

DISTRICT 20

Date founded: 1986 **Prepared By: Bob V.,**
Updated by: Sarah M., Rita B., and other D20 members –
March 2021

Original Location: **Peace Lutheran Church, West Main Street, Grass Valley**
Latest Physical Location: **Annex Bldg., Memorial Park, Grass Valley**
Meeting Day and Time: **9:00 AM Last Saturday of Each Month**
Zoom Information: **ID# 369 914 136; Pass Code: 874013**

In 1986, a group of AA members decided we were now large enough to have our own District. Also many of the GSR's didn't want to travel to Sacramento every month. So they petitioned CNIA - 07, who approved and District 20 came into being. (Panel 36)

The District proceeded with business, which it has continued now for 34+ years, including the financing of the Union Newspaper Ad (suspended in 2020), the Hotline Answering Service, the Website (www.dist20aa.org), and printed and online meeting schedules. It has hosted several workshops throughout the years for its membership and at least three Area Assemblies, the first on May 18, 1996 being a CNIA Post Conference Assembly held at the Horseman's, a Winter Assembly at St. Canice Hall, Nevada City on January 21, 2006, and most recently the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 19, 2019 held at the Elks Lodge in Nevada City.

DCM'S (District Committee Member)

The first District Committee Member (DCM) in 1986 (Panel 36) was Bob V. in 1987 (who often referred to himself as the Mayor of Mooney Flat), who made it clear he would serve for only one year (normal term for a DCM is two years.) Following Bob were Geraldine H. (1987-1988); Hunter (1989-90) (Hunter definitely served in 1989); Marie M. (1991-93) (Marie definitely served in 92-93 and it is thought that she also served in 1991); Linda L. (1994-95); John B. (1996-97); and Mary E. (1998-99). District Archives is currently missing records for years 2000 to 2009 but Margo C. was DCM in 2003 and Rodger F. was DCM in 2006.

2010 through the present, DCMs were: Mary O. (2010-11); Dan L. (2012-13); Justin P. (2014-15); Kail R. (2016-17); Lisette S. (2018-19); and Todd A. (2000-21).

Present District Officers and Committee Chairs. *(See Addendum 1 for list of Past District Officers and Committee Chairs).*

District 20 Officers in 2020 - 2021: DCM: Todd A., Alternate: Lucinda P., Recording Secretary: Jessica J., Treasurer: Lynne D., Registrar: Connie S., Events Coordinator: Justin P., Accessibility: Eric K., Archives: Rita B., Bridging the Gap: Amy M., E-Services: Deb F., Grapevine: Beth C., PI/CPC: Lisette S., Tel. Answering Ser.: Steve K., Meeting Schedule: Susan A., Literature: Rebecca J.

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Meetings

Meetings in District 20 have flourished. In 1980, there were a total of 20 meetings a week in the area which became District 20. In the Fall of 2019, there were a total of 75 meetings. AA remained alive and well in District 20 during the COVID-19 Pandemic: In January 2021, there were a total of 82 regular weekly meetings: 46 online and 36 in person.

We currently have two Fellowships: The Grass Valley Fellowship, formed in June 1987, and the Gold Country Fellowship, made up of the several meetings which met at the Alano Club, formed in September 1993. Those two Fellowships each have 3-4 meetings each day and have traditionally hosted holiday Alkathons, speaker meetings, potlucks, dances, game nights, campouts and other events.

Twelve Step Hotline - Answering Service & The Union Ad History

Prior to the formation of District 20, the two oldest groups in the district, (formed in 1949 and early 1950) the Gold Quartz and Gold Diggers groups, had financed the AA notice in The Union Newspaper and the telephone hotline answering service. Those two services would normally have been handled by Intergroup, but we do not have an Intergroup in Nevada County, and the nearest Central Office is in Sacramento.

With the formation of District 20, the AA group contributions went to help pay for the answering service and The Union newspaper ad which gave out the 24 hour AA hotline number to call which is and has been continuously: 530-272-6287.

For many years, before the District formation and afterwards, the local Al-Anon and Alateen shared the AA hotline and gave donations to the District. The answering service would provide information on both AA and Al-Anon/Alateen meeting schedules. It could be that once Al-Anon started their own Fellowship, they then broke away and got their own hotline. From a District 20 AA meeting schedule dated 1998, Al-Anon and Alateen meetings were still listed in the schedule.

Standing Committees

The District has a number of Standing Committees to assist with District business, including: Accessibilities, Archives, Bridging the Gap, Grapevine, Literature, PI/CPC, Telephone Answering Service, Meeting Schedules and E-Services. Each of these Committees has a Chairperson responsible for the operation of the Committee. The current Chairs are listed above under Present Officers and Committees. *For more information and for a history of some of these Committees, see Addendum 2.*

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Website

The District website started around 2010 by Mike S. who was the first E-Services Chair. Mike served until October 2016. The website address has remained the same since the beginning at www.dist20aa.org. The website in 2010 consisted of the AA meeting schedule, local events linked to GSO, AA pamphlet of the month link, and the hot-line phone number. Eddy S. became E-Service Chair after Mike's resignation and served through 2017. Ben G. served as E-Services Chair from January to October, 2018, at which time Deb F. took over. Under Deb's management, the website has greatly expanded, taking on a new warming and welcoming look with on-line zoom and in-person meeting schedules, workshop flyers, information about AA, service offices such as Bridging the Gap, Grapevine, PI/CPC, etc. The website also contains documentation from our Archives.

