

## March, 2025 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 Tulare County, our monthly meetings in treatment facilities have been reduced to 14 monthly as the Visalia Rescue Mission has decided to put their meetings on hold for the time being. We continue bringing H&I meetings into Tulare County Jail and Avenal, Corcoran and SATF State Prisons as possible with the cleared volunteers we have.

At our recent H&I meeting held 3/8/25, we welcomed 4 new volunteers and had volunteers step up to take 3 of our open commitments. We are very excited with this new interest and participation in H&I service work. We have received a request for H&I meetings in additional facilities which we will be researching to see if we can accommodate their request.

June 7, 2025 will be the First Annual Avenal Speaker Jam, held inside Avenal State Prison. We need AA members who are willing to get a one-day clearance and join us to share their experience, strength, and hope with the approximately 900 incarcerated AA members at that facility. Many of these AA members behind the walls have never attended an AA meeting outside of the prison. Each of these AA members attend AA meetings on the inside regularly. Unfortunately, as we have very few cleared H&I volunteers most of these meetings are held without any H&I AA participation. This is a great time for any AA members who may be interested in carrying the message behind the walls to give it a try with very little effort to obtain a one-day pass. Please share this information with your groups have any interested AA members reach out to us at [handiarea93@gmail.com](mailto:handiarea93@gmail.com) or contact Central Office for my phone number of that of Bill H. Applications for the one-day clearance need to be returned by April 5, 2025

We continue to need volunteers especially those interested in going into Tulare County Jail, Corcoran, SATF, Avenal State Prisons. We are in dire need of Sponsors willing to sponsor an inmate at one of our Prisons. Please send any interested AA members to our next orientation at 9:00 am. We also have several additional positions to be filled which will be discussed at the business meeting at 10:00 am. Both will be held on May 10, 2025 at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291.

In Service,

Joyce R  
Area 93 Chair