

The Point

"The point is, that we are willing to grow along spiritual lines"

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Central Office Prepares to Move

New Office Hours go in effect October 1, 2001;
Office relocation is scheduled for November



1821 Sacramento is the ground floor property, above, with the awning across the sidewalk.

The Intercounty Fellowship Board's New Lease Committee reports that architectural work on the new Central Office facility is proceeding, and a move-in date sometime in November is anticipated.

The photograph above is taken from Sacramento Street, just west of Van Ness Avenue. The new office is a storefront location, with high ceilings, glass walls, and two large windows looking out to the street, creating a spacious and open atmosphere. Several free parking spaces, along the west side of the building, are included in our 10 year lease - which is only \$20 per month more than our existing office at Van Ness and

Market (an increase of about one half of 1%

- truly a miracle!)

In other Intergroup news, Tim H., SF Teleservice Chair, and Marcia G., Teleservice Information Coordinator, report that a new 6am-10am Teleservice shift is now staffed with volunteers. The new shift will go into effect Monday, October 1, and new Central Office hours of operation (including the bookstore) will change accordingly:

Monday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Tue-Fri: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Please help pass the word along at your meetings - and thank Marcia and Tim for all their hard work and dedication!

50 cents

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	FIRST WED 3 * (IFB): Intercounty Fellowship Board: 1187 Franklin, SF 7:00 pm * Spirit of SF Committee 1329 Irving/7th (church) 7 pm	4	5	6
7 * First Place Alcothon (see Flyers, p.13)	SECOND MON 8 * SF Public Information Committee: 25 Oak #150 SF; 7 pm	SECOND TUE 9 * Bridging the Gap: 1101 O'Farrell , SF; 6:30pm * General Service: 1101 O'Farrell, SF Orientation: 7:00p Reg. Meeting: 7:45p * Marin H&I: Lagunitas & Shady Lane, Ross 7 pm	10	SECOND THU 11 * Marin Bridging the Gap 1360 Lincoln, (Alano Club) San Rafael, 6 pm	12	13
14	THIRD MON 15 * SF Teleservice 25 Oak #150, SF; 6:30pm General Service * Marin General Service 9 Ross Valley Rd. San Rafael 7:00pm GSR Sharing	THIRD TUE 16 * San Mateo General Service: St. Andrews Ch. 15th & El Camino, San Mateo; 7:30p	17	18	19	20
21	22	FOURTH TUE 23 * Marin Teleservice 1360 Lincoln (Alano Club), San Rafael: 7:30p	24	FOURTH THU 25 * Marin PI: 1360 Lincoln, (Alano Club) San Rafael, 7:15pm LAST THU * SF H&I 25 Oak #150, SF Orientation: 7:15p Regular Meeting: 8pm	26	FOURTH SAT 27 * General Service: CNCA Bus. Mtg: 320 N. McDowell Petaluma; DCMCs: 10:30am Main Meeting: 12n
LAST SUN 28 * Living Sober 1668 Bush, SF; 5:30p * 2900 Steering Committee: 2900 24th St., SF 12:15 pm	29	LAST TUE 30 * SF General Service (DCM Mtg): 7pm 25 Oak St., SF	31	OCTOBER 2001 ... In the Fellowship <i>Secretaries: Please make these announcements to your groups</i>		

This calendar lists local AA service and conference planning *meetings*, as well as any local AA related *events* of which the Central Office has been notified. Please call Mark at the Central Office (621-1326) by the 15th of the previous month if you would like your event listed.

COMING EVENTS

2001

Call 415-621-1326 or visit the Central Office for copies of any flyers of interest to you or your group.
Local events are shaded; flyers of current local events, if available, are printed on page 13.

Oct 29—Nov 5	40th Annual Hawaii Convention - Waikiki Convention Center, Honolulu
Nov 2—4	17th Annual Santa Barbara Convention—Goleta, CA
Nov 3	SAN FRANCISCO UNITY DAY - 1101 O'Farrell (Urban Life Center) 11:00am - 4:00pm
Nov 9—11	15th Annual Gold Country Roundup—Pokerville (Plymouth), CA (rescheduled from Sept. 6, Pre-registration still valid)
Nov 16—18	Yosemite Summit Conference 2001 - Curry Village, Yosemite National Park
Nov 22 - 25	35th Annual Las Vegas Roundup - Las Vegas, NV
Nov 22 - 25	Big Apple Roundup (presented by gay & lesbian members) —New York, NY (website: www.bigappleroundup.org)
Nov 23 - 24	Pockets of Enthusiasm Conference - San Antonio TX (email: csosa@stic.net)
Dec 8 - 9	Special Hispanic Regional Forum - Austin TX
Dec 28—Jan 1	WACYPAA V (Western Area Conference of Young People in AA) — Denver, CO (website: www.wacypaa.org)
Jan 11-13,2002	13th Annual Yakima Valley Roundup—Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, WA
Jan 18-20,2002	12th Annual River Round Up - Laughlin NV (forms online at www.citlink.net/~rccoaa)
Feb 14-17,2002	38th Annual International AA Women's Conference—Denver, CO
Apr 12-14,2002	14th Annual Big Island Bash - Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (email: kengold@aloha.net)



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Letters to *The Point*

Safety in the Storm

On Tuesday, after the attack on the World Trade Center, broadcasters on television urged people to, "go home and be with your families." My natal family lives in New York; so instead, I went to a noon meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous to be with my AA family.