DISTRICT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

Unity Day

The first Unity Day was held at the Horseman's Lodge in Grass Valley on October 24, 1987. Father Tom W. from Oakland was the main speaker. Some of the members present were: Tom W., Bill S., Pat S., Helen, Bonnie, Vikki, Randy L., Don and Judy R., Sarah S-M., Hunter, Don K., Nancy P-K., Ann H., Nancy K., Rennie S., Marty, Cathy E., Patty N., Pam W-C., Mel W., Clayton G. and his wife, Edna G., Kit W. and her husband, Mike W., Carolyn C., Mary W-M. People were smoking cigarettes at this event.

Thereafter, Unity Days continued annually every February celebrating Valentine's theme of love starting in 1988 and going until 2001 which included a dance with live music except for years 1997 and 1998 where there was a DJ for the dance. All the Valentine Unity Days were held at the Horseman's Lodge except for 1988 to 1992, which were held at the Love Building at Condon Park in Grass Valley. In 2002, Unity Day was moved to September mostly because the weather was better. Unity Day was held thereafter annually in the Fall through 2019. Unity Day 2020 was not held due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was postponed to 2021. *See Addendum 3 for more detail about District Unity Days.*

Old Timers' Celebration.

In 1998, the District decided to hold an event every two years or so to celebrate our members with 20+ years of sobriety. The first Old Timer's Celebration was October 1998 and held at the Love Building in Condon Park, Grass Valley. Pat S. was the chairperson with help from Beth M. The old timers with more than twenty years that attended were: Juanita, Harry C., Victoria B., Jeri T., Glen (Snuffy) S., Bud T., Clayton G., Mary E., Earle M., Connie N., Dan D., Jolly G., Martha K., Bob V.- D.- L. (Mayor of Mooney Flat), Linda M. (lawn chair Linda), Roger McA. Old-timer Al-Anon's present were Edna G. (Clayton's wife - Edna started Al-Anon in Nevada County), Fae D. (Dan's wife) and Vivian G (Jolly's wife).

Thereafter, there was an Old Timers' Celebration in 2000, 2003, 2007 and 2009. *See Addendum 3 for more detail about the Old Timers' Celebrations.*

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Other District Events.

Throughout the years, the District has hosted, in addition to the Area Assemblies discussed above, various Workshops, GSR Schools, Picnics, Campouts, and other events. *See Addendum 3 for more detail about some of these events.*

District Guidelines Committee

In early 2017, at the request of the Men's Wednesday Night Big Book Study Meeting, a District committee was formed to create the District Guidelines. The Guidelines were adopted in September 2017 after many months of intensive work by the Committee and can now be found on our website at www.dist20aa.org. The committee consisted of Kail R., DCM and Diane R., Alt. DCM, Rodger F., past DCM, Garnet H., Recording Secretary, Lisette S., Treasurer, and two GSRs (Eddy S. and Daemion B.) The Guidelines include job descriptions of the Officers and Committee Chairs, finance info and election and voting procedures, among other things.

GSR Orientation/School. Also in 2017, during Panel 68, then ADCM Diane R. began a GSR Orientation and School to help new and continuing GSRs understand their responsibilities and roles. This School, together with Kail and Diane's enthusiasm and guidance during Panel 68, in many members' opinions, revitalized District 20 and gave it a new sense of service and responsibility.

“When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible.” AA Responsibility Statement

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ADDENDUM 1

PAST DISTRICT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Info taken primarily from past AA meeting schedules.

Fall **1989**: DCM: Hunter, Alternate DCM: Bill B., Secretary: Casey K., Treasurer: Dave T., Archives: Harry C., Tel Answering Service: Jerral S.

Fall **1992**: DCM: Marie M., Alternate DCM: John K., Secretary: Fern B., Treasurer: Dorcus P., Archives: Harry C., PI/CPC: Sarah S-M., Grapevine: Open, H&I: Bill W., Tel. Answering Service: Mary E., Meeting Schedule: Bruce J.

June **1993**: Same as Fall 1992 with Grapevine: Rennie S.

Also in May 1993, the Alternate DCM was Linda L. and PI/CPC chair was Sarah S-M. This info was taken from The Foothill Recovery News, a District 20 newsletter that was started by DCM Marie M. but may have only run for one edition. Joe A. printed the newsletter.

1995: DCM: Linda L., Alternate: John B., Secretary: Margo C., Treasurer: Lee McC., PI Chair and Tel. Answering Service Chair: Sarah S-M., Grapevine Chair: Jan P., H&I Chair: Bill W., Meeting Schedule Changes/schedule: Bruce J.

Summer/Fall **1996**: DCM: John B., Alternate: Paul P., Secretary: Linda M., Treasurer: Margo C., Archives: Open, PI Chair: Sarah S-M., Grapevine: Jan P., H&I: Dalton C., Tel. Answering Service: Chuck S., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

Winter **1997**: DCM: John B., Alternate: Open, Secretary: Linda M., Treasurer: Margo C., Archives: Open, PI/CPC: Sarah S-M., Grapevine: Open, H&I: Dalton C., Tel. Answering Service: Chuck S., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

Spring/Winter **1998**: DCM: Mary E., Alternate: Mick M., Secretary: Katherine, Treasurer: Margo C., Archives: Bob V., PI Chair: Sarah S-M., Grapevine: Denise R., H&I: Dalton C., Tel. Answering Service: Kathy/Tex, Literature: Ann, Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

1999: DCM: Mary E., Alternate: Jeanne A – O., Secretary: Katherine, Treasurer: Margo C., Archives: Bob V., PI/CPC: Sarah S-M/Ray R., Grapevine: Open, H&I: Dalton C., Tel Answering Service: Tex T., Literature: Ann/Ray, Martha K., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

