



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. 28 Issue 12 **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS** December 2021

Mark Your Calendar

District 30 Business Meeting: For the remainder of this year, the District meeting will be held via Zoom at 10:00. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT: District 30 Elections were held at our November 13, 2021 meeting. The Newly Elected Trusted Servants are: Tisha A, District Committee Member (DCM), Steve H, Alternate DCM, Randy S, Treasurer and Mike C, Recording Secretary. They will begin their panel January 1, 2022. Congratulations!

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. Normally meets at East Yolo Fellowship, 1040 Soule St, West Sacramento, CA.

Special Events

Archive History Day & Unity Day have been merged and are scheduled for – June 11, 2022. More information to come. **Theme: Still Pending**

Panel 70 District Trusted Servants

The following are the elected District 30 Trusted Servants for Panel 68. (See contact info at end of Newsletter)

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

Covid19 Information for Amador/Calaveras Meetings:
For meeting information within District 30, go to cniad30.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. 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 MEETING

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

Read the GSR Preamble – Read by Kathy

Read the Declaration of Unity – Read by Diana

Introduction of New GSRs or Visitors here for the first

time: Diana, GS Copper, Harry GSR White Pines Discussion Group, Cecelia GSR Prospector's Group, Teri C, Brown Baggers, Dylan Easy Does It Group San Andreas, Tasha Alt GSR Pine Grove Fellowship, Amanda C, GSR Mountain Ranch, Carol S, GSR There is a Solution Group, Debbie L, nominee Treasurer.

Celebrations or Announcements: Birthday celebrations - Del 11/1 - 44 years, Kathy 11/15 – 38 years. Cecelia Announcement 11/20/21 Jackson Speaker Meeting Annual Thanksgiving dinner, two speakers, Senior Center, Jackson 5:00-7:00 pm. Titia – announced two members passing - Susanne L. of Murphys, 30 years of sobriety and Wayne S. of Arnold, 28 years of sobriety. Susan will be sharing at Turning Point in Arnold 6:00 pm meeting.

Read and Discuss Concept of the month – 11th

Concept – Read by Susan – The Trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants.

Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern. Groups are at the top, not at the bottom. Del: The AA groups are on top only if your group is represented by a GSR. Encourage groups to be represented at District 30.

Consideration of Minutes – October 9, 2021 Minutes – Motion to Accept Minutes – Motion, Del 1st – 2nd Titia, Motion carried as corrected. Titia noted the following corrections: Page 5, Jackson Fellowship; Page 6 Dylan, Easy Does It Group, also listed for San Andreas two GSR's. Page 7, Motion made by Titia DCM report, "ACA" needs to be changed to ACM, page 8, motion for treasurer's report, carried twice. Also, on Archivist's report needs correction to 2021. Titia to email complete corrections to Kathy.

Motion by Titia to move nominations/elections to top of agenda and not wait to end of meeting to announce winner; Diana 2nd, motion carried.

DISTRICT NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS (After nomination, we will vote for each position separately. They are DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Please use the chat feature on your screen and send your responses for your votes, if you are

qualified to vote, to Susan R. She will tally the votes. If you do not have a chat on your Zoom screen, you can send a text to Susan at 916-397-4189. Please identify yourself and your group you represent (GSR) or the chairperson position you hold. Susan will announce the winning nominees after each nominee is named and a vote has been taken.

DCM: Nominations (1):

Titia A – Susan moved to close nominations – Del made motion to nominate Titia as DCM, Randy 2nd - Unanimous – Titia A

Alt DCM: Nominations (1):

Steve H, Motion to close nominations, Del 1st, Susan 2nd - Unanimous

I am submitting this resume to be considered for Alt. D.C.M. for District 30. My sobriety date is January 1, 1985. I have been the DCM for one half a panel when Larry the DCM, took to trucking long distance. I held that position for one year, and of course I was the alternate for the first year of that panel. I was elected the Alt DCM for this last panel but felt due to the health issues I faced these last two years with cancer, I did not really fulfill my duties. I would like to apply for the position of Alt. DCM because my health is getting better and I feel I can really do the job. Yours in Love & Service, Steve Hanson

Treasurer: Nominations (2):

Randy S – Resume: GSR at Coastal Group Santa Clara County mid 80's. Also served as GSR Brown Baggers, Panel 62. Two terms as Treasurer 64 and 66. He has been sober 39 ½ years. Currently GSR White Pines

Debbie L – Resume: Delta Intergroup Group Treasurer. Bookkeeping background for 40 years. Professional financial background.

Winner: Treasurer – Randy S

Motion to nominate Randy S, 1st Susan R, 2nd Titia, carried.