I have gone to a meeting every day this week and I really believe that, once again, AA has saved my life. At this time especially, I needed a safe place to be with other people and share a spirit of community. I am so grateful to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, and to the people in the rooms, who showed me that I could "feel my feelings" and not have to drink over them. I am also grateful to the spiritual program of Alcoholics Anonymous for showing me the path of tolerance, forgiveness and service.

Thank you AA of San Francisco.

In gratitude.

Carole P.,
San Francisco
(received via email)

More on the Lord's Prayer

The Central Office has received several letters in response to Steve C.'s letter on the Lord's Prayer (July 2001). We will continue to print these, as space allows.

As with any use of human language, perspective makes a big difference in how it is understood. Though the "Our Father" comes from the Christian religious tradition, it can be used in an "inclusive" manner, namely, the group using it intends to include every one and everything in its purview, whether or not they are "Christian". The Lord's Prayer can also be used in an "exclusive" way to exclude those people who are not considered part of the group using the prayer. Even among Christian denominations and sects, some groups use it to exclude other types of Christians as well as believers in God from other religious traditions or atheists.

Clearly the perspective of Alcoholics Anonymous in using

the Lord's Prayer is inclusive. Even though it is evident to many who study the history of Christian theology that many of the principles and values which are used in the Big Book come from Christianity, they also recognize that its invitation to the alcoholic to rely on a higher power and to believe in that power is not an invitation to get baptized and become Christian. The truly revolutionary theological concept behind the Big Book is to ask all to believe in a higher power which is inclusive whatever religious tradition or lack of one from which they come. This basic theological concept is the foundation of AA faith. And if in the AA tradition the "Our Father" has been adopted as one of its prayers, it is done so with the understanding that it be inclusive when it is used.

I use the Lord's Prayer in an inclusive manner whether at an AA meeting or when I am worshipping in a Christian church. I realize it is incumbent on me to help others understand the inclusive nature of believing in a higher power. One of the most simple ways to do this is that when praying the "Our Father" I always say "hallowed by thy names" as a way of recognizing the many ways the higher power is addressed. From AA I have learned to believe that even though there is a plurality of ways of connecting with a higher power, the higher power is inclusive and accepts everyone and everything as they are. Out of diversity there can come a unity as in the United States: "E pluribus unum".

The Christian church where I worship has made a concerted attempt to be inclusive in its use of language in the Bible and prayer by using non-gender specific words in its prayers or hymns to show an inclusive use of our understanding of God. So now we pray "Our Creator" and address God as "Creator", not "Father", to avoid sexist use of language. My hope is that eventually AA will use inclusive language in new editions of the Big Book and official literature.

Michael M.
Fairfax, CA

The Point welcomes letters from members of the AA Fellowship, as well as responses to letters and articles that appear in this newsletter. E-mail us at

aa@aa-san-francisco.org

or call 415-621-1326. The deadline for submission is the 10th of the month prior to publication. Submissions may be edited with the writer's permission.

Focus on the Traditions



TRADITION TEN No Opinion on Outside Issues

Tradition Ten.” [Short Form]: “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy

Tradition Ten (Long Form): “No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.”

We are warned not to take sides in any fight. Should A.A., as a whole, enter public controversy our Society would perish. We have seen that the moment we lent the A.A. name to any outside enterprise we got into trouble.

The protection of the A.A. name is of such importance to us that we once thought of incorporating it everywhere throughout the world, thereby availing ourselves of legal means to stop any misuse. We even thought of asking Congress to grant us the unusual favor of a Congressional incorporation. We felt that the existence of these legal remedies might prove to be a great deterrent.

After several years of deliberation we decided against such a course. Those early members believed that the power to sue would be a dangerous thing for us to possess. It was recognized that a public lawsuit is a public controversy, something in which our Tradition says we may not engage. To make our legal position secure, it would have been

necessary to incorporate our whole Fellowship, and no one wished to see our spiritual way of life incorporated. It seemed certain that we could confidently trust A.A. opinion, public opinion, and God Himself to take care of Alcoholics Anonymous in this respect.

If A.A. were to be attacked at the public level, we decided that the best possible attitude in such a circumstance would be that of almost complete nonresistance – certainly no anger and certainly no attack. We have no doctrine that has to be maintained, we have no membership that has to be enlarged. We have no authority that has to be supported. We have no prestige, power, or pride that has to be satisfied. And we have no property or money that is really worth quarreling about.

Alcoholics Anonymous will give away (and has given to the other 12th-Step fellowships) all its knowledge and experience, except the A.A. name. The public use of the A.A. name should be avoided by those using A.A. techniques and ideas. Should the A.A. name be misapplied, it would be a Conference duty to ask for discontinuance, always, however, short of public controversy.

The Washingtonian Society (a movement among alcoholics which started in Baltimore a century before A.A.), almost discovered the answer to alcoholism. At first the society was composed entirely of alcoholics, trying to help one another. They had a membership passed the one-hundred-thousand mark, but they lost sight of their primary purpose and within a few years they were gone. The alcoholic went “back into the cave” for the next 100 years, until Bill met Bob and Alcoholics Anonymous, as a society, was formed.

