



# 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.

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April 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.

NOTE – D30 will meet April 2, due to pre-conference assembly. We will meet in person!

### 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.

**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

**Pre Conference Assembly – April 9-10, 2022,** Gold Country Fairgrounds & Event Center 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA 95603 – Sierra Building

**Unity and Archives Day – June 11, 2022. 12:30-7:00 Theme: Future of Recovery,** American Legion Hall in Martell

### 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contribution Request

District 30 has recognized a budget shortfall for 2022. The services provided by the District have risen significantly while contributions have decreased (expenses are expected to be \$15000, while donations will be \$7200). The District will be taking action to see where spending can be adjusted without sacrificing the function and purpose of the District. We request meetings and groups increase their donations to District. The AA pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Meet”, available at AA. Org, suggests a distribution, after prudent reserve, of:

- 40% to District 30
- 30% to California Northern Interior Area 07
- 30% to G.S.O. in New York

Each meeting decides by group conscience whether to follow these suggestions or allocate contributions differently as well as the amount of their Prudent Reserve. In addition, we ask members to increase their contribution accounting for inflation (\$ 2.00 a meeting after 10 years of sobriety would be \$ 4.00 a meeting adjusted for inflation), and please pass the H&I can separately from 7th Tradition collection.

## 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 10:10 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

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

**Read the Declaration of Unity** – Read by Michael M  
**Introduction of New GSRs or Visitors here for the first time:**

- Susan R – Tuesday Women’s Book Study
- Danny J – Plymouth Group
- Brian S – Pine Grove
- Amanda C. – Mountain Ranch

**Celebrations or Announcements:** None

**Readings for the Month** – Teri read Tradition 3 and commented on article from Language of the Heart by Bill W. Randy S. read Concept 3. Discussed the type of organization that makes up AA world service. AA has adopted a level of trust to its servants as a right of decision. Susan R read Warranty 3 – discussed authority within AA and ultimate authority.

Volunteers for March → Concept 4 = Diana F , Tradition 4 = Dylan, Warranty 4 = Susan R

**Consideration of Minutes** – Jan 8, 2022 Minutes – Motion: Randy S 1<sup>st</sup>– Susan R. 2<sup>nd</sup> , Motion carried

### Old Business:

- **Panel 72 Planning** – April 2 will meet in person @ St. Matthews. Will also run hybrid zoom
- **Meeting Schedule** – Tabled to April
- **Conference Agenda Items** - 2.5 hour workshop.
- **PRAASA** – March 4-6. 1180 people registered. 800 attendees.

### New Business:

- District Guidelines – Jim has made a couple of changes related to mileage reimbursement and

archivist changes. Changes should be approved by publication committee. This process was not followed related the archivist position, but the change was voted on at the District level. It was suggested that the Publication committee review the current guidelines to see if it is still accurate. Dylan, Teri, Jim, Susan and Carole volunteered to help. Randy motioned that we review District 30 guidelines and update. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

- Finance Committee – Randy reported. We currently project a shortfall for 2022 \$4700. Our current spending plan is about \$11000 for the FY 22 year. FY YTD = \$5200 + \$6500 anticipated expenses. Prudent reserve is \$3000. We discussed ways to reduce expenses – such as archival storage, hotline costs, reducing printing costs. We will also discussed raising awareness with the groups to donate more to District.
- Newsletter – Decided to keep the trusted servants with email contact on the newsletter. Note – this is not included on the web site.
- Delta Intergroup – Contact info and meeting schedules. Ask PI/CPC (Harry) to look into this in more detail
- Gold Country Round Up Inventory – Jackson fellowship cannot store materials due to rent increase. Dorothy and Mike to go through inventory by April 2.

### Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

**DCM: Titia A Panel 72:** It has been a very busy in District 30 since my last report. I attended the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) via Zoom on February 19th, 2022. Several items of discussion from the February ACM:

- Pre-Conference Assembly needs as many to preregister as possible. As this is the 1st live Assembly in two years, they need to know approximate numbers for set-up and food.
- Bridging The Gap (BTG) has a new Chair, he is willing to help any new District BTG Chairs get set-up and started with Area.
- NCCAA is in San Jose this weekend March 11 – 13. They are asking for participation in the quarterly NCCAA Workshops as their numbers have decreased greatly. Jenn also discussed what the Agenda Topic

statements indicate. REVIEW: They will review the information. DISCUSS: Delegates will brainstorm the idea. CONSIDER: Evaluate and possibly act on the topic. Jenn reiterated that while at the mic at Pre-Conference, please note WHY your group decided what they did.

