

September, 2023 H&I Report

We were pleased to add an additional H&I meeting in August at TLC (Transitional Living Center) which brings us to 12 monthly facility meetings in 6 different facilities. This is triple the monthly H&I facility meetings since 2019 when we began to expand. In addition, we bring AA H&I meetings into Tulare County Jail, SATF, Corcoran and Avenal Prisons, when possible, as cleared volunteers are minimal. In August, we were able to hold 12 H&I meetings in facilities, 1 meeting at Tulare County Jail, utilized 26 H&I volunteers and delivered over of 80 AA Books to our inside members. The literature we bring to our meetings are: AA Big Books, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Daily Reflections and Living Sober. We have these available in English and Spanish. Inside members are encouraged to take the books they would like to have as a gift from our fellowship funded by the money contributed to the Pink Can.

We are in need of additional H&I volunteers, in order to expand our services here in Tulare County. If any AA member is interested in this type of service work, please attend our next Orientation and Business Meeting.

The IVSS (Inside Visiting Sponsorship Service) is on hold at the moment at CCWF Chowchilla and SATF Corcoran. While we have interested volunteers, we are in need of a Coordinator for each facility for this program. If you or someone you know in our fellowship is interested in taking this position or volunteering for the program, please send the information to handi.ivss@gmail.com for connection with the NorCal IVSS Chair. Attached is a flyer which outlines the IVSS Program and the Service Positions.

At this time, NorCal's financial position is **neutral**. Currently, we are at a cumulative year to date loss of \$61,197.98 which exceeds our budgeted loss of \$30,000.00 year to date. We encourage all groups to pass the pink cans to ensure literature is available for those in need. As stated above this money is being put to use in our area with approximately \$850/month or \$10,200/year in AA literature being provided to our inside members locally. Please ensure that groups are passing the pink can separately from the 7th tradition and it is noted that money from the Pink Can is distributed separately from the 7th tradition funds. The Pink Can is not meant to detract from the group's 7th tradition responsibilities. When funds from the Pink Can are sent to NorCal, please indicate that the contribution is coming from **Area 93**. The NorCal Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on September 17, 2023 to plan the 2024 budget for presentation to the NorCal Committee on October 22, 2023. If your group has any suggestions, please bring them to the next H&I Area Business Meeting through your H&I Group Representative.

Next H&I Orientation: September 9, 2023, 9:00 am followed by the Area H&I Business Meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting is held at Bridge Street Drunks Only, 526 N. Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93291.

In service,

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