



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 11 **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS** November 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: Not currently meeting in person– meeting by Zoom - Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. When meeting in person, even numbered month's meetings are held at the Martell Perko's. Odd numbered month's meetings are held at Rod's Grill in Calaveras.

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

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

Special Events

Unity Day – 2021 TBA

Archive History Day – 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

Covid19 Information for Amador/Calaveras Meetings: Some meetings are open and some are temporarily closed in both Amador and Calaveras Counties. For more information, go to cni30.org for meeting information. Please give Jim B, our webmaster, any updates for your group 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 (800) 851-1304 or (209) 223-4989.

Open with the Serenity Prayer – Del M (In Michael's absence) opened meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Read the GSR Preamble – Read by Brian G

Read the Declaration of Unity – Read by Harry H

Introduction of New GSRs or Visitors here for the first

time: Steve K – celebrated 5 years in September.

Celebrations or Announcements: None.

Read and Discuss Concept of the month – 10th Concept

– Read by Del M– Right of Decision within structure of AA, mainly in service structure. Be sure members are qualified to do their jobs and they have the right to delegate. It also gets into right of decision by the Delegate at the Conference but with the responsibility to report back to your members and groups. No dictators. AA's service structure really works. Concept 11 will be read by Paul C in November.

Consideration of Minutes – September 12, 2020

Minutes – Motion to Accept Minutes as corrected – Harry/Cecelia - Motion carried.

GSR Reports:

- **11th Step Meditation Meeting Murphy's** – Brian M – We have about 8 people more or less regularly attending the meeting. Several members are attending from outside of the area, so discussion about returning to the Faith Lutheran Church has been put on hold. A different AA meeting is currently using the Senior Center annexed to the church in a hybrid meeting format. I will present this option at the next meeting, and get feedback from the group. The group is concerned, like many meetings operating on Zoom, that new members are not getting access to the meeting information. We had an accumulation of \$183 in our meeting fund. \$50 was given to the church to maintain rent and as a donation. \$60 was sent to District 30. We now have a prudent reserve of \$73.
- **49er Group – Paul reporting** – Meeting posting as it should on Zoom. Average attendance 12-13 people. Church still blocked out. Trying to change location. Everything is "Keep in Simple."
- **Angel's Friday As Bill Sees It – Open**
- **Copper Group (Wed 7:30) – Diana** – Absent
- **Ione-Comanche Group – Open**
- **Jackson Fellowship** – Cecelia: Finances are up \$500 from last month! We are going to keep "Break the Buck Barrier" in our meeting announcements. We still have 4 meetings without Secretaries. H&I is still on hold due to the Jail being on lockdown due to COVID. Our Member-at-Large brought up a problem. We have a member who keeps bringing up Marijuana in a meeting that has quite a few Newcomers. He announces that he uses Marijuana. Says it's okay cause its legal now also that it is subscribed by a Doctor. I think I will attend this

meeting. Has anyone had this problem and how are you handling it. Any ideas/solutions are welcome my email and phone number are listed below. On a happier note we are having a Halloween Party on Saturday Oct. 31 after our meeting. Costumes are encouraged. All are invited. Old Business: Open Committee Positions. The Committee Chair is open no prospects as yet. Facilities was filled. By-laws changes have been tabled till next month. Mystery box of AA Medallions – nobody has claimed them. Will hold on to a little while longer before incorporating into our inventory. New Business: Hybrid Meetings. We had our first Hybrid AA Meeting at 11:30 this past Monday. A few glitches as far as sound cutting out. The Zoom people looked at the ceiling most of meeting. Members do not want meeting recorded.