In service and gratitude,

*Gayle D.
San Francisco*

[Quotations have been reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc., from the following sources:]

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (pages 176, 192);

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age (pages 124- 127).

The A.A. Service Manual (1999-2000 edition)



Marin to Host General Service Area Assembly

Well what do you know?; Marin is hosting an Area Assembly for the first time in 18 years.

I should be excited but somehow I can't seem to bring it out. At first I was happy to be on the bid committee. It was an honor and privilege to be a part of bringing a bid to the Area committee. The Assembly will take place at the Marin County Civic Center Auditorium. I have never seen a bid brought before the Area for the amount it costs to rent this fine facility. I never dreamed they would accept the bid. I was truly starting to believe in the process.

Now is the time to get people motivated to help. There is a lot to be done and it only requires a few people. Seventy-five, that's all! It doesn't sound like a lot when you consider all the people in Marin in recovery. The best thing about an Assembly commitment is it is a short one, one or two days (plus some planning meetings perhaps leading up to the event).

This is the Pre-Conference Assembly, April 6-7, 2002 and is the most important Assembly other than the Election Assembly. Our Delegate listens while the General Service Representatives deliver their group's conscience on the Agenda topics.

There are many different commitments available including Co-Coordinator (I am the other), Hospitality, Clean-up, Parking, Food, Registration and Decorations (District 18 Spanish North will be doing Sodas and coffee).

If you have an interest or your sponsor feels you could both use a commitment call me at (415) 898-9230

Yours in Love of Service
Kevin B.

Marin Teleservice Launches New Website!

In June 2001, Marin Teleservice unveiled its new website, www.marintelesevice.com. The website was created in an effort to increase participation and make it easier for people to volunteer to answer the telephones for Alcoholics Anonymous. It offers an interactive screen where you can enter your contact information and indicate the days and times you are available to answer the phone. The information is automatically sent to the webmaster and the chairperson of Marin Teleservice. New volunteers receive a reply thanking them for their interest, and their contact information is forwarded to the five weekly coordinators so shifts can be filled. Volunteers also can obtain sign-up sheets from the Teleservice representatives at meetings.

Some of you may be wondering . . . what is Teleservice? If you look in the Marin County phone book for Alcoholics Anonymous, the telephone number you call, 499-0400, is answered by Teleservice volunteers. People calling this number can get information on times and locations of meetings, or find someone to talk to if they have questions about stopping drinking. During the day, the phones are answered by volunteers at Central Office in San Francisco. After 6 p.m., the phones are answered by volunteers working from their homes in Marin County. Each month, there are approximately 150 shifts that must be covered. This includes both the on-line shifts (people directly responsible for answering the phones) and back-up shifts (people who support the on-line person or answer the phones when the on-line person is unavailable). Teleservice volunteers are further supported by 12-Step Volunteers who make themselves available to take people to meetings or talk more in depth with the still suffering alcoholics.

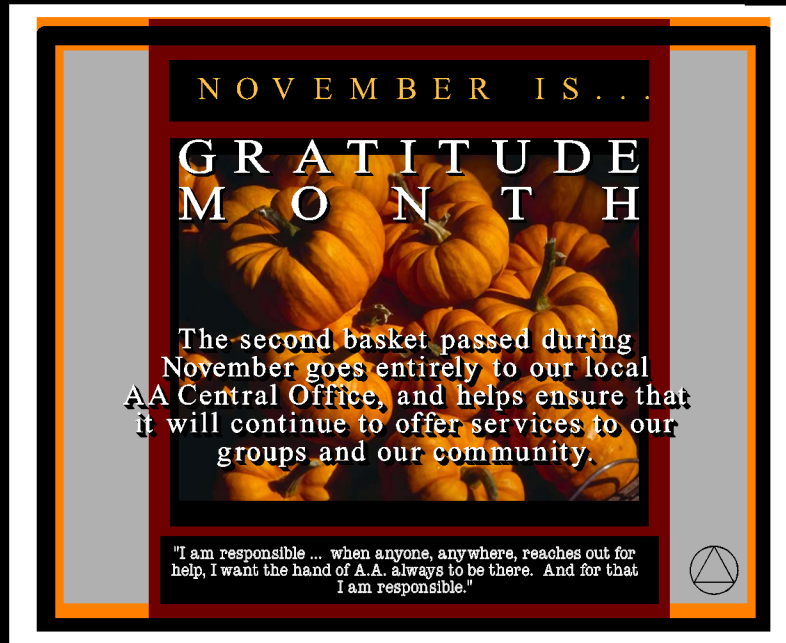
Just about anywhere you go in the world, you can pick up the phone and call someone in Alcoholics Anonymous. This is made possible by the many volunteers who so freely give of their time to help carry the message. Marin Teleservice is ALWAYS looking for volunteers. One of the greatest things about this commitment is that you can do it from your home. With the invention of cell phones, many of our volunteers take their commitments with them. Marin Teleservice provides each volunteer with Teleservice Guidelines that includes information for on-line and back-up shifts. We also have coordinators available to answer any questions.

If you would like to become involved in Marin Teleservice, we welcome your participation! We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Alano Club, 1360 Lincoln Street, in San Rafael. Or just log onto www.marintelesevice.com with any questions, and one of us will call you back. As it says on page 164 of the Big Book, ". . . give freely of what you find and join us . . ." We at Marin Teleservice look forward to hearing from you and more importantly to continuing to serve the needs of alcoholics coming to Marin County.

