

## Accountability

The Northern California (NorCal) H&I Committee is a Ninth Tradition service committee, directly responsible to those we serve: i.e., the AA groups of Area 36, which covers all of Nevada County. To that end, we encourage your group to send a voting H&I group representative to the Area Business Meeting. As with other service committees, the function of this representative is to bring the voice of the individual group to the NorCal Area 36 H&I Committee and take vital information about H&I back to their group.

## Funding

All funding for the NorCal H&I Committee comes from local group's contributions to their Pink Cans. More than 90% of all money contributed to the Pink Cans pays for purchasing and distributing the literature that goes to residents of the facilities we serve.

Funds collected in the Pink Cans are 'dedicated funds' and not used for any other group purpose. If any local group needs a Pink Can, they can be picked up at the H&I Area 36 business meeting, or you can contact your Area Chair to make other arrangements

## Contact local H&I Online

To contact Nevada County, Area 36 H&I Committee, please feel free to send us an email at: **handiarea36nc@gmail.com**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about serving locally within Nevada County. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## Resources

The NorCal H&I website at

**[www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org)**

Is a wealth of information about our committee as well as the best way to contact your Area Chair.

Among other things, you can:

- ◆ Make an online contribution for your group (or as an individual)
- ◆ Download our Policy Manual for complete position descriptions and other important information about how we function.
- ◆ Contact any member of the NorCal Committee
- ◆ See important financial information and download our monthly Financial Report
- ◆ Learn more about our history as the oldest correctional committee of A.A.

Make online contributions at  
[www.handinorcal.org/contribute](http://www.handinorcal.org/contribute)  
Or mail contributions to:  
Hospitals & Institutions Committee  
P.O. Box 192490

San Francisco CA 94119-2490  
Please make checks payable to NorCal H&I  
And note your area or county in the memo section of your check.

### Nevada County Area 36 H&I

#### Business Meetings

Last Saturday of each month at 11:00 AM Sierra  
Presbyterian Church, Hatcher Hall 175 Ridge Rd

Nevada City, California

All are welcome!

# Hospitals & Institutions

## NorCal Area 36 Nevada County

### Carrying the AA Message to the Alcoholic Who is confined.

***"Practical experience shows that nothing so much ensures immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics."***

***Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 89***

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From Bill & Bob's first visits to suffering alcoholics in hospitals to the first successful institutional meeting at San Quentin Prison in 1942, and to the present day, AA has ceaselessly carried the message of hope and recovery to the alcoholic who is confined.

Whether in a psych unit, transitional living, rehab, or the County Jail, NORCAL Area H&I Committee conducts meetings in Nevada County facilities that have requested our services.

There are never enough volunteers to respond adequately to the many requests we receive, and so many opportunities to carry the life-saving message of AA go unfilled. We urge you to join in our efforts to perform this vital work by volunteering.

## **Nevada County, Area 36 H&I**

Currently, we serve both men and women inmates at Wayne Brown County Jail.

### **Nevada County Jail Requirements**

The basic requirements to volunteer and bring meetings into the jail facilities are:

- 2 years continuous sobriety
- No Felonies on record; No pending cases
- Working knowledge of the 12 Steps
- Formal clearance including fingerprints
- Attendance at formal orientation for jail protocol

**Nevada County: Other Facilities** We also bring AA meetings to several treatment centers and other related facilities throughout the county. They currently include Hope House, Serenity House, Lovett, Hospitality House, Odyssey House.

### **Other Facility Requirements**

Volunteer requirements for these facilities are specific to each facility. However, the general rule of thumb is a minimum of six months sobriety, with a working knowledge of the Steps.

### **Fellowship Participation**

Additionally, we encourage local groups and Fellowships to send representatives to the Monthly Area 36 Committee meetings. This allows for ongoing communication of ideas with & between NorCal AA members and the NorCal Area 36 H&I Committee.



## **The Pink Cans**



Nevada County Area 36 Hospitals and Institutions Committee is an organized Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous with the purpose of carrying the message of AA to those who are confined. Area 36 services to the local jail, treatment centers, hospitals and other facilities. The confined usually have no money to buy AA literature brought in by the volunteers, so the contributions made to the Pink Cans cover those costs.

The NorCal H&I Committee has for many years been the largest purchasers of literature from AA World Services, Inc in New York, thus contributing significantly to World Services income; all from donations to the Pink Can.

We caution that our Pink Cans should never subtract from the 7th Tradition support of any meetings. This should not happen if the group secretaries announce (before the baskets are passed) both the importance of supporting their group and the purpose of The Pink Can.

For this reason, the H&I Committee requests that the Pink Cans be passed separately From, and after the 7th Tradition baskets and encourages all members to remove the cans from the baskets if they are being passed together.

## **Volunteers Should Be Aware Of:**

- ◆ Willingness to attend an H&I Orientation to become acquainted with policies and procedures.
- ◆ Do not take a commitment at your place of employment.
- ◆ Do not take a commitment at a facility where you were a resident, inmate or client until passage of at least 1 year.
- ◆ Do not use profanity or off-color language or jokes.
- ◆ Dress appropriately—no logos or symbols
- ◆ Maintain anonymity of inside and outside members. Do not use last names at any facility.
- ◆ Introduce yourself only as an 'Alcoholic' to avoid confusion with other 12 Step programs which may go into the facility.
- ◆ Keep sharing time short, focusing on the solution and not the problem.
- ◆ If you can't make your commitment, contact your facility coordinator as soon as possible.
- ◆ Notify your coordinator at once, if there are any problems at your facility.
- ◆ It is against H&I and ALL facilities policy to give out personal information. You may NEVER offer to sponsor anyone. Do not give your phone number, email or other contact information. We are there to solely carry the message of AA.