

HISTORY OF MEETINGS IN WESTERN NEVADA COUNTY

<u>MEETING NAME</u>	<u>Date Formed</u>	<u>GSO #</u>	<u>Founders</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Original Gold Quartz	1949	609021	Peace Lutheran	Named	Gold Quartz Group on formation. Earl Vincent was Secretary from 1953-1959, at which time Clayton G. took over. Clayton was Secretary for 2 years. The Meeting was held at Peace Lutheran during the early 1980's, moved to Rod and Gun Club during Peace Lutheran's expansion. Joined GV Fellowship when it formed in 1987 as the Friday Night Birthday Meeting. Left the Fellowship sometime around 1993. Had to rename as Original Gold Quartz as Fellowship wanted to keep the name Gold Quartz Group. When it left the Fellowship, it came back to Peace Lutheran as an open, non-smoking meeting. The meeting is held every Friday night at 7:00 pm and is a 1-1/2 hour meeting. Birthday night is the last Friday of the month.
Gold Diggers	pre-1956	101655	Tom Osborn	Methodist Church	Formed sometime prior to 1956 by Tom Osborn who moved up from SoCal. When Clayton got sober in 1956, it was still meeting in members' homes. In 1957, it started meeting at Ty Taylor's business office in NC. For many years, met at the First Baptist Church in Nevada City. Moved in 2018 to the Methodist Church. This meeting appears to be the oldest continuously operating meeting in Nevada County. This meeting meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The birthday night, held on the last Tuesday of the month is 1-1/2 hours.
Original Sunday Nite	Oct 1974	101318	Bill S., Hank N. Frank H.	First	Secretary of this meeting was Bill S. (1974-1976). Original location was the MidValley Savings and Loan, GV. It moved several times but most recently was in Classroom A of the Hospital. The meeting dissolved in January 2020.
Sunday "Brunch Bunch"	Oct 1976		Created by Vivian & Jolley, Dan & Fay D., Clayton & Edna and other AA/Alanon couples.		Started the meeting on the resentment that the "wives", who had gone through their spouses' years of drinking were not allowed to celebrate sobriety birthdays at meetings. They started at first in couples' homes, then to the Holbrooke Hotel as a breakfast Meeting, and in 1977 to the newly formed Alano Club. Finally, in 1993, it moved to the Hospital. It was a very successful and popular "couples" meeting, where the couples (AA and Alanon) co-chaired the meeting. The meeting closed in September 2008.
Higgins Diggins	1977-1978		Bill & Helen G., Jim J., Tom S.	First	meeting in Lake of the Pines. Originally met in private homes until able to meet at Red Wagon

Restaurant. Open meeting. First secretary Tom S. Pat McCord very active. Alaska Jack stopped by often. Marcia big addition to group. Last known location was at Tall Pines Mobile Park. Disbanded in the early 2000's.

Penn Valley Group 1983 136094 Jerry D, Hilda Buttermakers Cottage

Meeting started when Jerry D answered an AA hot line call from Hilda who wanted to get sober but didn't want to go to GV for a meeting. So she and Jerry D. decided to start a meeting in Hilda's beauty shop in Penn Valley. When Hilda moved to Utah shortly thereafter, they had a series of different meeting places until settling in 1991 in Buttermakers Cottage. This meeting is Tuesday night at 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The birthday night, held on the last Tuesday of the month is 1-1/2 hours.

District 20 1986 Bob von der Lieth, first DCM In

1986, a group of members decided we were now large enough to have our own District. They petitioned CNIA, who approved and District 20 came into being. The first location was at Peace Lutheran Church. Prior to formation of District 20, the Gold Quartz Group and Gold Diggers Group financed the Union newspaper ad and the telephone answering service hotline as there was no Intergroup in Nevada County – closest Central Office was in Sacramento.

GV Fellowship June 15, 1987 145620 Earl M. Elio, Harry Craig, et al This
group's original location was at Barrel House Bessie's. Later moved to the Substance Abuse location at 714 East Main Street, then to Hughes Road and then its present location on Olympia Park Drive.

Ridge Runners Express Sept 1988 159909 Kelly & Rosie NSJ Community Center

This group has meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night. The Wednesday night meeting is a Women's Book Study. The Monday and Friday night meetings are mixed topic discussion meetings, except that the 2nd Monday is a potluck birthday meeting, the 3rd Monday is a step study, and the 1st Friday is a Grapevine meeting. Monday and Friday meetings are from 7:30 - 8:30 pm; the Wednesday meeting is from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. The meetings are Open and Inclusive and operate on the principle of Acceptance of Each Other.

TGIF Non-Smoking June 1989 175274 Victoria B & Robert Sierra Presbyterian

Started by Victoria and Robert to have a noon meeting close to work would be great way to start weekend. Emphasis on old timers.

Gratitude Group August 1990 169013 Cass F. Peace Lutheran Church

This is a small step study meeting which meets Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. Originally located at Wesleyan Church, Grass Valley, it has met at Peace Lutheran for many years.

As Bill Sees it - KISS GROUP Jan. 1991 Annette McT 154 Olympia Park Road

Annette started this meeting as a mom with a new baby and a 5 year old. Needed a meeting that would accommodate her small children; her sponsor told her to start one. Started at her house and then moved to Sierra Presbyterian Church for many years. Now average 40 - 60+ members in attendance each Tuesday morning at 10:00 am, where it meets at the GF Fellowship at 154 Olympia Park Road, but is not a part of the Fellowship. This is a Women's meeting and children are still welcome. Birthdays are acknowledged and sobriety chips given the last Tuesday of the month. Business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 9:20 am.

Gold Country Fshp Sept 1993 178384 Della A., Don R., Bruce J., Connie N. et al

Alano Club, Alta Street Formed from the individual groups that met at the Alano Club as a way of keeping poorly attended meetings open by sharing expenses with well-attended meetings. Comprised of [29] weekly meetings, it sponsors a bbq potluck, a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for AA community and coordinates with the GV Fellowship on alkathons at major holidays.

Shoemakers Group January 2002 650975 Carl H., Bernie O., and Ted McT Horseman's Lodge, 10600 Bubbling Wells Road

"Shoemaker, stick to thy last" . . . better to do one thing supremely well than many badly. This meeting is a Closed meeting which started at the old CoRR offices on Henderson Street. It met at a large conference room at the Hospital for many years and moved to Horseman's in January 2014. It meets at 11:00 am on Sunday. Birthdays are celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. Business meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month and are conducted in accordance with the guidelines set out in the AA Service Manual, thus insuring that all members are given the opportunity to give their opinion and that minority opinions are respected.

New Beginnings Women's Meeting 2008 725213 Judy Blake, et al. Buttermakers Cottage, Penn Valley

This meeting was started by several recovering alcoholic women in Lake Wildwood. For the first five years of existence, it met at various member's houses, first in Lake Wildwood and Penn Valley, and later to their sisters in Grass Valley and Nevada City. When the meeting got too large to continue to meet at members' homes, it moved to Buttermakers Cottage in Penn Valley. The meeting still operates with a volunteer secretary which changes weekly, as well as volunteers to bring snacks. The meeting is a topic discussion meeting with the topic being derived from the Hazelton publication, "**New Beginnings**". The first Friday of the month is a Step meeting.