Susan L.

2001 Chair, Marin Teleservice

The Central Office Committee voted last month to recommend to the Intercounty Fellowship Board that Gratitude Month be observed this November. The IFB will discuss the matter at its October meeting, while looking at the Intergroup's finances.

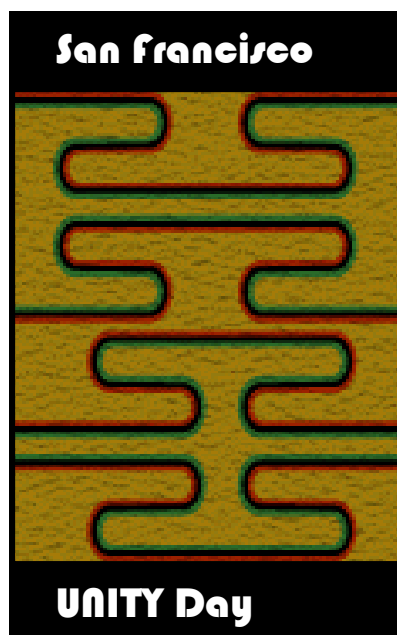


The Intercounty Fellowship Board will be holding its regular monthly meeting in November in Marin County. This will be the third IFB meeting held in Marin this year. The location will be the same as the July meeting:

November 7, 2001, 7:00 pm

**Star of the Sea Church
180 Harrison Street, Sausalito.**

The Board invites all members of AA in Marin County to attend, especially those who may be considering an IFB service commitment.
The Intercounty Fellowship is the Intergroup for San Francisco
AND Marin!



It is in AA that I learned about the true value of unity and its pertinence to the primary purpose in AA, which is to "stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety". I am grateful that a unity maintained the fellowship and the spirit of AA; that it existed when I walked through the doors and was welcomed with open arms.

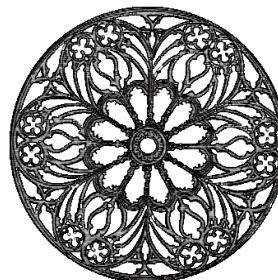
It is with this gratitude and in service that I invite you to participate in our annual Unity Day, hosted by San Francisco General Service. This event is being held Saturday November 3rd at the Urban Life Center on Franklin and O'Farrell from 11am - 4pm. The event will include presentations and/or orientations from Central Office, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community, Hospitals and Institutions, Inter-county Fellowship Board, Teleservice, Bridging the Gap, Archives, and The Grapevine.

Additionally, our area delegate will be speaking on this past year's conference theme, Love and Service, and how it applies to unity within our district and area. Please attend. We look forward to meeting you as we "trudge the road to happy destiny. May God bless you and keep you until then."

-Melissa B.
Special Events Chair
San Francisco General Service

The recent tragedy in New York has saddened and preoccupied us all. In contemplating how this massive loss of life would effect local AA in New York, our Central Office sent cards (*see below*) to the Intergroup Offices in the New York area, as well as the Grapevine and General Service Offices.

*In this time of
great tragedy and loss,
our hearts and prayers go out to our fellow AAs
and their loved ones in the New York area.*



*"...out of every season of grief or suffering,
when the hand of God seemed heavy or even unjust,
new lessons for living were learned,
new resources of courage where uncovered,
and ... finally, inescapably, the conviction came that God does
"move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."*

- From Step Eleven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 105

From
The Board, Staff, and Membership of
The Intercountry Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous
(San Francisco and Marin Counties, California)

IFB Meeting Minutes

The IFB is the Board of Directors for our local AA Central Office (San Francisco and Marin Counties)

Regular Monthly Meeting Inter-County Fellowship Board August 1, 2001

Unitarian Universalist Church
Franklin & Geary
San Francisco, California

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bob B. followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call:

Roll call:			Intergroup Rep		Group or Title	
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				John M.	Easy Does It	A
				(Third Consecutive Absence) ***		
Abigail H.	Central Office Manager	P		Kade H.	Fireside Chat	P
Alex H.	Too Early	P		Ken C.	Marin Gen.I Svc. Liaison	P
Alison H.	No Regrets	A		Keri S.	Mill Valley 7am	A *
(Third Consecutive Absence) ***				Larry F.	Mid-Morning Support	P
Anne G.	Sunset Niners – Friday	A *		Luis M.	7 am Smokeless Tues.	A *
Ardis J.	As Bill Sees It – 7 AM Fri	P		Manuel S.	Sesame Step	P
Ben N.	Sunset Speaker Step	P		Margaret H.	Fairfax 7 am	A *
Bill R.	Castro Discussion	P		Michael M.	Friendly Circle Beg	P
Bob B.	Daily Reflections – Tuesday	P		Pat M.	Treasurer & As Bill Sees It	A *
Charles M.	Federal Speaker	P		Patrick C.	Work in Progress	P
Damon B.	Tuesday Downtown	A *		Ray M.	Sunday Rap	A *
Danny F.	Each Day A New Begin.	P		Reginald J.	Upon Awakening – Daily	P
(Welcome! New Member)				Samuel S.	New Wednesday High Noon	P
David D.	Fell Street Step Study	P		Smithy B.	10 Years After	P
Ellen C.	Big Book Basics	P		Steve P.	Richmond Big Book	P
Frank B.	Each Day ... – Sun	P		Stu S.	No Reservations	P
Giselda C.	The Walk of Shame	A **		Tim M.	San Mateo Gen S. Liaison	A
George S.	S.F. General Service	P		Tom K.	Common Welfare	P
Jay H.	Gay Beginners	P		Tracy R.	Sunset Niners Tues.	P
Jeff T.	Sunday Sober Sunday	P		Ken Y.	As Bill Sees It	P
Jim D.	Happy Joyous & Free	A *				
Jim H.	Alta Plaza CPMC	P		* Asterisks indicate number of consecutive absences recorded.		

