

GSR REPORT – JANUARY 2009

PLEASE LET YOUR MEETING KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR AREA!

UPCOMING EVENTS . . . ANNOUNCE EVERY WEEK!

The 10th Annual SFVCA Women's Luncheon "Growing in the Garden of Recovery" will be held Saturday, April 4th, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Odyssey Restaurant* There will be a Silent Auction • Raffle • Speaker Meeting • Entertainment • Gift Bag - \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. If you are interested in being of service, see flyer & please contact Stacy W. or Kimberly L. for more information. (□* C.A. is not affiliated with this location)

SAVE THE DATE – The 2009 Family Picnic will be June 7th at Woodley Park. Stay tuned for more information!

WE NEED PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEES

Contact our Special Events Chair, Susan T. at events@sfvca.org to be of service.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE:

Help write our first Meditation Book – Submit your spiritual experience, strength and hope to CAWSO (World Service). Length should be approximately 250 words or less. For more information see flyer or send your meditation to submissions@ca.org .

**REMEMBER THE COSTS OF RUNNING OUR AREA HAVE INCREASED OVER THE YEARS
~ PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR AREA WHEN THE BASKET IS PASSED**

If you want to be of service at the Area level and you have had GSR or other Area experience, please join us at the Area Board Meeting on the last Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. For other information and directions, please consult an Area Meeting Directory, the C.A. World Service Manual, www.sfvca.org or email asc@sfvca.org. Antelope Valley District meeting is held the 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:30 am at 44911 Yucca Ave., Lancaster, CA. Please see your GSR for open positions at the Area/District level, including sobriety requirements.

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) –H&I meets the 1st Monday of every month at the church on Colfax and Moorpark - fireside room off parking lot. The business meeting starts at 7:30pm. New panel speakers should go for orientation on their 1st visit at 7:00pm. You need 90 days to speak on a panel and 6 months to have your own panel. We have panels at many area hospitals and institutions and we are looking for those who wish to share their experience, strength and hope.

Hotline – Our Hotline carries to message to the addict who still suffers. Calls can come to you at home, work or to your cell. You need 90 days to be an ALTERNATE and 6 months to have the LEAD slot position. Contact Eleanor L. at hotline@sfvca.org

Newsletter – “*I can't, WE Can*” is the SFVCA newsletter published bi-monthly. You can have your story, cartoon, drawing, or poem appear in our next edition—anonously if you wish. Guidelines requests and Submissions may be emailed to Susan B. at: news@sfvca.org. You can also give your submission to your GSR – be sure to include your name and phone number.

Internet – Our presence is worldwide via the Internet! Visit our site at www.sfvca.org for the most up-to-date announcements and events, as well as a complete listing of meetings. A Spanish version of the site is up and available at <http://spanish.sfvca.org> .

As a GSR, you are the trusted voice for your meeting. Your responsibility begins with attending the monthly ASC meeting, which is held the second Monday of each month. Be there at 7:30 p.m.(7pm new GSR's for orientation) when it starts and stay until it adjourns around 9:00 p.m. Please pick up all handouts, turn in any money donated from your meeting, take notes, and report any information back to your meeting. **You are the voice on issues concerning the fellowship. If you cannot attend, send an alternate!** YOU represent the voting power of your meeting, because the Board Members do not make any decisions at the area ASC meeting. Your GSR commitment is VERY important as you can see. But above all, it's YOUR meeting and it's YOUR vote. Make your vote count! Be a part of your fellowship.

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