

# MARIN INTERGROUP 2020



# NEWS

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## Annual Happy Thanksgiving Celebrations!

### **Strawberry Thanksgiving Alkathon**

Hosted by the Larkspur Haven Group

Speaker meeting at noon  
Bountiful Thanksgiving feast immediately following.  
Come and enjoy the fabulous food and fellowship!  
Friends and family are welcome?

Doors open 11:00 a.m.  
Commitments available; food donations welcome  
Tony A 415 521-0840 Charissa A 415 497-3045

### **Novato Thanksgiving Alkathon**

Good Shepherd church - 1180 Lynwood Dr.

45 minute meetings: 3:00 thru 8:00  
Sandwich Bar break 5:00  
Suggested Donation: \$10.00  
*Food donations very welcome!*  
Contact to provide support: Trevor 415 722-0304

If you want to drink,  
that's your concern.  
If you want to stop,  
we can help.

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### *The Truth about Marin Intergroup 2020*

#### The purposes of MI 2020 ...

To provide a forum for Marin groups to discuss effective AA in Marin

Support more local 12<sup>th</sup> step work

Support group events

Increase communication and interaction among groups throughout the widely-spaced communities of Marin.

#### MI 2020 is NOT about ...

Asking our Marin groups to discontinue participation in the Intercounty Fellowship

Nor is there any requirement for member groups to financially support MI 2020.

However, Marin members are invited to be involved in this developing of a Marin Fellowship Intergroup.

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## **MARIN BTG HOSTS AREA FORUM!**

Marin Bridging the Gap is hosting a free BTG forum in Novato for counties from northern California.

**November 17th**

**Good Shepherd Church**

**8:30 - 4:00**

Lunch is provided! Anyone who is interested in doing 12 Step work is encouraged to attend.

## **MARIN TELESERVICE**

Is now assisting Intercounty Intergroup with the exciting HELP CHAT feature!  
Come to the next meeting to get involved!

Marin now has twenty-three 12th Step Workers due to the Teleservice workshop!

## **Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community**

**PI/CPC**

November meeting is the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday because of Thanksgiving...

Election of Officers !

There is interest in having two additional types of meetings in Marin. There are only 9 which provide childcare and there is a great need by single parents to have this kind of support. Also there is only one LBGTQ meeting in Marin and another is needed - hopefully in the Novato area. If you are interested and/or would like to participate in either effort, leave a message at [www.aamarin.org/contact](http://www.aamarin.org/contact)

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## **Hospitals and Institutions**

H&I is actively looking for young people (under 30) to take meetings into or speak at an adolescent residential rehab and Juvenile Hall. We also need more people to take meetings into the Marin County Jail and Marin General's Psychiatric Crisis Unit. If you are interested, please attend our next orientation and business meeting at the Alano Club on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

The 46th Annual H and I Conference is May 3-5, 2019 at Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. You do not have to be in H & I to attend!

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The most recent issue of the Grapevine is wonderful! It contains a special section on The Early Days of AA. Some excerpts from the article about when Bill W came to California in 1944 to lend a hand to new groups:

*"Bill's visit here made us realize that we were free to form our own AA groups in direct affiliation with the New York Foundation and that no senior individual or group had district or territorial jurisdiction so long as the new group conformed to the Foundation's requirements..."*

*"The result of this was courage for free development and lessening of friction by enabling any members, dissatisfied with the way their group was conducted, to join another group or launch a new group with persons they considered more congenial..."*

*"And this understanding has led to more intelligent methods of operating - to methods that are more tolerant of the opinions of others..."*

*"We learned, as Bill expressed it, that any good idea will work and any bad idea, when tried, will fail of its own weakness. One thing alone is a sine qua non in AA - honesty with ourselves. With it AA and its members are safe."*