

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
HOSPITAL & INSTITUTION COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 192490
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94119-2490

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2023

January 28, 2023

April 22, 2023

July 22, 2023

October 28, 2023

Committee Meeting will be held at 11:00am on Zoom.
In Person location will be communicated prior to each meeting.
Contact northcalhandipublisher@gmail.com for questions.



Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

P.O. Box 192490 * San Francisco, CA 94119-2490

Newsletter #1

PLEASE KEEP THE CONTENTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER CONFIDENTIAL

January 2023

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

January 28, 2023

11:00 AM Pacific Time

In Person Location:

Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County, Inc.
274 E Hamilton Ave D, Campbell CA 95008

Join Meeting by ZOOM:

Meeting ID: 828 7733 8114

Passcode: service

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US

Meeting ID: 828 7733 8114

Contact northcalhandipublisher@gmail.com for questions.

In This Issue

Cover	Nor Cal Committee Meeting schedules
Pg. i	Address/Zoom Log In Info for the next Committee Meeting and Newsletter contents
Pg. 1	Letter from the General Chair
Pg. 2	Gratitude Letter from an H&I member
Pg. 3	From the Archives
Pg. 5	Open Positions on H&I Committee & Website Information
Pg. 6	Committee Meeting Agenda 01/28/22
Pg. 7	Map of Northern California H&I English Regions & Areas
Pg. 8	Map of Northern California H&I Spanish Regions & Areas
Pg. 9	Minutes from the last Steering Committee Meeting
Pg. 20	Minutes from the last General Committee Meeting
Pg. 35	2023 Budget
Pg. 36	Financial Statements
Pg. 41	Pink Can Letter



A Letter from our H&I General Chair

Greetings to All!

I hope everyone had a Blessed Holiday! As we begin another trip around the sun, we begin a new epoch in the annals of our committee.

It is a very exciting time to serve on the Hospital and Institutions Committee.

So much is happening, from the inclusion of our IVSS Program into the Corrections Handbook from GSO, To the restructure which was passed in the October meeting.

The National Corrections Conference asked us to provide an update to our IVSS Program. There is a lot of excitement surrounding “our little experiment.”

As most of you know, after a year of talking about it, the restructure was passed. In accordance with the new policy, we will be meeting four times a year. These meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday of January, April, July and October, with our first meeting on January 28th, 2023, at 11AM.

We will be using a different format for our agenda in an effort to improve the way we conduct our service. We will be discussing, as a group, different ideas on how to better carry the message to our newest members.

With the changes in our prison system, and the additional prison closers, the population of our inside members will be shifted to our local Area's. Between transitional housing, treatment centers, and shelters, we should be ready for an increase in Area activity.

I look forward to an engaging discussion with you all!

Thank you for all you do! God Bless!

Jeff L.

General Chair



Gratitude for H&I

I stumbled into my first meeting of AA knowing only that AA is where you go if you want to stop drinking. After attending my first meeting, I was baffled. I don't know what I expected but it wasn't a bunch of women sitting in a circle talking. Once a week for a month, I showed up at the meeting and left clueless as to how they stayed sober and I couldn't, until one morning after drinking a pint of Jack Daniels on the way to work and ending up in a blackout. When I came to hours later, I was certain I had lost my job. When I connected with my boss, he said he would help me in any way he could but I only had one chance.

Because I knew what to do, I had my first moment of gratitude for AA. I picked up the phone, called a lady from the meeting, met her for dinner and went to a meeting. The next day we met and started working the steps. For the first year and a half, I tried my very best to do everything she asked of me. I didn't drink but I was miserable. My best thinking was I needed a new sponsor.

The saying, "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear" is my story. I went to the first meeting I attended and connected with a lady whom I had spent a year and a half hating. After spending two hours talking with her after the meeting, I knew she needed to be my sponsor. Today, I know what I thought was hate was actually my desire to have what she had and the fear I never could have it. She acts with the dignity and grace that comes from the spiritual connection laid out in the AA program of recovery. She practices the principles in all her affairs while treating others with love and acceptance. She agreed to be my sponsor. In gratitude for AA and how it works in her life, she led me through the steps.

When I was three years sober, she told me that I needed to actually join AA. While I had attended meetings and held service positions, I hadn't found my place in AA. At the next meeting I learned of an upcoming H&I Business Meeting. Taking AA meetings into the County Jail sounded interesting. When I shared this with my sponsor, I actually expected her to steer me elsewhere. Her response was, "Let's look at this as an experiment".

Not remembering when the meeting was, I started asking around, got an application for jail clearance and once cleared, I attended my first H&I Business Meeting. There were only 5 of us in the room so I quickly became the Women's Coordinator for the County Jail. After two years, our Area Chair stepped down. Since our Area never had a woman Area Chair, it was suggested that I take the position. Upon becoming Area Chair, we connected with the NorCal Committee and actually became a part of the whole, which creates the unity found in AA. The opportunity to serve as part of the NorCal Committee has not only engaged our Area but our Region also to active participation. As our Area and Region have grown, I have grown personally. I am blessed to have the opportunity to continue to serve on the NorCal Committee as a Regional Chair and member of the Finance Committee. Because my desire to be of maximum service to AA has grown, God has provided a new teacher. My new Sponsor is leading me to a greater understanding of the AA program of recovery. She exhibits every attribute; I would like to have. Today I know if I am willing to do what she does, I can have what she has. For that, I am grateful.

In my early years in AA, I said I had gratitude because I was supposed to. Today, I live in gratitude as every minute in gratitude brings joy. The opportunity to be in service with NorCal H&I has moved me into a new dimension of living. I am entirely grateful to every person I have met on this journey and look forward to the those I have yet to meet.

In love and service
Joyce R.

From the Archives

Last December, CMF Vacaville Coordinator, Ken M. asked me when AA meetings began at that facility. The following story surfaced while trying to find the answer to Ken's question. All of this material comes from documents, meeting notes and correspondence preserved in the H&I archives. No doubt, pieces of this story are missing. If something arises that changes the story, we'll publish an update and revise this paper.

CMF Vacaville

When the California Medical Facility (CMF) at Vacaville opened in 1955, the facility had already been operating for 5 years in a temporarily location on Terminal Island near the port of Long Beach. It was the first permanent prison-hospital in the U.S. At a March 1956 Institution & Hospital (I&H)¹ conference in San Jose, Nathaniel Showstack, MD, the first Director of Clinical Services for the new CMF, said that AA meetings were an important part of the CMF rehabilitation program. Meetings were held since the early days on Terminal Island and were resumed soon after moving to their permanent location in Vacaville. Dr. Showstack attended the first AA meeting at Terminal Island and every annual meeting ever since.

Like many AA groups in prisons and hospitals, the CMF AA Fellowship was well established before the I&H Committee got in the door. Several AA groups supported the CMF AA Fellowship in Vacaville, but despite efforts, the H&I Committee was not one of them. H&I General Committee Chair, Bud C. wrote to Beth K., General Service Office, New York, in 1962. Bud explained that for the past 7 years AA meetings at the facility were under the absolute control of their founder, Ed P. and no one could visit without his personal approval. H&I's wanted to visit the facility, but the invitation had to come from the meeting secretary and proper clearance had to come from the superintendent of the facility. Finally, these things happened and on March 5, 1962, the first H&I meeting at CMF Vacaville was held.

Once inside, H&I volunteers found themselves in an odd situation. The CMF AA Fellowship explicitly included drug addicts as well as alcoholics as members. The Info section of the July 1964 edition of their bi-monthly publication, "The Key", says "The Ross Marsh Fellowship² of CMF is an integrated group, meaning its members are alcoholics and drug addicts." The fellowship's orientation sheet said they are primarily concerned with the traditions of AA and alcoholism, but, "We also welcome those with a problem with drugs, being that there is no NA in this institution. The methods of recovery for both problems are much the same."

By August 1964, the H&I Committee was debating what should and could be done about it and what stand H&I should take. There was an impression that the prison authorities were focused on using the fellowship to keep the inmates occupied but AA traditions were not their concern.

In Modesto on October 10, 1965, H&I General Chair Bill S. told the H&I Committee that he believed that no H&I members should take part in meetings at Vacaville. A motion to withdraw H&I from Vacaville was proposed but it was postponed for reconsideration at a special meeting in Watsonville later in the month. Meeting minutes offer no clue of what happened in that meeting on October 23rd, the only relevant lines, "For Area 2, George R brought up the question of handling problems thru our chain of command. Also the problem of Vacaville."

Bud G. attended the Watsonville meeting specifically for discussion of the problem with Vacaville. Bud was the Area 2 Chair and he had previously served as the contact chairman for Vacaville from his local group in San Pablo while he served H&I at other facilities. He missed the meeting in Modesto, but he heard that Bill S. wanted H&I to leave Vacaville. He needed to hear that with his own ears to be sure he understood the plan and the reasons for it.

¹ The Northern California Institution & Hospital Committee began using the title, Hospital & Institution Committee in 1957-1958.

² The CMF Fellowship of AA was renamed the Ross Marsh Fellowship in honor of their beloved outside sponsor, Rawson ("aka Ross) O. Marsh after he passed away in June 1964.

After the Watsonville meeting, Bud called Bob K. inside sponsor for AA meetings at Vacaville, to explain H&I's position. He followed up that call with a handwritten letter. Bud wrote, "The whole relationship has been the subject of much debate and discussion for several years as you and Walt well know. The H&I Committee feels it's position is clearly set forth in the resolution adopted at Eureka on Oct.6, 1956. Unfortunately, the resolution isn't clear as to the participation of H&I personnel as regular AA members in Vacaville activities." Bud explained that his San Pablo group had been attending meetings in Vacaville for years not as H&I members but as regular AA members. But now, H&I members could no longer participate in any activities at Vacaville.

Bud said that H&I Chair Bill S. told him that they didn't want to tell regular AA members what to do, but "when a person becomes active in H&I he has made a choice and will attend only those meetings under H&I sponsorship. It is felt that attendance by H&I members at Vacaville and similar groups gives a de facto recognition of these groups. This could possibly lead to other institutions forming similar set ups for their AA groups in as much as Vacaville is supported to a large extent by H&I members and, except for receiving literature, seems to enjoy an unofficial but close relationship with the H&I Committee."

Referring again to the 1956 Eureka Resolution, Bud wrote that no one wanted to exclude non-alcoholics from the meetings, but they objected to "active participation of these inmates and the conduct of meetings for announced purposes other than helping alcoholics."

Bud was not happy with the decision, but he said that he felt that it was fair. Bill S. encouraged members to attend a couple meetings at the Ross Marsh Fellowship before choosing between H&I and Vacaville. If they choose H&I, they must cut ties with Vacaville. If they choose Vacaville, they must resign from H&I service. "Under the circumstances, the San Pablo members feel that the R.G.C. meeting will have to be dropped if we are to continue our other H&I activities. We are doing this with great reluctance." CMF Vacaville did not appear again in H&I records until 1972 when it was once again listed.

In November, 2022, CMF Vacaville Coordinator, Ken M. reports, "there are currently 36 in person meetings happening at CMF every month. The 5 cleared H&I volunteers attend 12-18 of them, on average. There are another 4 or 5 members in the clearance process, so we're hoping that very soon we'll be back at 100% meeting coverage." All of the meetings are true AA meetings facilitated by alcoholic AA members using AA literature."

Julio B., Archivist
Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Coming In the next issue: "The Eureka Resolution of 1956"

OPEN POSITIONS - NORCAL H&I

The following positions for our Northern California committee are currently open.
If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in stepping up and filling these openings, you'll be making our committee both more effective and more representative. See our Policy Manual for the complete position descriptions, and *if you're interested or have any questions, please contact our General Chair.*

Committee Chairs/Positions

Execute the operations of the Committee.

NorCal Co-Chair
Audio Media Chair
Spanish Media Chair

Regional Chairs

Acts in support capacity to Area Chairs within the region...

Region 01 - Far North Coastal – OPEN	Region 10 - Far North Interior – OPEN
Region 20 – Far North Interior – OPEN	Region 30 – Northern Interior – OPEN
Region 60 – West Bay San Francisco - OPEN	Region 70 – Southern Coastal – OPEN
Region 80 – Southern Int - OPEN	Region 170 – Spanish South Coast - OPEN

Area Chairs

Have overall responsibility for the H&I operations in the areas in which they serve...

Area 03 Siskiyou - OPEN Area 12 Lassen – OPEN Area 86 Merced – OPEN
Area 93 Tulare - OPEN Area 95 Kings - OPEN

Major Institutions Coordinators

Have overall responsibility for all H&I meetings in the Major Facility which they serve...

FCI Herlong – OPEN FCI Mendota (MEN) - OPEN
HDSP Susanville – OPEN NCYC Stockton- OPEN
CSP Sacramento – OPEN SCC Jamestown - OPEN

IVSS Coordinators

Have overall responsibility for IVSS program at Major Facility which they serve...

Liaisons

Serve as a liaison.

**The Web Site for the
Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee is:**

www.handinorcal.org

Please visit our site and send us your suggestions or questions.

NEWSLETTER

To change your newsletter status or info, chose one of the following:

1. E-mail the publisher using the “Contact Us” selection on the Menu on the left of the website home page.
2. Write the Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee: P.O. Box 192490, San Francisco CA 94119
3. Come to any General Committee Meeting to give us your new info.

NORCAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 28th, 2023

OPEN MEETING with the Serenity Prayer

READINGS:

- Purpose of the Hospital & Institution Committee
- Twelve Traditions of AA

INTRODUCTIONS / WELCOME

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OFFICER REPORTS

1. General Chair: <i>Jeff L</i>	10. Pink Can Coordinator: <i>Peter M</i>
2. General Co-Chair: <i>OPEN</i>	11. Policy Chair: <i>Penny C</i>
3. Treasurer: <i>Karen C</i>	12. Audio Media Chair: <i>OPEN</i>
4. Secretary: <i>Marti A</i>	13. Archives Chair: <i>Julio B</i>
5. Major Institutions Chair: <i>Carl P</i>	14. Public Information Chair: <i>Vikki R</i>
6. IVSS Chair: <i>Karen C</i>	15. Grapevine Chair: <i>Bob F</i>
7. Finance Committee Chair: <i>Joyce R</i>	16. Publisher: <i>Joe N</i>
8. NCCAA Conf. Coordinator: <i>Karen B</i>	17. Spanish Comm. Chair: <i>OPEN</i>
9. Literature Chair: <i>Kelly B</i>	18. Website Chair: <i>Thom H</i>

LIAISON & SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. VATF: <i>Carl P</i>	4. NCCAA (as requested by NCCAA Chair): <i>Mary M</i>
2. H&I Liaison to CNCA: <i>Karen B</i>	5. SoCal H&I Liaison: <i>Diana A</i>
3. H&I Liaison to CNIA: <i>OPEN</i>	6. Guest Reports:

BREAK

COMMITTEE BUSINESS SCHEDULE

- Review 2022 Finances/Suggestions

DISCUSSION TOPIC FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR:

OPEN FORUM/NEW BUSINESS – HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? Questions, suggestions, or comments from the floor

ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSE MEETING with the Declaration of Responsibility