Winter/Spring **2002**: DCM: Carl H., ADCM: Tex F., Secretary: Don R., Treasurer: Mae K., Archives: Jim B., PI: George S., Grapevine: Jim C., H&I: Dalton C., Tel Answering Service: H. Clancy, Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

Summer/Fall **2003**: DCM: Margo C., Alternate: open, Secretary: Don R., Treasurer: Mae K., Archives: Mark G. and Cheryl N., PI/CPC: Sarah M., Grapevine: Jim C., H&I: John W., Tel. Answering Service: Henry C., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

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2004/2005: DCM: Margo C., Alternate: Rodger F., Secretary: Bill W., Treasurer: Mae K., Archives: Martha K. and Cheryl N., PI/CPC: Sarah M., Grapevine: Mick M., H&I: John W., Tel Answering Service: Yvonne Q-B., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

Spring/Summer **2008:** DCM: Daniel W., Alternate: Mary O., Secretary: Bill W., Treasurer: Margo C., Registrar: Mike S., Archives: Steve K., PI/CPC: Greg P., Grapevine: Open, H&I: Pete H., Tel Answering Service: Kathie T., BTG: Open, Literature: Karen S., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

Spring **2009:** DCM: Daniel W., Alternate: Mary O., Secretary: Bill W., Treasurer: Margo C., Registrar: Mike S., Archives: Steve K., PI: Greg P., Grapevine: Katrina, H&I: Margo C., Tel Answering Service: Kathie T., BTG: Open, Literature: Karen S., Meeting Schedules: Bruce J.

2010-2011: DCM: Mary O., Alternate: Dan L., Secretary: Unknown, Treasurer: Unknown, Registrar: Unknown, E-Services: Mike S., Meeting Schedule: Bruce J.

2012: DCM: Dan L., Alternate: Kellie R., Secretary: John C., Treasurer: Shirley Z., E-Services: Mike S., Registrar: Harlow R., Archives: Steve K., PI/CPC: Mary O., Grapevine: Ed H., H&I: Steve K., Tel. Answering Service: Ann R., Bridging the Gap: John C., Meeting Schedule: Bruce J.

2016-2017: DCM: Kail R., ADCM: Diane R., Secretary: Garnet H., Treasurer: Lisette S., Registrar: Sean O. Standing Chairs: Archives: Steve K., BTG: Pamela M., E-Services: Mike S./ Eddy S., Grapevine: Jessica J. (2017), Answering Service, Sarah M., PI/CPC: Connie S., Schedules: Jeff H./ Ben G.

2018-2019: DCM: Lisette S., ADCM: Todd A., Secretary: Rita B., Treasurer: Maris, Registrar: Garnet H., Events Coordinator: Lynne D. Standing Chairs: Archives: Sean O., BTG: Lucinda P., E-Services: Ben G./Deb F., Grapevine: Jessica J., Answering Service: Steve K., PI/CPC: Connie S., Coffee/Setup: Ray/Diane; Schedules: Susan A., Literature: Cynthia W/Rebecca J.

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ADDENDUM 2

STANDING COMMITTEES

The District has a number of Standing Committees to assist with District business, including: Accessibilities, Answering Service, Archives, Bridging the Gap, Coffee/Set-Up, E-Services, Grapevine, Literature, Meeting Schedules, and PI/CPC. Each of these Committees has a Chairperson responsible for the operation of the Committee.

Accessibilities Committee. The Accessibilities Committee was established in the District in 2019. The Accessibilities Committee is devoted to helping carry the message of AA to everyone, particularly those isolated because of accessibility issues. Examples of people who may be served by this Committee are:

- People who are hearing or sight impaired;
- Those with transportation issues (military, seniors, limited mobility, homebound, remote, homeless, non-English speakers, low literacy, parents with young children).

The first and current Accessibilities Chairperson is Eric K.

Answering Service. The Answering Service Committee is one of the original committees of the District; in fact, this Committee existed prior to formation of the District. Prior to the formation of the District in 1986, the Answering Service (also known as the Hot Line) was financed and managed by the two oldest groups in the District, the Gold Quartz and Gold Diggers meetings. This Committee is charged with maintaining the answering service for the District, the primary purpose of which is to be sure that anyone seeking help with their problems with alcohol is directed to appropriate meetings and AA members. The Chairperson of this committee is responsible for creating a list of volunteers willing and able to answer calls, preparing monthly call reports, and coordinating with the telephone answering service engaged by the District. One of the first Chairpersons of this Committee was Jerral S. in 1989. Other Chairs have been Mary E., Sarah S-M, Chuck S., Tex T., Henry C., Yvonne Q-B., Kathie T., Ann R., and Steve K.

Archives. The Archives Committee is also one of the original committees of the District. This Committee is responsible for collecting, organizing, and displaying items from the District's history that are of importance or interest to the local AA groups. This would include group histories in the District, minutes from District meetings, flyers for special events and information about the beginning of AA in our area and the beginnings of groups in District 20. One of the first Archive Chairs was Harry C. in 1989. Other Archive Chairs have been Bob V., Jim B., Mark G., Cheryl N., Martha K., Steve K., Sean O. and Rita B.

Bridging the Gap (BTG). BTG is responsible for coordinating the transition of residents and inmates of recovery homes, jails and other institutions to the AA community. BTG collaborates and coordinates with each of those institution and works closely with the area Hospitals and Institutions Committee (H&I). It is believed that BTG started in the District around 1995 and

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that Linda L. was the first BTG chair; however, the first mention of BTG found in the Archives was in 2012. The Chairperson that year was John C. Other BTG chairs have been Pamela M., Lucinda P., and Amy M.

