



# 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. 29 Issue 2 **PLEASE SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER AT YOUR MEETINGS** February 2022

## 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.

### Panel 70 Trusted Servants:

Position	Nominee
Finance Committee / Chair	Dorothy (chair), Diana, Greg
LCM Hwy 4 Corridor	Titia (as part of DCM duties)
LCM North Amador Hwy 49	Andrew C.
LCM San Andreas – West Point	Susan R.
LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88	CeCe
LCM Vly Springs/Ione Comanche	Dorothy
PI/CPC Chair	Harry T.
Hotline Chair	<b>Open. GSRs to ask groups.</b>
Bridging the Gap Chair	<b>Open GSRs to ask groups.</b>
Directory/Website Chair	Carole / Jim
Archivist	Susan R.
Grapevine Rep	Paul C
Publications Chair	Mike C. (with Carole to assist)
Unity Day Chair	Mike C with Carole as alternate

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2 pm.

**District 30 Archives Committee:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday meeting via Zoom - 2 to 4 PM.

## California Northern Interior Area

**Area Committee Meeting:** Monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday meets by Zoom. Normally meets at East Yolo Fellowship, 1040 Soule St, West Sacramento, CA.

## Special Events

**Sacramento Spring Fling** – Feb 4-6, 2022, Doubletree Hilton

**Archive History Day & Unity Day have been merged and are scheduled for** – June 11, 2022.

**Theme: Future of Recovery**

## 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** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **CNIA District 30 Business Meeting**

### Covid19 Information for Amador/Calaveras Meetings:

For meeting information within District 30, go to [cni30.org](http://cni30.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](mailto: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.

**Draft Minutes:** – Titia A -- opened meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Read the GSR Preamble** – Read by Diana

**Read the Declaration of Unity** – Read by Randy

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

- Harry - White Pines.
- Michael – Turning Point Sunday Meeting.
- Patty – Sisters in Sobriety on Tu.
- CeCe - Prospectors group in Martell.
- Tammy - Valley Springs Fellowship.
- Monise - Jackson Fellowship with Maggie as alternate.
- Grace - Murphy's Monday night.
- Greg A - Freedom from Alcohol Friday Night.

**Celebrations or Announcements:** Steve H – 37 years.

**Readings for the Month** – Tradition 1 Read by Teri C – We need to stay whole or AA dies. Concept 1 read by Dylan. Discussed the upside down triangle where the group is the ultimate authority. The highest position in AA is “servant”! Warranty 1 ready by Diana F. Discussed contribution sources and usage of funds. Volunteers for Feb → Carole = Concept 2, Monise = Tradition 2, Susan = Warranty 2

**Consideration of Minutes** – December 11, 2021 Minutes – Grapevine Report should be stated as missing. Closed meeting at 12:08. Need to change Safety Deposit box to add Susan Rudolph. Motion to Accept Minutes – Motion, Susan 1<sup>st</sup>– Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> M, Motion carried

### **Old Business:**

- **Insurance Guidelines – Discussion: GSR/group thoughts on District 30 administration of insurance protocols for groups to use D-30 insurance policy – Susan/Randy** – Susan

reported that Farmer’s insurance has quoted a policy for the District. This policy was purchased in July 2021. Randy had investigated NorCal Alanon insurance process which has a similar model. Randy has created a certificate application form which will work as a “rider” for individual groups. This could be posted on the D30 website. Randy has completed the certificates for St. Matthew’s church location for our regular meetings and American Legion Hall for Unity Day. Titia asked how many GSRs have brought this topic to the group level. About 6-8 people responded. We tabled this item until February meeting to make the final decision on offering insurance riders to group.