Please send a brief written copy of your report to our Recording Secretary



Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee

Regions and Areas



Region 01 - Far North Coastal

Areas: 2, 3, 4

Region 10 - Far North Interior

Areas: 11, 12

Region 15 - Lower Far North Interior

Areas: 16, 17, 18

Region 20 - Northern Coastal

Areas: 021, 22, 23

Region 30 - Northern Interior

Areas: 31, 32, 34, 36

Region 40 - Central Interior

Areas: 42, 43, 44, 45

Region 50 - East Bay

Areas: 51, 52, 53, 54

Region 60 – West Bay

Areas: 61, 62, 65

Region 70 - Southern Coastal

Areas: 71, 72, 73, 74

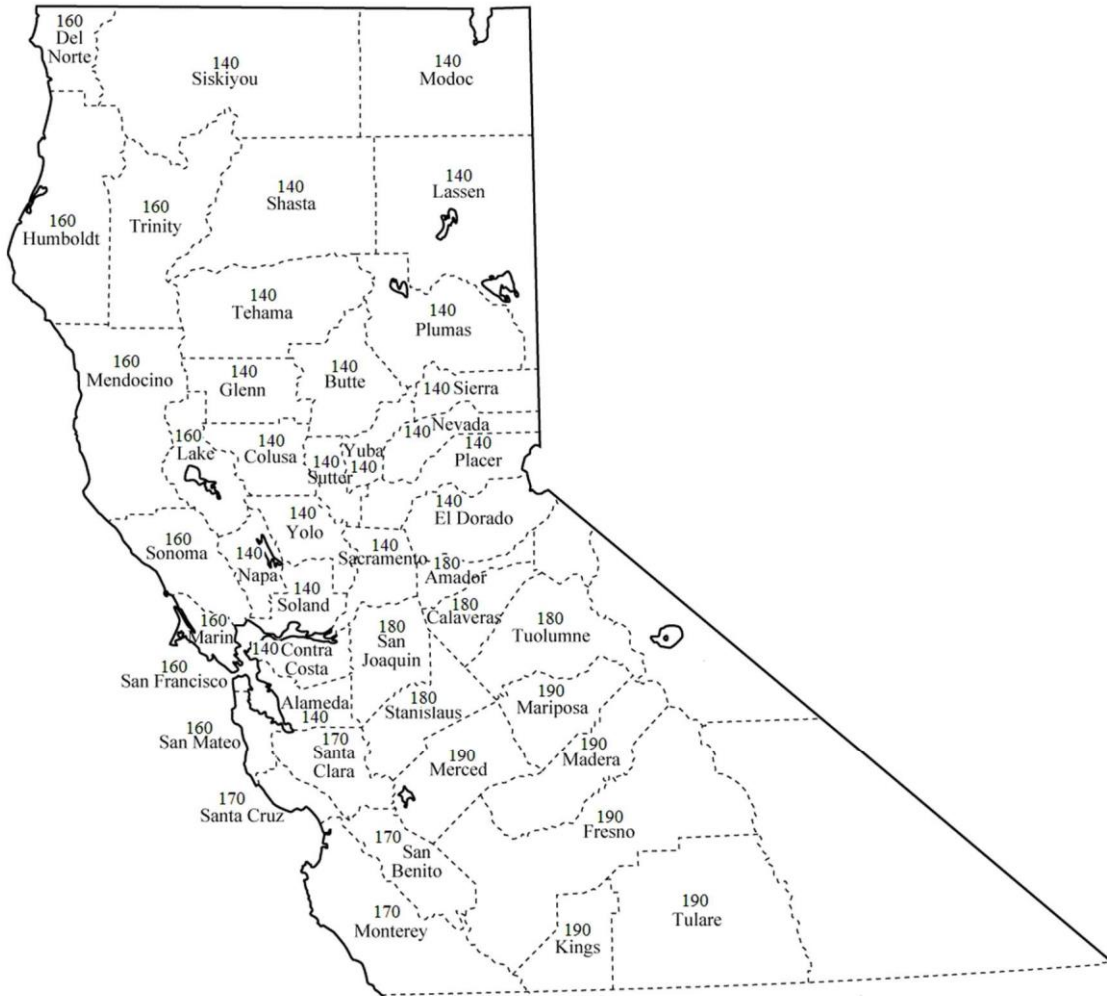
Region 80 - Southern Interior

Areas: 81, 82, 83, 84, 86

Region 90 - Far Southern Interior

Areas: 91, 92, 93, 95

Comité de Hospitales e Instituciones del Norte de California



Region 140 - Spanish North Interior (Sacramento)

4th Thursday of the month 7:00 to 9:00pm

5251 Florin Rd. Suite 142, Sacramento, CA 95822

Region 160 - Spanish North Coastal (San Francisco)

2nd Friday of Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov at 7:00pm

3401 Cesar Chavez St. Suite C, San Francisco, CA 94110 Region 170 –

Region 170 - Spanish South Coastal (Salinas)

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm

216 Gavilan St. Suite 215, Salinas CA 93901

Region 180 - Spanish Central Interior (Modesto)

1st Tuesday of the month 7:00 to 8:30pm

1100 Carver Rd. Suite 7, Modesto, CA 95350-4787 Region 190 –

Region 190 - Spanish South Interior (Fresno)

1st Monday of the month 7:00 to 8:30pm

520 N Fulton St, Fresno, CA 93728

Introduction and Welcome

Opening: Jeff L. opened the meeting at 11:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Purpose Statement: Rich G, read the H&I Purpose Statement

12 Traditions: Julio B, read the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Introductions:

Present:

Alex S	Alison G	Alley G	Andrew K
Andy B	Bill H	Bob W	Carl P
Casey M.	Cindy B	Diana A	Jeff L
Jeremy S	Joe N	Joyce R	Jude H
Julio B	Karen B	Karen C	Kelly B
Ken M	Linda S	Manuel	Martine A
Melissa	Melody T	Mike K	Miki S
Penny C	Peter S	Renee P	Rich G
Roger M	Terry D		

Approval of Prior SC Committee Meeting on 05/14/22: Due to issues with Notes, no motion to approve minutes.

General Chair, Jeff L. We need to all look at the literature expenditure. I've been setting out to help Area and Regional Chairs to monitor their literature usage. Some areas are way below any reasonable expectation of adequate distribution. I've said before, when the fellowships and so generously funded send money, they're expecting us to provide literature to our newest members, second only to bringing in meetings. That is our responsibility as H&I volunteers to go in armed and bring in our literature. If you look at this recap, you'll see, Many of them haven't had an order this year. We've got other areas that are 114 meetings a month. The largest part of our budget is literature. Our committee has been criticized for having too much money going back for long before eyes on this committee. Sometimes they were wrong and it was misinformation. And other times, such as now, it's very concerning. All area chairs as well as regional chairs. It is your responsibility to see that we monitor and provide literature.

General Co-Chair, Rich G. Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer, Karen C. August financials included in the newest packet. Contributions continue to rebound more quickly than literature orders, however August was a good month for literature due to the influx of backorders. We currently have an excess over our recommended assets of about 1.9 months expenses (based on 2019 numbers) and we'll be reviewing our budget later which addresses reducing the overage. We aren't requesting contributions for this meeting, as we have no expense other than the cost of our Zoom account. Below is the performance analysis for the Aug H&I Financial Report. Income was the highest it's been since 01/22 and literature expenses were the highest they've been all year - partially due to shipment of back orders from AAWS. I usually give out at least \$30-\$50 worth of books when I take a meeting into a facility, so I'm not sure why the low average cost per meeting in so many Areas.

<u>AUG 2022</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Lit Expense</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
YTD Comparison to LY	+95.8%	+10.5%	+15.4%
YTD Comparison to Budget	-15.3%	-36.3%	-34.8%
OVERALL CONDITION	SOUND		

AUG 2022 Recap

AUG Net Contributions = \$42,076.24 (Area contributions -processor fees)
AUG Literature Expense = \$48,382.63 (AAWS, Grapevine & La Vina)
AUG Total Expense = \$49,189.15
AUG Cash flow = \$-7,112.91
08/31/22 Prudent Reserve = \$154,961.86
Cash in Ops Accts (incl PR) = \$253,599.31
Combined Cash = \$408,561.17

Secretary, Martine A. Send your reports to the following email address: northcalhandi@gmail.com. Please make every effort to send your reports prior to the scheduled meeting. For any SC reports not sent prior to this meeting, send by Wednesday, 09/14/22

Major Institution Chair, Carl P. A recent decline in COVID cases has occurred, Most yards are open to volunteers and programming has resumed. Active cases among incarcerated individuals are 1003 and staff cases total 501 The overall percentages of fully vaccinated and boosted individuals are slowly rising as well. CCC and HDSP still don't have coordinators. There is one active volunteer. FCI Herlong and Mendota need coordinators. I spoke with the Institution Reentry Affairs Coordinator at Mendota who is very receptive to resuming AA participation at the prison. He sent application packets which I shared with Kat S, Area 90 chair who is actively recruiting volunteers. A staff member at the NCYC juvenile facility reports that they are not ready for us yet. Regarding AAWS decision to provide AA literature for free on electronic tablets to individuals incarcerated in prisons throughout the country: CDCR currently has a pilot program to provide strictly educational materials to selected individuals. I have encouraged the MIC's to continue to cultivate their relationships as much as possible with institution staff including warden to raise AA's profile and develop mutual trust.

- **ASP Avenal, Monte S.** See Report under SATF, Corcoran. Combined with Avenal
- **CCC Susanville, OPEN.** Per Carl: No coordinator yet.
- **CCWF & VSP Chowchilla, Miki S.** The virus still seems to persist in our lives and in the institution's availability for our participation with our Alcoholics Anonymous presence within. We are experiencing having to check in, almost on an hourly basis, with the CRM's department to see if we are able to hold a meeting. I am so very grateful that I am able to communicate freely with this department of both the facilities I am involved with here. For now, VSP and CCWF are both open and ready for our participation. VSP had great attendance in August, although we only had 2 yards partially participating with 2 units in each yard. CCWF: They have 2 yards participating tonight. I haven't checked on how many units are available on each of the yards, but I suspect they are partial as well as VSP. Another factor we are dealing with beside the virus is the heat we are experiencing. I usually facilitate throughout the day—at the SNF, the hospital facility, in the morning, and the EOP group, the mental unit on B yard info the afternoon. I have checked the literature status at both prisons, and we seem to be doing well. Of course, I would always want to introduce new, fresh literature to the inmates and have it available for them, but, as of now, there is no space to store it on the institution's grounds, so this will have to be postponed until space becomes available to deliver it to.
- **CHCF Stockton, Melody T.** Volunteers are currently allowed back into CHCF. We are basically on a meeting by meeting confirmation strategy. COVID outbreaks, coupled with staffing issues mean cancellations, even at the last minute. There are numerous problems. Staffing has been such an issue that the block of time allocated for so-called AA meetings has had no staff – consequently no meeting or “class.” So the meeting I attended only had 8 members present. The inside sponsor stated the inside members just aren't signing up. I previously reported that in the intervening two years since volunteers have been allowed in the facility, the AA time block has morphed into an educational class on AA in which answers to possible Parole Board questions about AA are shared by staff and inside members. There has been slight improvement since I reported this to

the CRM. Now, the members follow an AA format and read from AA literature. Then follows the “Parole Board question and answer study.” A huge part of this problem could be solved by having more available volunteers to help with the AA sharing. But there’s only three of us left standing after the pandemic. We have to own our part of the problem. The Delta Intergroup PI/CPC Committee is slated to provide presentations to all the persons in custody, and hopefully this will divert some of the questions about AA out of the AA meetings and into a more appropriate forum. Some of the AA literature handed over from DVI seems to have appeared and is available to our friends inside. A lot of the literature in the AA closet appears a bit shabby. I went over the procedure for our friends to take H&I stamped books back to their yards. I showed them the difference between the H&I stamp and the CHCF stamp. Several members reported being called out by staff for having AA books in their possession. I am verifying this at the upcoming VAC meeting. I have witnessed corrections officers confronting inside members myself, so I know this might be at least partially true. Another problem observed is that the AA meeting time is not being respected. At CHCF, corrections officers are required to do personal checks on the groups. Usually they are very good about observing through the window, or entering quietly and leaving. At the meeting I attended, the meeting was interrupted by an officer entering and engaging the inside sponsor in a non-work related chat. Obviously, we need more volunteers. The clearance doesn’t take long once it’s submitted, but the discouraging fact is, once cleared, no one can guarantee if there’s going to be a meeting they can even attend. And despite confirmations from the inside sponsor, the meeting still could be canceled at the last minute without notification to the volunteer. We want to thank Eduardo P. for his efforts to rally members of our Spanish-speaking community to volunteer. We look forward to having the Spanish-speaking meetings staffed with H&I members going in. I will be attending the VAC meeting on Monday, and have confirmed with the CRM that I am on the invite list. I doubt if AA is the only volunteer organization with issues.

- **CMF Vacaville, Ken M.** CMF is continually closing and then reopening due to Covid outbreaks. We have currently been allowed back inside since the 1 st of July. We currently have a total of 4 AA volunteers cleared, 1 of which has a resentment about being denied a Brown Card for the 5th time without explanation. There’s a long story there I’ll share if you message me. The bottom line is there are 33 meetings a month at CMF, of which H&I only attend an average of about 12. Our home Area 54 had a workshop in July with the expressed purpose of signing up more volunteers, devoting a couple of hours to assist with filling out the application process. The workshop was a large success with many new H&I hopefuls filling out applications. In the last 2 months I’ve submitted at least 6 new volunteer applications. The facility has plenty of AA literature thanks to a recently placed order that included several cases of vintage AA Grapevine magazines that were requested by the “inside members”. I attended the Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting. At that meeting were the Warden, the new Deputy Warden, the CRM and her staff, along with myself and another volunteer coordinator from Kyros. I sent all attendees an email in advance with my long list of concerns that were addressed one by one by email and in the meeting as well. All my concerns centered around the need for better communication. They were sympathetic, apologetic, and promised to try to do better. The meetings themselves are doing well, max capacity at all meetings. I hear there is a waiting list of 500 inmates to attend programs inside CMF. One interesting thing of note since Covid: many of the old timers were gone when we returned. Guys who were doing life sentences have been paroled. What an amazing testament to A.A. that the inside members who were serious about changing did so, from the inside, on the inside.
- **CTF Soledad, Alex S.** Meetings are now being attended by all wings except for 2 of them in Central. North Yard is fully open. Central now has meetings every Saturday 10am. Still looking for new volunteers, especially ones that can help out on Wednesday for a 4pm and 6pm meeting.
- **DVI Tracy: FACILITY CLOSED.**
- **FCI Dublin, Linda S.** Still no activity underway to train and badge volunteers in order to resume meetings. Undergoing a major administrative upheaval, including replacement of all supervisors which will delay the process even longer. We have a strong group of willing volunteers in place when that happens. They are

receiving monthly Grapevine and La Vina and are not in need of additional books at this time.

- **FCI Herlong** (currently covered by Reno)
- **FCI Mendota, OPEN.**
- **FSP Folsom State Prison, Andrew B.** Prison locked down again due to an outbreak from late June and reopened on 8/22 in Men's and Women's facilities. Both inmates and volunteers are looking forward to the restart. Since the last report, 2 new volunteers were added to the roster but only 1 of them was able to make a meeting before everything closed down again. The biggest issue with clearance renewals is getting outside medical facilities to complete the 2 required CDCR forms for TB tests, which one of the local major providers has been reluctant to complete. Any help from VAC to accept non-CDCR TB test forms would be greatly appreciated.
- **HDSP Susanville, OPEN.** Per Carl, still no coordinator. I have made several inquiries but with no response from the CRM.
- **MCSP Mule Creek, Mike K.** We remain open to AA meetings with the occasional yard closure(s) due to COVID. There also seems to be a staffing dilemma which prevents holding meetings. Overall, meetings have slowly crept upward in attendance which is very encouraging. I will be providing Spanish literature to the inmate (members) per the request of a member through the AA New York office. Per MCSP staff members, there is a large portion of the population that is Spanish speaking. Several members have stepped up to submit applications for AA volunteering at MCSP and 2 have already been approved to enter the facility.
- **Napa State Hospital, John G.** Patients are conducting their own meetings for now. Grapevines and Big Books are given to the inside contact to distribute to the patients.
- **NCYC Stockton, OPEN.** Contact there reports that the facility still is not ready for AA.
- **NorCal Fire Camps, Peter S.** 14 camps we cover in NorCal. Per the CRM at CCC Susanville, all camps are "somewhat open" but volunteers should check with the camp first before arriving as status could change at any time. We currently have 6 cleared volunteers including yourself and I have not received CI&I Clearance reports for months, and do not foresee any change until the CRM at CCC Susanville is replaced. Communication with said office is "poor" to be nice about it. As a result I have no way of knowing if new people have been cleared. Please have all Regional and Area chairs in the area of "our" 14 camps "beat the bushes" for volunteers so Norcal H&I can get back to serving the confined alcoholic.
- **PBSP Pelican Bay, Cindy B.** Since my last report I have 8 new volunteers cleared to go to Pelican Bay. I also met up with the H&I Chair for area 3, Bill R. In talking with Bill he indicated that he would like to step down and have the power of rotation happen for area 3 Chair. I have been attending and sending reports to Humboldt H&I business meetings and letting them know that I was going to put my name in the hat for regional chair. I would like to see that the north coast has a voice in decisions for H&I
- **PVSP / CCWF Coalinga, Mike S.** Nothing to report because I have not been to PVSP. Still looking for volunteers to go in with me.
- **CSP Sacramento, OPEN.**
- **SATF, Corcoran and Avenal, Bill H and Monte S** Meetings have resumed and we continue to visit groups at these facilities (in between periodic COVID closures) and have 3 new volunteers cleared, 1 former vol re-cleared at ASP and lost 1 at COR (age/health). Literature orders continue at COR and we recently got agreement by CRM at ASP for a plan to resume providing lit there. ASP has reintroduced COVID Testing for the unvaccinated. AA groups meet on Tuesdays and tests must be taken within 72 hours, but impacted volunteer

days results for tests aren't available by 5 pm Tuesday to visit so he's not presently able to visit. (Seems like there must be a solution here but I don't have time or resources to solve it myself). Discussions with CRM at SATF are continuing and we're making progress on validating VIC storage locations and clearances.

