



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. 27 Issue 7

PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS

July 2020

Mark Your Calendar

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

First District Zoom meeting was conducted on April 11, 2020.

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 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: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Even numbered months meetings are held at the Martell Perko’s. Odd numbered month’s meetings are held at Rod’s Grill in Calaveras.

Public Service Announcement to KGVC Radio: “This is a public service announcement for Alcoholics Anonymous. Due to the Coronavirus and the stay at home order issued by the State of California, our physical meetings are temporarily closed in both Amador and Calaveras Counties. If you think you might have a drinking problem or wish to speak to a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, please contact our Hotline at (800) 851-1304 or (209) 223-4989. You can also go to our website for information on video conferencing meetings at cni30.org.”

District 30 Archives Committee: Every 1st Wednesday 2 to 4 PM Jackson Fellowship, 14 Water St., Jackson

California Northern Interior Area

Area Committee Meeting: Monthly 3rd Saturday, East Yolo Fellowship, 1040 Soule St, West Sacramento, CA.

Special Events

Unity Day – June 13, 2020, San Andreas Town Hall, San Andreas – Cancelled – 2021 TBA

Archive History Day – August 29, 2020, 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. American Legion Hall, Sutter Creek, CA – Cancelled – 2021 TBA

Panel 70 District Trusted Servants

The following are the elected District 30 Trusted Servants for Panel 68.

DCM – Michael M

Alt DCM – Steve H

Treasurer – Susan R

Recording Secretary – Kathy M

Motto/Theme for Panel 70

“I hear that service will keep you sober.”

CNIA District 30 Business Meeting

Via Video-Conferencing - Zoom.

Normal Meeting held at St. Matthew's Church, 414 Oak St., San Andrea

Open with the Serenity Prayer – Michael M opened meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Read the GSR Preamble – Read by Del

Read the Declaration of Unity – Read by Andrew

Introduction of New GSRs or Visitors here for the first time: Andrew – Alternate for Pine Grove Fellowship. Brian G – GSR 11th Step meeting in Murphys. Welcome new GSR's.

Celebrations or Announcements: None.

Read and Discuss Concept of the month – 6th Concept – Del – read short form. AA Conference has final word but Trustees are also consulted. Concept gives power of financial affairs to trustees instead of AA as a whole, **Consideration of Minutes** – May 9, 2020 Minutes – Motion to Accept Minutes – Susan/Steve H Motion carried.

GSR Reports:

11th Step Meditation Meeting Murphy's – Brian. Meeting has dropped off in numbers. Have prudent reserve of \$60. We will observe the 7th tradition by sending donations to our treasurer. We will resume H&I donations when live meetings return. We will have a group conscience at the meeting about resuming live meetings, possibly following the church's lead when they resume having live services. Apparently, the church is low on funds, so we were happy to keep paying the rent. We will continue having Zoom meetings until there's more clarity on when to live meetings resume. Our meeting has always been small, but now our attendance is down like most meetings. Please feel free to announce our meeting throughout the fellowship.

- **49er Group – Open** – Susan stepped in – has Zoom meeting on Friday nights. Still no word on church. They are hurting financially. No expectations from the church for AA to pay the rent.
- **Angel's Friday As Bill Sees It – Open**
- **Copper Group (Wed 7:30) – Diana** – Absent
- **lone-Comanche Group – Open**
- **Jackson Fellowship** – Cecelia: Meeting on June 3. Zoom and regular attendance. Donations via PO Box. Two positions open - cleanup and member at large. Literature in order. Membership at large member there to

open up fellowship. Meetings are getting bigger. Lively discussion at hybrid meeting (Zoom and live meetings). Social distancing and masks are asked. They will keep /Zoom and live meetings separate at this time.