Recording Secretary: Nominations (2):

Mike C – accepted, Steve K – declined.

Motion to nominate Mike C – 1st Susan, 2nd Steve, Motion carried.

CONGRATULATIONS!! - Newly Elected Trusted Servants – January 2022 – Panel 72 (2022-2023)

- o District Committee Member (DCM) – Titia A
- o Alternate DCM – Steve H
- o Treasurer – Randy S
- o Recording Secretary – Mike C

GSR Reports:

- **11th Step Meditation Meeting Murphy's – Brian M** – Absent
- **49er Group – Paul C – Friday night – 7:00 p.m.** The Friday night meeting is going strong and

growing. We will be encouraging new service members for secretary, set up, and literature for the new panel! Treasurer and GSR are set! In Service Paul C.

- **Copper Group -- Diana F** – Dylan - New GSR for Easy Does It, San Andreas – will present on 13th meeting.
- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas** - GSR Dylan – Meeting is speaker discussion, with 8-10 in attendance. Good mix of old timers and newcomers. Relayed information from last district meeting to the group. We have filled out and will be submitting our insurance request. Financially the group is doing well and will be paying rent Dec 31 for 6 months. Spoke with Father John about turning the lights on in the parking lot, he will look into it and doesn't see a problem with having them on at night. Thank you, hope you have a wonderful day.
- **Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – Absent – Emailed Report: Friday Men's meeting @7:30. Last Friday of the month speaker discussion and birthday meeting with a cake. Financial Statement 10-8-2021. \$905.72 will be divided up and sent to appropriate places.
- **Jackson Fellowship - Cecelia** – Living Sober meeting has changed their format. It will now be a discussion meeting. We had a discussion on the Preamble. Allot are not happy that they changed it since we didn't even know about it. I advised them that it had changed back in July. So, a motion was made and the fellowship is now using the new Preamble. I received a call from my Alternate and she was upset. She felt that the fellowship as a whole should have their say and vote. She is going to have it put on our roster for December and take a more informed "Group Conscience." The Jackson Fellowship Committee feels that it is very important to be included in anything that has to do with the 12 & 12. Not sure that changes have been made already. Was hoping that someone could tell me if page 117 has been changed and what about page 66 is that also a done deal? We are gearing up for Thanksgiving Alkathon. We have our next Committee Meeting will be on

December 1 all are invited to attend be completely redacted.

- Diana responds to Cecelia – see conference report from Area 59 Delegate's report – exact language was noted. These things can be changed around. Depends on what the groups want to do. Titia will put in chat information from GSO.
- **Ione Group** – GSR – Dorothy - Absent
- **Mokulumne Hill - Shirley** – Mike C - not much to report. Same 3-4 people. A couple of visitor from Sonora. Everything good.
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch – Casey** – Absent - Emailed Report: Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch continues to have good attendance. This past birthday night we celebrated a member new to the area celebrating double digit sobriety as well as our regular crowd. We continue to read "Daily Reflections." As we begin November the readings turn towards Step 11, prayer and meditation. Getting tips on how to do it is always helpful. Looking forward to Thanksgiving in humble gratitude for our sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Casey Anderson
- **Murphys Big Book Study - Grace** - Absent
- **Murphys Brown Baggers – (New) Teri Calderon** The Wed 12:30 Murphy's Brown Baggers meeting is doing well. Our numbers are growing and we are represented well. We are looking for set up and literature servants for the new year. I will be present at the District meeting to vote for the new panel.
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting, Topic/Discussion – Steve H, GSR & Titia A, Alternate GSR** - Steve stepping down. Lost two long-time members. Our group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00pm at the Lions Club Scout Hut at 98 School Street. Our format is a "Topic Discussion" where a member is asked to share their Experience, Strength and Hope through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Discussion is then followed with member discussion. At our last meeting, November 8th

had record attendance since COVID of 36, our speaker that night was Dylan C of the San Andreas area. As I was elected as the new District 30 DCM for Panel 72, I will need to step down as the GSR for the next panel. I will take this to the meeting on Monday the 15th and hopefully have a new GSR in place by the December District meeting. Please join us any Monday evening if you are in our neighborhood. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to AA as a whole. Respectfully Submitted, Steve H. GSR and Titia A. Alternate GSR.