Coffee/Set UP. The first time the District had official Coffee and Set up people was Panel 68 in 2018-2019. Prior to that, volunteers took care of making the coffee and providing supplies for the District meetings. The first Coffee/Set Up committee was Diane and Ray from the Sierra Pines meetings in Lake of the Pines. The next committee chair was Krista.

E-Services. With the advent of the internet and on-line services came the necessity of setting up and maintaining a website for the District. The District website (www.dist20aa.org) was set up by Mike S., who was the first E-Services Chair. Other E-Services Chairs have been Eddy S., Ben G., and Deb F. See *Website* in foregoing document.

Grapevine. The Grapevine Chair is responsible for informing the District about all matters concerning the *Grapevine* and *LaVina*. The Grapevine Chair subscribes to the Grapevine, develops Grapevine writing workshops and otherwise coordinates activities between the District and AA Grapevine.org. The Grapevine Chair in 1993 was Rennie S. Other Grapevine Chairs have been Jan P., Denise R., Jim C., Mick M., Katrina, Ed H., Jessica J., and Beth C.

Literature. The Literature Committee acts as a resource for the District with information and assistance regarding AA literature. The Literature Chair is responsible for keeping abreast of all AA literature, encourages the purchase of AA Conference approved literature and is a resource to individual meetings for the acquisition of AA literature. The District has had a Literature Chair since at least 1998, when the Chair was Ann. Other Chairs have been Ray, Karen S., Cynthia W., and Rebecca J.

Meeting Schedules. The Meeting Schedules Chair is responsible for keeping the printed meeting schedules accurate and up to date by communicating with District groups to ascertain meeting locations, dates, times and accessibility. He/she updates the meeting schedule as needed to maintain accuracy and works with the e-services chair to maintain and link online schedule to the District website. Bruce J., a long-time AA District member, was responsible for updating and maintaining the meeting schedules for at least 20 years (1992 - 2012) and perhaps longer. Once Bruce stopped doing it, some of the Meeting Schedule Chairs have been Jeff H., Ben G., and Susan A.

Public Information Committee

PI/CPC Committee (Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community) provides information about AA to members of the community whose profession may bring them in regular contact with anyone who may suffer from the disease of alcoholism. It offers information through a variety of methods and seeks to establish simple and effective ways to work with professionals with a policy of "cooperation, but not affiliation." PI/CPC informs professionals and the public about AA - what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what

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we cannot do, through use of GSO and district websites, wide range of pamphlets, district meeting schedules, presentations and PSAs.

The District's PI/CPC Committee was formed in 1991 and ran until 1998 with Sarah S-M. as the chair person. First meeting was held on February 5, 1991. In attendance were: Sarah S-M., Marcia K., Dan N., Hunter, Alan D., Mary E. and Ken B. The committee met once a month and had different members. Each month, education of what the team was about, was a priority. The team put together mailings for the clergy, doctors and general agencies. Provided Big Books to public and school libraries, Senior Center, etc. Provided packets of literature to the emergency room in the local hospital. In 1996, the team worked on changing the wording for the newspaper advertisement and got the AA groups involved. In the end, no change was made except to add the District website's address. Some of the ideas for changing the ad were used to create Public Service Announcements for the radio. The committee provided an information booth at the Penn Valley Rotary Club on July 20, 1996 and manned a booth at the Health and Safety Fair on October 5, 1996.

More recently, Connie S. as PI/CPC chairperson with committee: Lucinda P., Mary O., Lisette S. and Brenda B. and has been very active in having presence at Nevada County Stand Down's, Granite Wellness Recovery Fest, did a presentation with Hospice staff, taken pamphlets to B.H. Urgent Care and Wayne Brown Jail and made sure libraries has Big Books. Other PI/CPC Chairs throughout the years have been George S., Greg P., and Mary O. The most current PI/CPC chairperson, past DCM Lisette S., is actively involved, with her committee, in discovering and creating new and innovative ways to carry the message to the professional community in the District.

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ADDENDUM 3

DISTRICT 20 AA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Location Addresses

Horseman's Lodge:	10600 Bubbling Wells Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Love Building, Condon Park:	660 Minnie St, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Grass Valley Veteran's Building	255 S. Auburn St., Grass Valley, CA 95945
St. Canice Hall:	236 Reward St, Nevada City, CA 95959

Note: When it states the member's names that were present at an event, this information usually was taken from photos of the events.

UNITY DAYS

Date:	October 24, 1987
Location:	Horseman's Lodge
Theme:	First Unity Day after District 20 was founded
Dinner:	Pot-luck
Speaker:	Father Tom W., Oakland
Entertainment:	Live Band and Dancing

Notes: Some of the members present were: Tom W., Bill S., Pat S., Helen, Bonnie W., Vikki, Randy L., Don and Judy R., Sarah S-M., Hunter, Don K., Nancy P-K., Ann H., Rennie S., Marty (old -timer female), Cathy E., Patty N., Pam W-C., Mel W., Clayton G. and his wife, Edna G., Kit W. and her husband, Mike W., Carolyn C., Mary W-M., Susan L., Joyce (past Treasurer for the Alano Club), Black Hat Terry M. People were smoking cigarettes at this event.