- **Men's Freedom from Alcohol Group – Arnold – Chapel in the Pines** – Peter E. – Meetings Friday at 7. Group meeting on Zoom. Discussing in person meetings but church not permitting it yet. Meetings – attendance is 10-15 per week. Smaller than regular meetings. ~~~ Members send contributions to the treasurer in the mail. There is discussion of returning to in-person meetings, but the decision is made by the Chapel of the Pines and it has not been made yet.
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety - Casey** – Absent
- **Murphy's Brown Baggers – Pam R** - Absent
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting – Steve H:** Meets Monday 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Zoom meetings. Can open up regular meetings. Will have a Zoom business meeting after the meeting to take a vote. They can have up to 50 people. Zoom as well as live they can't do as they don't have wifi. Doing fine – lots of people.
- **Murphy's Saturday Morning** – Ask it Basket – Ryan K: Absent
- **Pine Grove Fellowship** – Gordon – Andrew (Alternate) – Wed, Sat Sun – pretty much doing Zoom meetings. Sunday morning meeting open. Looking for recording secretary. Financially doing well.
- **Prospector's Group** – Open - Ceceila reported – they are meeting again – 10-15 people attending. Social distancing, wearing masks. They sanitize everything. No GSR handbook.
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship** – **OPEN**
- **Sisters in Sobriety, Murphy's** – Debbie: Absent
- **Sutter Creek Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – Meeting is open – no Zoom. Only five show up. Good meeting.
- **Valley Springs** – Tom and Jeff: Absent

- **White Pines Topic Discussion Group – Thursday evenings – Arnold** – Jim B – We’ve been having Zoom meetings, with 15-20 people usually attending. The one possible problem is that, without the meeting being listed publicly, we hardly ever get visitors or newcomers, as we used to with our regular meetings – just the regular members.
- **Women’s Book Study, Murphy’s** – Nancy – Absent
- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels** – Chrys M – Absent

Old Business:

- Sponsorship Workshop – Steve K – No activity. Not sure if a workshop can be done this year. Venues have last say in attendance at their facility. Postpone until next year. Del suggests that until more information is given, we need to postpone. Motion (Del) stay in holding pattern to wait and see to have a group conscience about events. Motion – Michael, 2nd Andrew – Vote – Motion carried.
- Secretary Workshop – Peter E -
 - All workshops – Del – AA has been evolving for the past 85 years. We need to figure out how we support each other during this crisis. Michael does not feel it is right to open up our meetings yet.

New Business:

- Zoom Meetings – Continue D30 meetings on Zoom. Andrew – we’re not into phase 3 yet. Our health is the most important. He thinks we should continue our Zoom meeting for the District. Susan – Zoom is serving us well. Many of us cannot be around people as we are compromised. Mike C – Jackson Fellowship – do we do a hybrid meeting running Zoom at the same time. The big challenge with a hybrid approach is we need an IT person available to do the Zoom meeting. They are running Zoom and in person meetings separately. Michael M – thinks Zoom is the safe way to go. Too many issues to have a in person meeting. Would need a new position for a hybrid meeting. Cleaning up, no coffee, adds another position

to and in -person meeting. Steve K - has run across a few people who are experiencing conversations during meetings about outside issues in Zoom meetings. They quit doing Zoom meetings because of it. Mike C – need a secretary workshop on Zoom. Harry – He thinks all meetings should be online until things change. Thinks this should be tabled until September.

- Tabled until September, 2020. Will continue Zoom meetings for District monthly meetings. Motion – Andrew 2nd Steve H – Motion carried.
- 7th Tradition - Zoom meetings – supporting the group and the District. Michael’s meeting has not taken in any money yet. Susan – Treasurer – have been receiving donations. Everything is working right now.
- New Position District – Alternate District Archivist – Motion tabled until next month – Kathy to write some language to change District By-Laws and present next month. Andrew, 2nd Michael M, motion carried.

Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

DCM: Michael M Panel 70: Not much to report. Doing 3-4 Zoom meetings a week. He doesn’t have Covid. He’s missing in person meetings. Change is hard.

Alt DCM: Steve H: Not a lot to report. Has been going around to different places. In Sonora at 6:00 in they have an outside meeting. He’s one of the challenged so not going to in-person meetings. We need to be very careful about how we proceed. Wishes he could buy donuts as this is part of his position.

LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88: Dave L: Absent – No report.

LCM Hwy 4 Corridor: Steve K – Nothing to report. They do have 3 live meetings. He prefers the live meetings. The Zoom meetings don’t work for him. 10-12 people attend the 3 meetings.

