



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 10 **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS** October 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

- Unity Day – October 28 12:30-6:30 @ 2:00. San Andreas Senior Center. Chili!!!

Historical Factoids for the Month

1904 - October 15, Margaret "Marty" Mann was born in Chicago to Lillian Christy and William Mann.

1919 - October 28-29, Congress passed the Volstead (or National Prohibition) Act over President Wilson's veto.

1929 - October 29 (Black Tuesday) the Stock Market in NY City crashed leaving Bill broke and \$60,000 in debt (\$800,000 today).

1937 - October, Dr Bob and Bill W met again in Akron. They counted 40 sober members with half of them sober for two years). Bill had ideas for AA hospitals, paid missionaries and a book of experience to carry the message to distant places. Dr Bob liked the book idea but not the hospitals and paid missionaries.

1939 - October, Akron members of the "alcoholic squad" withdrew from the Oxford Group and held meetings at Dr Bob's house.

1942 - October, with the help of San Francisco AA members and Warden Clinton T Duffy, the first AA prison group was established in a maximum-security prison at San Quentin Penitentiary.

1945 - October 20, Dr Silkworth was hired as director of alcoholic treatment at the Knickerbocker Hospital in NY City. He worked at both Towns and Knickerbocker Hospitals until his death in 1951.

1988 - October 5, Lois Burnham Wilson (age 97) co-founder of Al-Anon Family Groups, died.

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.

September Draft Minutes:

Open with the Serenity Prayer – Titia opened meeting at 10:01 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Read the GSR Preamble – Read by Brian

Read the Declaration of Unity – Read by Mark

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

None

Celebrations or Announcements:

- Mike C – 36 years on 9/7
- Mark – 5 years on 9/11
- Titia – 22 on Sept 22

Readings for the Month –

- Conference Committees; Activities/Selection/Electing Chairs pg. 44: Cecelia S. – It was noted that content translation has been a big issue over the past two years.
- Conference Committees; Agenda thru Grapevine & LaVina pg. 45: Read by Titia.
- Conference Committees; Literature thru Trustees pg. 46: Neal T.

Due to full agenda for October, we decided to not have any readings.

Consideration of Minutes – August 12, 2023

Motion to Approve: Susan R 1st – Cece 2nd,
Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Sponsorship Workshop September 9th @ 2:00 Jackson Fellowship – Only two volunteers will be available for the panel. Everything is on schedule.

- Sierra Foothill Fellowship – Plain & Simple Language Translation of the Big Book – Greg N. Motion to consider / discuss the letter presented: Neil / 2nd DeDe. Titia read the letter that Sierra Foothill has proposed to send to GSO. Titia attended a zoom meeting from Maryland regarding the new translation. This included delegates who had read the draft version of the first five chapters. GSO has already approved the translation effort with a release date of 2025. Total cost has been \$15000 for the first five chapters. They have a budget \$127500 to reproduce the entire book. Motion to send letter to GSO to stop publishing. 8 groups voted for motion, 3 groups voted against. A minority opinion was voiced. No votes were changed. Therefore, we will endorse this letter as a district and will communicate this to GSO.
- Request for possible use of excess funds. The finance committee recommends
 - Bus signage - \$4200 split between Calaveras and Amador county. Draft content - "If you want to drink that's your business, if you want to stop that's ours" AA and phone number. Target Jan 1 to start the signage. Exterior AA Information wrap on local buses both Amador & Calaveras \$175 per/month per/County
 - Purchase 75 copies of the book AA Home Group - \$1050.
 - Motion by Susan/Joy. Motion carries.
- Unity Day Report – no comic. It was suggested to replace the comic with a skit. The committee will publish final schedule by end of Sept.

New Business:

- Elections for D-30 Panel 74 Officers at the October District meeting – We need to get the word out for new elections
- Area 07 is currently running a deficit. Titia reviewed the new expense report. No action at this time.

Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

DCM: Titia A Panel 72: No report.

ALT DCM: Greg N. – District 30 has been active over the last month. We held a well attended Sponsorship Workshop in Jackson, Ca. We are finalizing our plans for our Unity Day to be held on October 28th in San Andreas. We have decided to spend a part of our surplus of funds on a PI/CPC project for outreach to the community by placing ads on 2 public transportation buses that run in both counties (Calaveras and Amador). Another part of those funds will go to purchasing 75 copies of the book AA Home Group and deliver those to the 75 registered meetings in our District. We decided to support a letter written by one of our Fellowships that opposes the Plain and Simple Language version of our Big Book

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 – Submitted report 8/1/23 through 8/31/23:

