

NORTH VALLEY INTERGROUP NEWS

Service Edition



A Note from Your NVIG Chairperson

Hello Fellow AA members!

It has been an honor to serve you all for the past few years. I first served as the Alternate Chairperson for a 2-year term and am almost done with my 2nd year as your Chairperson. I haven't done it perfectly and I have exhibited and gotten to work on more than a few of my character defects along the way. (Nope, still haven't perfected ANYTHING...darn.) I don't regret the experience at all and am actually a little sad my service term is up.

Your elected and appointed folks serving with me in the NVIG fellowship during the last two terms have been kind, supportive, frustrated at times, and forgiving of me. I am appreciative of the growth opportunities and am grateful for the gift of watching the friends I've made in Intergroup learn and grow into their positions and in their recovery. This is completely a "We Program" and NVIG is a we group committed to helping each other serve all of you and reaching the alcoholic who is still out there suffering.

I have learned so much about the Traditions and how to help guide a group to stay focused on unity and our primary purpose. By allowing me to serve, you have helped me reach out to others, plan fun and have fun, and stay sober for another 3+ years. That is EXACTLY what service in AA is about. Thank you.

We need a new group of fellows to fill in the NVIG service positions. I hope you listen to your HP or at least your sponsor and respond to any tug on your heart or brain to serve in NVIG. If you have any questions about being of service in NVIG, please let me know.

With gratitude,

Lydie G

530-513-2148

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What Is North Valley Intergroup?

This is NVIG's Statement of Purpose: "North Valley Intergroup is a partnership of the AA groups of the North Valley area, formed out of a spirit of unity and service: to aid these groups in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to local alcoholics."

Simply put...We plan the fun and we get the word out about A.A. meetings and activities in the Butte-Glenn service area. A.A.'s Primary Purpose is our primary purpose. We aim to be the 12th Step in action.

We are: Elected officers, appointed chairs, and your AA group's elected Intergroup Representatives and Alternate representatives who meet to plan fellowship events and carry out the tasks of NVIG.

For a copy of the NVIG Bylaws go to:

<https://aabutte-glenn.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/NVIG-Bylaws-Approved.pdf>

In support of the primary purpose, NVIG shall perform the following A.A. services as NVIG and the member groups may agree upon.

1. Handle A.A. inquiries by maintaining an answering service and maintaining a current list of volunteers, A.A. member's, names and numbers to respond to local twelfth step calls.
2. Maintain a Post Office Box to receive mail addressed to NVIG.
3. Maintain a bank account with accountability to all A.A. groups in the NVIG area.
4. Print the local A.A. Meeting Schedule for distribution at the monthly NVIG meeting.
5. Prepare and distribute a local A.A. newsletter to local groups.
6. Maintain a supply of A.A. literature and sobriety chips for all groups to draw upon at cost.
7. Maintain a storage unit with supplies for events.
8. Facilitate the exchange of information between groups by appointing liaisons to the following committees: H&I, NCCAA, and District 15 General Service.
9. Provide fellowship among the groups by sponsoring and arranging activities or projects which NVIG and the group members may decide upon.

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Annual Events Include:

1. **Quarterly Speaker Meetings (Jan, April, July, October)**
2. **Unity Day Celebration (June)**
3. **Campout (August)**
4. **New Year's Eve Celebration (Dec)**

Additional Supported Fellowship Events have included:

1. **BBQ's and Picnics**
2. **Comedy Nights**
3. **Dances**

When and Where We Meet:

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm-7:30pm

First Christian Church, 295 E Washington Ave., Chico, CA. 96926
Room 5

NVIG Service Commitments Are Up for Rotation

Elections takes place: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 during our regular meeting at 6:30PM at First Christian Church, 295 E. Washington Ave. in Chico.

Our service positions rotate every two years. The current elected officers and appointed chairs have been serving since January 1, 2023 and will end December 31, 2024. Elected officers are voted in by North Valley Intergroups voting body (during the November meeting of the 2nd year of the term. The next group's service terms begin January 1, 2024 and will end December 31, 2025.

Who Can Serve?

Any member of NVIG AA who meets the Intergroup Representative service position requirements of their NVIG AA group .Any m ember of NVIG AA who meets the Intergroup service position requirements of NVIG.

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| Elected Position | Sobriety Requirement | Service Term |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| Chairperson | Min. of 4 years continuous sobriety and 2 years previous NVIG service. | 2 years |
| Alternate Chairperson | Min. of 3 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Recording Secretary | Min. of 3 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Treasurer | Min. of 5 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Alternate Treasurer | Min. of 5 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Literature/Chip Officer | Min. of 2 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |

(Full description of duties for each position are in the NVIG Bylaws -**ADD LINK)

| Appointed Position | Sobriety Requirement | Service Term |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Answering Service Coordinator | Recommended min. of 2 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Event Chairs/Coordinators | Recommended min. of 2 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Inventory/Supplies Chair | Recommended min. of 2 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| Newsletter Editor | Recommended min. of 2 years continuous sobriety | 2 years |
| | sobriety | |
| H&I Liaison | Recommended min. of 6 months continuous sobriety | 2 years |

Your paragraph textWho Can Vote on Elected Service Positions?

ARTICLE IX - Voting

- 1. Voting members shall consist of elected officers (except the chairperson shall vote only to break a tie) and Intergroup Representatives OR Alternate Intergroup Representatives.**
- 2. A simple majority of those present and eligible to vote shall govern for most voting purposes. A substantial unanimity of two-thirds (2/3) shall be required for all votes involving policy changes.**
- 3. Each voting member shall have one vote. An IGR (or alternate) may represent and vote for only one group.**

AA's Responsibility Statement:

I am responsible.