- **SCC Jamestown, Jason C.** No Report
- **SOL Solano: John D.** Facility is doing well. We are currently taking in 8 meetings/week: 7-English speaking/1-Spanish speaking. We are in need of more volunteers. Presently, there are only 4 of us with a few new applicants soon.
- **SQ San Quentin, Bob W.** I met with the CRM at SQ, Madeline, and she is the 3rd CRM I've dealt with as MIC. The topic was attendance, literature and interpreters. We are going back in fits and starts. The prison has done modified lockdowns where entire housing units are quarantined when flu or Covid are found. But we've had consistent meetings EXCEPT when the prison doesn't have a hearing interpreter for deaf inmates on the roster. SQ has a couple of them. When there's no interpreter, the entire meeting is canceled. To avoid canceling, I suggested another weekday meeting where the deaf guys are available and the prison is sure to have an interpreter present. Their problem is late day meetings and weekends. The interpreters seem unable to commit to overtime or weekends. Friday and Sunday meetings have been canceled a couple of times. The CRM is working on this. SOMS and RAC credits now seem to be the dominant factor in meeting attendance. The men have been told that the board requires their attendance at AA meetings, which means that the majority of the guys there aren't really there for AA. They've as much as said this in the meetings. Add to that the fact that most of the old guard AA members, committed guys, have been paroled, we have a VERY different group of men at the prison. They have effectively doubled the size of the old weeknight meetings, going from 25 to 50+, and the Friday 30 man meeting has had 65 guys the past few weeks. The CRM has stated to me that she needs to "put butts in seats"...to comply with the warden getting dinged for NOT hitting numbers on guys in programming. LITERATURE: The prison has told me that the old dual path delivery system has to change. One path was for us to hand carry a limited number of books, pamphlets, etc and to leave them using what was called the hand carry form. This no longer works. I note we've used it for about 10 years....The CRM is putting together a new form. The other path is the donation form, requiring me to submit a signed request, get it signed off, get it back and sent to Kelly with an order, then the form is included in the shipment. We haven't had to use this in a while. The volunteer base is stable and I have reached out to the Spanish Speaking community for help. A couple of our new gate clearances will switch to beige cards this year.
- **SVSP Soledad, Jeremy S.** We are up and running after staff shortages. There are 2 new volunteers.
- **USP Atwater, Dawn T.** There is a new re-entry affairs coordinator at USP Atwater and he reached out to me as soon as the warden made the move to re-open outside programming. Myself and two new volunteers will be going to the prison's volunteer training on September 22nd. We don't know our schedule yet, but the new reentry affairs coordinator is very responsive and excited to get us back in there.

IVSS Chair, Karen C. Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service: H&I program to provide outside one-on-one in-person sponsorship to confined alcoholics. Currently we have 91 confined alcoholics on our rosters – 86 at SQ, 5 at SVSP, big increase in apps at SQ, desperately looking for volunteers. Anyone in the Bay Area please announce in meetings. 3 important developments: 1. New Coordinator CTF – Alison G; 2 IVSS open in Tucson 3. Contact on Corrections desk at GSO informed me that they'll get some sort of printed material on the program out this year, and hopefully in the Corrections kit not too long thereafter. Jeff & I will be attending NCC in Chicago this year and giving our presentation. Still trying to find a Spanish language Coordinator to help bring the service to Hispanic members on the inside. Please spread the word to any bi-lingual members that this is a vital opportunity to serve. Please have anyone interested in IVSS in any way contact me through the website or at handi.ivss@gmail.com.

Finance Committee Chair, Andrew K. We have finished the 2023 budget. We continue to add 2nd signatures to the treasurer's distribution of checks and update log.

NCCAA Conf. Coordinator, Karen B. The NCCAA Conference is coming up soon in Modesto October 7th-9th, 2022. Registration is available on the NCCAA website. Please share this information with your area or region. Thank you to Pete D from Area 81 for assisting with volunteers for the H&I Table. There will be a H&I panel on Saturday morning. If you would like to be a panelist let me know or a reader let me know. I will be representing us at their business meetings during the Conference.

Literature Chair, Kelly B. AAWS is finally Shipping out Backorders, that dates back as far as March but we are still looking at over 5500.00 of Literature that is still waiting to be Shipped. At the end of August, AAWS informed us of what delays we are still dealing with moving forward. Pocket size Big Books are our largest request right now and its estimated in-stocks date is October. The second largest request is Large Print 12x12's. Estimated in-stock date is December. That being said, some Literature requests might take some time to get to you but the literature will eventually come in. Please make sure to always Stamp the books before going into the facilities.

Pink Can Coordinator, Peter M. There are 725 Pink Cans and 305 lid stickers on hand. I am sending out pink cans every month in varied numbers.

Policy Chair, Penny C. The policy committee continues to work on this year's regular revisions for the policy manual and for the revision for the restructure proposal. Both, the regular revisions and the restructure proposal will be presented at the next General Meeting and voted on and at least two-thirds majority (substantial unanimity) will be required for passage

Archivist/Historian Chair, Julio B. We had a little communication mix up about the newsletter publication deadline so the 1st regular article from the archives is postponed until the next issue. I'm working on organizing the General Committee meeting minutes from the 1950's to the present. I thought I would get these organized first and then scan them, but, there are so many duplicates in archives that I found the best way to keep them in order is to scan them as I go along. A side benefit will be that our meeting minutes will be the first category of documents to be fully digitized. Most of the issues discussed by the General Committee come from major institutions or local areas. Local area minutes can help connect the dots and provide more background and depth giving us a better understanding of any topic. If your local area keeps minutes, and it is the best practice to keep written minutes, please consider submitting your minutes to the archives. Adding me to your area email distribution list is an easy way to archive your area records going forward. H&I members in the future will thank you! Finally, H&I Archives can help you declutter. If you're wondering what to do with folders or boxes filled with old H&I related papers, let's talk about what you have. If it's relevant, I'll arrange a pick up.

Public Information Chair, Vikki R. Attended the Southern CA H&I Intergroup meeting via Zoom on July 24. I presented a report about our H&I Committee and our current situation. I talked about the restructuring of our committee meetings in order to better serve the groups we represent. The future SoCal H&I meetings will also be via zoom or in-person monthly thru Nov. The 2023 Hybrid Planning Committee Meetings will be held on the 4th Sunday starting in August. I attended the Northern California Coastal Area Meeting July 23rd and gave a brief report about Norcal H&I activities. Attended Northern California Interior Area Meetings in July & August. CNIA is alive and well. They have found a new meeting place their Area Committee Meetings held almost every 3rd Saturday. On August 27 th , I was invited to Sacramento Area's Unity Day. I presented information about H&I and groups fulfilling their primary purpose. I plan to attend the Regional Forum in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is my desire to learn and bring back any information I hear regarding Corrections, Bridging the Gap, and Hospitals and Institutions.

Grapevine Chair, Bob F. We have had several instances of magazines piling up in the last few months. In one area, the literature person stockpiled deliveries for 2 years and then turned them over to the local committee. This was on the order of 3,000 issues. I have also been notified of a couple other areas that have large stockpiles that I'm having trouble getting a response from the literature persons regarding canceling the subscriptions till inventory is utilized. I'd still like to see Area Chairs take ownership of this situation. Current subscriptions are slightly lower since the last report to this

committee due to the surplus issues mentioned before and personnel changes that cause back issues to pile up. There have been several meaningful increases at institutions in the last couple months but they were offset by cancellations in other areas due to inventory having piled up. I predict this trend will reverse as the backlogged inventories are depleted and canceled subscriptions are re-established. We are currently at 2670 Grapevines monthly and 1220 La Vina bi-monthly. Based on the invoices received so far in 2022, this is a monthly cost of ~\$6600 projecting to ~\$80,000 annually although it is trending slightly downward. Shipping comprises about 12%. If you know of institutions not receiving Grapevines that should be, contact me. All back issues and Grapevine Inc publications are available from our literature chair.

Publisher, Joe N. A reminder to email me with any mailing address updates for the hard copy newsletter. If you are not receiving a hard copy and wish to do so, please email me your mailing info. The Steering Committee meeting Zoom link and General Committee Zoom Links do not change. So going forward, use the Steering Committee Zoom link for all Steering Committee Meetings and use the GC meeting Zoom link for all future GC meetings. *(NOTE: GOING FORWARD THE EXISTING GC LINK WILL BE THE ONLY LINK USED FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS DUE TO THE RESTRUCTURE MOTION PASSING)*

Website/Audio Chair, Thom H. Website is doing fine, the Spanish version was launched thanks to all who participated. Website traffic continues to be around 20 active users a day with the home page getting most of the traffic, followed by the online contributions page. For the last 90 days, here are some of the statistics of the 'views': Home Page view=4,610. Online Contribute=754; Map=587; Resources=340; Business-Meetings=327; Volunteer=317; Contact-Us=292; Policies=250; Volunteer Prisons=193 and Finances=143.

Committee Business

- **Budget 2023:** (presented by Andrew K). We welcome Penny C. to her first Financial Committee meeting, and thanks for others in attendance: Karen C, Joyce R., Rich G. were in attendance as well.
 - Refer to the proposed budget, to detail each line item and reason/justification on any increase/decrease from 2022. Some of the highlights:
 - 2023 Expected Income: \$471,700.
 - 2023 Expected Expenses: \$525,000
 - Tax Filing Fee: in 2022, we are required to complete 2 tax filing. This will not be required for 2023.
 - Computer/Internet Expenses: Added for equipment that was not reflected last year, budgeted \$5600 for 2023
 - H&I Literature Stamps: \$400 (per Kelly)
 - Stamp Pad & Ink: Budgeted \$250. Per Kelly, need to increase that to \$500
 - Storage: budgeting \$4,020. Expecting a 12% increase in this line item.
 - Meeting Directories: Due to lower demand (online app), less need to have directories.
 - Room Rentals: GC and SC meetings; With potential hybrid, budget for 2023 adjusted to reflect hybrid.
 - IVSS: No longer a pilot, so budgeting operating cost. 2023=\$3360 from 2022=\$1180.
 - Newsletter and Policy Manual printing costs: Increased in 2023 due to printing increases.
 - Question: Is the deficit in 2023 budget to offset excess H&I funds? If we follow the budget, we would not have excess funds. That should be our goal and is our responsibility. Committee avoided padding any particular category. Giving us an opportunity to reach out to other facilities that were not served previously and are committed to have that happen in 2023.
 - MOTION: Miki 1st motion to approve/Joyce 2nd motion.
 - 92% Majority/8% Minority: Approved.
 - 2=Minority Opinion: Minority reason: Does not believe that an aspirational budget is warranted at this time for 2023.
- Discussion about changing the restructure policy in referencing 'virtual'. It is out of order given it was already reviewed and passed by simple majority previously and up for final vote in October, 2022. Any motion, which substantively conflicts with the motion under consideration is in violation of our written procedures. If members

want to make a motion that says that meetings will be conducted virtually with a hybrid aspect, that could be presented as more of a housekeeping motion (during Oct meeting), it is not in violation because it is not a substantive change to current proposal.

Anniversaries:

Marti A: 32 yrs **Andrew K:** 33 yrs **Jude H.:** 30 yrs **Cindy B:** 32 yrs **Allison G:** 34 yrs

7th Tradition: None taken.

Regional Reports

Region 01: Far North Coastal: OPEN. **Area 02- Del Norte: OPEN.** **Area 03- Siskiyou: OPEN.** **Area 04- Humboldt County (Tony S):** Bringing in about 50% of meetings to our facilities. We are still dealing with certain facilities that are navigating how and when they are going to allow AA meetings to return. Some facilities have canceled all meetings until further notice while others like our county correctional facility have, after a long time, allowed us to operate via zoom and are soon going to allow us to come back in person. Also, we are now taking meetings into both psychiatric facilities; Semper Virens and Crestwood. We continue to struggle keeping facility coordinator positions filled, but making sure needs are met. I am staying in contact with facilities without coordinators to ensure that they at least have literature. Our literature chair continues to support literature for facilities that do have coordinators and is being dispersed accordingly. Overall, our service work is moving forward. We are fulfilling our community's needs as they allow us and will eventually fill all of our local H&I service positions.

Region 10- Far North Interior: OPEN. **Area 11- Modoc. OPEN.** **Area 12- Lassen (Pete K):** No Report

Region 15: Lower Far North Interior, Jude H. The reports for the region are below:

Area 16- Shasta (Renee P). We have reached out to 3 facilities to provide literature and been successful with supplying 2. We now deliver literature to Shasta County Mental Health and One Safe Place. The latter is a shelter for battered women and they have a big turn over with quite a few alcoholics. In the process of coordinating with a new Safe House (No Boundaries) to offer a presentation and literature. Total of 7 facilities that we service. Out of these 7, we can only personally go into 3. Our Sugar Pine Fire Camp, Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Visions of the Cross, which is a treatment/recovery center. Our jails, men and women's side have been locked down since Covid, 2019 and now staffing shortages. 2 of the facilities are choosing to do Zoom meetings from now on and one facility is still on hold. All the facilities are welcoming literature, which we do supply. We hold our monthly H&I Committee Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month, religiously. We continued throughout the COVID by having our monthly meetings through Zoom. **Area 17- Tehama (Michael V).** Business meetings are now held each month. 2 facilities have opened up for H&I meetings: Sportsman's Lodge AB109 Transitional Housing and PATH Women's Shelter. Working on clearances for Restpadd Psyche Facility – live scan required. Tehama County Jail and Ishi and Salt Creek Fire Camps are still closed. Literature is being brought to the Jail. The Jail is experiencing staffing shortages. Also, at the last Area meeting 2 questions came up: 1. What is the policy on giving women phone numbers at the homeless shelters since they are not confined and we see them regularly at meetings? 2. Tablets for corrections literature – is this expanding to all facilities? **Area 18- Trinity (Diane C).** Fire camp and the Trinity County Jail are still closed. The jail has not yet moved to their new facility. Staffing shortages at the jail. No meetings will be held until they relocate. No date yet on when that will happen. Literature is still being delivered to the jail.

Region 20: Northern Coastal, Open. **Area 21- Mendocino (Lloyd G).** County Men's jail 4 volunteers taking meetings into the men's side. There are 2 more volunteers that are waiting to be cleared. Boy's/Girls Juvenile: no effort at this time. Women's Jail: 3 volunteers. At times, jail is not available due to low on staff or lock down. Ukiah Recovery: Going very well. There are quite a few volunteers who are waiting to take a meeting in and a few waiting to be cleared at jails, so are doing meetings here for now. Ft. Bragg Hospitality Center: : Spoke with the coordinator who informs me that they are going to the 4, rotating, system for the meeting secretary. 4 committed secretaries, each taking a meeting once a month. OLD BUSINESS: The coordinator for literature at Howard Memorial, in Willits, has contacted me for

obtaining AA literature for their use at Howard. I've set it up where she will use our literature sheet to indicate what books or pamphlets she wants. She will be dealing with Bill C, area 21 Literature person. NEW BUSINESS: The California Conservation camp, Parlin Fork, has invited AA back to put on AA meetings. Our long time AA representative for the fire camp is Chris D. I anticipate she will take on the responsibility of being area 21 coordinator for Parlin Fork. Our first meeting is scheduled for October. Katy S is also cleared and associated with the meetings. Both girls are cleared. Chris will also use our literature sheet to indicate what books or pamphlets she wants. **Area 22-** Sonoma (Steven H): Transitioning from online to in-person meetings. In person meetings have resumed at Orenda Center Detox and Creekside Mental Hospital. Olympia House will resume next week. The Sonoma County Jail is getting weekly visits behind the glass. We have started two new in-person meetings at Muir Woods Adolescent and Family Services, one for boys and one for girls. We anticipate more facilities will be opening up to in-person meetings soon. Literature continues to be provided to facilities. Area 22 will be holding the election for the next Area Chair in October.