	August (1 August - 31 August)	2023
Group Contributions:		
Arnold Thursday White Pines		\$ 420.00
Jackson Fellowship		\$ 60.00
Pioneer Sierra Foothills Fellowship		\$ 300.00
Railroad Flat Open Discussion		\$ 121.50
Sutter Creek Men's Meeting		\$ 50.00
Total Group Contributions		\$ 951.50
Expenses:		
District Storage		\$ 80.00
Post Office Box 43		\$ 70.00
Delta Intergroup Hotline		\$ 75.00
Website		\$ 21.17
Total Outflow		\$ 246.17
As of :		8/31/2023
Checking Account Balance		\$ 3,253.49
Savings Account Balance (Prudent Reserve)		\$ 5,508.78
Total		\$ 8,762.27
12 Step Funds available		\$9,500.00
Treasurer's Commentary:		
Contributions again exceeded expenses causing working balance to increase. Thank you meetings, groups and fellowships for your contributions.		
I invite anyone who wishes to serve as Dist 30 Treasurer for the next two year panel to contact me to learn about responsibilities and duties as well as putting your name forward with our DCM. I will not be standing for election to the next panel.		

Motion 1st – Susan R / 2nd – Brian. Motioned passed

Finance Committee: Dorothy S (Chair), Greg N, Diana F, Randy S – See old business.

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

Archives Chair: Susan R: Getting ready for Unity Day displays of the archives.

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 – The grapevine is in the apple app store after much delay and I just downloaded it. Great addition for the sober community. The September issue is the Young & Sober with the addition of an actual app, it has brought a whole new buzz to the book. There are some book resources to purchase and quite a bit of new stuff please check it out!!

Bridging the Gap Chair: Arrah M – No report

PI/PCP: Harry T – This Month our main focus will be on the Health Fair at Dignity Health on Wednesday September 20th. This event will be held in the afternoon at their main grounds in San Andreas. We really don't have much information this point, other than we will have our table set up with our POS detailing AA history, background, how we breakout the methods for helping new comers of all ages regardless of their ages and nationality. We encourage participation from local groups to attend this event, when I have more info it will be passed on.

H&I Liaison Amador County : CeCe – No report

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: October 14, 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** – No report
- **49er Group – Paul C – Friday night** – Hi all, we have some big changes coming to the oldest and hottest meeting in Calaveras County. We have lost our meeting place, the church has been sold!! They are requesting we vacate the property, this coming Friday is the last meeting

at the Church. We are in the process of obtaining another meeting place, and will have an update as soon as possible. We are absent a meeting secretary, so we are in the process of electing a new one, so far no takers. In the spirit of rotation hopefully this will be my last GSR statement for this meeting, as my time is up!! The meeting is strong, average 20+, tonight's meeting was another example of a great meeting for that hall.

- **Copper Group – Diana F** – This is a very small group. When asked about the Plain English issue there was one vote to stop the work on the book and two want the work to continue. Our treasurer still needs to provide the group with an accounting which should happen next Wed. and then the group can decide how it wants to distribute the money. Keep the same percentages, change the percentages, stop some contributions to some service entities. I will start asking if anyone can be GSR for the next term as elections are coming up. Hopefully someone will want to keep the group connected to AA as a whole.
- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas** – Dylan –
- **Friday Night Men's Group, Sutter Creek** – Brian G – No report
- **I'm With You Guys (White Pines Independence Hall)** – Randy S – Attendance regularly 12-18 each week with consistent participation by "Turning Point", a recovery facility located in Arnold. Excellent coffee and treats served and enjoyed by attendees. Meeting is an open topic discussion meeting with a cross of long-term, strong sobriety and new comers seeking guidance.
- **Ione Group** – Dorothy – No report
- **Jackson** – Dede L – No report
- **Men's Freedom From Alcohol Group** – Greg A
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch** – Amanda -
- **Murphys Brown Baggers** – Teri C. – This is my last month as GSR for Murphy's Brown Baggers. This is a 12:30 pm meeting that is attended by quite a few, none of whom call it their home group. Not sure if they will elect a new GSR.

- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting – Grace** –
- **Murphy's Tuesday Night Book Study – Susan** – Meeting is doing well. 6-10 women attending.
- **New Hope @ Changing Echos – Sunni** –
- **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** – This meeting is going strong. The group was presented with the letter from the Sierra Foothills Fellowship regarding its displeasure with the GSO Advisory Action to develop a Plain and Simple Language Translation of the Big Book, and the request of that Fellowship to have District 30 come out and endorse or support that letter. A vote was taken on the motion of having the District support this letter and resulted in five in favor of and eight opposed. With the majority rules, this group votes NOT to have District 30 support this letter.
- **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 going good.
- **Villella Hall Topic Discussion Group – Harry T** – Our meeting continues to have between 25-30 attendees. The secretary has chairman from both the Bay Area and local Calaveras County, they bring topics which encourage excellent group participation. Our treasurer has been making the Seventh Tradition contributions as required, good support from the group.
- **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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