February 21st, Susan R. and I meet and went over to the StorQuest facility to look at the Archives inventory and discuss Susan (and the Archive committee's) plan for getting the files organized and put away. We also looked

at some of the other items that are stored in the locker. On February 26th I dropped off the documentation required to change the named DCM and met the office clerk. If additional information is required, he will contact Susan or myself. February 27th, I met via Zoom with our Area Registrar Loren. We came up with a plan of action for updating the Fellowship Connect information for our District. We will basically be starting from just above scratch. Loren requested that ALL changes come through me to him. As the Area Registrar Loren has the ability to make "In Time" updates to the Fellowship Connect, but he will only make those changes if he knows a DCM has verified the information. Also on February 27th District 30 hosted an Agenda Topics Workshop with our Delegate Jenn D. and several Past Delegates. We held this workshop in conjunction with District 33, District 22 and District 40 we had approximately 48 in attendance. Susan R. was the Zoom host and worked with the Area E-services Chair Jessica for a very smooth workshop. I also attended the online PRAASA Zoom on March 4th, 5th and 6th. The first panel Saturday morning Panel 3 – Sharing Our Message Through Our Literature started with our Delegate Jenn D. speaking on whether the chapter "The Doctor's Opinion" should be moved to page 1 of our basic text. One of the things I love the most about PRAASA is that you always get to hear others opinions of what the change would mean to their group or selves. Sometimes someone has a really great point that I did not think of. This happened with the second speaker at the same panel, Chris H. from Area 69 when he spoke on the request to revise the text in the book Living Sober in 'Getting Plenty of Rest'. Chris brought me to tears on how opinions not facts from the Big Book can kill someone. In opposition at the mic afterwards was a woman who represented the group that had made the request to GSO. I listened to the

"WHY" of it and then thought about opinions. You know what they say about those. I love that each and every group has the ability to research, discuss and then vote on how they feel the Agenda Topic Items. We are so very blessed to be part of an organization that listens to ALL.

**ALT DCM:** Steve H – No report.

**LCM North Amador Hwy 49:** – Andrew - River Pines meeting is in need of a GSR. Frieta is the new secretary on Monday night at 700pm. Danny is the new GSR in Plymouth on Tuesday at 700pm

**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** – Ione is going well. Working on connecting with Valley Springs.

**Recording Secretary/Publications: Mike C** – No update.  
**Treasurer: Randy S** –

	March	2022
	(1 February-28 February 2022)	
<b>Group Contributions:</b>		
Arnold-We Are All Back Together		\$ 128.00
Jackson Fellowship		\$ 60.00
Murphys-Came To Believe		\$ 16.00
Murphys-Monday Topic Discussion		\$ 163.24
Railroad Flat Discussion		\$ 105.75
West Point AA		\$ 100.00
	Total Inflow	\$ 572.99
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Archivist-safe deposit box-1 year		\$ 75.00
DCM-General Service Information		\$ 9.57
DCM-Literature		\$ 52.90
DCM-Supplies		\$ 21.31
DCM-PRAASA		\$ 15.00
District Storage		\$ 190.00
Rent		\$ 105.00
Hotline- Telephone		\$ 129.03
Hotline-Volcano Answering Service		\$ 70.00
Treasurer-Quicken Software 1 year Subscription		\$ 36.67
	Total Outflow	\$ 545.70
	As of:	2/28/2022
Checking Account Balance		\$ 5,265.48
Savings Account Balance (Prudent Reserve)		\$ 3,007.40
	Total	\$ 8,272.88

Continued work on reconciling previous reported balances with El Dorado statements and Quicken Balances. Completed input of data to Finance Committee for development of FY2022/2023 Budget. Encourage all GSR's to encourage their meeting Treasurers to make regular contributions. Preliminary District financial outlook indicates significant shortfall in income versus spending. During the month, four Insurance Certificates were issued covering venues hosting eleven meetings in addition to certificates for St. Marks and the American Legion Hall.  
**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Motion, 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.**

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

**PI/PCP: Harry T** – We continued contacting the Hwy 4 corridor live meetings. Each one was given the Card stock January 6th meeting guide. We also have received a new volunteer for Calaveras County to help with healthcare open houses should they reopen in the fall. I have contacted the Area 7 Chairman and will be working with her. She is also new, so we are planning on building our teams based on each other's needs. I will be contacting Amador County looking for volunteers for help. Our first two attempts haven't been successful. I am also going to contact the Probation Department in San Andreas.

**Hotline – Open –**

**Bridging the Gap Chair: Arrah M** – Received literature from last Bridging The Gap representative and met in person to receive tips and guidance. Met with Nicole at Turning Point to discuss timing of visits. Arranged an every 3 week schedule to begin the week of March 20th. Titia will share new contact with Area rep for BTG.

**Directory/Website Chair: Jim B / Carole S** - All of the meeting and events information on our Web site is up to date. Please continue to keep me informed of any omissions or errors on the site, so that the information we provide is as accurate as possible. Thanks to everyone for your help with this.

**Archives Chair: Susan R:** The committee discussed our archives display for Unity Day. I went with Titia to the archives. She was able to look in our storage locker and used her key and passcode successfully. We will be meeting at the archives April 8th. The finance committee has asked me to do some research on lower cost options for storage of our archives. There will be discussion on returning some of the collections we have.