Area 23- Lake (Nathan K): No report

Region 30: Northern Interior, OPEN. **Area 31-** Butte/Glenn (Jim L): Our currently served facilities, including the major institutions, are still on restriction and have prevented our facility coordinators from conducting our H&I meetings. Each of the facility coordinators still continue to monitor and provide all the available H&I literature at adequate levels. We continue to hold our monthly meetings, to share all current facility reports including any updates or changes in a facility status, as well as welcoming and providing information to any new folks wanting to be of service. We have been able to fill a vacant position for a facility coordinator at Butte Juvenile Hall, and welcome the individual's commitment to being of service. The facility coordinators have also been proactive in acquiring and providing all information for new volunteers at those facilities requiring background checks and PREA training, as well as recertification of current volunteers. Unfortunately we have not been able to receive any hard dates as to when these types of important checks will be administered by those facilities. We continue to be active in making announcements at meetings for the need of more facility meeting volunteers and coordinators. We are still in need of a region 30 representative.

Area 32- Plumas (Michael B): No report; **Area 34-** Placer (Rick M): No report.

Area 36- Sierra/Nevada- (John T): The jail has accepted applications for H&I. At least 10 have been submitted. Last few months most of the H&I people moved and took jobs out of the area. I have moved also with only the Literature chair and the new coordinator for the Jail.

I have sent out reports to the District and the largest group hoping that new individuals will step forward to keep H&I alive. It seems I was the only person in the last two business meetings on Zoom. Reluctance to attend is expressed with Zoom. I will continue to urge people to be of service to The District and the largest group. As of 09/14/22, John is no longer Area Chair.

Region 40: Central Interior, Terry D. **Area 42-** Yolo/Sac (Roger M): Our Area is very active! We are carrying the Message of Hope to the Suffering Alcoholic. We are voting on 2 new facilities at our Business meeting. Area 42 continues to have well attended area meetings (even during covid related facility closures). Nearly all facilities are reopened, some changes and additions. At their next area meeting they will be voting on two new facilities. We are effectively back in operation with enthusiastic leadership and returning volunteers. The Chair, Sheila W, believes the H&I hybrid workshop held in Jackson on 6/25 was responsible for sign-ups and 2 members stepping up, and being cleared already, for Mule Creek. Mike K assisted the new volunteers with clearances. After more than 2 years the area committee meetings, every 2nd month, have resumed and key positions filled. Discussion about the possibility of a meeting in a local sober house was dismissed, as the residents are free to attend outside meetings. One member informed the C.Y.A., camp in Pine Grove of our readiness to hold meetings for their inside members, as we used to do pre-covid. He will give a full report at the next area meeting in Jackson on September 14th. **Area 43-** El Dorado (Kandis B). Area regularly with stability in key positions and attendance. All three residential rehab facilities are allowing meetings and all nights are filled. The county jail has opened up; a covid test within 3 days is required to enter. Volunteers are still needed. Their coordinator for Growlersberg is awaiting news about the next step in allowing our volunteers back in. **Area 44-** Amador (**OPEN**). **Area 45-** Colusa/Sutter/Yuba: (Alley G). We moved area meetings from Yuba City to the Alano Club in Marysville. It is now on the same night as the Area 42 meeting due to 42's recent day change. I asked both areas if they could consider changing their night to allow me to attend both committee meetings monthly. Area 42 volunteered to decide on a suitable change. The members of our area were presented at their last meeting, with a case of a member conducting himself in a manner inconsistent with Guidelines in the Pink Book, Part One. According to the immediate past Area Chair, a facility had requested he be removed from service for repeated

undesirable conduct. The member denied wrong conduct but did not attend the meeting. After discussion, a vote was taken for his removal. He was unanimously removed from future scheduling.

Region 50: East Bay, Peter M. I'm urging all areas to put on in-person workshops rather than on zoom. Face to face is working quite well. **Area 51-** Napa (Grady S): There are currently 3 weekly H&I meetings. One of them is on the grounds of Napa St. Hospital but it is not part of the hospital. Napa St. Hospital is not open to volunteers. Patients are having their own meetings with H&I literature. **Area 52-** Contra Costa (Tony R): There are 13 weekly in-person meetings. No zoom meetings. Literature is going into facilities as needed. Business meetings are on zoom. **Area 53-** Alameda (Chase C): There are 17 weekly in person meetings and 3 zoom meetings. Large area with lots of H&I volunteers. Literature is going into many facilities. **Area 54-** Solano (Lisa C): Jail and 2 Prisons are allowing H&I in. One recovery facility is open for volunteers. In July Area 54 held a H&I workshop in person. At least 40 people showed up and we had a panel of speakers. 10 people were filling out applications for the fire camp and several people were doing applications for the jail and prisons.

Region 60: West Bay, OPEN. **Area 61-** Marin (Randalyn R): We are doing very well! We serve 8 facilities, for a total of 17 meetings per week. All are in person except for the hospital which is on their zoom account. **Area 62-SF** (Gareth M): Orientations are scheduled in-person on every third Saturday. Announcements on AASf.org website. We currently have 3 H&I zoom meetings, 18 in-person meetings and 3 new in-person meetings. We need volunteers to take meetings into the facilities which have opened back up, and also we need experienced H&I volunteers to coordinate meetings. Literature continues to be delivered to facilities at their request. Expenses and contributions are down but we are sound at this time. We're still distributing literature to facilities and still in need of contributions for literature. Area 62 is looking for regional Chair for H&I Norcal. **Area 65-** San Mateo (Mark W/Joey D): No report

Region 70: Southern Coastal, OPEN. **Area 71-** Santa Clara (Mike S). No report

Area 72- Monterey (David M). So Covid has flattened the proverbial tires of our area pretty bad. All of our facilities are open but we're lacking volunteers to fill positions. Almost all of our coordinators are running multiple facilities at once. However, after our recent Coastal Rally and MBAR (Monterey Bay Area RoundUp) events, we've got 20 new sign up potential volunteers.

Area 72 is still using Zoom for our business meetings. We are looking for a physical place now to have our business meetings. But finding volunteers has been our main focus since facilities started opening up early this year. Mark has been our "Go To" guy for our need for literature. He does a phenomenal job. In our business meeting last week he reported \$800 for literature for our facilities in the last month. To supply Genesis House's reopening and our new facility Bridge House, and of course the needs of our set facilities as well. Community Hospital closed on 6/22 due to the outbreak and just reopened 8/15 with 2 meets/week (5-7 attendees). Genesis House started in July with 20-30 attendees. Bridge House is a new facility, 4-6 attendees/week. SVSP, Jeremy and 1 other volunteer have been bringing 1 meeting/week. Monterey Jail: re-opened in March, 2 volunteers bringing 1 meeting/week (3-7 attendees). We need more volunteers. Monterey County Jail (women): Currently no coordinator or volunteers.

Area 73- Santa Cruz (David R). No Report **Area 74-** San Benito (Sarah P). No report

Region 80: Southern Interior, Kevin W. No Report, and he is no longer in position. **Area 81-** Stanislaus (Pete D): No report. **Area 82-** San Joaquin (Casey and Larry M): No report. **Area 83-** Tuolumne (Bruce A). We have been really busy. We continue to help Maynords and Changing Echoes. The contact with incarcerated members has been planning for restarting meetings and we are asking the fellowship to support the effort. We are providing literature and we will have more to report as we carry the message inside.

Area 84: Calaveras (Andrew K): We have no Region Chair; and very little to report. We are shut out of the Calaveras County Jail; and looking at other institutions we can get literature into. **Area 86-Merced (OPEN)**

Region 90: Far Southern Interior, Joyce R. Joyce reports the following in region:

Area 91- Madera/Mariposa (Miki S): Continues to remain mostly inactive since the onset of the pandemic. They are not currently holding Area Business Meetings. The prison activities of CCWF and VSP in Chowchilla continue to fluctuate as Covid conditions change. Miki will

comment on this further in her Major Institution Report. **Area 92- Fresno (Katherine S):** Business Meetings are held in person on the 3 rd Monday of odd months and orientations are in person on the 3 rd Monday of even months. Kat reports that they have resumed in-person panels at all their current facilities, and have strong volunteer participation. They have received requests for H&I Panels at facilities serving the homeless population and are working on setting these in motion. **Area 93- Tulare (Stephanie M):** Business Meetings have returned to in-person on the 4 th Saturday of odd months with orientation on the 4 th Saturday of even months via zoom. In-person and zoom H&I panels, as decided by the facilities due to Covid outbreaks, are continuing at all current facilities. Tulare County Jail is opening to volunteers after over 2 years of closure and volunteers have started the clearance process. **Area 95 Kings. OPEN.**

Region 140: Spanish Northern Interior, Salvador V. No report

Region 160: Spanish North Coast, Jose Luis C. No report

Region 170: Spanish South Coast, OPEN.

Region 180: Spanish Central Interior, Eduardo P. San Joaquin County Jail and Honor Farm, Sierra Conservation Center Jamestown, Calif. Health Care Facility, and Atwater Federal Prison: We meet at the Central Valley intergroup office the first Tuesday of the month. In view of the present condition of Covid19, the allowances of volunteers are able to enter the institutions at the completion of each individual location requirements, except Atwater Federal Prison. Our volunteers are presently meeting the required procedures to be able to enter the facilities in carrying the message to those that are incarcerated. In our quest for progress, and better communication of information, with the English and Spanish H & I volunteer committees, we are continuing to hold our Biannual Interregional Spanish meetings held the first Sunday in February and August. And on 8/7/22, all 5 Spanish region coordinators, and their respective committee members participated, with Jeff L present, for an experience and informational gathering in Santa Rosa. Topics discussed were, Spanish translation of the NorCal H&I webpage, proposal of new voting process and utilization of zoom meetings in the Northern California H&I newsletter meetings, proposal of a new designated Area in Region 160, and that our Interregional Spanish meetings meet quarterly rather than biannually. Next Spanish Interregional meeting is scheduled in Fresno on 1/8/23.

Region 190: Spanish South Interior, Martin L. No report

IVSS Coordinator Reports:

IVSS San Quentin, Maxie V: Metrics and Issues: 1. Completed Matches=64. This is an increase of 4. Pending Matches=22, increase of 10. Total prisoners being served=86, an increase of 14. Facility is off quarantine, so H&I meetings have caused a surge of new requests. New volunteers are needed. 22 inmates are waiting for sponsors. Our #1 need is recruitment to meet the request surge. Conducted 3 orientations. All are sponsoring men. Potential orientation the 3rd week of September. Asking all members to request volunteers at their meetings. Requirement is 5 years continuous sobriety and experience in sponsoring men in the 12 Steps. Contact Maxie V, 510-461-6611 or go online to <https://www.handinorcal.org/> if you want to be a sponsor or call/email if you have any recruitment ideas: hawklike1@gmail.com.

IVSS CTF Soledad: Alison G (She is now in position as of 09/22)

IVSS Salinas Valley State Prison, Dave R: We have now assembled a roster of 5 volunteer visitor sponsors and 5 AAs on the inside. With various setbacks- covid lockdown, SVSP staff turnovers, etc., we are still in a holding pattern- awaiting the finalization of the clearance process. Our team is fully orientated and ready to roll once we get the go ahead. Being that the IVSS program is new at SVSP, we understand that there are and will be a few "speed bumps" to navigate, but boy are we chomping at the bit and raring to go!

SoCal H&I Liaison, Diana A. We had our first SoCAL H&I conference planning meeting We want to do a joint North/South H&I meeting. We will be reaching out later on this. Bridging the Gap: San Diego H&I is the host committee for the annual BTG workshop weekend (9/30-10/2).

Introduction and Welcome

Opening: Jeff L. opened the meeting at 11:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Purpose Statement: Renee P. read the H&I Purpose Statement

12 Traditions: Mike S read the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Introductions

Present:

Alex S	Alison G	Andrew D	Andrew K
Annetta D.	Annie G.	Bill H	Bob F
Bob W	Brad M.	Brian S	Carl P
Carmen B	Cherise F.	Cheryl	Cindy B
Coppola	David B	Dave M	Dave R
Diana A	Diane O	Doug C	Eric L
Hannah M	Michael	Isabella	Jeannie
Jeff F	Jeff L	Jim L	Jim L
Jim S	Joe N	John W	Joyce R
Jude H	Julio B	Kalia M.	Karen B
Karen C	Kat S	Kelly B	Ken M
Larry F	Larry S	Lisa Ann G	Liz G.
Liz W	Lorraine M	Manuel G	Marie R
Mark	Martine A	Mary B	Mary P
Max V	Melissa C	Melody T	Mike K
Mike S	Miki S	Nan B	Patrick M.
Patrick P	Patrick O	Penny C	Peter M
Peter S	Rafael F	Renee P	Rich G
Rick M	Roger M	RoseMary C	Shelia W.
Spencer G	Stephanie M	Steve A.	Steven H
Sue L	Susan P	Terry D	Thomas
Tim M	Tom F.	Tony S	Vikki Ray

Approval of Prior GC Committee Meeting on 06/12/22: Meeting notes were corrupted.

Financials: A motion to approve: Miki S 2nd: Vikki R 1=nay, approved by all other members

General Chair, Jeff L. We have a very busy day today, we will be voting on the Restructure, some Policy Revisions, a new Finance Committee member, and our proposed budget for 2023. So let's get started. I Hope everyone has had a chance to look over the literature re-cap. I was hoping that if we sent out the recap of literature use, it would help our Area's to regulate literature orders. However almost half of our Area's are still not ordering literature. Our budgeted target is between \$20.00 -\$30.00 per meeting, or 2-3 books, and maybe some pamphlets. Keep beating the drums please, we need to do better. Regionals? Page 20 This is an opportunity for you Regionals to help lead your Area's. We have been meeting with PI/CPC in a series of meetings to form a better working relationship between our committees. Already in Santa Clara County, Area 71, we have received a list of treatment centers, and homeless shelters that we are reaching out to with our services. I would encourage all to reach out to your local PI/CPC Committees, and be on the lookout for opportunities like these. There is a huge need for our services among the homeless shelters, and outpatient facilities, have long been overlooked, and seem to be growing in numbers As the jails empty out, the shelters, and transitional housing facilities grow.

Thanks to Eric L, Teddy B-W, Karen B, and especially Francine B, for all their help in working with us. Kudos to San Francisco, Area 62, for their efforts working with CPC, so many folks out there who need a solution, and thank you to the PI/CPC committees for helping us serve them. We will be voting on revisions regarding our scope of service. We should all be working with our District CPC Committee to contact all City Clinics. Our objective will be to provide AA literature to their staff for distribution to clients who have problems with alcohol. The Area committee should then maintain a list of all facilities receiving literature and assign a volunteer to oversee maintaining literature supplies and relationships with staff. Kudos also to Area 16 for thinking out of the box, they are offering entrance, and exit packages of pamphlets and literature at they're juvenile hall. That is a great idea that would work at any type of institution.

I have been a continuous member of the H&I Committee for over 20 years now. I have been an officer of the steering committee since 2008. When I first came on to the steering committee, the sparks were flying. The committee was in the middle of revising the literature policy. Up to that point, our committee had the same literature chair for 30 years. All the literature was stored in a barn on her property. The new proposal would make the position easier to rotate, as well as save the committee more than \$20,000.00 a year. But you would think the sky was falling. In almost every meeting, there was yelling out of order, members standing up and shouting. People were upset. The general chair was ruining H&I. It turned out to be an action that made a position that couldn't be transferred, to one that is easily transferred and we have had some great literature chairs serve since then. Next it was the travel reimbursement Policy. I heard; we don't do that in H&I. Once again, people were very angry. Tempers flared. Folks were indignant. Arguments were. I have been in H&I for X number of years and my sponsor said never to be paid for service. This all came about because the previous General Chair spent half of her retirement conducting the business of H&I. We were criticized for the overhaul of the policy manuals. They're changing everything! Anyone remember when we redistributed excess funds? That was exciting. Maybe it was not the best solution, but at the time, it was the only way to honestly reduce funds within the traditions. Once again, the sky was falling. People were angry, and possibly, still are. We were criticized for posting our finances on the website. Maybe was not a war like some of the other changes I have stated. But once again folks were not happy with what we had done. Can you believe transparency of our funds would be a bad thing? IVSS, we don't sponsor in H&I! Remember that? If there was a project that could improve our carrying the message better than the IVSS program, I sure do not know what it is. I believe it is the biggest thing since we first brought a meeting into San Quentin in 1942. Looks like it is going into the corrections handbook for general service, and is now rolling out in Arizona. And so far not one negative incident inside, or out. What do all these actions have in common, other than causing the sky to come down on us as H&I is destroyed from within. Well, every single one of them help to put us more in alignment with the Traditions, and the concepts. Every single one of them. And I believe every one of them has made our committee stronger. Once again, I say every single one of them. So here we go again, starting with, the committee is rushing changes through without anyone knowing. We have been talking about this for exactly one year now. That is four times longer than is spent on agenda topics. Why do we feel this is a move in the right direction? Again it puts us more in alignment with the concepts and traditions. The purpose of the restructure is to restore authority of the committee to the fellowships. Our local Area. Concept one states, "Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship" Since it was formed, the committee grew, From two prisons to 29 in NORCAL. Also, the committee grew. When the policy manual was created in 1953...

