the split as it has been, 2) re configuring the split, 3) not contributing to District, Area or New York temporarily and sending one time extra money to Delta Intergroup which does not have an excess per a conversation with Lynn and making one time extra contributions to the meeting hall. We can revisit any decision as we feel necessary
- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas – Dylan –**
- **Friday Night Men’s Group, Sutter Creek – Brian G –**
- **I’m With You Guys (White Pines Independence Hall) – Randy S –**
- **Ione Group – Dorothy –** Attendance continues to be good for both meetings but contributions have dropped off - vacations? We have sent in H&I money on a regular basis. Our prudent reserve is at \$320.

- Our next business meeting is the last Tuesday in September. At that time we will decide how much to send to District30, Area, and GSO.
- **Jackson – Dede L –**
- **Men’s Freedom From Alcohol Group – Greg A**
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch – Amanda -**
- **Murphys Brown Baggers – Teri C. –**
- **Murphy’s Monday Night Meeting – Grace –**
- **Murphy’s Tuesday Night Book Study – Susan -**
- **New Hope @ Changing Echos – Sunni –**
- **Pine Grove Fellowship – Brian S –**
- **Plymouth Group – Janet G –**
- **Prospectors Group – Cecilia S. –** We have been given a new meeting room. Unfortunately, no storage is available. So, we have different volunteers who will be taking their supplies back and forth. Finally received Chips that were ordered 3 months ago. Still a good number of members during the summer vacation season. Updated the phone list. Our meetings are on Tuesday, 11:30 – 12:00 at St. Kathryns in Martell (by Safeway).
- **River Pines – Janet G –**
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship, Monday at 7:00 p.m. – Greg N –**
- **There is a Solution Group, Murphy’s – Saturday 10:00 am. Carole S –** What a beautiful time to be starting your weekend in Murphys! Attendance remains steady with 20-30 people, all who bring their own spark to our meeting. Many enjoy continuing the fellowship by going out for breakfast afterwards. Come join us!
- **Turning Point Recovery Facility Meeting – Michael M –**
- **Valley Springs – Jeff –**
- **Valley Springs, Coffee Break Meeting, Wednesday 10 AM Group – Mike C –** Our Treasurer, Bill W celebrated 24 years of sobriety! Meeting is going good.
- **Villella Hall Topic Discussion Group – Harry T –** This month continued to see our meeting grow with speakers from the Bay area. Attendance is ranging in the low 30 range of men and

women. We have new -comers from our local SLE ,some with as little as 5 days attending for the first time. Our meeting is now NON-SMOKING only. We will vote next month to maintain the Prudent Reserve of \$350.00 for travel for the GSR for travel expenses.

- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels, 1141 S. Main Street, Angels Camp – Chrys M:**
- **West Point – Michael S –**

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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