- **Men's Freedom from Alcohol Group – Arnold – Chapel in the Pines – Open Mountain – meeting conducted in person. Brian M new secretary.** Here is the info regarding the new location and info for the Men's Friday Night Freedom from Alcohol Group. Time: 7:00 pm; Place - Pinebrook Community Center, Blue Lake Spring; Secretary - Brian M; Number of attendees: 12-15 Men Only; MOST IMPORTANT THIS IS A LIVE, PHYSICAL MEETING. Thanks and have a good evening!! HT
- **Ranch, Friends in Sobriety - Casey** – Absent – Report emailed: So grateful that meetings are still open over here. Friends in Sobriety are doing well with 4 - 6 on regular nights and 8 - 10 on birthday night. The room is large enough to space ourselves out. One in the group asked if our 7th Tradition is being published in the minutes. Didn't see it. He also wondered if Zoom groups contributed. Wishing you all health and strength in sobriety.
- **Murphy's Brown Baggers – OPEN**
- **Murphy's Women's Book Study, Tuesday – Neriah new secretary** –
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting – Steve H:** Absent
- **Murphy's Saturday Morning** – Ask it Basket – **OPEN**
- **Pine Grove Fellowship** – Andrew – Absent
- **Prospector's Group – OPEN**
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship – OPEN**
- **Sisters in Sobriety, Murphy's – OPEN**
- **Sutter Creek Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – \$80 donation. Did keep a prudent reserve of \$500. Meetings are still resuming – 4 people show up every week. Good meeting. Just elected a new

secretary and treasurer. Terry new secretary and Ross new treasurer.

- **Valley Springs** – Tom and Jeff: Absent
- **White Pines Topic Discussion Group – Meets Thursday evenings – topic discussion** – The White Pines Topic Discussion Group is continuing to have virtual meetings on Zoom and they are going well, except that our numbers are way down-- just 8 people at this week's meeting, for example, and hardly any newcomers or visitors for quite some time. It's also somewhat discouraging that some of the regular "old-timers" seem to have lost interest. Since it still seems likely that we won't be able to resume in-person meetings any time soon. we're hoping that some of the "regulars" start showing up again.
- **Women's Book Study, Murphy's** – Nancy – Continue to Zoom. GSR report for October 2020: The Murphy's, Women's Tuesday Night Book study meeting: 6-12 ladies are attending, we are reading the Big Book, Neriah our new secretary is doing a great job!
- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels** – Chrys M – Regret to say she cannot get to meeting right now. Debra G her contact though and she reports through her. Do meet at Utica Park. Use Daily Reflections book. One member comes regularly and about 4 others. In contact with church. When Winter comes, outside meetings will be difficult.

Old Business:

Alternate Archivist Vote: 9 Yes Votes (Quorum reached) – No "Nay" votes. Marc was elected as Alternate Archivist. Marc is looking forward to serving on the committee and being Alternate Archivist. Kathy will be working with Jim B to update the Guidelines.

New Business:

- Susan –New Business – Safety Deposit Box – Secure new box in December 2020. Murphys and San Andreas has a large box \$75.. Need an update in Guidelines for Safety Deposit Box instructions and location. **Put on Agenda next month**
- District 30 Hybrid Meeting/Zoom Meeting – Discussion: Susan likes the Zoom due to health issues. She thinks Zoom is working for the District. The church is not letting us gather. Jackson Fellowship is having a hybrid meeting. Nancy is ok with the Zoom meetings. The room

would need to be sanitized and safe for meeting. More discussion until next month. Sheila – lack of clarity if meeting is closed, hybrid or Zoom at our website. Is there anyway we can make this clearer? Get new information to Jim B webmaster. **Put on Agenda next month.**

- District 30 Attendance Down: How do we encourage attendance at District 30. Of note, we had 13 in attendance today. Discussion: Call members to remind of meeting. Check your email address with Kathy M. to be sure it is correct and you are getting meeting Zoom information.

Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

DCM: Michael M Panel 70: Del volunteered to sit in for Michael during his absence. Michael: Hi everyone, this is my report. I've been attending a couple of face to face meetings a week and Zoom meetings too. I'm still hosting the Tuesday night Zoom meeting, even from Texas. Sorry for the mix up today, I forgot to set up Dist meeting before I left for Texas so I tried to do it from here and the time zone thing changed the ID. And it was kind of confusing. Thank you Katheryn and Del for stepping up. I'll see you all next month.

LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88: Open

LCM Hwy 4 Corridor: Steve K – A couple of live meetings in Murphys but mostly Zoom.

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

LCM San Andreas – West Point: Open

LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche: Andrew – Absent - Report emailed: LCM Valley Springs Ione Plymouth. Good day. I apologize I haven't really gone to many of these meetings. I know Plymouth is open on Tuesday 700pm. I believe Ione is closed for regular attendance. I'm not sure about Valley Spring meeting. I'll look into that. I'm sure there is Zoom. I'll have more info next month -- Andrew C

Recording Secretary/Publications: Kathy M – When giving your oral reports, please identify yourself and your group so I can find you on my list while typing minutes. If I do not have your contact information correct, please let me know so I can update. Also, please send reports in prior to meeting to Katheryn_mitchell@comcast.net.

Treasurer: Susan R – I sent out the report to Michael and Kathy to publish. She updated all donations. Steve – question about hotline and resolving bill. Was resolved.

September Income	\$90.00
Beginning Balance	\$4840.31
September Expenses	\$242.56
Ending Balance Checking	\$4687.75
Prudent Reserve	\$3006.12

Please send donations to Susan: PO Box 43, Murphys, CA 95247

Motion for Treasurer’s Report: Motion - Chrys/Paul C - Motion passed.

Finance Chair(s): Susan, Del M, Kathy M – No report. Function is to help with budget which is already ratified. Everything is good. Will start a discussion in January and approve by June 2021.

PI/CPC Chair: Del M.: Busy moving for the last two months. Has not done anything with PI. PI meeting will be held this Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. He will email Zoom info to the District.

Bridging the Gap Chair: Andrew C - Absent

Hotline Chair: Steve K. – Nothing to report. Should the directories be updated? How do people get it? Paul thinks we should update with Zoom/Open Meetings. Susan – we are getting phone calls from out of state. Who is answering these calls? Discuss updated directories at the PI meeting. Jim can download a version as .pdf and edit for updates as well as reformatting for 8 ½ x 11 paper. Hotline can access this .pdf. Del is in charge of the directories as Dave L rotated out of this position last panel. Steve K put together a list a couple of months ago for Zoom meetings. If you have any more meeting updates, contact him. Also, please send any updates in Word format to Jim B, webmaster. Cecelia wants to attend the PI meeting. Anything you see that needs to be updated, please let him know.

Directory/Website Chair: Jim B – The District 30 Web site is in good shape, and up to date on both virtual and in-person meetings, as far as I know, but it's still important that I get any new information on meeting changes as quickly as possible, so that I can keep everything up to date.

Archivist: Kathy M – Archive Committee met on October 7, 2020 via Zoom. The Committee will meet next month at the Jackson Fellowship in person to reorganize the archive files. Masks will be mandatory and wipes will be utilized to sterilize tables. Social distancing will be observed as best we can. We continue working on Group Histories for next year’s Unity Day. The Committee is creating two new forms for writing histories of the pandemic with individuals

and groups. The questionnaires will be distributed to District 30 GSR’s to take to their groups for discussion and to write about their experiences. We would also like to write some individual stories of newcomer’s experience(s) during the pandemic.

Unity Day: Mike C. Nothing to report right now. Possible virtual Unity Day next year. Akron archive person – email who is the contact?

Grapevine Chair: Harry T – Daily quote read. “Feed your faith and starve your doubt.”

Gold County Roundup: Angela - Absent

H&I Liaison Amador County: –. Sheila W – Not allowed to go in due to Coronavirus.

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: November 14, 2020 at 10:00 am via Zoom.us. District 30 meetings are not presently being held at St Matthews Church, San Andreas due to Covid-19.

Yours in Service, Kathy M., Recording Secretary 209-470-1626

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!)