Our upside-down triangle is no longer upside down. The General Chair now appoints 45 voting members, while there are only 16 elected voting members (Regional Chairs). Of the 16, only 8 positions are filled. At our last steering committee meeting, only three Regionals were in attendance. We actually had more Area Chairs attend, even though they could not vote.

The restructure would add Area Chairs as voting members. That would increase the elected voting membership, adding 40 members that are elected, not appointed. That would change the balance of power to fellowships where it belongs, putting us more in line with the 1st concept. I really cannot understand how something that puts us more in line with concepts and traditions is controversial. And I am just going to say it, but most of the folks opposed to this proposal, are

the same folks who have been opposed to all the previous actions I was referring to. How many times have we sat in our home groups...the topic for today is change. Well, the world is changing every minute, and we need to adjust, and this committee has been changing,

growing for a long time, and it has become out of balance, no longer an upside-down triangle.

We need to right the ship, put the authority where it belongs, and give it back to the Fellowships. The Areas are our boots on the ground. I would love to see more people involved, not just

when they are angry, but at every meeting.

General Co-Chair, Rich G. I would like to state what has been on my mind lately. One simple fact that I think we need to do is get back to the founding of H&I when we were talking one-on-one, let's get a message to these people that are suffering from alcoholism and stop focusing on books. Personally, I'm tired of hearing about booked quotas at every meeting, what matters is that the men and the women are getting served. I think the fact that we have a \$500K sitting in the bank for books every year on our budget is become a ridiculous burden around our necks. I think we've been tap dancing around getting rid of some of that money, because we're afraid to just tell the group's we have too much money don't give us any. Instead of asking 'do you need more books? Are they asking for more books?', Let's see the data that says we even have to do that. We don't hear if there was a good meeting, or how many were people were there.

And I also think we're trying to litigate people's behavior. I don't think it works in big government. I don't think it works in AA either. If people don't want to come to this meeting, they don't have to come to this meeting, a better test is if the meetings getting held in their areas.

My feelings have changed since I previously signed off on the policy changes. I don't like where we are heading. I do agree with Jeff that we can get through this, in a loving and peaceful way.

Treasurer, Karen C. September 2022 financials included in the meeting packet. Contributions continue to rebound more quickly than literature orders, however both

Aug & Sept were good months for literature. We had negative income for 2 months in a row and have reduced our cash assets by almost \$17K during that time. We currently have an excess over our recommended assets of about 1.7 months expenses (based on 2019 numbers) and we'll be reviewing our budget later which addresses reducing the overage further. We aren't requesting contributions for this meeting, as we have no expense other than the cost of our Zoom account.

SEPT 2022	Contributions	Lit Expense	Total Expense
YTD Comparison to LY:	+92.2%	+26.6%	+28.6%
YTD Comparison to Budget:	-15.6%	-29.7%	-29.2%
Overall Financial Condition:	SOUND		
OCT 2022	Contributions	Lit Expense	Total Expense
YTD Comparison to LY:	+75.3%	+33.6%	+36.7%
YTD Comparison to Budget:	-15.8%	-25.9%	-25.9%
Overall Financial Condition:	SOUND		

SEPT 2022 Recap

SEPT Net Contributions = \$32,243.24
SEPT Literature Expense = \$40,330.75 (AAWS, Grapevine & La Vina)
SEPT Total Expense \$41,802.25
SEPT Cash flow = -\$ 9,559.01
09/20/22 Prudent Reserve = \$154,961.86
Cash in Ops Accts (incl PR) = \$244,040.30
Combined Cash = \$399,002.16

OCT 2022 Recap

OCT Net Contributions = \$32,310.01
OCT Literature Expense = \$45,822.45 (AAWS, Grapevine & La Vina)
OCT Total Expense \$50,507.53
OCT Cash flow = -\$18,197.52
10/31/22 Prudent Reserve = \$154,961.86
Cash in Ops Accts (incl PR) = \$225,842.78
Combined Cash = \$380,804.64

NOV 2022 Recap

NOV Net Contributions = \$26,836.34
NOV Literature Expense = \$31,010.87 (AAWS, Grapevine & La Vina)
NOV Total Expense \$34,790.49
NOV Cash flow = -\$ 7,954.15
10/31/22 Prudent Reserve = \$154,961.86
Cash in Ops Accts (incl PR) = \$217,888.63
Combined Cash = \$372,850.49

Secretary, Martine A. Send your reports to the following email address: northcalhandi@gmail.com. I will be validating roster update/validation after the 1st of the year for those of you that the commitment term is ending. And, to provide enough time to obtain the new person's contact info. If your term is ending and there is a replacement, PLEASE make sure that I am sent the information. (Name, phone #, email and mailing address)

Major Institution Chair, Carl P. The decline in COVID cases continues and masks are now optional for vaccinated volunteers. The overall percentages of fully vaccinated and boosted individuals are slowly rising as well. HDSP still doesn't have a coordinator. There is one active volunteer. FCI Herlong and Mendota need coordinators. We are in dialogue with the CRM at FCI Mendota who really wants AA back in the prison and members in that area are actively

trying to recruit folks. A staff member at the NCYC juvenile facility reports that they are not ready for us yet. I have encouraged the MICs to continue to cultivate their relationships as much as possible with institution staff including warden to raise AA's profile and develop mutual trust. A virtual Volunteer Advisory Task Force meeting at CDCR is scheduled on Nov. 2

- **ASP Avenal, Monte S.** See Report under SATF, Corcoran. Combined with Avenal
- **CCC Susanville, OPEN**
- **CCWF & VSP Chowchilla, Miki S.** After 2 1/2 years since the onset of the lock-down due to COVID, we seem to continue to be dealing with the effects, as the prisons still experience shutting down participation, or partial attendance in our AA meetings. I check in with the Community Resource Manager's staff prior to each meeting to confirm availability for us on a daily basis. **CCWF** experienced the entire prison being quarantined for the remaining portion of September, but October has been active in programming. Attended the C yard meeting in the C yard SAP building and Ralph F facilitated the Spanish speaking meeting in the Visiting Facility and looked forward to Friday meetings for the SNF and the EOP units. **VSP** has been continual, however not at 100% attendance yet. I participate in Monday evenings, while Ralph's Spanish speaking meetings are Thursday evenings. I have been encouraging the usage of our literature at both institutions to make space to order and bring in new literature. So far, the inmates have been fully cooperating with this distribution, taking the literature back to their units for those on the waiting list to be able to actively participate in meetings, and to those not yet familiar with the program, and this has proven to be quite successful, especially at VSP.
- **CHCF Stockton, Melody T.** **1.** CHCF is still affected by COVID and there are always units placed on "restricted movement" which is basically quarantine. It has affected staff as well as the persons in custody. I was able to get in on the 4th Saturday in August, but due to lack of staff coverage we were not able to go in during September. Unfortunately, the August meeting was small due to COVID and the sporadic nature of the meetings over the past year. The meeting is still plagued by the fact that it has been facilitated by staff for so long, and it is difficult to get the inside members redirected on AA recovery instead of preparing stock answers for the Parole Board. I have taken this up with the CRM. What we need are some really dedicated and patient AA volunteers who can go in and model what an AA meeting looks like. We can't expect non-alcoholic staff to shoulder this. **2.** I attended the VAC meeting on 09/26/22. There is a new CRM and I look forward to establishing a working relationship with him. **3.** As for any California State Prison, a clearance is required. This involves an application, on-line training courses, a TB test and currently, a COVID vaccine. I am seriously considering an inservice, possibly hybrid, to help volunteers complete the application.
- **CMF Vacaville, Ken M.** The rollercoaster ride continues at CMF with the facility closing and then reopening. We have currently been allowed back inside since 07/01/22. We currently have a total of 4 AA volunteers cleared, 1 of which has a resentment about being denied a Brown Card for the 5th time without explanation. The bottom line is there are 33 meetings/mo. at CMF, of which H&I is only attending an average of about 12. Area 54 had a workshop in July with the expressed purpose of signing up more volunteers, devoting a couple of hours to assist with filling out the application process. The workshop was a large success with many new hopefuls filling out applications. In the last 2 months, I submitted at least 6 new volunteer applications. The facility has plenty of AA literature thanks to a recently placed order that included several cases of vintage AA Grapevine magazines that were requested by the "inside members". Last month I attended the Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting. At that meeting were the Warden, the new Deputy Warden, the CRM and her staff, along with myself and another volunteer coordinator from Kyros. Sent out an email in advance with a list of concerns that were addressed one-by-one by email and in the meeting as well. All my concerns centered around the need for better communication. They were sympathetic, apologetic, and promised to try to do better. The meetings themselves are doing well, max capacity at all meetings. I hear there is a waiting list of 500 inmates to attend programs inside CMF. One interesting thing of note since Covid: many of the old timers were gone when we returned. Guys who were doing life sentences have been paroled. What an amazing testament to A.A. that the inside members who were serious about changing did so, from the inside, on the inside.

- **CTF Soledad, Alex S.** Met with the Warden and made some progress on getting literature into the facility a little more streamline. Also, discussed allowing guys who are not on the ducat list to be allowed to attend meetings they are not signed up for. Later this month will be working with Alison to introduce the Sponsorship program to the Warden and the guys inside and get that program running. Meetings are going great, still need some more volunteers. A new meeting request has been put in for one of the secure wings which I hope we can find volunteers to fill that space.
- **DVI Tracy: FACILITY CLOSED.**
- **FCI Dublin, Linda S.** Training sessions are beginning to obtain badges to new returning volunteers. So far, 1 for new and 1 for returning volunteers have taken place and look forward to additional sessions so that we can attain the number of volunteers adequate for our 8 meetings/mo. Additional notes: There is a new warden, a new Reentry Coordinator, neither of whom I've met, and all 20 supervisors are being replaced, including the chaplain who has been our greatest advocate. My fingers are crossed for developing a positive relationship with them as activity gets underway. In the meantime, they are receiving monthly Grapevine and La Vina and are not in need of additional books at this time.
- **FCI Herlong** (currently covered by Reno)
- **FCI Mendota, OPEN.**
- **FSP Folsom State Prison, Andrew B.** No change from September SC report. Reopened in August. Since the last report, 2 new volunteers were added to the roster but only 1 of them was able to make a meeting before everything closed down again. The biggest issue with clearance renewals is getting outside medical facilities to complete the 2 required CDCR forms for TB tests, which one of the local major providers has been reluctant to complete. Any help from VAC to accept non-CDCR TB test forms would be greatly appreciated.
- **HDSP Susanville, OPEN**
- **MCSP Mule Creek, Mike K.** MCSP remains open to AA meetings with the occasional yard closure (s) due to the Covid. There also seems to be a staffing dilemma which prevents holding meetings. Overall, meetings have slowly crept upward in attendance which is very encouraging. I am in the process of providing Spanish literature to the inmates (members) per the request of a member through the AA New York office. I have been informed, by a MCSP staff member, that there is a large portion of the MCSP population that is Spanish speaking. Several members have stepped up to submit applications for AA volunteering at MCSP and two (2) have already been approved to enter the facility! Hooray!
- **Napa State Hospital, John G.** All is the same at Napa State Hospital. still no volunteers are going in. The patients are conducting their own meetings. Reading materials, Grapevines and Big Books are distributed to the patients.
- **NCYC Stockton, OPEN.**
- **NorCal Fire Camps, Peter S.** NorCal AA H&I is "responsible" for serving 14 Fire Camps in NorCal. They are (in Alphabetical order not locations); Alder (region 1), Antelope (region 10 - at CCC Susanville), Ben Lomond (region 70), Deadwood (region 1), Delta (region 50), Eel River (region 1), Intermountain (region 10), Ishi (region 15), Konocti (region 20), Parlin Fork (region 20), Salt Creek (region 15), Sugar Pine (region 15), Trinity River (region 15) and Washington Ridge (region 30). I currently know there are a few volunteers cleared at some of the camps but can not get information from Susanville without a name. Delta Camp has one cleared and 2 more possible. Eel River has 1 who I found out about due to entry concerns. Ishi, Salt Creek & Trinity River have the same volunteer who was the Region 15 Chair but I do not know if she is still volunteering. Trinity River also has the former Area 16 Chair listed as a volunteer, but no knowledge if she is still volunteering. Sugar Pine has 6

cleared volunteers (including the 2 from Ishi, Salt Creek & Trinity River ``former chairs" listed above. Of these camps we currently have 6 cleared volunteers with clearances that will expire in Mid-November, mid December 2022 and early to mid-January 2023. (Carl is also cleared, but to my knowledge does not volunteer at a camp). 6 Volunteers for 14 camps is not acceptable or what Nor Cal AA H&I traditionally has done in the past. I know that COVID decimated the volunteer force, but the CDCR massive paperwork requirement and the difficulties getting the Livescan for fingerprints has made the application untenable for many.

I would like to thank Eddie T at Delta Camp and Ron H and Jude H at Sugar Pine for their steadfast work trying to keep serving the clients at those camps.

Regional and Area Chairs and other members of the committee, put the word out everywhere that volunteers are needed to serve the population in the Fire Camps. Camp locations and contact information is accessible on the CDCR website at cdcr.ca.gov Go to "Facility Locator" for "type" and click Fire Camps. The 14 camps "we" currently deal with are above Sacramento on the map with the exception of Delta and Ben Lomond which are shown near San Francisco (east) and San Jose (just below). If you click on a "triangle" image the camp's name etc. will display, then click on the web site listing and you will be directed to the camp page with all the information to contact staff.

- **PBSP Pelican Bay, Cindi B.** PBSP is up and running and only 14 inmates are scheduled for Saturday's meeting due to another group meeting at the same time. Guidelines have not changed for the capacity of attendance. We do now have a full meeting of 25 inmates Sunday evening in A yard. I do have to report that since we are going in on a more regular basis the inmates are really starting to open up more share and ask questions. We are still struggling a bit with regular attendance due to lack of staff and other events going on in the gym. I also put up a booth at our local rally for H&I. I got quite a bit of interest that I will be following up on. I think it was a success. I was approached by the committee that puts on SBS (sobriety by the sea) about getting a member that has done their service work in the H&I field to come next year to speak. I gave them the name of Karen C. I think she would be a wonderful example of H&I. I also spoke to Danny T. and he has agreed to come speak at Pelican Bay. I am very excited to say I think he will be an asset for interest in A.A at the prison. Who better than someone who has walked in their shoes and changed his destiny. We have a new requirement to go into the prison Pelican Bay is requiring that we submit our SSI number to volunteer. I was uncomfortable with having that information on members that I went to Liz and we came up with a solution that all members will contact her directly to give that information. In November, we went into a complete lockdown however was able to get 3 volunteers cleared and will be holding an orientation.
- **PVSP Coalinga, Mike S.** No report since I'm the only one with clearance. I do have an applicant that sounds promising and is serious about going into prison.
- **CSP Sacramento, OPEN.**
- **SATF, Corcoran and Avenal, Bill H and Monte S.** COR and ASP- we continue to visit groups at these facilities (in between periodic COVID closures) frequently and have 3 new volunteers cleared, 1 former vol re-cleared at ASP and lost 1 at COR (age/health).

Lit orders continue at COR and we recently got agreement by CRM at ASP for a plan to resume providing lit there. An inventory of literature in the 6 visiting centers was completed and I will process that info and propose an order to replenish the missing and worn-out books. I'm also navigating some reluctance to restock the supply of books that the incarcerated alcoholics can request as a personal item via the Form 22 process. The CRM has limited space available to store this literature despite the growing success of this process. The CRM at ASP clarified during a meeting this week that COVID vaccination is no longer required and masks are optional. The same appears true at all 3 institutions.

Discussions with CRM at SATF have resulted in my first return visit the week before last. I'm trying to arrange another visit next week and (most importantly) get our volunteers who are new to SATF or need to renew cleared to resume visits. However, (despite my intoxicating charm) the CRM continues to be intermittently too busy to make progress or entirely unresponsive. I do remain politely persistent and hopeful. One recent literature order was coordinated and another will be placed soon.