LCM North Amador Hwy 49: – Fiddletown, River Pines - Open

LCM San Andreas – West Point: Rebekah Z – Absent – No report.

LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche: Andrew – Present (having audio issues – no report).

Recording Secretary/Publications: Kathy M – Please send reports in prior to meeting to Katheryn_mitchell@comcast.net.

Treasurer: Susan R –

May Income	\$210.00
Beginning Balance	\$4867.10
May Expenses	\$141.23
Ending Balance (Checking)	\$4926.87
Prudent Reserve	\$3005.44

Motion for Treasurer’s Report: Motion - Mike Steve H- Motion passed.

Finance Chair(s): Susan, Del M, Kathy M – Susan asked Del to check on issue of phone bill. Discussed at the PI meeting. Talked with Steve K and found out he was overstepping his boundaries. Susan and Steve can resolve. Steve will receive copies of the bill. Per Susan, telephone bill back to its normal amount. Our spending plan has been submitted – all is good. Donna at San Andrew Town Hall will return District 30’s checks. Everyone is canceling at their facility.

PI/CPC Chair: Del M.: Had a Zoom meeting after last district meeting. Discussed two things – (1) continuing to have public service announcements at KGVC Radio station but announce some meetings are now open and (2) printing business cards. Del will approach KVGC about the change in meeting status. In the past, the PI committee had business cards printed up m- “If you want to drink that’s your business, if you want to stop, we can help.” GSR’s will be given a supply. Need a motion to have 2000 cards printed to begin with, over and above PI budget. He will investigate how much this will cost. Motion to investigate cost – Steve/Michael – motion carried. Next PI Committee meeting on Zoom – Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Del and Kathy will move to Sonora soon and he will continue his PI term.

Hotline Chair: Steve K. – Steve didn’t think Del was overstepping his boundaries with the telephone bill. Nothing has changed with the hotline. Zoom meetings are not being announced on the hotline. Volunteer lists out in both counties. Spoke to Changing Echoes and will have a meeting after a while. Will meet with Jason at Bridging the Gap.

Directory/Website Chair: Jim B – No problems to report for Zoom meetings or the Web site. Some groups that are not listed might come around. There will be a couple of Web site charges coming due soon. I’m not aware of any problems or issues. We have 21 on-line meetings listed (which hasn’t changed in a month or 2), and I haven’t heard about any of the problems in any of the publicly-listed meetings that some people were worried about, such as “Zoom bombing” or other intrusions. Please let me know of any changes in

meeting arrangements, including any more that might want to be listed, so I can keep everything up-to-date.

Archivist: Kathy M – The Archive Committee met on June 3, 2020 via Zoom and discussed the following: Archive History Day has been canceled. Jim B, Archivist from Akron Ohio, informed he will be undergoing an operation and will not be able to travel here. Also, due to the pandemic, we were contemplating canceling this year’s Archive History Day anyway. However, our August 2021 Archive History Day is still being planned, with Father Tom W from Oakland as our main speaker. Kathy will rotate out as Archivist in January 2022. Marc W has been voted in via the Archive Committee to be the Alternate Archivist. The District was informed of this proposed new position and was asked to vote on changing the By-Laws for the District to include this new position. Kathy will develop language for the revision in the By-Laws and present to the District at our July meeting for discussion and possible voting. Group histories continue to be written. Kathy does not presently have a key to the Jackson Fellowship, so we cannot access the archives. A key will be sought. When the key is obtained, work can commence on the reorganization of the District’s Archival files stored at the Jackson Fellowship. A new archival history is being discussed -- stories to be written about the Coronavirus and AA. We are watching history in the making.

Unity Day: Mike C. – No report. Taking a hiatus. In the Fall, will target a date for next year. Mike to remain the Chair.

Grapevine Chair: Harry T.: Grapevine quote for the day. Not to change is not adapt. Not to adapt is to become extinct. Will continue his Zoom meetings.

Gold County Roundup: Angela - Absent

H&I Liaison Amador County: -. Sheila W – Absent

H&I Liaison Calaveras County: Andrew – Absent

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.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at either Zoom.us or St Matthews Church, San Andreas (TBA).

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. (We have coffee and doughnuts!)