**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.

**Grapevine Chair: Paul C** –

**H&I Liaison Amador County: – Open –**

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

**Gold Country Round Up – Teri C / Dorothy S.**

**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 12:10

**Next Meeting: April 2, 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.**  
I must say I always advertise this meeting as the hottest and oldest meeting in Calaveras County, and once again the crew running this meeting has done an exceptional Job. 27 people were in attendance last night with a chair from Valley Springs that was over the top!!.
- **Copper Group -- Diana F** – Continue zoom and room with about even numbers in each venue for the most part. Have given those who would call this their home group a copy of the final topics, at next Wed. business meeting hope some will have selected 3 or so to talk about. So far little enthusiasm but will keep at it. Attended PRASSA, amazing experience vs in person years ago. Prefer in person but committee did an awesome job and will use what I learned there to help with informing the group about topics.
- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas** – Dylan – Attendance since last month is averaging 6-8 people per meeting. A couple newcomers have shown up. Made announcements the last 3 weeks for concerns or comments on the pre conference agenda topics and no comments or questions were asked, had the outline and if anyone had questions or comments on a certain topic I would be able to give background information on the topic. No concerns or questions at this time.
- **Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – Absent
- **Ione Group** – Dorothy – The group is doing ok - we have 8 to 12 attendees each Tuesday. Treasury is solid - we have a prudent reserve of 4 months expenses. Hope to send out contributions to District, NCIA, and Central Office soon; probably after the March business meeting.
- **Jackson** – OPEN –

- **Men's Freedom From Alcohol Group – Greg A -**  
We meet IRL (in real life), and have strong fellowship. We are currently reviewing the Conference Agenda Topics.
- **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 – (Susan reported)** We have taken a group conscious regarding insurance. Our vote is yes in favor to have insurance if we need it. And We thank the district for being responsible. Currently our group is studying the 12 Traditions.
- **Murphys Brown Baggers – Teri C. –** Our group is functioning at full capacity again and attendance is good. We have very few people who consider this their home group so votes are very small. I am circulating the questions for the 2023 assembly and will report when they have been seen by all and commented on. Most people at this meeting are less than excited to hear of district business
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting – Grace -**  
Our group is growing steadily. I circulated the upcoming agenda items list for our home group members to consider. Tabulating results for a short business meeting on 3/14.
- **Pine Grove Fellowship – Brian S –** Our group is doing well we average 8 to 20 people per meeting. Thanks to our new secretaries - Ken Brian Josh Genessa we are doing well financially
- **Prospectors Group – Cecilia S. –** The group is doing well, we are continuing to have 15 – 20 attendees present. We had our first business meeting. I gave a report on the Winter Assembly. We looked over the Preliminary Agenda Topics and discussed a few of the items on the list. Group is excited about the final Agenda Items and backup when available. We discussed the budget for the GSR assembly travel and the money budgeted. Will see if the group is willing to pay the \$15 for PRASA this year. The group also decided we go ahead and renew our insurance since our policy that was expiring this month.
- **Railroad Flat - Speaker/Discussion Meeting,**
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship, Monday at 7:00 p.m. – Greg N –** Sierra Foothills Fellowship is doing good. We have increased our numbers over the last few weeks and the recovery is great and the coffee is hot!
- **Sisters In Sobriety – Open -**
- **Sutter Creek Friday Night Men's Group – Brian G – Absent**
- **There is a Solution Group, Murphy's – Saturday 10:00 am. Carole S –** Meets every Saturday morning at 10:00am in Murphys at the Lion's Club Hut. . Our group held a quick business meeting to discuss proposed agenda topics, and selected three to take a group conscience on. I will be attending the Pre-Conference Assembly in April to carry our group's message to our Delegate to New York.
- **Turning Point Recovery Facility Meeting – Michael M –** No report
- **Valley Springs – Tom and Jeff: Absent**
- **Valley Springs, Coffee Break Meeting, Wednesday am Group – Mike C –** No report.
- **Villella Hall Topic Discussion Group – Harry –**  
Our attendance is continuing to grow running between 18-20 attendees per week. We have co- secretaries Steve K. and Dan H. The Treasurer is Al V. Our new coffee maker is Blake. All of these men are doing an excellent job. The chairperson's have selected topics that pique the interest of our listeners offering good interaction. I also delivered the CNIA 30 Insurance Certificate to Dan De NeVeue the Chapel in the Pines Contact where we hold our weekly meeting.
- **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. Jason R. is the Treasurer for the meeting so all needed positions for the meeting are currently full. Liz's term as Secretary ends at the end of March and we will be selecting a new Secretary

on the 22nd. As well, we will revisit taking the meeting back to a live state at Independence Hall in White Pines

- **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  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 372-0343

#### **Oficina Intergrupual del Valle Central**

3744 Atchison Street Ste E  
Riverbank, CA 95367  
(209) 869-1693

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

PO Box 192490  
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