- **SCC Jamestown, OPEN.** No response from Jason C, therefore the position is now flagged as Open.
- **SOL Solano: John D.** Solano is doing well with 8 meetings/week being held. We continue to need more volunteers.
- **SQ San Quentin, Bob W.** The only update is that Covid continues to wax and wane at San Quentin. The prison is modifying lockdowns to restrict housing and it's only rather than shutting down the whole prison. They also relaxed mask mandates for the men.
- **SVSP Soledad, Jeremy S.** We have now 3 of the 5 yards getting consistent AA volunteers at their Wednesday meeting. Looking forward to a few more volunteers to be cleared so they can join us in carrying the message. Hopefully as Covid settles down, more prison employees can open C1 yard & Bravo yard back up and running.
- **USP Atwater, Dawn T.** I am happy to report that myself and another volunteer attended a volunteer training so we can start getting back to bringing meetings into the prison. It's a miracle! The new reentry affairs coordinator is on fire for programming. Though I only drummed up one volunteer for this go around, I can start getting signups for future training. Unfortunately, our local fellowships have dropped in numbers since the pandemic. If anyone from a neighboring area wants to come aboard, please reach out to me.

IVSS Chair, Karen C. Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service: H&I program to provide outside one-on-one in-person sponsorship to confined alcoholics. Currently we have 91 confined alcoholics on our rosters – 86 at SQ, 5 at SVSP, big increase in apps at SQ, desperately looking for volunteers. Anyone in the Bay Area please announce in meetings. 3 important developments: 1. New Coordinator CTF – Alison G; 2 IVSS open in Tucson
3. Contact on Corrections desk at GSO informed me that they'll get some sort of printed material on the program out this year, and hopefully in the Corrections kit not too long thereafter
Jeff & I will be attending NCC in Chicago this year and giving our presentation. Still trying to find a Spanish language Coordinator to help bring the service to Hispanic members on the inside. Please spread the word to any bi-lingual members that this is a vital opportunity to serve. Please have anyone interested in IVSS in any way contact me through the website or at handi.ivss@gmail.com.

Finance Committee Chair, Andrew K. Budget Proposal provided for everyone's review. Area Contributions \$375,000 in 2023. If we include online, it is going to be \$474K. Some highlights of changes. Refer to the full proposal.

- One tax filing for 2023 instead of 2 from 2022
- Bank charges: Estimate avg \$18/mo.= \$216 for 2023
- New equipment: \$5600. (for hybrid meetings, we would need equipment to support that. Plus printer est. budget of \$6100.
- Insurance to be about the same
- Literature: \$340K due to some cost increase. There is discussion about moving to tablets, but we don't expect that in 2023.
- Translation: \$3500
- Committee Meeting Budget: \$12,000 (\$3K per meeting). One Member thought that appeared high. We previously had 6 committee meetings/yr, but the budgeted amount is the same for 2023. This was kept based on the outcome of the restructuring vote. Proposed changing to \$8K (\$2K per meeting)

NCCAA Conf. Coordinator, Karen B. The NCCAA Conference was held the weekend of 10/8/22 in Modesto CA. We had a panel on Saturday morning. I look forward to reporting back on the Conference at our next meeting.

Literature Chair, Kelly B. AAWS is finally Shipping out Backorders, that dates back as far as March but we are still looking at over \$5500.00 of Literature that is still waiting to be shipped. At the end of August, AAWS informed us of what delays we are still dealing with moving forward. Pocket size Big Books are our largest request right now and its estimated in-stocks date is October. The second largest request is Large Print 12x12's. Estimated in-stock date is December. That being said, some Literature requests might take some time to get to you but the literature will eventually come in. Please make sure to always Stamp the books before going into the facilities.

Pink Can Coordinator, Peter M. We now have 715 pink cans and 305 lid stickers on hand

Policy Chair, Penny C. Presenting the regular revisions and the restructure proposal at this GC meeting. The proposals will be submitted for vote and require at least two-thirds majority (substantial unanimity) for passage.

Archivist/Historian Chair, Julio B. We had a little communication mix up about the newsletter publication deadline so the 1st regular article from the archives is postponed until the next issue. I'm working on organizing the General Committee meeting minutes from the 1950's to the present. I thought I would get these organized first and then scan them, but there are so many duplicates in archives that I found the best way to keep them in order is to scan them as I go along. A side benefit will be that our meeting minutes will be the first category of documents to be fully digitized. Most of the issues discussed by the General Committee come from major institutions or local areas. Local area minutes can help connect the dots and provide more background and depth giving us a better understanding of any topic. If your local area keeps minutes, and it is the best practice to keep written minutes, please consider submitting your minutes to the archives. Adding me to your area email distribution list is an easy way to archive your area records going forward. H&I members in the future will thank you!

Finally, H&I Archives can help you declutter. If you're wondering what to do with folders or boxes filled with old H&I related papers, let's talk about what you have. If it's relevant, I'll arrange a pickup.

Public Information Chair, Vikki R. Regional Forum in Salt Lake City and was able to answer many questions about NorCal H&I structure. Interior Area in Yuba City and will set up H&I table and answer questions. We will be attending the Southern CA Zoom meeting.

Grapevine Chair, Bob F. Please notify me of personnel or address changes. Please check respective areas and institutions for proper deliveries and addresses. We are still encountering position changes that haven't been passed along resulting in delayed, stockpiled or abandoned deliveries. If you are not sure who's getting them, or in what quantities for a given institution or area, reach out to me and let's get things verified/updated. Due to the variety of recipients, there's no reconciliation to the main roster. Current subscriptions are slightly lower since last report due to inventory surplus and personnel changes that cause back issues to pile up. There have been several meaningful increases at institutions in the last couple months but they were offset by cancellations in other areas due to inventory having piled up. I predict this trend will reverse as the backlogged inventories are depleted and canceled subscriptions are re-established. We are currently at 2645 Grapevines monthly and 1175 La Vina bi-monthly. Based on the invoices received so far in 2022, this is a monthly cost of ~\$6600 projecting to ~\$80,000 annually although it is trending slightly downward. Shipping comprises about 12%. If you know of institutions not receiving Grapevines that should be, let's see if we can make arrangements to get them in. All back issues and Grapevine Inc publications are available from our literature chair

Publisher, Joe N. NorthCalhandipublisher@gmail.com. Send me mailing info if you are not receiving the Newsletter. The Zoom meeting ID is the same for all meetings.

Website/Audio Chair, Thom H. No change since Steering Committee report: Website is doing fine, the Spanish version was launched thanks to all who participated. Website traffic continues to be around 20 active users a day with the home page getting most of the traffic, followed by the online contributions page. For the last 90 days, here are some of the statistics of the 'views': Home Page view=4,610. Online Contribute=754; Map=587; Resources=340; Business-Meetings=327; Volunteer=317; Contact-Us=292; Policies=250; Volunteer Prisons=193 and Finances=143.

Committee Business

- All Regional and Coordinator Reports: Jeff proposed a motion to have them provided in written form. Mikki 2nd motion: No one opposed.
- **Restructure:**
 - Reviewed the summary of NorCal proposed restructure.
 - Eliminate the Steering Committee and consolidate decision making into one NorCal meeting.
 - Conduct quarterly NorCal Committee meetings via virtual.
 - Voting Rights: Area Chair, Regional, MIC, IVSS, Appointed committee
 - Passed by the majority vote in SC (May 2022) and GC (June 2022). It now has to pass $\frac{2}{3}$ vote at GC ($\frac{2}{3}$ vote = min of 66.667%)
 - **Housekeeping Motion Amendment:** To clarify NorCal Committee Meetings via Zoom. Clarify that reference to Zoom includes hybrid. Quarterly Meetings to be held via hybrid. Linguistic clarity, this is not a substantive change of the motion. Funds have already been set aside in the budget to include hybrid meetings, so it is not substantive change.
 - Poll on Housekeeping Amendment: 77%=Yes; 23%=No.
 - Proposal: Committee members discussed the proposal, the pros and cons.
 - Poll: 65 total votes received. 58%=Yes; 42%=No does not meet $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
 - **Minority Opinion:** After discussion, motion to reopen for re-vote.
 - **Motion to re-vote:** 56 votes received. Yes=39 of 56; No=17 of 56.
 - 69%=Yes; 31%=No. Passed with substantial unanimity
- **Policy Revisions**
 - Restructure: Includes the housekeeping change from 'virtual' to 'hybrid'
 - Poll: 33 votes received: Yes=91%; No=9% (30 out of 33=yes; and 3 out of 33=No)
 - Policy: Yes=93%; No=7%. Passed
- **Financial Committee Member #3:**
 - Jude H is available and meets qualifications: 100%
- **Budget Proposal:**
 - Poll: 100%= Yes.

Open Forum:

- **Area 06, Panel 71 Delegate, Jennifer B / Eric L.** We are currently preparing for our final assembly of the panel, the Fall (Election) Assembly, which will be held in Vacaville on 11/5/22. This assembly will include a virtual component, and we will be holding elections for our next panel of Area Officers. At our most recent assembly, in August, we voted to distribute our area newsletters electronically - rather than by mail as we have done historically - unless requested by mail. During the pandemic, we started electronic distribution and discovered it went well - and saved group money. Another motion, to make revisions to a section from Living Sober regarding eating when having cravings for alcohol, failed because it did not get a two-thirds majority. Next panel, we will continue discussing (and voting on) two other motions: 1. A request to rescind some of the changes made to Chapter Six of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*; and 2. a request to re-translate Step 3 in the Spanish Big Book. **PI/CPC Report:** The California Northern Coastal Area PI/CPC committee worked with members of the H&I Steering Committee for several months to ensure better communication between our service entities. One of the results of our meetings is that the PI/CPC committee will be attending your general meetings every quarter. We also created new guidelines to better define our roles when there is overlap between the work done by H&I and the work done by PI and CPC committees. Next Saturday, at our monthly PI/CPC committee meeting at 9 AM (on Zoom), we will have a special guest speaker, Class A Trustee Nancy M, who will share about how to effectively work with probation and parole departments and drug and alcohol programs.

Anniversaries:

Bob Free: 21 years **Steven H:** 16 years **Peter M:** 34 years
Andrew K: 33 years **Hana M:** 8 years **Marti A:** 32 years

7th Tradition: Not collected due to GC held via Zoom.

Regional Reports

Region 01: Far North Coastal: OPEN. **Area 02- Del Norte: OPEN.** **Area 03- Siskiyou: OPEN.** **Area 04- Humboldt County (Tony S):** Currently Area 4 is bringing in about 50% of meetings to our facilities. We are still dealing with certain facilities that are navigating how and when they are going to allow AA meetings to return. Some facilities have canceled all meetings until further notice while others like our county correctional facility have, after a long time, allowed us to operate via zoom and are soon going to allow us to come back in person. Also, we are now taking meetings into both of our psychiatric facilities; Semper Virens & Crestwood. We continue to struggle keeping facility coordinator positions filled, however, I make sure they're needs are met. The service work of H&I continues to move forward. I am staying in contact with facilities without coordinators fulfilling the needs that they do have such as literature. Our literature chair continues to fill the needs of the facilities that do have coordinators and is being dispersed accordingly. Overall, we are fulfilling our community's needs as they allow us and will eventually fill all of our local H&I service positions

Region 10- Far North Interior: OPEN. **Area 11- Modoc. Ryan H. (No report).** **Area 12- Lassen OPEN**

Region 15: Lower Far North Interior, Jude H. California Corrections has issued a notice that the fire camps will be closing in June of 2023. We are continuing to serve Sugar Pine until further notice. **Area 16- Shasta (Renee P).** Area has a total of 7 facilities that we service. Out of these seven, we can only personally go into 3. Our Sugar Pine Fire Camp, Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Visions of the Cross, which is a treatment/recovery center. Our jails, men and women's side have been locked down since Covid, 2019 and now staffing shortages. Two of the facilities are choosing to do Zoom meetings from now on and one facility is still on hold. All the facilities are welcoming literature, which we do supply. Average spend on literature per meeting is over \$30. We hold our monthly H&I Committee Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month, religiously. We continued throughout the COVID by having our monthly meetings through Zoom. **Area 17- Tehama (Michael V).** Business meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. 2 facilities have opened up for H&I meetings: Sportsman's Lodge AB109 Transitional Housing and PATH Women's Shelter. Working on clearances for Restpadd Psyche Facility – live scan required. Tehama County Jail and Ishi and Salt Creek Fire Camps are still closed. Literature is being brought to the Jail. The Jail is experiencing staffing shortages. 2 questions came up at Area Mtg: 1. What is the policy on giving women phone numbers at the homeless shelters since they are not confined and we see them regularly at meetings? 2. Tablets for corrections literature – is this expanding to all facilities? **Area 18- Trinity (Diane C).** Fire camp and the Trinity County Jail are still closed. The jail has not yet moved to their new facility. Staffing shortages at the jail. No meetings will be held until they relocate. No date yet on when that will happen. Literature is still being delivered to the jail.

Region 20: Northern Coastal, Open. **Area 21- Mendocino (Lloyd G).** MEN'S JAIL REPORT: The status of H & I bringing meetings into the jail are going well. The meetings are each Friday of the month. Bill C. is keeping track of the literature and regulates providing needed items. WOMAN'S JAIL REPORT: AA meetings are being conducted on Friday evenings. All is going well according to our schedule. JUVENILE HALL REPORT / BOY'S & GIRL'S: No effort at this time. UKIAH RECOVERY CENTER REPORT: This center is where we have the most activity. We are fully staffed to bring all meetings, usually with no less than 2 volunteers doing the meetings on a Friday evening. FT BRAGG HOSPITALITY CENTER REPORT: Going well. All meetings taken in on a Tuesday evening are received quite well. The routine of four secretaries, each doing one meeting a month, is working out well. PARLIN FORK FIRE CAMP: We have been invited back and are now facilitating this camp. Our coordinator and secretary of that meeting is Chris D. Bill C. has provided all the AA literature and will be adding AA literature as needed. OLD BUSINESS: To date, there is no contact for providing AA literature to Howard Memorial Hospital. Our contact has been provided forms to order AA literature. **Area 22- Sonoma (Steven H):**

Area continues to make the transition from online to in-person meetings. Our Monthly Business meetings are in-person and online. In-person meetings have resumed at Olympia House. The Sonoma County Jail is getting weekly visits behind the glass but all other Men's and Women's meetings are on hold because of COVID and staff shortages. Literature continues to be provided to facilities. We anticipate our literature usage will continue to increase as more facilities allow us to return to in-person meetings. We held the 3rd Legacy election this month and Patrick P will be the next Area Chair starting in November. **Area 23- Lake (John O):** 4 H&I active meetings: County Jail, Hilltop recovery for men and women, Hope center, and Project Restoration. County jail is 1-on-1 contact only and I have been going in on Thursdays. Hilltop is Monday night and we have approx. 50 men at the recovery house and about 10 women on the same property but in different housing. Hope Center a Wednesday afternoon meeting houses about 15 both men and women. Project restoration houses about 10 people that have medical issues too. H&I supplies literature for the above meetings and we do the above work with 4 volunteers and bring the message of recovery to approximately 334 folks monthly.

Region 30: Northern Interior, OPEN. **Area 31-Butte/Glenn (Jim L):** No Report

Area 32-Plumas (Michael B): No Report. **Area 34- Placer (Rick M):** We have been bringing meetings to Juvenile Hall since 2020 throughout the COVID pandemic. When contacted by California Construction Corp, we offer meetings to the Corp men and women (age range of 18-25). In addition, we were contacted by Acres of Hope (a women and children safe living environment where the women and children live for 2 years). As of 10/3/22, we offer weekly meetings. And, we are now in 2 detox centers (men's in Roseville and a women's facility in Penry. To date, we cannot hold meetings in Placer County Jails, the Gathering Inn, Wellness Centers, Psychiatric Health Facility nor Mental Health Residential facilities. **Area 36- Sierra/Nevada- (Debbie B):** As of 09/14/22, John T. has moved out of the area and a new Area Chair has been voted in. Working on securing meeting space, we will no longer be meeting on zoom. All facilities are still closed. In the process of getting volunteers vetted for Wayne Brown Jail. Our coordinator currently has 5 volunteers and asked for women. I recruited 4 women. When all volunteers are cleared there will be an orientation. We were bringing meetings into Golden Empire (nursing & rehab facility) and at this time they do not have any clients wishing to have a meeting but will call us if someone inquires about it. Received a call from Odyssey House (mental health facility) they would like meetings brought in. In the process of getting volunteers. Granite wellness is talking about opening again but are working on Covid protocols. Volunteers may need vaccination cards. Looking for Coordinators for both houses, (Hope House & Serenity House) We continue to bring letters into Hope House and literature as well. Gave a report to the District and stressed the need for groups to elect a H&I rep. Will be setting up a table at Unity Day and working to get volunteers.