- **Pine Grove Fellowship – Andrew C, Tasha (Alt)** – Well attended 12-20. Most meetings are on line. Email to Jim B for new meeting on Thursday. Brian S started that last week. 1st business meeting after 1 ½ years. Emailed Report from Andrew: Our group meetings are doing well attendance is average 10 to 18 usually we have a new meeting on Thursday it's a Joe and Charlie track audio book study it starts at 700 pm we have a new treasurer Marianne she's doing a great job. She has some work to do but she's getting our finances in order and organizing our paperwork. Our business meeting is the third Wednesday at 800pm each month. Thanks to all the secretary's Brian Matt Angela and the Sunday person thanks
- **Railroad Flat** - Thursday at 7pm - Speaker/discussion meeting, once a month an "As Bill See's It" meeting. GSR Absent
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship, Monday at 7:00 p.m.** – Greg N – Absent
- **Sutter Creek Friday Night Men's Group – Brian G** – Absent
- **There is a Solution Group – Saturday 9:00 am. Carole S - New GSR** Looking forward to serving again.
- **Valley Springs – Tom and Jeff:** Absent - Andrew went to speaker meeting. He will let them know how important it is to have a GSR.
- **Valley Springs, Coffee Break Meeting, Wednesday am Group - Michael** – Absent
- **White Pines Topic Discussion Group – Meets Thursday evenings 7:30pm – Harry GSR** – In the Pines Villela Hall Cedar Lane Arnold, CA, 95223, Secretary: Mike R, Attendees: 18-20, Time: 7:30-8:30 PM, Treasurer: Al V, Chairpersons are selected in advance and punctual with topics picked from list. ID 170892 – meeting has grown 18-20 people. Submitted paperwork for GSR. Looking for new secretary at end of year. See report. Live meeting.
- **White Pines I'm With Guys Group** – Randy S – Meeting Currently being held via Zoom. Liz M. is the Secretary for the meeting and continues to invite excellent chairpersons. Jason R. is the Treasurer for the meeting so all needed positions for the meeting are currently full. Recent attendance of 12-18 each week with consistent participation by "Turning Point", a recovery facility located in Arnold. Usually, 4-6 from Turning Point including several who have graduated from the program. Going "live" was recently revisited with 100% of members present voting to continue on Zoom due to possible loss of Turning Point attendees due to their Covid protocols. It was noted that this is in keeping with our Tradition 5 and 12th Step – carrying the message.
- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels, 1141 S. Main Street, Angels Camp – Chrys M:** Absent
- **Old Business:**
- **Delegate's Report Update** – Kathy has not heard from Tom A about any corrections to October's Minutes – table until next month.
- **Adhoc Committee report – Insurance/Protocols – Susan/Randy** – Susan met with Randy S. Together they put together insurance. Documents were sent out. Not every group has requested insurance. It's a \$million liability insurance. Covers DCM, Alt DCM travel. Our insurance does cover events. [Note]: GSO's Finance Guidelines indicate they cannot be extended to cover local groups as "AA Groups are autonomous, and are not subsidiaries of GSO." Our District insurance

does cover our events. Del – he also read the GSO Guidelines. There is a reason GSO puts out suggestions. In his opinion providing insurance to groups is in violation of Tradition 1 and 7. It can come back on District, Area and GSO. Each group is autonomous. GSO Guidelines offers guidance for group insurance. They indicate that “Some groups cooperate with the facility where they meet by purchasing a ‘rider’ to the facility’s liability insurance policy.” They also offer that “The group might consult a local insurance agent or attorney about liability insurance.” Titia – The Guidelines needs to say it also covers all district events, but not LCM’s. We have too many groups in our District that are dark. LCM’s should not be able to represent as a GSR. She thinks it’s the responsible thing to do. Randy S – with respect to Del’s comments, he presents a contrary opinion. This district supports a hotline and meeting schedules, so the funds allow the district to function as a whole. Groups might not be able to afford insurance. He understands both sides of the equation. He copied Northern California Al-Anon and the Area offers a policy to write riders. Do we need an insurance coordinator? **Motion to Insure Groups:** Titia made motion to table insurance and guidelines discussions until January for GSR’s to take back to their groups if it is in the best interest for the groups that the district should be administrating -- 2nd, Diana – Motion carried. Policy \$1,189 for one year. Sheila – currently has an insurance policy but would cancel if the District will cover. Del – feels we are going against the GSO Guidelines, AA and the Traditions.

- **Budget Committee Report - Budget Cap for District - Committee Consists of Susan, Kathy and Del.** We only agreed to be on the finance committee as no one else volunteered. We met and went over how much money we have. The question came up that we had too much money. We looked at what exactly would be needed for the next 8 months. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2022. We have 3 assemblies and

PRAASA coming up in the Spring. Also, Unity Day/Archive History Day. The new Budget committee that forms in January needs to review in January. Cnia.org was all on Zoom this year. Starting in January, all is going live and our DCM will be traveling. The finance committee decided as a group to leave it alone and let the new finance committee make that decision. Please put out to your group that not contributing to District 30 would be mistake as, in our opinion, the District does not have an excess of money. Titia Motion to accept Del’s suggestion that we keep the budget - Randy 2nd – carried.