Date:	February 1988
Location:	Love Building, Condon Park
Theme:	First Annual Valentine's Unity Day (<u>Valentine Theme 1988 to 2001</u>)
Dinner:	Unknown: Most likely a potluck
Speaker :	Unknown
Entertainment:	A live band called, "Sober Riders" and dancing

Date:	February 11, 1989
Location:	Love Building, Condon Park
Theme:	Language of The Heart
Dinner:	Pot-luck
Speaker :	Unknown
Entertainment:	A live band possibly called, "The Pointless Sisters" and dancing

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Date: **February 1990**
Location: Love Building, Condon Park
Theme: Language of The Heart
Dinner: Unknown
Speaker (s): Unknown
Entertainment: A live band possibly called, "The Pointless Sisters" and dancing

Date: **February 9, 1991**
Location: Love Building, Condon Park
Theme: Happy Valentine's Day
Dinner: Pot-luck
Speaker : Frank C. from Sacramento
Entertainment: Live music by the "Backwoods Jazz Band" and dancing

Notes: Flyer created by Bill G. (perhaps the first flyer that Bill did for an Unity Day event. Many of the Unity Day flyers were created by Bill G., but not all of them). Raffles were held at most or all Unity Days. The flyers usually included invites to all AA members, Al-Anons, and Al-Ateens to attend.

Date: **February 22, 1992**
Location: Love Building, Condon Park
Theme: Love & Gratitude in Action
Workshops: GSR, H&I, 12 Step Workshop
M.C. Henry M. (Movie & Play writer)
Dinner: Pot-luck
Speaker : Keith, possibly from LA
Entertainment: Live music by The Pointless Sisters and dancing

Notes: All day event starting at 10:00 a.m. with workshops. Members were to bring their own sack lunch. Two workshops after lunch. Free time between 4 - 6:30 p.m. Then dinner at 6:30. Speaker at 8:00 p.m. with dance at 10:00 p.m. Dance was \$3.00.

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Date: **February 13, 1993**
Location: Horseman's Lodge
Workshops: Sponsorship, Secretary and Traditions
Dinner: Potluck
M.C. Nancy K.
Speaker : Will N. (Past Delegate)
Entertainment: Traditions Play was held before the Speaker meeting. After Speaker Meeting, there was a live band by, "Buck Love &The Humperheads" and dancing

Notes: The flyer looks like the Speaker was suppose to be Kathy J., but she is scratched out and Will N. was put in her place.

Date: **February 12, 1994**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Workshops: None
Dinner: Potluck
Speaker: Joe B. from Woodland, Alternate Delegate
Entertainment: Live music by John Girton Band and Dancing

Date: **February 11, 1995**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Theme: Pass It On With Love
Workshops: H&I, Home Groups & Sponsorship, Answering Service, Traditions - Singleness of Purpose workshops
Dinner: Potluck
Speaker : Mary Ellen M. from Sacramento
Entertainment: Live music by John Girton Band and Dancing

Notes: Home Groups & Sponsorship Workshop was put on by: Fred B. (Past Delegate), Bruce K. (Area Chair), Diane C. (Area Treasurer), Kathy C. (Area Secretary). Traditions Workshop was put on by: Bill C. (Past Delegate), and Inez Y. (Delegate in 1995)

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Date: **February 10, 1996**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Chairpersons: Iola G. & Nancy K.
Workshops: AA's 12-Steps & Medical Issues and The Family in Recovery
Dinner: Western BBQ Dinner by Bill's Chuckwagon
Speaker (s): David S. and Millicent B. from Haight-Ashbury, San Francisco, CA
Entertainment: Live music by John Girton & The Meisters Band and Dancing

Notes: The workshops were presented by the speakers David S. and Millicent B. This is probably the first Unity Day where Bill S. Chuckwagon Barbecue was hired to put on the dinner. Tickets were \$7 per person for the dinner and \$5 per person for the dance.

Date: **February 8, 1997**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Chairperson: Jerry D. and Ed M.
Workshops: H&I, Sponsorship, Group Secretary, Archives
Dinner: Western BBQ Dinner by Bill's Chuckwagon
Speaker (s): 10 min: Ed M. from GV Main Speaker: Fran S. from Redondo Beach, CA
Entertainment: Music by Disc Jockey, Paul Rettinhouse and dance

Date: **February 14, 1998**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Chairperson: Maskey & Paula H.
Workshops: AA's 12-Steps, Relapse
Dinner: Western BBQ Dinner by Bill's Chuckwagon
Speaker: Marcel A. from San Francisco, CA
Entertainment: Music and Karaoke by DJ, Unison Production Network and dance

Date: **February 6, 1999**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Chairperson: Beth M. & Pat S.
Workshops: Sponsorship, Steps, Al-Anon.
Dinner: Lasagna Dinner
Speaker: John B. from Truckee, CA
Entertainment: Live Band: Almost Famous and dancing

Notes: Tables of different information was displayed such as H&I, The Grapevine, District 20 Archives. Carol B., Alternate Delegate to New York attended. This Unity Day, there was a Heart Booth where anyone could get a Polaroid picture for \$2.00.

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Date: **February 5, 2000**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Chairperson: Beth M.
Workshops: Spirituality, Steps, AA & Al-Anon - the Family
Dinner: Catered by Command Performance (Chicken Tetrazzini or Veggie Pasta)
Speaker: Minta B. from East Yolo Fellowship
Entertainment: Live Band by Jimmi Accardi and the Wild Cats (Joe Thayer on Bass) and dancing

Notes: Sarah S-M. has a picture of Minta B. (Speaker) and Kathy E. taken at this Unity Day. Kathy E. (deceased) used to say at meetings, "I don't need a divorce, I just need a peanut-butter and jelly sandwich." Large banner that said, "Welcome to District 20 Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Day" with the Unity, Service, Recovery circle - all in red was displayed and posted at several Unity Days thereafter.