Region 40: Central Interior, Terry D. No report received. **Area 42- Yolo/Sac (Roger M):** Our area is very busy bringing the message of hope where there is no hope! We will be voting on bringing a new facility into our Area. We just placed a Literature order. **Area 43- El Dorado (Kandis B).** Area is meeting regularly with stability in key positions and attendance. All 3 residential rehab facilities are allowing meetings and all nights are filled. The county jail has opened up; a covid test within 3 days is required to enter. Volunteers are still needed. Their coordinator for Growlersberg is awaiting news about the next step in allowing our volunteers back in. **Area 44- Amador (Sheila W).** No report received. **Area 45- Colusa/Sutter/Yuba: (Alley G).** We held a BTG workshop in July with 10 volunteers; a Volunteer Orientation in August with 1 new volunteer. We held a committee meeting to allow a person to re-volunteer but they did not attend. Sent out paperwork to get 2 clearances for Juvenile Hall. Yuba Co Jail: We are following up on when we can return to the facility and still waiting for updates from Sutter County Jail. July 2022: Bridging the GAP workshop. We had 10 Volunteers in attendance (45 min)

Region 50: East Bay, Peter M. The area updates are as follows: **Area 51- Napa (Grady S).** 3 weekly in-person meetings. No zoom meetings. Literature going into facilities as needed. Napa St Hospital still does not allow H&I volunteers. Jails are still not allowing volunteers. Business meetings are in person. Note: As of 10/22, the new Area Chair is Lily B. **Area 52- Contra Costa (Tony R):** 3 weekly in-person meetings. No zoom meetings. Coordinators are getting literature from the lit chair's garage and taking it to facilities as needed. Business meetings are on zoom.

Area 53- Alameda (Chase C): There are 9 in-person weekly meetings, 3 zoom weekly meetings and Literature is going into facilities as needed. As of 10/22/22, Annie G is the new Area Chair.

Area 54- Solano (Lisa C): 9 weekly in-person meetings of which 7 are at the 2 prisons in Vacaville. Large amount of literature is going into the county jail. Business meetings are in-person.

Region 60: West Bay, OPEN. **Area 61-** Marin (Randalyn R): We lost one zoom meeting at the hospital's psych ward because it just wasn't a good time for the staff. We went in 2 x a week, so now going in 1x a week. The county jail's men's side is having scheduling problems, hopefully that will iron out soon. Women's side is going strong. Otherwise, Marin County (area 61 region 60) H&I is going strong. 9 Facilities- 16 Meetings/week. 1=Zoom and 15=in-person. **Area 62-SF** (Gareth M): No report. **Area 65-** San Mateo (Mark W/Joey D): No report

Region 70: Southern Coastal, OPEN. **Area 71-** Santa Clara (Mike S). Monthly Business in-person Meeting is 4th Tuesday. Our last meeting on 9/27 had 39 people in attendance. We presently have 23 facilities we are actively staffing. Four (4) of those facilities are not allowing H&I Volunteers to visit presently. We have ZOOM only meetings at three (3) facilities. The remaining 16 facilities are all "in person" meetings. Presently we are conducting 25 meetings a week. We do have some facilities that are stating they expect to open up soon, but we are still waiting for our County Jails to let us back in for "in person" meetings. **Area 72-** Monterey (David M). No report. **Area 73-** Santa Cruz (David R). Per area notes, the volunteer needs: Visiting sponsors for SVSP, coordinators for various other facilities, secretaries for SC Residential facility. Meetings at Santa Cruz jail are on standby, but possibly opening again. **Area 74-** San Benito (Sarah P). No report.

Region 80: Southern Interior, OPEN. **Area 81-** Stanislaus (Pete D): No report. **Area 82-** San Joaquin (Casey and Larry M): No Report. **Area 83-** Tuolumne (Bruce A). We are busy here. We are starting meetings at the Jail very soon. Maynard's is a wonderful rehab and we have 2-3 meetings/mo.. Changing Echoes is doing well with meetings and volunteers, The Lakes is requesting H&I, so I am reaching out to them. **Area 84:** Calaveras (Andrew K): Calaveras County Jail, Men's and Women's, are back open to meetings if volunteers have PREA training (re-) certification. Only 1 volunteer is; but he went in last TH and 7 inmates attended. We will now submit a new literature order. **Area 86-Merced (OPEN)**

Region 90: Far Southern Interior, Joyce R. Reports are below for each area. **Area 91-** Madera/Mariposa (Miki S): Continues to remain mostly inactive since the onset of the pandemic. They are not currently holding Area Business Meetings. The prison activities of CCWF and VSP in Chowchilla continue to fluctuate as Covid conditions change. Miki will comment on this further in her Major Institution Report. **Area 92-** Fresno (Katherine S): Business Meetings are held in person on the 3rd Monday of odd months and orientations are in person on the 3rd Monday of even months. Kat reports that they have resumed in-person panels at all their current facilities, and have strong volunteer participation. They have received requests for H&I Panels at facilities serving the homeless population and are working on setting these in motion. **Area 93-** Tulare (Stephanie M): Business Meetings have returned to in-person on the 4th Saturday of odd months with orientation on the 4th Saturday of even months via zoom. Boo reports that in-person and zoom H&I panels, as decided by the facilities due to Covid outbreaks, are continuing at all current facilities. Tulare County Jail is opening to volunteers after over 2 years of closure and volunteers have started the clearance process. **Area 95 Kings. OPEN.**

Region 140: Spanish Northern Interior, Salvador V. No report

Region 160: Spanish North Coast, Jose Luis C. No report

Region 170: Spanish South Coast, OPEN.

Region 180: Spanish Central Interior, Eduardo P. No report.

Region 190: Spanish South Interior, Martin L. We continue to meet as a committee with our group H&I Representatives every 1st Monday of the month at our intergroup @7 pm. As a committee, we visit one fellowship per week at which point we provide the membership with the latest on our H&I service work. Back on August 2022 all of the Spanish regions met as we had the privilege to have our general committee chairman (Jeff) present, as he shared the latest on what's happening with NorCal H&I as region 190, we are interested in

the possibility of having our general committee meetings and steering committee meetings via hybrid as we feel that this would be beneficial for us. Lastly; we continue to go into the following facilities, Fresno County jail, Chowchilla prison, Nuestra Casa (rehab center).

IVSS Coordinator Reports:

IVSS Coordinator, SQ San Quentin, Max V. Personal story: My sponsee, Ralph, was denied parole about a month ago after working diligently to prepare himself for board. Before his hearing, he told me that he was going to tell the truth as factually as he could, and that the outcome was in God's hands. After the hearing he called me and he said there were issues and questions that he admitted needed more positive action on his part. When the guys told him that he was given a bum deal, he responded "No man, this is on me. The board showed me that I have more work to do. They treated me with respect, and I see that they are right about the issues where I fell short". He has since completed one program and is in progress on another. In addition, he has engaged an expert counselor. He said "Max, it is practicing the AA program, the Steps, prayer and meditation that has helped me stay positive, do more work and trust God." To me, Ralph engaged in an incredibly powerful and dynamic 10th step. This experience has increased my faith immeasurably. To me it is a case of Ralph 12th Stepping me by his actions. **Metrics:** Completed Matches=65; Inmates Waiting for Sponsors/Pending Match=22; Total Prisoners being served=87. Inmates waiting for Sponsors=22. at the institution? 65.

Facility is off quarantine, so H&I meetings have caused a surge of new requests. New volunteers are needed to match with the 22 inmates waiting for sponsors. Number 1 need is to recruit to meet the surge in requests. Conducted 3 orientations. All are reviewing an inmate.

1 potential orientation for the week of 10/10/2022. Ask all members to request volunteers at their meetings.

Requirements: 5 years continuous sobriety and experience sponsoring men in our 12 Steps. Contact Maxie V, 510-461-6611 or go online to <https://www.handinorcal.org/>.

Are there new recruiting ideas? Contact Maxie V, 510-461-6611 or hawklake1@gmail.com.

IVSS Coordinator, CTF Soledad, Alison G. I am delighted to begin my duties as IVSS Coordinator for CTF, Soledad. I have been debriefed aka The Vulcan Mind Meld by Karen and hope to learn the many ropes of administration for this important coordination between volunteers and inside members. Our first step for CTF IVSS is a meeting with the Warden and Visiting Services Officer to lay out the IVSS Program as it is successfully working at San Quentin and to a smaller extent at Salinas Valley State Prison. In order to schedule this meeting, I have talked with Alex S, who will arrange that and we anticipate the IVSS meeting happening in the next few weeks. Alex suggested I get cleared to go into CTF...way cool since I haven't been one step inside CTF even though across the street at SVSP feels like a second home. Once cleared, Alex suggested I might go in on Saturdays or Sundays for meetings and also to herald the IVSS opportunity for inside members. Alex is brilliant and committed...I already love working with him. To be continued...I can tell great things are just around the corner with IVSS at CTF.

IVSS Coordinator, Salinas Valley State Prison, Dave R. We now have 5 volunteer visitors who have gone through the orientation process and are ready to go. There are 4 AAs on the inside who have requested sponsorship. We are still experiencing difficulties with the clearance process, but are moving forward as best as possible.

Liaison Reports:

VATF, Carl P. No report

H&I Liaison To CNCA, Karen B. CNCA Liaison Report to Northern California H&I General Committee I have been reporting at CNCA Meetings and plan to attend the PICPC meeting this month. Next month CNCA will be holding their Election Assembly 11/5/22 in Fairfield. I will represent us there.

H&I Liaison to CNIA, Vikki R. No report

NCCAA Liaison, Mary M. No report

Bridging the Gap, Coastal, Juan L. No report

Bridging the Gap, Interior, Brad E. No report

SoCal H&I Liaison, Diana A. Our Intergroup Committee meetings are the fourth Sunday of the month. These are hybrid meetings which rotate around Southern California, hosted by the individual committees in SoCal. Our last meeting was on 09/25, hosted by the South Bay H&I Committee. Our Intergroup committee is composed of the 23 H&I Committees in Southern California. Areas 5,8,9 and 93. Highlights: So Cal Convention: So Cal H & I hosted a meeting at the convention. This meeting will be on 11/5/22 @ Pacific Palms Resort in City of Industry, Ca. November 4-6. BTGWW: The annual national Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend is hosted by the San Diego H&I Committee this year. This is a weekend devoted to sharing and discussions about Bridging the Gap/Prerelease Contact/Contact on Release. SoCal H&I Intergroup helps with Contact on Release efforts in the Southern California Areas. So Cal H&I Conference: Planning meetings have started. At the moment they are being held just before the Intergroup meeting. Our chair this year is Blair G. We are still looking at locations. We would like to have a joint H&I Conference with Northern California, if this would be of interest to you. We want to extend a formal invitation to your participation in the conference in any case.

2023 Budget Recap

						2023 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Total Income						471,700.00
Expense						
Accounting						
Total Accounting						800.00
Bank Charges						216.00
Total Equipment & Fixed Asset Insurance						6,100.00
LITERATURE EXPENSE						
Total AAWS						349,970.00
Total GRAPEVINE & LA VIN/						84,000.00
Meeting Directories						1,000.00
Total NorCal Committee						23,720.00
Total IVSS Program						3,360.00
Total Office Supplies						1,000.00
Total Postage						2,200.00
Total Printing Costs						18,700.00
Re-distributions - 5% to Areas						23,747.50
Virtual Meeting Expense - CV-1						4,000.00
Website Expense						2,000.00
Total Expense						522,063.50
Net Ordinary Income						-50,363.50

NorCal H&I Committee
Financial Report
August 2022

<u>INCOME AND EXPENSE BREAKDOWN</u>		
	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 22</u>
Income		
Area Contributions	42,337.61	268,960.35
Processor Fees	-261.37	-2,194.47
Total Income	42,076.24	266,765.88
Expense		
Accounting	0.00	1,370.20
Bank Charges	0.00	80.36
Equipment & Fixed Assets	187.41	187.41
Insurance	0.00	1,250.00
LITERATURE EXPENSE		
AAWS	35,309.13	131,866.97
GRAPEVINE & LA VINA	13,073.50	57,282.90
Meeting Directories	0.00	632.31
Total LITERATURE EXPENSE	48,382.63	189,782.18
NorCal Committee	482.03	4,842.31
Office Supplies	0.00	342.15
Postage	47.14	710.74
Printing Costs	0.00	5,256.94
Re-distributions - 5% to Areas	0.00	12,543.69
Region/Area Supplies	0.00	-36.88
Virtual Meeting Expense - CV-19	89.94	2,541.26
Total Expense	49,189.15	218,870.36
Net Ordinary Income	-7,112.91	47,895.52
Other Income/Expense		
Interest Income	0.00	3.34
Total Other Income	0.00	3.34
Net Other Income	0.00	3.34
Net Income	-7,112.91	47,898.86
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-7,112.91	47,898.86
Net cash increase for period	-7,112.91	47,898.86
Cash at beginning of period	415,674.08	360,662.31
Cash at end of period	408,561.17	408,561.17
Cash in Prudent Reserve =	\$ 154,961.86	
Cash in Operating Acct =	\$ 253,599.31	
Total cash at end of period =	\$ 408,561.17	
Literature on hand =	\$ 19,655.70	

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA</u>		
	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 22</u>
02, Del Norte	18.25	875.60
03, Siskiyou	0.00	353.38
04, Humboldt	190.52	1,176.50
11/12, Modoc/Lassen	0.00	385.26
140, Spanish North Int	40.00	175.00
16, Shasta	1,737.75	7,967.06
160, Spanish N Coast	60.00	900.00
17/18, Tehama/Trinity	0.00	707.58
170, Spanish S Coast	100.00	354.02
180, Spanish Central Int	60.26	340.98
21, Mendocino	171.43	1,452.74
22, Sonoma	2,623.29	18,276.79
23, Lake	87.78	1,203.96
31, Butte/Glenn	976.02	7,253.23
34, Placer	1,475.91	11,789.56
36, Sierra/Nevada	683.56	4,514.48
42, Sacramento/Yolo	2,207.98	16,340.57
43, El Dorado	1,288.54	7,793.66
44, Amador	261.97	2,609.61
45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	346.78	3,018.73
51, Napa	522.97	8,489.82
52, Contra Costa	2,403.87	20,292.71
53, Alameda	1,712.43	14,360.18
54, Solano	1,970.59	6,991.30
61, Marin	4,500.21	23,262.36
62, San Francisco	1,716.85	18,651.01
65, San Mateo	1,305.39	10,920.15
71, Santa Clara	2,999.60	29,207.96
72, Monterey	1,110.52	4,881.27
73, Santa Cruz	7,166.50	13,302.98
74, San Benito	178.67	1,869.98
81, Stanislaus	500.00	3,814.26
82, San Joaquin	924.27	4,617.28
83, Tuolumne	485.62	2,618.70
84, Calaveras	42.92	1,077.60
86, Merced	20.00	176.00
91, Mariposa/Madera	103.39	1,113.54
92, Fresno	1,544.81	10,594.72
93, Tulare	798.96	4,822.53
95, Kings	0.00	338.59
Unidentified Contributor	0.00	68.70
	42,337.61	268,960.35