When anyone, anywhere,

Reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.

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MONTHLY AA SERVICE MEETINGS



Butte County H&I Meeting Information:

1st Monday of every month at 6PM

Next Meeting: Monday: November 3rd, 2024

St. John's Episcopal Church

2341 Floral Ave Chico CA 95926

Area: 31 Butte <https://www.handinorcal.org>

Region: 30 Northern Interior <https://www.handinorcal.org>

District 15 Business Meeting

4th Sunday of every month at 4:00 pm

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 26, 2024

Chico Central Business Meeting

1st Tuesday of the Month at 06:45 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2024

Chico Central Building 1102 Mangrove, Chico, CA 95926

North Valley Intergroup

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2024

295 E Washington Ave, Chico, CA 95926

<https://aabutte-glenn.org/>

BUTTEYPAA (Butte County Young People in AA)

2nd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 12, 2024

<https://www.butteypaa.org/>

If your group needs
Literature or Chips
please contact:

LITERATURE AND CHIPS!

**Laura R.
(530) 592-0200**

NVIG ANSWERING SERVICE

(530) 342-5756

BUTTE/GLENN AA MEETINGS

<https://aabutte-glenn.org>

General Service District 15 Area 07

From the Desk of the DCM:

Next District 15 meeting – Sunday, October 28, 2024, 4pm, 2341 Floral Avenue. All members are welcome to attend.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics

Anonymous (See flyer)

- Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024 at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/> or call Member Services at 212-870-3023
- List Price \$11.
- Item B-90
- 192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"
- Softcover format with flap

District 15 is setting an informational booth at the Butte County Veterans Stand Down, October 24-26, at the Elks Lodge, 1705 Manzanita Ave. Please call Martha or email, dcm@aabutte-glenn.org if you would like to be of service at the event.

Copies of the final report, "Connecting with Love, Unity and Service", The 74th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous are available. Please email, dcm@aabutte-glenn.org if you would like a copy.


CNIA 07-Area 07 Committee Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month, Zoom information: Meeting ID: 982 1637 5307- Passcode: 244723. All members are welcome to attend. Please go to www.aabutte-glenn.org for more information about District 15.

In love and service,
Martha T.
DCM, District 15
Serving Butte, Glenn, and Southern Tehama Counties



New Literature Available

**Announcing:
a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024**



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- Publication (on-sale) date: **November 1, 2024**
- List Price **\$11.**
- Item B-90
- 192 pages; 8 1/2" x 11"
- Softcover format with flaps

AA World Conference Registration is now open! Go to www.aa.org/convention to sign up.

There was an overwhelming participation for the first day of the 2025 International Convention Online and Registration and Housing process.

Hotel availability, for attendees, in the official block at the 2025 International Convention is limited. However, hotel rooms may become available as other registrants cancel them. You may check for availability regularly and book if rooms become available by returning to your registration record online.

Alternatively, feel free to explore the alternative housing options during the registration process or by re-accessing your registration record.

OCTOBER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



G.I.F.T.S. Get It From The Steps



**SATURDAY
10.19.24**
*limited seats

Time: Doors Open at 9:am
Event Hours: 9:30 - 3:00
Registration \$25 through 10/1/24
\$30 at Door

Saturday
October 19, 2024

Hope Commons Church
1184 East Ave, Chico

Opening Speaker

Cat M.

*Livermore,
Ca.
Sept. 3 2019*

Main Speaker

Leslie S.

*Bend, Or.
July 10, 1995*

name _____ cell # _____
email _____

Mail payment to: WSC 2024 Registration Amount: _____
PO Box 1117 Chico, Ca 95927 Scholarship Donation: _____

To request scholarship contact: Total Amount Due: _____
Luci F. 530-217-9170 For More Information
www.chicowomeninsobriety.com



NORTH VALLEY INTERGROUP PRESENTS
**PARADISE
QUARTERLY
SPEAKER MEETING**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM
MEETING AT 7:00 PM

RAFFLE

50/50

**OPENING
SPEAKER**
MIKE J.
Chico, Ca
26 YEARS

**MAIN
SPEAKER**
Father Tom
Oakland, Ca
48 YEARS

TO BE OF SERVICE OR FOR
MORE INFORMATION:
ARBOR E. 530-961-3402
CYNDE M 530-520-1451

PARADISE PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER
777 NUNNELY ROAD
PARADISE, CA 95969

As of Sunday, September 1, 2024:



Sunday Serenity AA 11:00 am Meeting

will move to
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
5872 Oliver Road
Paradise, CA 95969

Celebrating October Milestones

Chico Central Birthday Meeting
Saturday, October 26th 5:30 PM
1100 Mangrove, Chico

Paradise Central Birthday Meeting
Thursday, October 24th 7:00 PM
7126 Skyway, Paradise

NVIG COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, November 16
Doors Open 5:30pm
Show Start @ 6pm
295 E. Washington Ave; Chico
50/50 and Raffle Baskets
Drinks for Sale

Local Comedians
Cohosts Jeff J & Amber P
Opening Samantha S
From the Bay
Featuring Nina G
Headliner Mean Dave



Contact Jeff J 530-680-1836 for an Open Mic Slot

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request to nvignewsletter@gmail.com

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In Service,
Katie V.

