

July, 2024 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In June, Tulare County (Area 93) held 21 meetings in treatment facilities and the Tulare County Jail. We continue to have a minimum of 30 dedicated volunteers participating monthly and distribute over 100 AA books. We need Spanish and/or Bilingual volunteers as there continues to be a need for Spanish meetings in all facilities. Currently, Spanish inside members have Bilingual inside members translating for them. While a temporary solution, it does not allow either to fully participate in the meeting. Therefore, our goal is to be able to offer Spanish meetings simultaneously as needed.

Our efforts are fully supported by funds collected from passing the pink cans at AA meetings. NorCal continues in a sound financial position. However, we have returned to our pre-pandemic monthly expense average of \$53,000. To maintain our ability to distribute literature, we need continued support from our fellowship. Please encourage all groups, to pass the Pink Can at Tulare County Meetings and have the Treasurer send in the funds on a regular basis. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or myself.

We are continuing to recruit for the IVSS Program which matches inside Prison members with Outside AA Sponsors. We are now able to sponsor in prisons electronically. This is accomplished through an exchange that keeps the sponsors information protected and anonymous. The women are sponsoring in Chowchilla Women facility and the Men are sponsoring at Folsom, Soledad and San Quintan. These visits can be a combo of in person and electronic. This new electronic option allows the sponsor to of service at any Facility without the travel. The sponsor can choose to meet in person to hear the 5th step or arrangements can be made with the Prison Chaplain to ensure the confidentiality of the Inside Member. More information is available by emailing handi.ivss@gmail.com

Locally, we are preparing for more growth as our volunteers take on different aspects of the administrative side of our committee. Please send any interested AA members to our next orientation: July 13, 2024; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at aa-tulareco.org

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair