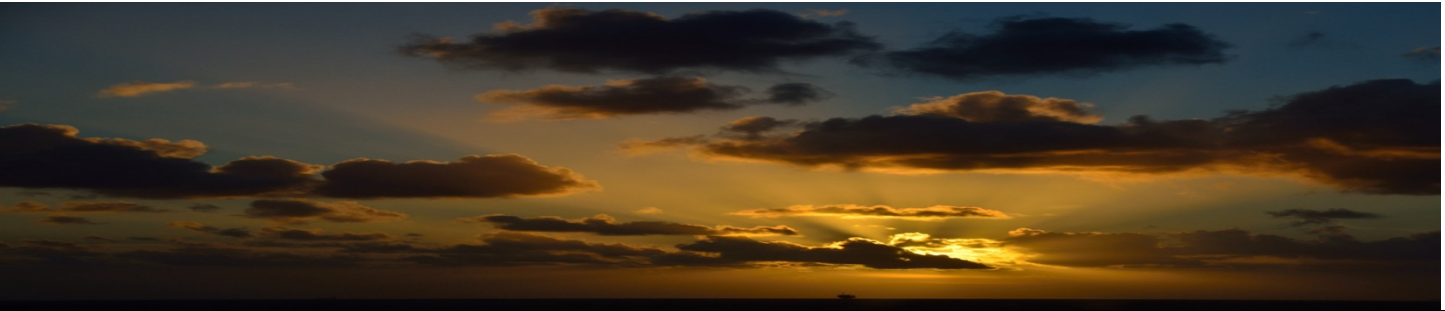


GRATITUDE GAZETTE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CENTRAL OFFICE OF AA

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SCV CENTRAL OFFICE

26951 Ruether Avenue, B4
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00am to 5:00pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

(661) 250-9922

EMAIL:

info@aascv.org

SCVAA Website

www.aascv.org

For current SCV meeting schedules use this QR Code; it will bring you to our website.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY RAFTERS 49 YEARS & COUNTING

Rafters Group is celebrating 49 years of service to our A.A. community.

Their doors opened on August 4, 1974 with a coffee pot, a box of donuts and a handful of people. When you attended a meeting, you brought your own chair and your own coffee cup. There were generally just two meetings per day, noon and 8:30pm. The original idea of the Rafters Group was based on the Burbank Group, which was well established. The first person to get sober at Rafter was Lee F., who was immediately assigned the commitment of locking up the building every night.

When you climb the stairs at Rafters you are transported back to 1974 when you observe the original wood paneling, the iconic wood beams (rafters), the hardwood floors, and parts of the original kitchen, all of which highlight the Rafters uniqueness.

Many of the “long-timers” in Santa Clarita Valley A.A. hold fond memories of the Rafters and are grateful to be able to call it home. Since 1974 hundreds of newcomers have walked through the doors seeking a new way of life, and a way out from a seemingly hopeless state of

mind and body.

In celebration of their 49 years Rafters is holding a weekend Alcahthon on August 4th – 6th. The opening speaker on Friday @ 7pm is Karl M. The special activities include a BBQ on Friday, breakfast on Saturday morning, a live auction, and a dance on Saturday night. Marathon Meetings will take place throughout the weekend hosted by many outside A.A. groups.

**PLEASE SEND STORIES,
EVENTS, BIRTHDAYS,
TRIVIA!! WE'D LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

**EMAIL TO :
INFO@AASCV.ORG**



Birthday Board

- Bryan D: 8/1/1988**
- Danny B: 8/14/2022**
- Eve M: 8/10/2020**
- Frank Q: 8/29/2008**
- Joseph R: 8/23/1986**
- Lisa S: 8/31/2009**
- Lynn M: 8/17/1978**
- Victoria T: 8/17/2022**

**Send your birthday to us!
E-mail: info@aascv.org**



**August is the 8th month, and we highlight the following:
Step 8**

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition 8

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional but our service centers may employ special workers.

**Concept 8
(short form)**

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, 2 exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities

Upcoming Events

**SCV Convention Spaghetti Dinner
September 2, 2023 5:30 – 8:30
St Kateri Church**

Tickets on sale now!

**Sunday Speaker Breakfast
August 13, 2023 8:30 AM
Speaker Ruben L. of Van Nuys
Springville CA
(559) 539-3814**

**Area DCM Sharing Session
Our Great Responsibility – The Future of AA
August 26, 2023 11am – 4pm
Norma Hertzog Community Center
Costa Mesa, CA**

Problem Solving Process



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCVAA CONVENTION

October 20 - 22, 2023

Embassy Suites, 28508 Westinghouse Place, Valencia, CA 91355

Registration is now open

www.eventbrite.com/2023-scv-aa-convention-and-al-anon-participation-tickets-558335876637/

No planning meeting in August

17th Annual AA Conference w/Al-Anon Participation "A Search for Serenity"

August 18 (6pm-9pm), August 19 (7am-10pm), August 20 (7am-Noon); Big Bear Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake 92315