NorCal H&I Committee
Financial Report
September 2022

INCOME & EXPENSE BREAKDOWN			CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA		
	Sep 22	Jan - Sep 22		Sep 22	Jan - Sep 22
Income			02, Del Norte	0.00	875.60
Area Contributions	32,601.12	301,561.47	03, Siskiyou	40.86	394.24
Processor Fees	-357.88	-2,552.35	04, Humboldt	235.32	1,411.82
Total Income	32,243.24	299,009.12	11/12, Modoc/Lassen	156.43	541.69
Expense			140, Spanish North Int	25.00	200.00
Accounting	0.00	1,370.20	16, Shasta	1,948.77	9,915.83
Bank Charges	0.00	80.36	160, Spanish N Coast	0.00	900.00
Equipment & Fixed Assets	0.00	187.41	17/18, Tehama/Trinity	0.00	707.58
Insurance	0.00	1,250.00	170, Spanish S Coast	144.00	498.02
LITERATURE EXPENSE			18, Trinity	253.85	253.85
AAWS	38,270.09	170,137.06	180, Spanish Central Int	12.35	353.33
GRAPEVINE & LA VINA	969.20	58,252.10	21, Mendocino	6.00	1,458.74
Meeting Directories	1,091.46	1,723.77	22, Sonoma	1,626.55	19,903.34
Total LITERATURE EXPENSE	40,330.75	230,112.93	23, Lake	243.03	1,446.99
NorCal Committee	1,217.75	5,580.92	31, Butte/Glenn	1,978.54	9,231.77
NorCal IVSS Program	122.87	602.01	34, Placer	1,175.64	12,965.20
Office Supplies	0.00	342.15	36, Sierra/Nevada	208.84	4,723.32
Postage	34.20	744.94	42, Sacramento/Yolo	2,930.73	19,271.30
Printing Costs	0.00	5,256.94	43, El Dorado	1,866.43	9,660.09
Re-distributions - 5% to Areas	0.00	12,543.69	44, Amador	347.74	2,957.35
Region/Area Supplies	0.00	-36.88	45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	331.32	3,350.05
Virtual Meeting Expense	96.68	2,637.94	51, Napa	472.02	8,961.84
Total Expense	41,802.25	260,672.61	52, Contra Costa	1,514.02	21,806.73
Net Ordinary Income	-9,559.01	38,336.51	53, Alameda	3,161.52	17,521.70
Other Income			54, Solano	371.28	7,362.58
Interest Income	0.00	3.34	61, Marin	3,949.08	27,211.44
Total Other Income	0.00	3.34	62, San Francisco	2,592.71	21,243.72
Net Other Income	0.00	3.34	65, San Mateo	931.32	11,851.47
Net Income	-9,559.01	38,339.85	71, Santa Clara	1,805.28	31,013.24
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-9,559.01	38,339.85	72, Monterey	338.18	5,219.45
Net cash increase for period	-9,559.01	38,339.85	73, Santa Cruz	0.00	13,302.98
Cash at beginning of period	408,561.17	360,662.31	74, San Benito	198.06	2,068.04
Cash at end of period	399,002.16	399,002.16	81, Stanislaus	86.00	3,900.26
cash in Prudent Reserve =	154961.86		82, San Joaquin	455.62	5,072.90
cash in operating accts =	244040.30		83, Tuolumne	75.31	2,694.01
Total cash assets	399002.16		84, Calaveras	150.82	1,228.42
value of literature on hand	19818.76		86, Merced	0.00	176.00
			91, Mariposa/Madera	0.00	1,113.54
			92, Fresno	2,556.55	13,151.27
			93, Tulare	355.58	5,178.11
			95, Kings	56.37	394.96
			Unidentified Contributor	0.00	68.70
				32,601.12	301,561.47

NorCal H&I Committee
Financial Report
October 2022

<u>EXPENSE BREAKDOWN</u>			<u>CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA</u>		
	Oct 22	Jan - Oct 22		Oct 22	Jan - Oct 22
Income			02, Del Norte	0.00	875.60
Area Contributions	32,589.99	334,151.46	03, Siskiyou	0.00	394.24
Processor Fees	(279.98)	(2,832.33)	04, Humboldt	348.90	1,760.72
Total Income	32,310.01	331,319.13	11/12, Modoc/Lassen	66.41	608.10
Expense			140, Spanish North Int	108.00	308.00
Accounting	-	1,370.20	16, Shasta	723.83	10,639.66
Bank Charges	-	80.36	160, Spanish N Coast	0.00	900.00
Equipment & Fixed Assets	-	187.41	17/18, Tehama/Trinity	0.00	707.58
Insurance	-	1,250.00	170, Spanish S Coast	0.00	498.02
LITERATURE EXPENSE			18, Trinity	100.00	353.85
AAWS	31,392.04	201,529.10	180, Spanish Central Int	160.32	513.65
GRAPEVINE & LA VINA	14,409.55	72,661.65	21, Mendocino	371.08	1,829.82
Meeting Directories	20.86	1,744.63	22, Sonoma	3,483.40	23,386.74
Total LITERATURE EXPENSE	45,822.45	275,935.38	23, Lake	95.00	1,541.99
NorCal Committee	300.00	5,880.92	31, Butte/Glenn	988.05	10,219.82
NorCal IVSS Program	116.00	718.01	34, Placer	1,468.28	14,433.48
Office Supplies	-	342.15	36, Sierra/Nevada	1,076.65	5,799.97
Postage	60.00	804.94	42, Sacramento/Yolo	2,609.39	21,880.69
Printing Costs	3,865.16	9,122.10	43, El Dorado	514.75	10,174.84
Re-distributions - 5% to Areas	(179.16)	12,364.53	44, Amador	302.10	3,259.45
Region/Area Supplies	-	(36.88)	45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	319.99	3,670.04
Virtual Meeting Expense	523.08	3,161.02	51, Napa	1,031.19	9,993.03
Total Expense	50,507.53	311,180.14	52, Contra Costa	3,291.46	25,098.19
Net Ordinary Income	(18,197.52)	20,138.99	53, Alameda	1,099.10	18,620.80
Other Income/Expense			54, Solano	680.19	8,042.77
Interest Income	-	3.34	61, Marin	3,013.79	30,225.23
Total Other Income	-	3.34	62, San Francisco	2,099.07	23,342.79
Net Other Income	-	3.34	65, San Mateo	1,186.88	13,038.35
Net Income	(18,197.52)	20,142.33	71, Santa Clara	4,132.93	35,146.17
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(18,197.52)	20,142.33	72, Monterey	670.74	5,890.19
Net cash increase for period	(18,197.52)	20,142.33	73, Santa Cruz	225.00	13,527.98
Cash at beginning of period	399,002.16	360,662.31	74, San Benito	138.48	2,206.52
Cash at end of period	380,804.64	380,804.64	81, Stanislaus	99.00	3,999.26
Cash in Prudent Reserve =	154,961.86		82, San Joaquin	441.33	5,514.23
Cash in operating acct =	225,842.78		83, Tuolumne	93.25	2,787.26
Total =	380,804.64		84, Calaveras	111.45	1,339.87
Value of literature on hand =	18,560.58		86, Merced	0.00	176.00
			91, Mariposa/Madera	0.00	1,113.54
			92, Fresno	1,036.23	14,187.50
			93, Tulare	477.00	5,655.11
			95, Kings	26.75	421.71
			Unidentified Contributor	0.00	68.70
				32,589.99	334,151.46

NorCal H&I Committee
Financial Report
November 2022

INCOME AND EXPENSE BREAKDOWN		
	Nov 22	Jan - Nov 22
Income		
Area Contributions	27,088.20	361,239.66
Processor Fees	-251.86	-3,084.19
Total Income	26,836.34	358,155.47
Expense		
Accounting	0.00	1,370.20
Bank Charges	0.00	80.36
Equipment & Fixed Assets	0.00	187.41
Insurance	0.00	1,250.00
LITERATURE EXPENSE		
AAWS	30,351.47	231,880.57
GRAPEVINE & LA VINA	659.40	73,321.05
Meeting Directories	0.00	1,744.63
Total LITERATURE EXPENSE	31,010.87	306,946.25
NorCal Committee	2,512.92	8,393.84
NorCal IVSS Program	0.00	718.01
Office Supplies	0.00	342.15
Postage	1,266.70	2,071.64
Printing Costs	0.00	9,122.10
Re-distributions - 5% to Areas	0.00	12,364.53
Region/Area Supplies	0.00	-36.88
Virtual Meeting Expense	0.00	3,161.02
Total Expense	34,790.49	345,970.63
Net Ordinary Income	-7,954.15	12,184.84
Other Income/Expense		
Interest Income	0.00	3.34
Total Other Income	0.00	3.34
Net Other Income	0.00	3.34
Net Income	-7,954.15	12,188.18
	Nov 22	Jan - Nov 22
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-7,954.15	12,188.18
Net cash increase for period	-7,954.15	12,188.18
Cash at beginning of period	380,804.64	360,662.31
Cash at end of period	372,850.49	372,850.49
Cash in Prudent Reserve =	154961.86	
Cash in Operating Accts =	217888.63	
Total cash	372850.49	
Value of Literature on hand =	20137.66	

CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA		
	Nov 22	Jan - Nov 22
02, Del Norte	0.00	875.60
03, Siskiyou	0.00	394.24
04, Humboldt	318.03	2,078.75
11/12, Modoc/Lassen	131.65	739.75
140, Spanish North Int	0.00	308.00
16, Shasta	768.69	11,408.35
160, Spanish N Coast	0.00	900.00
17/18, Tehama/Trinity	175.62	883.20
170, Spanish S Coast	0.00	498.02
18, Trinity	0.00	353.85
180, Spanish Central Int	0.00	513.65
21, Mendocino	355.19	2,185.01
22, Sonoma	2,859.78	26,246.52
23, Lake	82.19	1,624.18
31, Butte/Glenn	930.36	11,150.18
34, Placer	386.01	14,819.49
36, Sierra/Nevada	623.57	6,423.54
42, Sacramento/Yolo	2,626.61	24,507.30
43, El Dorado	1,320.24	11,495.08
44, Amador	176.52	3,435.97
45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	361.54	4,031.58
51, Napa	1,312.69	11,305.72
52, Contra Costa	1,923.32	27,021.51
53, Alameda	2,718.14	21,338.94
54, Solano	392.83	8,435.60
61, Marin	1,753.92	31,979.15
62, San Francisco	1,167.41	24,510.20
65, San Mateo	1,298.76	14,337.11
71, Santa Clara	2,270.48	37,416.65
72, Monterey	541.93	6,432.12
73, Santa Cruz	62.00	13,589.98
74, San Benito	133.29	2,339.81
81, Stanislaus	44.15	4,043.41
82, San Joaquin	517.46	6,031.69
83, Tuolumne	137.64	2,924.90
84, Calaveras	48.20	1,388.07
86, Merced	0.00	176.00
91, Mariposa/Madera	0.00	1,113.54
92, Fresno	1,317.24	15,504.74
93, Tulare	332.74	5,987.85
95, Kings	0.00	421.71
Unidentified Contributor	0.00	68.70
	27,088.20	361,239.66

NorCal H&I Committee
Financial Report
December 2022

INCOME & EXPENSE BREAKDOWN		
	Dec 22	Jan - Dec 22
Income		
Area Contributions	36,649.81	397,889.47
Processor Fees	-371.04	-3,455.23
Total Income	36,278.77	394,434.24
Expense		
Accounting	0.00	1,370.20
Bank Charges	0.00	80.36
Equipment & Fixed Assets	0.00	187.41
Insurance	0.00	1,250.00
LITERATURE EXPENSE		
AAWS	21,768.04	253,648.61
GRAPEVINE & LA VINA	13,537.25	86,858.30
Meeting Directories	147.87	1,892.50
Total LITERATURE EXPENSE	35,453.16	342,399.41
NorCal Committee	1,164.29	9,558.13
NorCal IVSS Program	0.00	718.01
Office Supplies	13.69	355.84
Postage	65.05	2,136.69
Printing Costs	7,224.61	16,346.71
Re-distributions - 5% to Areas	-19.82	12,344.71
Region/Area Supplies	-720.00	-756.88
Virtual Meeting Expense	0.00	3,161.02
Total Expense	43,180.98	389,151.61
Net Ordinary Income	-6,902.21	5,282.63
Other Income/Expense		
Interest Income	0.00	3.34
Total Other Income	0.00	3.34
Net Other Income	0.00	3.34
Net Income	-6,902.21	5,285.97
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-6,902.21	5,285.97
Net cash increase for period	-6,902.21	5,285.97
Cash at beginning of period	372,850.49	360,662.31
Cash at end of period	365,948.28	365,948.28
Cash in Prudent Reserve =	154961.86	
Cash in Operating Accounts =	210986.42	
Total cash assets =	365948.28	
Value of Literature on hand	19381.66	

CONTRIBUTIONS BY AREA		
	Dec 22	Jan - Dec 22
02, Del Norte	253.62	1,129.22
03, Siskiyou	8.00	402.24
04, Humboldt	219.98	2,298.73
11/12, Modoc/Lassen	42.00	781.75
140, Spanish North Int	61.00	369.00
16, Shasta	1,611.72	13,020.07
160, Spanish N Coast	230.00	1,130.00
17/18, Tehama/Trinity	0.00	883.20
170, Spanish S Coast	0.00	498.02
18, Trinity	0.00	353.85
180, Spanish Central Int	29.11	542.76
21, Mendocino	0.00	2,185.01
22, Sonoma	2,721.66	28,968.18
23, Lake	86.00	1,710.18
31, Butte/Glenn	926.17	12,076.35
34, Placer	3,524.88	18,344.37
36, Sierra/Nevada	434.36	6,857.90
42, Sacramento/Yolo	4,191.27	28,698.57
43, El Dorado	584.06	12,079.14
44, Amador	190.65	3,626.62
45, Sutter/Colusa/Yuba	149.51	4,181.09
51, Napa	527.73	11,833.45
52, Contra Costa	3,371.74	30,393.25
53, Alameda	1,352.94	22,691.88
54, Solano	1,649.42	10,085.02
61, Marin	4,273.10	36,252.25
62, San Francisco	1,707.48	26,217.68
65, San Mateo	643.89	14,981.00
71, Santa Clara	3,396.52	40,813.17
72, Monterey	516.88	6,949.00
73, Santa Cruz	181.05	13,771.03
74, San Benito	246.38	2,586.19
81, Stanislaus	27.80	4,071.21
82, San Joaquin	480.45	6,512.14
83, Tuolumne	0.00	2,924.90
84, Calaveras	135.00	1,523.07
86, Merced	0.00	176.00
91, Mariposa/Madera	0.00	1,113.54
92, Fresno	1,840.45	17,345.19
93, Tulare	978.19	6,966.04
95, Kings	56.80	478.51
Unidentified Contributor	0.00	68.70
	36,649.81	397,889.47

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL & INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Annual Pink Can Collection Report – FYE 2022

The Hospital & Institution Committee of Northern California is a Ninth Tradition service committee of Alcoholics Anonymous with the purpose of carrying the message of A.A. to those who are confined in prisons, hospitals, treatment facilities, and other institutions. Nor Cal H&I has been carrying the A.A. message of recovery to confined alcoholics for 80 years, dating to its origins in 1942 at San Quentin State Prison, and is one of the oldest Ninth Tradition service committees of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In the period ending December 2022 NorCal H&I incurred \$342,400 of literature expenses for the use of the alcoholic who is confined. Despite lingering shutdowns, we were still able to distribute literature, including AAWS books, Grapevine / LaViña magazines and books, and meeting schedules to our facilities. These necessary categories comprise 88% of the total NorCal H&I 2022 expenses. Additionally, we pay for neither an office nor for salaries for service committee workers, thus enabling us to dedicate such a large portion of our contributions to literature for the confined alcoholic. We publish our Financial Report online monthly in order to be accountable to our Fellowship for these and all other expenses.

Northern California H&I supports approximately 31,600 meetings each year, serving approximately 25 major state and federal institutions plus hundreds of local jails, hospitals, rehabs, and other community facilities. Those who are confined often don't have the resources to buy AA literature, so the Pink Can, with your contributions, covers this cost. Unlike other areas of the country which don't have separately funded H&I committees, in Northern CA the use of the Pink Cans allows us to purchase literature necessary to our service without placing the burden of this expense on the local groups, Central Office, or General Service Committees.

The Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee has for many years been one of the largest purchasers of literature from AAWS, contributing significantly to the support of our General Service Office in New York. No H&I members are ever paid for their Twelfth Step service, nor are they reimbursed for expenses incurred carrying the message into these institutions, regardless of the distance. It's not unusual for an H&I volunteer to drive well over 200 miles for a weekly or monthly institution meeting - these travel expenses are a personal contribution of the individual.

The H&I Committee is adamant that the contributions so generously made to our Pink Cans in no way detract from the Seventh Tradition collections of the groups. We therefore ask that the Pink Cans be passed separately from and after the baskets to avoid subtracting from support of the Seventh Tradition, and we encourage all members to remove the cans from the baskets if they are being passed together. Many groups have had success in passing the collections at different times, for example passing the basket at the regular time and passing the Pink Cans at the end of the meetings. In 2018, we also made contributing to H&I easier by adding an online payment option from our website at <https://www.handinorcal.org/contribute> where you can get a receipt as soon as the transaction is processed.

We are humbly grateful for the generous contributions, both financial and in service, of the AA members of Northern CA who make our mission possible, and especially for the cooperation of our fellow service committees through-out the area. **Without this loving support, tens of thousands of confined alcoholics simply would not have access to the lifesaving message of A.A.**

For additional information, please visit our website at www.handinorcal.org or write to the Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee. P.O. Box 192490, San Francisco, CA. 94119-2490.

PINK CANS

The Pink Cans are passed at meetings in Northern CA to provide funds which enable this committee to carry our message. If your meeting doesn't have a Pink Can, please contact the Literature Chair at www.handinorcal.org (or your local Area Chair) to get one.

~

You can also now make your group's contribution by credit or debit card directly on our website at www.handinorcal.org/contribute; you will receive an immediate email receipt documenting the transaction.

BLANK FOR BACK COVER