Date: **February 10, 2001**
Location: Horsemen's Lodge
Chairperson: Beth M. & Katherine
Workshops: Unknown which ones, but there were some
Dinner: Catered by Command Performance (Beef Stew, Chicken Gumbo, etc)
Speaker: Linda M. from Dixon, CA
Entertainment: Live Band by Jimmi Accardi and the Wild Cats and dancing

Notes: This was the last Valentine's Unity Day. There was a table set up to remember some Al-Anon friends (& possibly AA) who have passed on: Edna G., Kathleen, Gerald, and Vicky.

Date: **September 2002**
Location: Horseman's Lodge
Chairperson: Karen S.
Workshops: Unknown
Dinner: Unknown
Speaker (s): Unknown
Entertainment: Beth M. and Karen S. organized and put on the musical play, "Susie the Souse," with Diane R. as Narrator, Jennifer P. as Director and actors: Lindsay M., Terri U., Victoria B., Stacy T., Kendall S., Beth M., and Karen S. as Susie the Souse. Bruce H. (Al-Anon member) was in the bar scene where Susie flirted with him. Katrina was the newcomer in the play. It was a big hit.

Notes: First Unity Day in September moved from February mostly due to the weather being so much better. Often in February - there was rain and snow.

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Date: **September 2003**
Location: Horseman's Lodge
Chairperson: Unknown
Workshops: Unknown
Dinner: From a picture, a catered event
Speaker (s): Unknown

Notes: Members were not too thrilled with the location of the Horseman's Lodge in September, due to the flies on the food.

Date: **September 11, 2004**
Location: Grass Valley Veterans Bldg., 255 S. Auburn St., GV
Theme: Day of Fellowship
Chairperson: Beth M. and Rosie D., Co-Chair
Workshops: Finding a Higher Power of Your Understanding, Steps 1, 2, & 3, H&I, and PI/CPC
Dinner: Bill's Chuckwagon Barbecue
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Victoria B., Grass Valley. Main: Jerry C., Los Gatos
Entertainment: The musical play, "Susie the Souse," was again performed by similar members as in 2002, also with Karen S. as Susie the Souse. After the speaker meeting there was music and dancing.

Date: **September 24, 2005**
Location: Grass Valley Veterans Bldg., 255 S. Auburn St., GV
Theme: Aloha
Chairperson: Laura P.
Workshops: H&I, Archives, Secretaries, Sponsorship
Dinner: Hawaiian dinner by Bill's Chuckwagon
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Richard H., Nevada City. Main Speaker: Chuck B. from Santa Clarita, Calif.
Entertainment: Hula Contest. After Speaker meeting, dancing featuring Rich J. as the DJ.

Notes: This Unity Day was one of the most memorable due to the setting and everyone coming dressed in Hawaiian garb. Bill G. captured the fun of this event in the colorful flyer that he created.

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Date: **September 9, 2006**
Location: Grass Valley Veterans Bldg., 255 S. Auburn St., GV
Theme: Fun & Games
MC: Rodger F., DCM.
Workshops: Games instead of workshops
Dinner: Unknown
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Bill S., Grass Valley. Main Speaker: Father Tom W. from Oakland, Calif.
Entertainment: 4th Step Bingo and other games. After speaker meeting, Salsa Dance Lessons and Music and dancing with DJ - Rich J.

Notes: This year added the Dessert Potluck which continued for all subsequent Unity Days.

Date: **September 2007**
Location: Grass Valley Veterans Bldg., 255 S. Auburn St., GV
Theme: (Western) Happy Trails....Trudging the road of Happy Destiny
Workshops: Meet Your District Trusted Servants
Dinner: Tom's Chuck Wagon BBQ - Formerly Bill's Chuckwagon
Speaker: Ralph W. from Santa Monica, Calif.
Entertainment: Music and dancing with DJ - Rich J.

Date: **September 6, 2008**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Theme: Service Rocks
Chairperson: Entertainment Chair: Karen S.
Dinner: Tom's Chuck Wagon BBQ
Speaker: Julie R. from Portland, OR
Entertainment: Play and songs about Service Rocks

Notes: Karen S. coordinated a play with Mike S. as Bill W. and Bruce J. acting the part of Dr. Bob. Bill and Bob were in a time machine going back to 1948. After the play, members enacted a radio show and sang parodies to common songs, but turned them into songs about Sponsorship, Coffee, things wrong in meetings and Service. Some of the songs were: Sounds of Silence, Let it Be, Hey Jude, Imagine, Mrs. Robinson and Heard it through the Grapevine. The singers included: Mary O., Beth M., Victoria B., Mike S., Dan L. and Karen S. Karen S. performed a solo. Bob was the radio narrator. The parodies were a big hit - were very funny and members learned the fun of being in service!

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Date: **September 2009**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Theme: Gratitude in Action
Dinner: Tom's Chuck Wagon BBQ
Speaker: Clancy O. from Los Angeles, Calif.
Entertainment: Sing-a-Long hit tunes from "Susie the Souse"

Date: **October 8, 2010**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Chairperson: Beth M.
Dinner: Home Cooked Ravioli
Speaker (s): 10 Min: Ann R., GV Main: Astrid H., Sherman Oaks, Calif.
Entertainment: Sobriety Hi-Jinks by Beth
Notes: Astrid H. is Ann R's mother.

