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# Western Slope District 22 News

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**Step Five:**  
"Admitted to God, to  
ourselves and to  
another human  
being the exact  
nature of our  
wrongs."

**Tradition Five:**  
"Each group has  
but one primary  
purpose - to carry  
its message to the  
alcoholic who still  
suffers."

*A.A. Intergroup Newsletter for the Western Slope of El Dorado County*

## Teleservice

### What is Teleservice?

When anyone calls the phone number for Alcoholics Anonymous in the Western Slope, the person who answers is a Teleservice Volunteer. Teleservice Volunteers answer the phones from their homes in the evenings, overnight, and on weekends and holidays.

### A Little History of Teleservice

The history of Teleservice in The Western Slope is quite long. For many years, the committee consisted of a Chairperson and a couple of dozen A.A. volunteers. When a caller dialed the A.A. telephone number, an Answering Service responded. The service took the person's name and phone number and called the A.A. Volunteer at home who then called the person back. In the mid-1970's an overnight Teleservice shift was added and the scheduling of volunteers was handled by the staff.

However in 1993 the decision was made to reduce the staff and the Teleservice Scheduler position was formed. The result is the current Western Slope Teleservice Committee consisting of a Chairperson and 14 Volunteer Shift Operators.

### How Does It Actually Work?

When the Teleservice Volunteer starts their shift the phone calls are forwarded to their homes (or sometimes to a cell phone). Many calls that Teleservice receives are requests for information about meetings and events from visitors and local A.A.'s who have misplaced their schedules or do not have internet access to [www.westernslopeD22.org](http://www.westernslopeD22.org).

### 12th Step Service

Besides responding to requests for information Teleservice Volunteers carry the A.A. message by arranging for 12th Step calls by 12th Step Volunteers. Our Teleservice Shift Operators and 12 Step Committee maintain a list of 12th Step Volunteers who are willing to meet with the alcoholic who still suffers and accompany them to a meeting. This confidential 12th Step list is used by Teleservice to respond to requests for Help.

Teleservice Volunteers are always encouraged to remember that when they answer the phones, they are the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous. By adhering to the principles outlined in our Twelve Traditions, the Western Slope Teleservice Committee works to assist the alcoholic who still suffers and who is looking for the solution that Alcoholics Anonymous offers.

## How can I help with Teleservice?

### Teleservice Volunteer Job Descriptions

#### Hotline Volunteer:

Recommended sobriety: 2 years  
A working knowledge of the 12 Steps.  
Must currently have a Sponsor.

#### Duties:

1. Answer the Hot Line caller
2. Gather information: Name, phone number, location
3. Find a 12 Step volunteer near the caller and forward the information to them

#### Twelve Step Volunteer:

Recommended sobriety: 1 year  
Completion of the Twelve Steps.  
Knowledge of the Twelve Traditions.  
Must currently have a Sponsor.

1. Call and/or visit individuals requesting help with alcoholism from the AA Hot Line Volunteer.
2. Respond to calls for help as soon as possible.
3. Carry the message of experience, strength and hope of Alcoholics Anonymous

Call (530) 622-3500 for more info

# April 2017 Intergroup Meeting Minutes

## Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Western Slope • District 22 Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2017

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00pm

**Attendees:** Cari, Morgan, Darren, Ed, Cindy, Kitty, Tom, Mike, Rocklin, Butch, Carol, Wendy, Jeanine, Jeff, Critter

**Pettiness Prayer was read by:** Carol

**Purpose was read by:** Kitty

**Long form of the tradition was read by:** Jeanine

**Agenda Modifications:** None

**New members:** Critter- Appleseed Group

**AA Sobriety Milestones:** None

**Minutes from last meeting:** Approved

**Chair Report:** Morgan – Nothing new

**Treasury Report:** Mike– \$544.45 in expenses, \$415.60 in contributions this month, \$800.00 plus so far for next month in contributions. Budget approved.

**H&I Report:** Morgan – All nights covered, H&I meeting at MotherLode 6pm on Wednesday if anyone is interested also take back to groups.

**General Service:** Rocklin – Have issues under consideration, if interested look on the website to view minutes.

**Tele-Service:** Charley C – Report via Email – calls for hotline operator: 14, calls inquiring meeting information: 10, calls inquiring directions to meetings: 5.

**Newsletter:** Tom – working with Don to get notices up for Founder's Day, getting ready to put out next edition, always looking for contributions, trying to get out close to the 1<sup>st</sup> as possible.

**Schedules:** Jeff – have one schedule change at High Flyers, still have schedules available, MotherLode has several changes to go into next schedule, 1 hr meetings, 7:30pm start time, and addition of 9:30pm candlelight meeting on Friday.

**Activities:** Cindy– Founders Day parking is all taken care of they will keep a tally and square up at the end of the event, Kitty set to do 7<sup>th</sup> tradition with Women in Recovery, 50/50 raffle will be handled by Ed, need to take back to groups to get volunteers, T-house to do clean up to help get newcomers involved, will rent pop ups, speaker request a mic stand, Wendy to do face painting, attempting to get Earle Hightower for next year.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected:**