10 Minute Break

### **New Business:**

- Panel 72 Planning – Meet in person, remain on Zoom or create a Hybrid meeting. Randy did some research on the St. Matthew’s site survey with cell signal strength. Discussed usage of Sonas wifi hotspot. Cost is \$150-\$200 for device. Ongoing monthly cost is \$15 month + monthly data plan of \$200 per quarter for Zoom video meetings. Asked about using the church’s wifi as an option. Dylan will connect with Father John to discuss using wifi. Discussed that there would be a learning curve on doing a hybrid meeting properly so that the on-premise attendees don’t dominate the meeting. Tabled this discussion to Feb. District meeting will remain on Zoom for Feb.
- Calendar of annual dates – This has been posted to the D30 website. Winter Assembly has been changed to Zoom only. There is a conflict with April District meeting. Discussed changing D30 meeting date to April 2 or April 16. Meeting will be held April 2<sup>nd</sup>, prior to the pre-conference assembly.
- Preliminary Agenda Items – This is the GSO level agenda topics up for consideration. The final list will be published by mid-Jan. See the list on D30 website (GSR page).

- Service Manuals – These were published at the end of 2021. Titia requested funds to purchase 20 copies to be made available to new GSRs in D30. Greg 1<sup>st</sup> and Harry 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned to purchase. Minority Opinion: Only 6 or so GSR's did not receive Service Manuals, Revise motion to change quantity to 10. **Motion passed**. It was noted that the service manual is available on the GSO website in pdf format.
- District 30 meeting information on GSO web site – The District 30 list at GSO site is very outdated. Most of this information is incorrect. Change forms should be submitted back to Titia and these will be updated at GSO level. Our goal is to get the GSO listing correct within a few months.
- Meeting Schedules – Discussed whether to do a print run at this time. There is still a lot of variability in meeting times. It was noted that we have canvassed all the groups in the district to get meeting status updated on the web site. It was suggested to create a more generic handout that would not have the meetings listed, but would refer people to the web site. Tabled this topic to March. Requested that GSRs ask groups about the need to have paper schedules.
- Motion to extend the meeting to 12:15 was passed.
- Trusted Servants – Right of Decision – Anytime a Right of Decision is made without a Group Conscience for punitive actions against a Trusted Servant, the reason must be presented at the next District meeting explaining the decision (Concept III). This topic is related to actions taken in Nov and Dec. It was discussed that there was no intent to punish anyone and people acted in good faith. But they may have acted too quickly prior to the Panel term was up for the affected servants.
- Zoom only GSR representation – There are a couple of meetings that have split from the live meetings. They are requesting to use the District 30 zoom account. This is a similar issue to the insurance situation. Titia is waiting upon

GSO response on how Zoom based meetings are represented at the Area and District level.

#### **Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:**

##### **DCM: Titia A Panel 72:**

Let me just start by saying thank you for the opportunity to be of service to District 30. I am very pleased to be of continued service to AA. I attended the ACM (Area Committee Meeting) planning meeting via Zoom on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There was a fair turnout, about 24 total including the Area 07 outgoing panel. Several outgoing DCM's attended with the new incoming DCM's helping with the Pass-It-On process.

Several items of discussion from the ACM:

The 2022 proposed CNIA (California Northern Interior Area) calendar (please see the Area Accents) was passed with no changes to dates or assemblies at this time. There may be a conflict in September as the ACM is currently scheduled for the same weekend as the Pacific Regional Forum (more will be revealed).

The proposed 2023 calendar of Assemblies was voted on. The Winter Assembly will be hosted by D-57 in Sacramento January 21 & 22, 2023. Pre-Conference will be hosted by D-34 in the Stanislaus area on April 15 & 16, 2023. Post Conference will be hosted by D-15 on May 20 & 21, 2023 in the Butte/Glen/Tehama area and the Elections Assembly for panel 74 will be hosted by D-22 in El Dorado area on November 17-19, 2023. Other items of interest on the calendar include PRAASA (Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) 2023 March 3–5, 2023 in Southern CA, the General Service Conference (GSC) in New York (dates TBD late April/early May) and the regular Area Committee Meetings. All this information will be available in the Area Accents.

The outgoing Delegate Tom A. gave his final report.

Points of Interest:

- Tom did his Pass-It-On meeting with the new Panel 72 Delegate Jenn D., Tom will continue to be of service to Jenn as needed, but his term ends on 12/31/2021. At that point he will become a Past Delegate available as needed.

Tom will serve on the Panel 72 Area Finance Committee as the Past Delegate.

