

SCVAFG Intergroup revised NEWSLETTER



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INTERGROUP SPECIAL EVENT

*Living the Principles,
Receiving the Gifts*

Saturday, October 7, 2006

Christ the Good Shepard Church,
1550 Meridian (near Hamilton),
San Jose, CA
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm



Featuring
Andrea B.
Dublin, CA

This special event includes:

Speaker Panel - Al-Anon, AA &
Alateen members

Breakout meetings

Old timers' Appreciation dinner -

Al-Anons with 30+ years
will share their experience, strength
and hope as we dine!

and it's an... Italian Feast!

Pot Luck - Please bring antipasti or
main dishes or a dessert to share

Awesome Donation Drawing – Gift
Baskets Galore! and Grand Prize -
Beautiful Hand Quilted Table
Runners!

Registration at 1:30 (\$10), or Pre-
register (\$8) Now! Mail Pre-
Registration to: Erin H.
-----(408) 781-9451-----
C/O SCV AFG Intergroup
1 West Campbell Ave.
Campbell, CA 95008

*Make check payable to SCV
AFG

DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!

Gift Baskets needed from meetings!
Financial donations towards dinner
are still being accepted – and are still
needed! Please see your Intergroup
rep, or call Anita at 408.313.9680.

OCTOBER IG MEETING

We'll hear from Peggy about the
Intergroup Insurance processes—
don't miss this opportunity!

Report from UNITY DAY

*Al-Anon Participates for the first
time in 23rd Annual AA Unity Day*

Unity Day just completed its 23rd
annual celebration at the Milpitas
Community Center. This AA event
brings together the service functions
that support AA activities in Santa
Clara County, including their Central
Office, Intergroup, Districts,
Hospitals and Institutions, Archives,
Bridging the Gap, Public
Information/Cooperating with the
Professional Community and Young
People's AA.

This year, the Unity Day chair
invited Al-Anon to participate and
we accepted his invitation. Al-Anon
provided a booth providing free
literature in the main room. **Staffed
by volunteers from Al-Anon
Intergroup**, we saw activity
throughout the day and answered
many questions from the
participants, mostly AA members
who wanted information for their
families or themselves.

Al-Anon had its own workshop in
the morning, chaired by IG Chair,
Mark B. District Representatives,
Annette from D-20 and Jennifer from
D-21 assisted on the topic: "How can
the Al-Anon Intergroup and the three
districts cooperate to increase
member participation?" This topic
was in line with the AA's idea of
allowing their service arms to
describe their participation in
reaching out to alcoholics. Mark
collected many ideas and presented
them at the Service Board meeting
on August 29th.

A full day, Unity Day opened at 8:00
AM and closed at 8:00 PM. This
event was free to all participants. The
committee provided free coffee,
breakfast rolls, lunch and dinner.
Each service arm, including Al-Anon
Intergroup and the three Al-Anon
districts, provided the committee
with a portion of the funds required.
Four dynamic speakers included Jim
Estelle, a former AA Non-Alcoholic
Trustee of the AA General Service
Office, and current General Service
Office delegate, Francesco. The other
two speakers celebrated their
recovery and told us how serving the
fellowship helps their recovery.
There were also eight workshops,
chaired by each of the service arms
and a panel.

More than 430 individuals registered.
I believe there were **between thirty
and forty Al-Anon members
present**. It was a pleasure to be the
first Al-Anon chair. I am looking
forward to seeing Al-Anon
Intergroup participate again next year
on Sunday, August 26, 2007.

Sincerely, Art B.

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List Server for Public Use!

We are delighted to announce the launch of a public, announcement-only, unmoderated list server for Al-Anon. Anyone in Al-Anon with internet access is welcome to sign up and receive announcements from Intergroup. Coordinators will send out announcements; you will not be able to reply. Stay tuned for fliers with more details.

COORDINATOR NEWS

Alateen

NoCAC scholarships needed!!

The cost for a teen to attend NoCAC is \$153. Please see what your group can do to partially sponsor a teen. NoCAC shouldn't be missed by any teen that has been affected by the disease of alcoholism! Please contact Jay @ 408-296-2474 to contribute.

Upcoming Events

NoCAC Halloween Battle of the Bands!

Sept 30, 4pm to 10 pm
St. Phillips Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona Drive, Dublin.

NoCAC "Surfing to Sanity"

November 10, 11, 12

San Jose Holiday Inn (formerly the Hyatt), 1740 North First Street, San Jose.

Meetings, slideshows, talent show, fancy dress banquet

Sponsors Needed

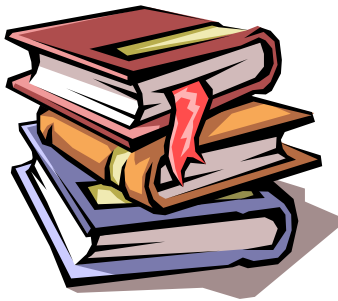
We are Looking for 2 sponsors for Sunday nights in Los Altos, and several for the Friday Younger Alateen Meeting (7-12) at

Willowvale Church on Curtner and Meridian.

Please contact Jay R., Alateen Coordinator & Safety Adm. 408-296-2474 for paperwork.

Intergroup Bookstore

Located at the Campbell Community Center, the SCVAFG Bookstore has your literature needs taken care of!



Current store hours:

Mon.	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Tues	4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Wed.	9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Thurs.	12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Sat.	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Note: Office is closed on holidays.

The Bookstore/Intergroup Office is located at the Campbell Community Center. Prices have increased; please know that this is our **first increase in five years!**

Before making a trip to the bookstore, please call to verify that it is open.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanks to Intergroup putting the word out, we have TEN new booksellers! Still need help for Tuesday and Saturday! Call the bookstore and leave a message for Erin E. to volunteer.

DISTRICT NEWS

TWO NEW MEETINGS

Women's Meeting, "Women's Healing" (with Adult Child focus) Saturday, 10:30 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta Ave in San Jose. Behind the church and upstairs (District 21).

Beginner's Meeting

Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9 pm (the whole meeting is a beginner's meeting!). 655 Magdalena in Los Altos (District 20).

Heard at Unity Day

Al-Anons worked side by side with AA's to register attendees at Unity Day in Milpitas. Your faithful Al-Anon reporters in service were there and gathered a few gems:

(From the AA Delegate) Here in the Valley we have over 1900 meetings, but in Wyoming, for example, they only have 70. In Alaska, delegates meet by teleconference, and a large percentage of their budget goes to phone bills! In parts of Canada, 12-stoppers carry the message from May to September, because weather prevents them from moving by land, air or sea the rest of the year!

Advised by AA delegates, but apply to Al-Anon as well:

Contribute dollars to your meeting when at all possible—it's not about money, it's about taking responsibility for recovery. Turn to prisons and institutions to offer service if you can. Yours may be the only message of hope they can get. If you can't, at least send H&I your dollars so they can provide pamphlets and books.