### Group Reports

- **Cindy – Motherlode** – Doing good, lots of changes in the schedule.
- **Darren – High Flyer's** – annual picnic BBQ and fireworks set for 6-24-17.
- **Cari - WS Fellowship** - going really good.
- **Jeanine – Cameron Park Women's Group** – full meeting alternating format, speaker, 12x12, BB study, Living Sober, great contributions.
- **Kitty – Women in Recovery** – Monday noon Friday Noon – Step study great attendance, all positions filled.
- **Wendy- Women's Reflections** – Needs support keeps going for the women from Mother Teresa's house.
- **Ed - Sunrise Attitude adjustment** – going great donations up.
- **Rocklin – West Slope Unity Group** – speaker meeting this Saturday each group to bring a basket for raffle, camp out coming up sign up early 7-8-17 deadline, children 17 and under free, Tri tip dinner extra, next committee meeting at Star bucks 6pm on 5-5-17. Show up if interested in volunteering.
- **Critter – Appleseed Group** – most attendee's are kicking in \$2.00, was packed last week.
- **Jeff – Cameron Park Group** – nothing new.
- **Carol – Sierra Step Sisters** – going good 12 regular attendee's, just finished Big Book and are starting the 12x12.
- **Butch – Men at Work** – attendance back up, going to have a camp out 6-23, 24, 25.
- **Old Business:** Phone list should it be shared with other groups? Contact list is for each group and question is should it be shared with other groups such as Unity group, group agreed to table to next meeting and not shared until a decision can be made as a group.

**New Business:** Speaker meeting this Saturday in Rescue, Groups to bring baskets for the raffle, Unity group would like to get the list of emails and phone numbers of Inter group representatives and would like Inter group to reconsider it. Inter group could not come to a decision so this item was tabled until next month.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.**

**Intergroup business meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month.**

Senior Citizens Center • 937 Spring Street • Placerville, CA

## Founders Day Celebration - Saturday, June 10

See below for more details!

### District 22 Events - May/June

#### Cameron Park Group 37th Anniversary Speaker Meeting

**May 6, 2017 - 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm**

Cameron Park celebrates 37 years! Special (as yet unannounced) featured speaker. Dessert Pot-luck. Party begins at 7:00 pm. Meeting begins at 8:00 pm

More info at: <https://westernsloped22.org/event/cameron-park-group-37th-anniversary-speaker-meeting/>

#### Men At Work Group - Finnon Lake Campout

**June 23, 24, 25 @ Finnon Lake Campground • Placerville, CA**

Cost: \$30.00 per person • Fun, Fellowship

Horse Shoes, Disc Golf, Card Games, Fishing

For more info contact:

Butch@(530)626-9431 • prnash52@gmail.com

#### Other May Events

Sunday, May 14



Monday, May 29th



### Other Upcoming Events

#### NCCAA 70th Anniversary Summer Conference

**June 9 - June 11 • Cost: \$25**

Fellowship – Panels – Speakers – Marathon Meetings

Speakers:

Friday 5:30 PM Sandy C, Elk Grove, CA (AI-Anon)

Friday 8:00 PM Joann L, Petaluma, CA (Panel 66 Delegate)

Saturday 1:00 PM Viki R, General Service Delegate Report (CNIA 07 Panel 66 Delegate)

Saturday 3:30 PM Terry E, Panel 65 Delegate, New Orleans, LA (Young People's Meeting)

Saturday 5:30 PM Blanca A, Alviso, CA (Spanish)

Saturday 10:30 PM Chris R, Ingram, TX

Sunday 10:30 AM Joel C, San Diego, CA (Pacific Regional Trustee)

Pre-registration cut-off date is May 31, 2017

Lions Gate Hotel – McClellan Conference Center

3410 Westover Street • McClellan, CA 95652 United States

More info at: <https://westernsloped22.org/flyers/nccaa-1.png> • Registration form at: <https://westernsloped22.org/flyers/nccaa-2.png>



**Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Western Slope**

# ***Founders Day Celebration***

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Henningsen Lotus Park – 950 Lotus Rd, Lotus CA  
10am to 4pm**

**Chris R. – Ingram TX.**

**Speaker Meeting  
Sobriety Countdown  
12-1:30pm**

**Raffle, face painting and games!**

**Come enjoy fellowship & good food!**

**Bring folding chairs, side dish to share and drinks  
Free Parking for Event Attendees**





# Nueva Reunión de habla Hispana de Alcohólicos Anónimos

*(New Spanish Speaking Meeting of Alcholics Anonymous)*

Mother Lode Fellowship of Alcholics Anonymous  
677 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite A, Diamond Springs, CA

**Saturday • 6:00 pm**



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## Alcoholicos Anonimos

**Reuniones Sabados a las 6:00 PM**

*677 Pleasant Valley Road • Diamond Springs, CA 95619*

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<https://westernsloped22.org>

## Birthday Announcements

Please submit birthday announcements to be included in the newsletter by the 15th of the month before. This will allow time to get all of them into the current issues. We will try to be as flexible as possible on this especially as we ramp up the newsletter and we appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Please state how you wish the name to appear in the newsletter keeping in mind that anonymity is only maintained by this. The newsletter will be available for viewing to everyone visiting the District 22 web site. If you like you can also list the group submitting the birthday announcement.

### *About Intergroup...*

Any group within our service area wishing to affiliate with Intergroup may do so simply by observing the 12 Traditions and designating one of their group members as their Intergroup Representative. It's good practice to also name a second person as alternate. It's suggested that AA members be elected who show a desire to be of service and are willing to carry out their obligation to the best of their ability in the spirit of unity and cooperation.

### **What is the deadline for newsletter submissions?**

The deadline will vary from month to month depending on holidays and other factors. If you email your story to [d22news@gmail.com](mailto:d22news@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month, it will usually be in time for the next month's issue. We will make every effort to include all submissions no matter when submitted.

## Intergroup

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