Date: **Years: September 2011 - 2013**
Notes: Archives has no information at this time

Date: **September 13, 2014**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Theme: Unity Day & Old Timer's Day Across The Ages
MC: Justin P., DCM
Workshops: Old Timers Panel: The Three Legacies: Unity, Service and Recovery
Dinner: Pork, Chicken, Eggplant Parmesan
Speaker (s): 15 Min: Jimmie M. Main: Katie H. both from Sacramento: SACYPAA

Date: **September 2015**
Notes: Archives has no information at this time

Date: **September 2016**
Location: Grass Valley Elk's Lodge, 109 S. School Street, Grass Valley 95945
Theme: We Are Not A Glum Lot (Home Group)
Chairperson: Eddy S.
Dinner: Mexican Cuisine prepared and served by District AA Members
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Jim P. GV Main: Patrick K, Penn Valley, Calif.
Entertainment: Andy G. and others played live music before dinner

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Date: **October 7, 2017**
Location: Grass Valley Elks Lodge, 109 S. School Street, GV 95945
Theme: Attraction Not Promotion (Home Group)
Chairperson: Eddy S.
Workshops: Home Groups: How do we attract the Newcomer? Round Table: District Committee Chair Reports, Upcoming Elections, How can we serve you better? H&I Up-Date
Dinner: Tom's Chuck Wagon BBQ
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Mac M., Magalia Main: Lorraine M. from Magalia, Calif. Lorraine was the CNIA H&I Chairperson for many years.
Entertainment: KISS Women's Group presented a skit about AA Slogans which was both fun and informative.

Notes: In both 2016 and 2017, District Home Groups were invited to create posters and other displays about their groups on tables surrounding the event. A few members spoke about the history of their Home Group. In each case, it was an exciting and illuminating event.

Date: **September 29, 2018**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Theme: Unity, Service, Recovery
Chair: Lynne D., District Events Chairperson
Workshops: Roundtables: Anonymity in the Age of Social Media, Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare, We are Not a Glum Lot
Dinner: Italian Cuisine prepared and served by District AA Members
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Krista T., GV Main: Louie R. from San Jose, Calif.
Entertainment: Talent Show

Date: **September 14, 2019**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Theme: We Are Not A Glum Lot!
Chairperson: Lynne D., District Events Chairperson
Workshops: Roundtables: Ask it Basket (Questions and answers about AA structure, service and principals)
Dinner: BBQ Dinner (Meat and Vegetarian) prepared and served by District AA Members
Speaker (s): Ten Minute: Josh, Main: Vikki from Yuba City (Past Area 7 Delegate)
Entertainment: Talent Show

Notes: The Talent Shows (2018 & 2019) were big hits, featuring various talents from many D20 members, including dancing by "Calamity Jane" and her husband, and a great skit by the Women's Big Book Study, Into Action called, "The Twelve Days of AA," as a parody to the Twelve Days of Christmas.

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Date: **2020**
Notes: Unity Day 2020 was postponed due to Covid 19 pandemic.

UNITY DAY CAMP-OUT

Date: **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 9, 10, 11, 1989**
Location: Rollins Lake, Greenhorn Campground
Chairperson: Sarah S.
Dinner: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Pot-luck
Meetings: Friday and Saturday 8:00 p.m., Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Entertainment: Swimming, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Boating, Fishing

Notes: Bill G. prepared flyer that stated this was the First Annual District 20 Greenhorn Campout. Cost was \$10 per person to register for camping or \$3.75 for day use. Some members present were: Sarah S., Hunter, Terri H., Fred (woodcutter), Black Hat Terry M., Pam & Mel W., Suzie C. (Sam T.'s sister), Arlene, Jamie (Arlene's daughter), Barbara M., Steve H.

Archives doesn't have info on any other District 20 Campouts at Greenhorn - possibly because there were no hot showers, no flush toilets or RV hook-ups. From 2000 to 2006 there was an AA group called the "Hard Rock Campers," also organized by Sarah S-M. that put on a campout at Scott's Flat Lake, but this was not a District 20 function.

UNITY DAY PICNICS

Date: **Saturday, August 26, 1989**
Location: Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley, CA 95946
Chairperson: Unknown
Lunch: Potluck/Barbecue
Entertainment: Softball, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Badminton, Swimming

Notes: This was the First Annual or Semi-Annual Unity Day Picnic that District 20 did. Bill G. did the flyer. The picnic area was the one down by the creek with tables and room to play Volleyball. Some members present were: George S., Marty (female-old timer), Kay O., Tom, Sarah S.

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Date: **Saturday, September 22, 1990**
Location: Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley, CA 95946
Chairperson: Unknown
Lunch: Potluck - Bring your own meat to barbecue and side dish to share
Entertainment: Swimming, Volleyball, Softball

Notes: Games began at 11:00, Potluck at 1:30. There was a Raffle. Flyer says 2nd Annual Unity Day Picnic.

Date: **Sunday, August 30, 1992**
Location: Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley, CA 95946
Theme: Fellowship, Fun & Frolic
Chairperson: Unknown
Lunch: Barbeque: Bring your own meat and side dish/dessert to share
Entertainment: No AA meeting, just fun for all, Softball, Volleyball, Tug-of-war, swim or fishing in the creek

Notes: Raffle Grand Prize was a boom-box with am/fm dual cassette

Date: **Sunday, September 19, 1993**
Location: Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley, CA 95946
Lunch: Most likely Barbecue/Potluck
Entertainment: Volleyball, (some people were playing Pictionary)

Notes: Sarah S-M. wrote about this picnic in her journal due to meeting her future husband, Mick, for the second time, at this event. Archives has no flyer for this Unity Day event.

There may have been one more **Unity Day Picnic in 1994** at Pioneer Park at 421 Nimrod Street, Nevada City, CA 95959. Archives doesn't have a flyer of event, but John C. and Sarah S-M. do remember the event. Sarah S-M. has one photo taken at the event stating it was taken in 1994 at Unity Day Picnic at Pioneer. Sarah remembers people cooking at the barbecues, sitting at the picnic benches near the creek and playing horseshoes, and that there might have been live music.

Sarah S-M. remembers that some members from the District didn't want the picnics to continue unless there was an AA meeting included and thus the District may have discontinued putting on Unity Day Picnics thereafter.

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OLD TIMER EVENTS

Date: **October 1998**
Location: Love Building in Condon Park
Chairperson: Pat S. assisted by Beth M.
Dinner: Most likely a pot-luck

Notes: The old timers with more than twenty years that attended were: Juanita P., Harry C., Victoria B., Jeri T., Glen (Snuffy) S., Bud T., Clayton G., Mary E., Earle M., Connie N., Dan D., Jolly G., Martha K., Bob V. (Mayor of Mooney Flat), Linda M. (lawn chair Linda), Roger McA. Old-timer Al-Anon's present were Edna G. (Clayton's wife - Edna started Al-Anon in Nevada County), Fae D. (Dan's wife) and Vivian G (Jolly's wife).

Date: **October 2000**
Location: Love Building in Condon Park
Chairperson: Pat S. assisted by Beth M.
Dinner: Most likely a pot-luck

Notes: Some of the members in attendance were Pat S., Dan D., Clayton G., Glen (Snuffy) S., Pete H., Bud T., Martha K., Mary E.(Knitting Mary), Jolly G., Victoria B., Jo R., Don & Nancy K., Ron L., Phil & Connie R., Trish & John D., Ginny P., Mick and Sarah McT.

Date: **November 2003**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Chairperson: Jennifer P., along with The Sober Sisters (Saturday Morning) AA group
Hosted.

Notes: Jennifer P. sang a parody to the song, Big Spender, where she sang, "The minute you walked through the door..." Some of the members present were: Jennifer P., Sarah M., Martha K., Jeri T., Rosalie P., Margaret A., Liz H., Bill S., Clayton G., Jolly G., Bud T., Lloyd, Albert K., Phil & Connie R., Nancy F., Connie N., and Betty & Rich G.

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Date: **April 28, 2007**
Location: St. Canice Hall
Dinner: Bill's Chuckwagon BBQ
Speaker (s): Featured randomly-selected members with more than 20 years sobriety to share their experience, strength and hope.
Entertainment: A Sobriety "Count-up" from 20 years to the person with the longest time in recovery!

Notes: Some members present were Alaska Jack K., Glen (Snuffy) S., Nancy K., Sarah S-M and Mick M., Jo R., Jeremy, Pete, Jim C., Bill P., Ron L., Cassie K., David P., Beth M., Linda L., John C. and his mother Dottie (Al-Anon), Bruce J., Joe & Eloise A., Kerri, John W., Jean S., Tony.

Date: **May 2, 2009**
Location: St. Patrick's Hall, 235 Chapel Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Dinner: Bill's Chuckwagon BBQ
Speaker (s): Short talks by "randomly-chosen sober Codgers and Geezerettes".

Notes: Fifty District 20 members with over 20 years sobriety signed the register to have their names drawn to talk. Some of the members signing that register were Victoria B., Martha K., Mae and Jim K., Bruce J., Mary O., Duke G., Ted and Annette McT., Bill S., Larry S., Jack K., Susan L., Rita B., and Diane R.

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OTHER DISTRICT EVENTS

Throughout the years, the District has sponsored many workshops and other educational events for its members, often including Area officers, delegates and chairpersons in panels and as speakers and/or coordinators. We do not have sufficient detail in our Archives at this time to discuss most of these. The following are just a few of these events:

On May 20, 1989 the District put on a **Twelve Step Workshop** with Sarah S-M. and Hunter as chairpersons. Sarah S-M. was the Answering Service hotline chairperson at the time. This event took place at the Grass Valley Fellowship at 714 W. Main Street. A humorous impromptu skit was performed by Henry M.(Play & TV Writer - Deceased), as the drunk and Jerral S., as the AA member. The skit went something like this: Henry thought he was calling triple A. He told Jerral he wanted his wife and kids back. Jerral at the end of the conversation was able to persuade Henry to allow two members of AA to come visit him and possibly take him to a meeting. At this same workshop, Harry C. with 29 years of sobriety related a funny story of how Clayton G. Twelve Stepped him in jail. Also speaking at this workshop was Clayton G., Henry M. and George S., and Evert from Teleservices in Sacramento. A list of volunteers for the answering service hotline was created from the workshop and a list of people willing to go out on twelve step calls to caller's homes was created also. Archives has an audio cassette tape of this event and hopes to get it transferred onto a CD so copies can be made.

On November 25, 1990, the District obtained the **Delegate to New York**, Fred B. to speak to our District members at the Grass Valley Fellowship at 714 W. Main Street, Grass Valley.

District 20 and 21 put on **GSR School** on May 24, 1997 held at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley, featuring Inez Y., Area Officer.

On January 20, 2021, District 20 participated in one of the first CNIA Unity zoom meetings. Sarah M. spoke about the history of District 20. Then three District members in District service shared their experience, strength and hope.

Grapevine Writing Virtual Workshop was on February 13, 2021 with Lucinda P. as Chairperson.

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