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A. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved.

B. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the July, 2001 regular meeting were accepted without changes.

C. IFB REPORTS

Chair's Report: Bob Bills is newly elected chair.

Central Office Manager's Report: This is Abigail Howard's last report as outgoing Central Office Manager. She allowed that she may think of some of us from time to time. With gratitude to the many volunteers—There are still some volunteer shifts open, and interested persons are asked to contact Central Office. First printings of the new 4th Edition Big Book are expected in this fall—If you plan to place orders for 1st printings, please let the office know so they may try to plan their order. Volunteers were also requested to staff the C.O. table at Spirit of San Francisco Conference.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Marasco, Treasurer, was unable to attend.

D. **Central Office Committee:** Patrick Connors reporting--The Central Office Committee reported on their extensive discussion regarding hiring a new Central Office Manager. It was recommended that the process of receiving and reviewing applicants be reopened and that the Mark Miller, currently full-time special worker, be hired as interim manager. This motion was made and approved by the IFB 26 to zero, with 1 abstention. (Two applicants had come forward and participated in the interview process, while the established guideline is for ranking the top five candidates and presenting them to the IFB for consideration.) It was also reported that the minutes of the COC will now be approved by the COC at each consecutive COC meeting, thus providing the

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COC a fair opportunity to review and approve them before *formal* submission to the IFB. Finally, it was announced that the COC would help host a going-away and thank-you party for Abby to take place later in August.

- E. **Lease Committee:** Ardis Jerome reporting-- A motion was made and approved by the IFB 27 to zero, with no abstentions, to authorize the potential transfer of up to \$24, 637 from the Central Office prudent reserve to operating funds in order to cover possible short-term cash flow problems in the operating accounts related to taking possession of the new property and making agreed improvements (all previously discussed and specifically approved). The amount (\$24, 637) is the figure that the new landlord has pledged in tenant improvements--but these will be reimbursed after we have incurred the expense (hence the possible short-term cash flow shortage). Ardis submitted a detailed written update on the upcoming move and the on-going lease negotiations and anticipated signing, including financial projections.
- F. In a special order of business, **Standing IFB committees** were briefly described and new volunteers were recruited from the IFB. There was general consideration and discussion regarding participation by non-IFB members on IFB committees and it was agreed without dissention that it was to be the accepted practice for non-IFB advisory members to participate in committees of the IFB.
- G. **Special Needs Committee:** David DeNeef reporting-- The Board voted without 25 to zero with 2 abstentions to adopt guidelines for consideration of reimbursement of signer costs to groups as submitted by the Special Needs Committee. These include specific guidelines for yearly review and renewal of all arrangements for part-payment of professional ASL signing at individual groups by the intergroup. IFB members were also requested to consult their groups and consider the possibility of the IFB authorizing payment of ASL translation (to translate spoken English into ASL and ASL into spoken English) fees for a deaf member of the Seeing and Hearing the Big Book Meeting to become a participating IFB representative.
- H. Brief informal reports were made for PI/CPC, H&I, and Teleservice in the absence of regular liaisons.
- I. **Marin General Service**—Ken Conroy reporting. Announcements of upcoming August events were made. A detailed printed update was submitted, including the information that Marin General Service has voted to form an ad hoc committee to “explore the Marin fellowship’s needs....traditionally provided by....Central Office, and possible alternatives.” Marin Teleservice has a website: www.marintelesevice.com

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer following a 7th Tradition collection of \$48.00.

NOTICE: The Central Office is going to start scheduling (non-telephone) shifts for volunteers in their first year of sobriety. In the past, the office has benefited from the service of many ‘walk-in’ volunteers, who perform such tasks as helping with newsletter and meeting schedule production. But recent changes in office operation, and well as the physical layout of the new Central Office on Sacramento Street will necessitate that these activities be more tightly scheduled. Please announce at your meetings:

“The Central Office needs volunteers who can commit to a regular *weekly* shift (of at least an hour or two). This is a great commitment for those in their first year of sobriety! Please contact the Central Office at 621-1326.”

SUMMARY**September 2001 IFB Meeting**

The following is an unofficial summary of actions, information, upcoming business, and service opportunities discussed at the September 2001 IFB meeting. It is provided for your convenience and is not intended to be the complete or approved minutes.

BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

- Bob B., Chair, reviewed the general procedure for placing items for discussion on the agenda, which is to contact Bob B. or Mark M (Central Office Manager), or preferably both, at least several days before the upcoming IFB meeting and make the request.
- The fact that the cost of the new 4th Edition of the Big Book to Central Office will be discounted by \$1 (for a limited time) generated extensive and lengthy discussion of the policies and procedures for book sales in our Central Office. We have traditionally tried to resell books to local groups at near cost (unlike some other Intergroups, which derive substantial profit from book sales), and the focus of discussion was whether or not to pass this temporary \$1 savings per book along to the groups (by temporarily discounting the cost of the new 4th Edition). It was ultimately decided by majority vote to continue to sell Big Books at the current cost
- The IFB is invited to participate in the upcoming SF General Services Unity Day, to be held Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Urban Life Center, 1101 O'Farrell, from 11 am to 3 pm. Bob B., Ben N, and David D. will be making an information presentation.

OTHER INFORMATION

- The October IFB meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 3rd in San Francisco at the Unitarian Center, Franklin and Geary Streets. (per the IFB decision this month to postpone the next Marin meeting until November)
- Marin Unity Day will be Saturday, September 29th at 1:00 pm to Midnight at the Corte Madera Rec Center. Marin
- Teleservice has a website www.marintelesevice.com.
- Volunteer shifts are available for teleservice at Central Office, SF Teleservice and Marin Teleservice.
- Other service commitments include PICPC, H&I, Bridging the Gap, and Living Sober Conference. Please see the front page of the current schedule for regular meeting times for these organizations.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To the Central Office were made

August 21 to September 20

Honoring the following members

CURRENT MEMORIALS

(None)

ONGOING MEMORIALS

RW M.

ANNIVERSARIES

Greg M. - 18 Years

Birthdays
for
Endless
Summer
Group

*Joey P. - 1 Yr.
Randy C. - 1 Yr.
Shauna X. - 1 Yr.
Mary P. - 2 Yrs.
Regina X. - 2 Yrs.
Sarah N. - 2 Yrs.
Adam W. - 3 Yrs.
Clint B. - 3 Yrs.
Chris S. 4 Yrs.
Wendy M. - 4 Yrs.
Lynn H. - 5 Yrs.
Warren M. - 5 Yrs.
Robert H. - 10 Yrs.*

Recent Deaths

*Bob W. - 26 years sober
(Home Group: Tuesday Longshoremen)*

AA Group Contributions – July 2001

Intercounty Fellowship – San Francisco / Marin

				\$15,677.03
Miscellaneous & Out-of-Area				
BRISBANE BREAKFAST BUNCH	SUN	12:00 PM	33.60	
H&I			58.00	
INTERCOUNTY FELLOWSHIP BOARD			52.80	
SF GENERAL SERVICES			25.00	
SPIRIT OF S.F. CONF. COMMITTEE			35.69	
ST. FRANCIS GROUP (WILLITS)			116.24	
UNIDENTIFIED GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS			372.03	
WACYPA			227.00	
Miscellaneous Subtotal			\$920.36	
San Francisco Groups				
A STEP BEYOND	THU	06:00 PM	24.56	
A VISION FOR YOU	SUN	06:30 PM	44.80	
A.A. STEP STUDY	SUN	06:00 PM	136.54	
AFTER WORK	MON	06:00 PM	23.85	
ANY LENGTHS	SAT	09:30 AM	240.00	
AS BILL SEES IT	SAT	08:00 PM	36.00	
BACK TO BASICS 1	THU	07:30 PM	275.71	
BEGINNERS' WARM-UP	WED	06:00 PM	186.41	
BERNAL BIG BOOK	SAT	05:00 PM	298.00	
BIRTHDAY PARTY - SHARING OUR SOBRIETY	SAT	07:00 PM	60.00	
CASTRO DISCUSSION	WED	08:00 PM	1177.08	
DESIGN FOR LIVING	SAT	08:00 AM	258.22	
EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING (FRIDAY)	FRI	07:00 AM	387.56	
EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING (MONDAY)	MON	07:00 AM	351.00	
EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING (THURSDAY)	THU	07:00 AM	204.09	
EACH DAY A NEW BEGINNING (TUESDAY)	TUE	07:00 AM	319.51	
ENDLESS SUMMER	FRI	08:00 PM	3.00	
FIRESIDE CHAT GROUP	TUE	08:00 PM	240.42	
FRIDAY ALL GROUPS	FRI	08:30 PM	308.06	
FRIDAY BIG BOOK	FRI	12:00 PM	331.80	
FRIDAY KNIGHTS	THU	07:30 AM	38.86	
GARDEN SPEAKER DISCUSSION	THU	08:30 PM	36.60	
GOLDEN GATE SENIORS	TUE	01:30 PM	124.00	
HAIGHT-ASHBURY FRIENDSHIP	WED	08:30 PM	90.00	
HIGH NOON FRIDAY	FRI	12:15 PM	143.45	
HIGH NOON WEDNESDAY	WED	12:15 PM	680.06	
HUNTINGTON SQUARE	WED	06:30 PM	233.05	
INTO ACTION	TUE	07:30 PM	150.00	
JOIN THE TRIBE	TUE	07:00 PM	89.00	
JOYS OF RECOVERY	TUE	08:00 PM	282.25	
KEEP IT SIMPLE	SAT	08:30 PM	618.60	
LUKE'S GROUP	WED	08:00 PM	28.48	
MARINA DISCUSSION	FRI	08:30 PM	171.00	
MID-MORNING SUPPORT	SUN	10:30 AM	714.00	
MILLIONAIRES CLUB	THU	06:00 PM	120.00	
MISSION TERRACE	WED	08:00 PM	90.16	
MOCHA GROUP	THU	12:10 PM	215.63	
MONDAY MONDAY	MON	12:15 PM	102.72	
NEW HIGHS	WED	01:30 PM	402.75	
NEW HOPE BIG BOOK	MON	06:30 PM	102.89	
NEWCOMERS	TUE	08:00 PM	120.86	
NOONERS	MON	12:00 PM	60.59	
PAX WEST	MON	12:00 PM	375.22	
SEEING & HEARING THE BIG BOOK	THU	06:00 PM	8.10	
SOMETIMES SLOWLY	SAT	11:00 AM	107.10	
STEPPING OUT	SAT	06:00 PM	60.00	
SUNDAY NIGHT CASTRO SPEAKER DISC.	SUN	08:00 PM	292.27	
SUNSET 9'ERS (FRI)	FRI	09:00 AM	102.00	
SUTTER STREET BEGINNERS	SAT	06:00 PM	354.79	
TEN YEARS AFTER	SUN	06:00 PM	140.72	
TIME TO START LIVING	THU	03:00 PM	60.00	
TUESDAY DOWNTOWN	TUE	08:30 PM	75.00	
TUESDAY REFLECTIONS	TUE	12:10 PM	31.00	
TWELVE STEPS TO HAPPINESS	FRI	07:30 PM	49.48	
WEST PORTAL	WED	08:30 PM	197.56	
WHARF RATS	THU	08:15 PM	48.00	
WORK IN PROGRESS	SAT	07:00 PM	190.80	
San Francisco Subtotal			\$11,613.60	
Marin Groups				
AWAKENINGS	SAT	08:30 AM	52.80	
BLACKIE'S PASTURE	SAT	08:30 PM	409.75	
FAIRFAX FRIDAY NIGHT	FRI	08:30 PM	216.00	
GRATITUDE	TUE	08:00 PM	132.00	
LITTLE BIG BOOK	TUE	08:30 PM	52.74	
MARIN CITY GROUP	DAILY	6:30 PM	300.00	
MILL VALLEY GAY	WED	08:30 PM	42.00	
NEWCOMERS STEP	MON	07:30 PM	213.00	
NOON	TUE	12:00 PM	37.50	
NOVATO BIG BOOK	TUE	12:00 PM	210.00	
SATURDAY SERENITY	SAT	08:00 PM	145.20	
SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	THU	07:30 PM	90.00	
STINSON BEACH FELLOWSHIP	TUE	08:00 PM	50.00	
THURSDAY NIGHT SPEAKER	THU	08:30 PM	150.00	
TIBURON BEGINNERS	TUE	07:15 PM	402.08	
TIBURON HAVEN	SUN	11:00 AM	400.00	
WOMEN FOR WOMEN	WED	12:00 PM	60.00	
WOMEN ON MONDAY	MON	07:00 PM	130.00	
WOMEN'S BIG BOOK	TUE	10:30 AM	50.00	
Marin Subtotal			\$3,143.07	

