

GSR REPORT - DECEMBER 2008

PLEASE REPORT TO YOUR MEETING WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR AREA

UPCOMING EVENTS . . . ANNOUNCE EVERY WEEK!

7th Annual H&I Fundraiser – Saturday, December 13th from 5-9 pm. 14646 Sherman Way, Van Nuys- (1 blk W. of Van Nuys Bl @ Church). Adults \$13 (2 for \$25), \$5 (under 12). Dinner, Speaker meeting, drawings, silent auction, giveaways and Lots of fun.

The Holiday Marathon Meetings will be held Wednesday, December 24th from 7pm, 9pm & 11pm and Thursday, December 25th from 9am to 5:00pm at the Valley Schools on 15700 Sherman Way at Haskell in Van Nuys. Wednesday, New Years Eve, 7pm, 9pm & 11pm bring the 1st meeting of 2009 at 1AM New Years Day, then starting again at 10am, Noon, 2pm & 4pm. For more information see your GSR after the meeting, the flyer or go to www.sfvca.org.

The 10th Annual SFVCA Women's Luncheon will be held Saturday, April 4th at the Odyssey Restaurant. This year's theme is, "Growing in the Garden of Recovery". If you are interested in being of service, please contact Stacy W. or Kimberly L. for more information. Stacy W.: 818.422.3274 or Kimberly L.: 310.365.5977

TO BE OF SERVICE AT AREA EVENTS,

Contact our Special Events Chair, Willie W. at: events@sfvca.org

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 our Area Board Meeting on the last Monday of every month! For other information and directions, please consult an Area Meeting Directory, the CA World Service Manual, www.sfvca.org or email asc@sfvca.org. See GSR for open positions at the Area 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 Lauri T. at hotline@sfvca.org

Newsletter – "I Can't, We Can" is the SFVCA newsletter. The newsletter is published every 2 months. 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 John W. 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. Also the Spanish version of the site is up and available: <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.