- **New Business:** (Check with members for additional New Business) - None.
- **Zoom Account for District:** Susan – District needs to have its own Zoom account. It is possible to have different groups use the same Zoom account. Motion Titia – to have current treasurer and Randy set up Zoom account for December, Diana 2nd – motion carried.
- **Update Speaker List** – Needs updating. Del wants his name off that list. Teri C – volunteered to help with Steven.

5-MINUTE BREAK:

Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

DCM: Michael M Panel 70: He would like to say he did perform as best he could. He attends the Area meetings, be of service as needed and thank you for helping him along these past two years. He is happy to see this many people show up. He is proud to be of service to this group. Welcome to the new representatives.

ALT DCM: Steve H – Michael thank you for your service and for allowing him to go forward as Alt DCM. Looking forward to the next panel.

LCM Hwy 4 Corridor: Steve K – He’s trying to verify everyone that has a GSR at this point. He’s trying to get email addresses. There are 6 meetings that are no longer active. Two meetings just opened up. Doing pretty well in this corridor.

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

LCM San Andreas – West Point: **OPEN**

LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche: **OPEN**

Recording Secretary/Publications: Kathy M – Please submit report prior to District meeting or no later than 1 week after. Also, when giving your report, please identify what group you represent so I can properly insert your report. When making a motion, please identify what the motion is and your name. Also, if you are the 2nd please identify yourself for the Minutes.

Treasurer: Susan R – Telephone bill has two bills and should be investigated at next panel.

October Income	\$ 551.06
Beginning Balance	5,439.05
October Expenses	614.78
Ending Balance Checking	5,375.33
Prudent Reserve	\$ 3,007.10

7TH TRADITION DONATIONS – October 2021

Group Donations	
Jackson Fellowship	60.00
Sutter Creek	150.00
Coffee Break Group	105.00
White Pines Topic Discussion	43.00
Thurs Meditation Group	25.00
Came to Believe	103.19
Tuesday Women’s Book Study	31.87
Total	\$518.06

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

Motion for Treasurer’s Report (February): Motion, 1st Titia/ 2nd Teri C, carried. Motion carried

Finance Chair(s): Susan, Del M, Kathy M – No report. Budget was ratified for 2021-22.

Motion to close meeting before all reports given: 1st

Titia 2nd Randy, Motion carried.

PI/PCP: Del M – Report Not given

Hotline – Steve K – Report Not given

Bridging the Gap Chair: Andrew C – Report not given. Emailed Report - Hello family I've been in contact with the facility in San Andreas and the lakes I've got to call and do some follow up work this week to see if I can do some demonstrations hopefully thanks Andrew c

Directory/Website Chair: Jim B – Report submitted by email but not given - I believe our Web site is currently up to date on the status of all of the meetings in the District. I just received an updated list from Steve K., LCM for the Highway 4 corridor, and the latest updates

were incorporated into a new "Printable" meeting list, dated 11/11/2021, as well as on the regular meeting pages. Please continue to keep me updated on any changes in meeting status, and thanks to everyone for your help in keeping things current--

Archivist: Kathy M: Report not given - The Archive Committee met on November 9, 2021 via Zoom. We discussed the upcoming Unity Day/Archive History Day. We also discussed if we will present some group histories. We discussed the recent history written for the creator of District 30, Butch R, who now lives in Texas to be presented at the event on June 11, 2022. A new historical binder is being worked on highlighting the Founder of District 30 and Past DCM histories for the Archives. We also are reorganizing the archive files that were stored at the Jackson Fellowship. These now have all been moved to the storage unit in Sonora. Thanks to Marc, Alternate Archivist, all the files, artifacts, and display cases, are now at the storage unit. All historical and archive committee files and binders will be transferred to the new archivist in January 2022. An archival video slide show for District 30 will be worked on in the new panel. A word of disappointment is that our speaker, Tom W (Father Tom), has recently contacted us, informing us that he cannot be our keynote speaker for our event on June 11, 2022 due to personal reasons. Unity Day/Archive History Day committees will work on securing a new main speaker. Also, the keys to the safety deposit box and the keys to the storage facility will be passed onto the new archivist.

Alternate Archivist, Marc W: Report not given

Unity Day: Mike C – Report not given

Grapevine Chair: Harry T – Report not given

H&I Liaison Amador County: – Sheila W – Report not given

H&I Liaison Calaveras County: Andrew K - 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: December 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.us

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

District 30 Business Meetings

CNIA District 30 is meeting via Zoom until the end of 2021. 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!)

Addresses for Group Contributions

Be sure to include your group name and six-digit GSO ID number on your check.

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