- Spirit of Rotation: This can be very hard, to step away from something you have worked on for the past 2 years. However, it is Tom's experience that your HP always guides you to where you are needed next.
- GSO (General Service Office) will be activating a new web platform in January. The address will still be AA.org, however once activated old links will not work. We will need to update anything that is linked to GSO.
- Grapevine is asking for stories to be submitted on Traveling and AA and also your experience with jails either as a meeting facilitator or an inmate.
- The 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference Preliminary Agenda Items have been received and are available on our D-30 website (CNIA30.org) under Activities/For GSR's. We should have the Final Agenda Items with backup material in mid January.
- Jenn D. incoming Delegate reported that she has received her GSC Committee assignment, and is pleased to say she has been assigned to the Literature Committee.

I was given access to the GSO Fellowship Connections that shows a list of D-30 groups as of November 2021. Unfortunately, the information GSO has is extremely outdated. Of the 58 meetings listed, I could only confirm that 6 had the correct GSR (General Service Representative) listed and I am not sure about the meeting addresses. As January is the month for updating all contact information, we will be working on that. I hope to be able to contact many of you very soon if I have not already done so to complete a Group Change Form for your meeting.

In the interest of safety and unity, PRAASA 2022 March 4-6 has been changed to a Zoom Assembly. It was scheduled to be in-person in Portland, Oregon this year; however, they made the decision to go virtual in early December. The good thing about a virtual PRAASA is that many more of you will have the opportunity to participate. This will be a multi-day assembly which can

be difficult, but it is doable. More information to follow as I become better informed.

As we did not have time for the Area 07 Elections report in December, here is the list of the new Panel:

- Delegate: Jenn D.
- Alternate Delegate: Matthew L.
- Area Chair: Claudio B.
- Alternated Chair: Kendyce M.
- Secretary: Emily L.
- Registrar: Loren A.
- Treasurer: Holly J.

**ALT DCM:** Steve H – No report

**LCM North Amador Hwy 49:** – Fiddletown, River Pines – Andrew. No report

**LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88:** Cecilia S No Report

**LCM San Andreas – West Point:** Susan R – No Report

**LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche:** Dorothy S – No report

**Recording Secretary/Publications:** Mike C – Mentioned to specify that minutes are listed as unapproved on the newsletter.

**Treasurer: Randy S** – Thank you to Susan R. who successfully navigated all the bureaucracy associated with changing of signature authorizations. Despite the storm and power outages we were able to meet for the transfer of keys and records on the 28th. Information needed to smoothly move forward was available. In starting the budget cycle for the next Fiscal Year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023), I will be providing current budget and spending information as well as historical spending data to the Trusted Servants, Committee Chairs and Financial Committee members by the 10<sup>th</sup>. The District 30 Guidelines specify that all requests for budget spending be turned in by the next D30 meeting (Feb. 12th)

<b>Group Contributions:</b>	
Sutter Fellowship	\$50.00
Men's Freedom from Alcohol	\$324.88
Highway 4 Group	\$35.00
Jackson Fellowship	\$60.00
Coffee collection at District Meeting	\$ -
Other Contributions:	\$ -
	\$469.88
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Volcano Answering Service (Nov & Dec)	\$140.00
American Legion Hall Deposit	\$300.00
American Legion Hall Deposit - Kitchen fee	\$100.00
St. Mathews church (Oct/Nov/Dec rent donation)	\$105.00
Att Hotline (Nov & Dec)	\$252.13
Volcano Answering Service (Jan.)	\$70.00
Storage facility	\$190.00
	\$1,157.13
	<b>12/31/2021</b>
Checking Account Balance	\$5,841.56
Savings Account Balance	\$3,007.17
	\$8,848.73
<i>Less Prudent Reserve</i>	\$3,007.17
	\$5,841.56

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

**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Motion, 1<sup>st</sup> Harry / 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan. Motion carried.**