Income Statement

July 2001 - Intercounty Fellowship of AA

	Jul 01	YTD
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
41000 · Group Contributions	15,652.03	74,212.75
41200 · Individual -Unrestricted	1,150.00	2,714.88
41300 · Gratitude Month-Groups	0.00	35.75
41500 · Individual - Restricted	0.00	1,500.00
43000 · Newsletter Subscript.	36.00	203.00
44000 · Honorary Contributions	137.00	1,030.00
45000 · Sales - Bookstore	7,619.84	40,367.32
Total Income	24,594.87	120,063.70
Cost of Goods Sold		
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	5,497.23	30,123.71
Total COGS	5,497.23	30,123.71
Gross Profit	19,097.64	89,939.99
Expense		
60000 · Employee Expenses		
60500 · Workers Comp Ins.	55.33	387.32
60200 · Employer Tax Expenses	364.92	3,310.38
60150 · Employee Accomodation	0.00	0.00
60050 · Wages & Salaries	4,770.00	33,390.00
60100 · Benefits/Pension	543.00	3,689.22
60000 · Employee Expenses - Other	0.00	0.04
Total 60000 · Employee Expenses	5,733.25	40,776.96
60001 · Credit Card Clearing	0.00	0.00
61200 · Computer Consulting	0.00	978.53
61600 · Outside Services	0.00	878.00
61700 · ASL- Net -SHBB	74.25	543.15
61800 · ASL- Net- Fri All Grps	108.50	1,116.65
61900 · Insurance	54.70	1,890.62
61950 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	53.20
62000 · Bank Charges		
61650 · Processing Fee- Payroll	87.05	496.02
62000 · Bank Charges - Other	0.00	46.41
Total 62000 · Bank Charges	87.05	542.43
62001 · Office Supplies	404.37	3,388.79
62100 · Filing Fees	0.00	25.00
62300 · Postage		
62400 · Bulk Mail	120.00	870.00
62300 · Postage - Other	0.00	408.60
Total 62300 · Postage	120.00	1,278.60
62500 · Shipping	-17.80	-34.32
64000 · Rent - Office	3,312.70	23,188.90
64500 · Rent - Other	145.00	550.00
64700 · Security System Rental	0.00	316.50
66000 · Telephone	531.38	3,864.89
67100 · Travel	0.00	20.00
68000 · Equipment Lease	579.10	3,723.31
Total Expense	11,132.50	83,101.21
Net Ordinary Income	7,965.14	6,838.78
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
80000 · Interest Income	175.62	1,644.63
Total Other Income	175.62	1,644.63
Other Expense		
70000 · Depreciation Expense	228.84	915.36
Total Other Expense	228.84	915.36
Net Other Income	-53.22	729.27

NOTE: Starting this month, The Point will publish Group Contributions and the Income Statement one month later than has been done in the past. (This is to facilitate IFB review of these documents, *before* they are published.)

SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SERVICE

Invites *YOU* to be a part of**UNITY DAY 2001**

A Celebration of Love and Service

Saturday November 3, 2001**11:00 AM - 4:15 PM****Urban Life Center, 1101 O'Farrell Street**

Corner of O'Farrell and Franklin

Your chance to sign up for service & hear about the service opportunities available in AA!

Attend the workshops with orientations for PI/CPC, H&I, Teleservice, and Bridging the Gap.

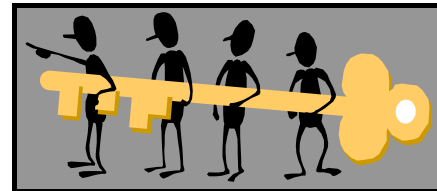
Hear panels, presentations and personal stories of service!

Potluck Lunch - Bring something to share!

Snacks and Coffee will be provided!

FIRST PLACE

1st YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ELLIS ST. LOCATION

ALCOTHON**Sunday, October 7, 2001**Meetings at 7am, 8:30, 10:30,
12pm, 1:30, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30pmFun - Food - Fellowship
Recovery

NCCAA Flyer

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Group Speakers for October 2001

TUESDAY DOWNTOWN

St. Mary's Cathedral, Geary & Gough, San Francisco
Tuesday, 8:30pm

DATE	SPEAKER	HOME GROUP / Sobriety
Oct 2	Mark M.	Work in Progress - 6 Years
Oct 9	Gerard W.	Four Forty Niners - 12 Years
Oct 16	Ardis J.	Saturday Step Study - 9 Years
Oct 23	Steve B.	Marina Dock - 3 Years
Oct 30	Dianna R.	Too Early - 10 Years

MARINA DISCUSSION

Union / Steiner (Church) San Francisco
Friday, 8:30pm

DATE	SPEAKER	HOME GROUP / Sobriety Date
Oct. 5	Si P.	Too Early, 8AM 01/14/64
Oct. 12	Bill R	High Steppers 08/22/00
Oct. 19	Holland F	High Steppers 02/12/90
Oct. 25	Terry	10AM Beginners 04/17/94

BRISBANE BEGINNERS BUNCH

348 Visitation Way (Community Church), Brisbane
Thursday, 8:00pm

DATE	SPEAKER	HOME GROUP
4 Oct.	Barbara R.	W. Bay Alano
11 Oct.	Patrick C.	180 Poplar
18 Oct.	Loretta	W. Bay Alano
25 Oct.	Ed. K.	Brisbane Beginner

BRISBANE BREAKFAST BUNCH

250 Visitation Way (Community Center), Brisbane
Sunday, 11:00am

DATE	SPEAKER	HOME / GROUP
Oct. 7	Jack D.	Milbrae
Oct. 14	Toni A.	S. Bruno
Oct. 21	Larry B.	San Francisco
Oct. 28	Meridith W.	San Francisco

Groups!

Please consider publishing your speakers in The Point. This is a great way to build Unity in our Fellowship - and may be a great way to build interest in your Group!!

All open speaker meetings are welcome to publish their month's listing in The Point. The deadline for submission of the information is the 19th of the month preceding publication. Please call Mark at Central Office, 621-1326 or fax 621-0258.

MEETING CHANGES

NEW MEETINGS

Thu 07:00pm Marina **THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S** - Fort Mason, Bldg. C, Room 355

MEETING CHANGES

Sun 08:00pm Marina **WATERFRONT** - Fort Mason Bldg. C, 2nd Floor (Add: "Coffee Hour at 7:00pm")
 Tue 08:00pm Castro **FIRESIDE CHAT** - 110 Diamond / 18th, Church (Was incorrectly listed last month as 117 Diamond)
 Sat 06:00pm Western Add. **SUTTER STREET BEGINNERS** - Remove WH (Facility is not wheel chair accessible)
 Mon 08:30pm Marin Alano **RELAPERS! RELAPERS!** - Name changed from "First Year Beginners"

NO LONGER MEETING

(None Reported)

REPORTED MISSING

Tue 07:30pm Laurel Hts. **THE FORUM** - 3700 California, (CPMC) Bothin Basement Rm. 1



Please Note: The Central Office frequently receives reports that meetings listed in our schedules are actually not there. Sometimes these reports turn out to be mistaken—and sometimes they are not. The office relies primarily on information that is given to us by AA groups, but when a group disbands, informing the Central Office is a common omission. We are therefore going to start reporting 'Missing' meetings in this space.

If you know *anything* about a meeting that is reported missing, please call the Central Office immediately (621-1326). If we hear no objections during the month following publication here, the meeting will be assumed disbanded, and removed from the schedule.

Thank You!



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