Easy Does It Weekend

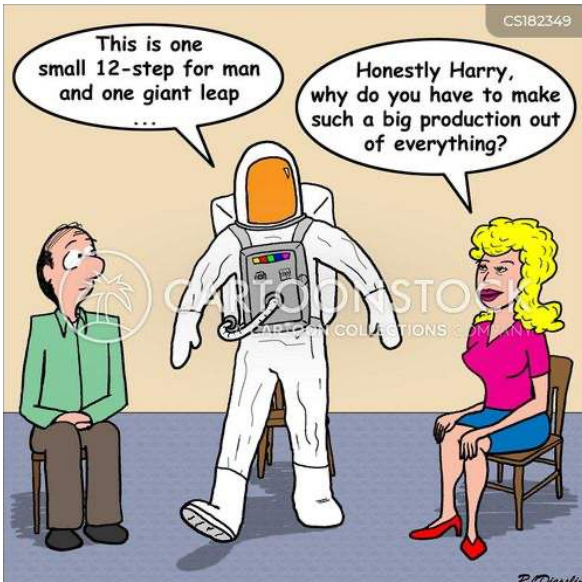
Camp Seely AA & Al-Anon Retreat
September 29, 30 & October 1, 2023

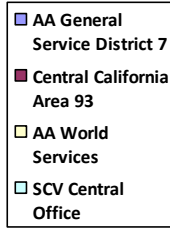
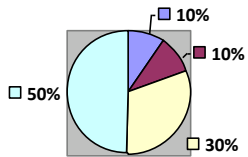
<https://www.easydoesitweekend.org>

Ventura County AA Convention

September 8 – 10, 2023

www.vcaac.org





AA General Service
District 7
P.O. Box 599
Acton, California 93510

Central California
Area 93
PMB # 140
606 Alamo Pintado
#3
Solvang, California
93463

AA World Services
P.O. Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, New York
10116

SCV Central Office
26951 Reuther Ave
B4
Santa Clarita, CA
91351

Monthly Service Meetings

Santa Clarita Valley Central Office/Intergroup

4th Monday of month
at Central Office
7pm – 8pm

Send a representative from your meeting; find out what is happening at your local Central Office and within the AA community of Santa Clarita Valley

*District 7
General Service*

2nd Monday of the
month
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Quartz Hill
LaGrange
41843 50th Street
West
Lancaster, California
93536

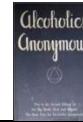
Hospitals & Institutions (H & I)

1st Thursday of
month
6:30 – 8:00

24901 Orchard
Village
St Stephens Church
Valencia, CA



Literature is available at Central Office about the various service offices and their functions.



Grapevine News

Current Issue Spotlight: “AA in the Military”. What is it like to get and stay sober while serving your country far from home? Stories of experience, strength and hope from our brave AA members in uniform.

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues: “Getting Through Tough Times” – A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy.....How have you stayed sober through adversity? How did the program and fellowship help you? **Stories due August 15, 2023**

Spanish-Speaking AA Members: AA Grapevine looking for stories by members doing service to reach out to Spanish-speaking members in meetings, districts, areas or events. **Stories due September 15, 2023**

More upcoming topics: Why I Love My Big Book. Grapevine turns 80 soon – send your best Grapevine memories.

Important: Grapevine is looking for stories of experience with each step and each tradition. Pick a particular step or tradition and share your experience. Grapevine also needs your jokes.

News from New York

Announcing: *Daily Reflections* now available in new audio formats

A new Audiobook edition of *Daily Reflections* is now available in English, French and Spanish

The audio edition will be accessible as follows:

- **Download** – Available for purchase from Apple, Audio Google Play, Audio Kobo, Audible and other Audiobook vendors. List price of \$11.99

For information, please visit <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>

- **Listen** – Coming soon: The audio version of each day’s reflection will be available in addition to the text.
- **For people in custody “behind the walls”** - People in custody throughout the US will be able to listen to the Daily Reflections audiobook at no charge on tablets supplies by Securus Jpay and Edovo/GTL, as available.

For questions or more information contact publishingnews@aa.org

Looking For A Meeting



Did you know there is a meeting guide app for your smartphone?

Find upcoming meetings nearby – Meeting Guide currently includes lists of 400 AA service entities directly to you. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily. Supported by AA and World Services. Is now available free from Apple Store and Google. Look for the chair in the circle and download today.

Visit <https://www.aa.org/meeting-guide-app>

ICOAA SEMINAR

38TH Annual Intergroup Central Office Seminar with participation from AAWS and AA
Grapevine
October 12-15, 2023 in Cincinnati

Hundreds of central offices and intergroups from across the US and Canada will be represented. Discussions and workshops will be held for all to share the best ways to provide services we offer every day. The seminar is being hosted by Greater Cincinnati Central Office.

We would love to have SCV Central Office be represented at this seminar. To help fund this SCV Central Office will be holding special raffles every 2 weeks. Purchase your raffle ticket at Central Office you could be the next big winner of a big book/12&12 cover with books included. Tickets: \$5.00 each (you know it only takes 1 to win).

See Judy F for more information or visit her at Central Office – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 10:00am to 5:00pm