**Finance Chair(s): Greg N, Dorothy S, Diana F, Randy S –**  
No report.

**PI/PCP: Harry T –** No Report

**Hotline – Open –**

**Bridging the Gap Chair: Open –** Andrew to transfer existing materials to Titia or new person

**Directory/Website Chair: Jim B -** There have been several meeting schedule changes since Christmas, so the "Printable PDF" list of meetings has been updated to a version which I believe is up-to-date as of January 6, 2022; the same updates have been made on all the meeting pages. As mentioned previously, we also added, at the request of Titia, our new DCM, a "For GSRs" page, under "Activities", and it also has several updates as of this week (a downloadable PDF calendar of events for District 30 for 2022, and changes in the Winter Assembly arrangements-- both of these are also posted on the "Events" page). Finally, I have been talking with Carole S., who has taken over the job of printing meeting schedules for distribution, about how

we might make use of the database-management system, which I developed for the Web site to keep track of meeting changes, for the printing job as well. As before, please continue to keep me informed of any errors or updates in meeting schedules, so that we can keep the Web-site meeting information accurate.

**Archives Chair: Susan R:** The transition of our archives has been completed. I met with Kathy M. at the Storquest facility earlier this month. Teri C., accompanied me to help out. I attended the last archive committee meeting and shared some of the projects I have in mind for this next year. All of the committee members would like to continue on being a part of the archive committee (with the exception of Kathy and Del). There is much to do in the storage to organize and get ready for our Unity Day / Archive Day. I am excited to get more familiar with the archives.

**Unity Day: Mike C –** Theme is "Future of Recovery". Date is June 11, 2022 from 12:30-7:00. Location is American Legion Hall, Martell. Committee is still being formed. Looking for speakers.

**Grapevine Chair: Paul C –** No report

**H&I Liaison Amador County: – Sheila W –** Amador County Jail continues to not allow us to resume meetings. No meetings are being brought into the jail. Mule Creek Prison continues needing volunteers to go into the prison. If anyone is interested, please contact Mike Kelly, AA Coordinator ([kelleymike@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelleymike@sbcglobal.net) (916) 969-6576). AA resumed bringing meetings into the prison last July. AA does meetings on a week by week basis depending on prison assessment. So far only one meeting I am scheduled for has been canceled.

**H&I Liaison Calaveras County: Open**

**Gold Country Round Up – TBD**

**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 12:16

**Next Meeting: February 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

**GSR Reports via Email:**

- **11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Meeting Murphy's – Brian M –** Absent
- **49er Group – Paul C – Friday night – 7:00 p.m.**
- **Copper Group -- Diana F –** Our last business meeting was December 15th. I reported on the

Dec. 11th District meeting, Our treasurer will maintain her position while absent 3 months to go to school with money being delivered to her by a member so she can do her job. She will give a financial report before her last meeting with us in person which is Jan 19th. We now have a person to work the zoom and the group voted to purchase the blue tooth for the group as we were using a privately owned one. Ines will take over as secretary for Tim in January. Our group will not be reading the new preamble. Group decided to have GSR write a letter to GSO regarding opposition to the preamble, the changes to the 12x12 and the September 2021 changes to the piece for safety in AA. The letter was presented to the group December 29th and to our incoming DCM for any needed corrections and final approval before it is sent. Per our policy we gave a Big Book to someone attending his first meeting as he did not have one. Caroline is willing to be on the speaker list for Steve. Her number is 925-212-9184 Can be reached at [carolinejyu@yahoo.com](mailto:carolinejyu@yahoo.com). The group voted, after 3 weeks of discussion, to meet 30 minutes earlier. The D30 web site has been updated.

- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas** – Dylan – Attendance has been down this month about 4-6 per meeting. Financially the group is ok and has no questions or concerns for district at this time.
- **Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – Absent
- **Ione Group** – Dorothy – No report
- **Jackson** – Monise – Group voted to discontinue the jacksonaa.org web site. Finances are good.
- **Mokulumne Hill** - Mike C – 2-4 people, need support.
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch – Amanda** – Absent
- **Murphys Tuesday Night Book Study – Patty Z** – We have gotten a steady group of women showing up. We have service positions filled. Secretary, treasury and set up person, myself GSR and an alternate GSR. We had a treasury report and our rent has been paid for 3 months

- **Murphys Brown Baggers – (New) Teri C.** – We are doing well. Meeting attendance varies weekly but we are slowly getting back to pre covid stats on a pretty regular basis. We voted on the insurance issue and our meeting voted yes to have the district provide insurance to the meetings that need them. We are using the previous AA preamble at our meeting by group conscience. I will present the GSR expense projection to our meeting next week. I do plan to attend all of the events this year.
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting – Grace** - No report
- **Pine Grove Fellowship – Andrew C, Tasha (Alt)** – Our group is doing pretty well welcome the new secretary's Robert Josh and thank you for service to all the other secretary's Angela Dave Matt Brian bring the message of recovery. We have two new meetings - Joe and Charlie book study on Thursday at 700pm and a 12x12 on Saturday. Our business meeting is the 3rd Wednesday after the regular meeting. I'm planning to attend area Assembly.
- **Prospectors Group – Cecilia S.** – Our group is doing well. Donations were down due to pandemic. We managed to keep doors open even with only 4 – 5 members in attendance. Our last meeting was the biggest since the pandemic with approximately 20 people in attendance. Our group is very interested in utilizing the option of the District insurance. I will be asking the group to have monthly business meetings again starting next month.
- **Railroad Flat - Speaker/Discussion Meeting,**
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship, Monday at 7:00 p.m.** – Greg N – We meet in person every Monday evening. Attendance is about 10 members and we do have a couple of newcomers too! The coffee is hot, the rooms are warm and the birthday cake is fresh on Birthday nights.
- **Sisters In Sobriety – Open** -
- **Sutter Creek Friday Night Men's Group – Brian G** – Absent
- **There is a Solution Group, Murphy's – Saturday 9:00 am. Carole S** – Our Saturday



morning meeting continues strong with average attendance 15-20. Titia A. completed her 2-year service commitment as our Group Treasurer and Chaz has stepped up to fill the position. Thank you for your service Titia and Chaz!

- **Turning Point Recovery Facility Meeting** – Michael M – Group is fast growing
- **Valley Springs – Tom and Jeff:** Absent
- **Valley Springs, Coffee Break Meeting, Wednesday am Group** – Mike C – Group is doing OK.
- **White Pines Topic Discussion Group – Harry** - The live meeting meets each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at Villela Hall in Arnold. Attendance: 18-25 men and women. Two co-secretaries: Steve K and Dan S. Treasurer: Dr. Vic. The Outgoing secretary Mike R completed his service last night. This meeting is both live and virtual.
- **White Pines I'm With You Guys Group** – Randy S – Meeting Currently being held via Zoom. Liz M. is the Secretary for the meeting and continues to invite excellent chairpersons. Recently Laurese M. (former D30 DCM) chaired our meeting. Jason R. is the Treasurer for the meeting so all needed positions for the meeting are currently full. Attendance regularly 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. A Business Meeting was held to discuss the Pro's and Con's of the District offering Liability Insurance for venues requesting as part of the services provided by District 30. After a good 20-minute Q and A session and discussion of stated Pro's and Con's a vote was taken. Of the 8 members of AA (no Turning Point residents could vote), the vote was unanimous to offer this service.
- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels, 1141 S. Main Street, Angels Camp** – Chrys M: Absent

**Yours in Service, Mike C., Recording Secretary 209-969-1518**

### **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!)

### **Addresses for Group Contributions**

#### **District 30 ([cni30.org](http://cni30.org))**

P O Box 43 - Murphys, CA 95247

#### **California Northern Interior Area ([cni.org](http://cni.org))**

PO Box 161712  
Sacramento, CA 95816

#### **General Service Office ([aa.org](http://aa.org)),**

212-870-3400  
PO Box 459  
New York, NY 10163

#### **Central California Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, [aasacramento.org](http://aasacramento.org)**

916-454-1100  
9960 Business Park Dr., #110  
Sacramento, CA 95827

#### **Delta Central Office ([www.aadelta.org](http://www.aadelta.org))**

1525 N. Eldorado St., Suite #3  
Stockton, CA 95204

#### **Oficina Latina Central**

600 4th Street  
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#### **Oficina Intergrupual del Valle Central**

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#### **Northern California H&I Committee**

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