

## What can you do to help?

As a membership organization, we depend on you to help us carry the message.

- **Visit Central Office** – Meet the staff and the members who staff the hotline; leave more informed and connected to A.A. locally.
- **Volunteer at Central Office** – Answer phones, assist with locally produced literature or by join one of our many amazing service committees.
- **Communicate with Central Office** – Make sure your meeting secretary and treasurer are registered with us. It is only with your help that we can maintain current information about meeting locations, times and special events.
- **Intergroup representation** – Step up and represent your group at our monthly Intergroup meetings where we work together to coordinate services that the individual groups in San Francisco and Marin cannot provide.
- **Group contributions** – Encourage your home group to submit regular contributions to Central Office - attend your group's regular business meeting - get involved!
- **Individual contributions** - consider putting \$2 – or the cost of your last drink! – into the basket when your meeting practices the 7th Tradition. You can also contribute directly to Central Office (not to exceed \$5,000 year). Or join the Faithful Fivers – visit [aasf.org](http://aasf.org) or call us for details!

## Service Meetings at Central Office

### Technology Committee

1st Monday - 6:00pm

### SF Bridging the Gap

1st Tuesday - 6:00pm

### SF Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee

2nd Monday - 7:00pm

### The Point Editorial Committee

2nd Saturday - 12:30pm

### SF Teleservice Committee

3rd Monday - 6:00pm

### Archives Committee

3rd Sunday - 12:00pm



### Intergroup

1st Wednesday

Orientation - 6:00pm

Business Meeting - 7:00pm

Call our office or visit our website for the location of the Intergroup meeting.

*I am responsible. . .*

*When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help. I want  
the hand of A.A. always to be there.  
And for that. I am responsible.*

# YOUR A.A. Central Office



*Serving you since 1947*

## Central Office

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Monday – Friday: 10am to 6pm  
Saturday: 10am to 2pm

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## What is a Central Office?

A central office (or Intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves a partnership among groups in a community – just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups – functions which are best handled by a centralized office – and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.<sup>1</sup>

## How the San Francisco/Marin Central Office Began

As Alcoholics Anonymous grew in the Bay Area, the first Central Office in San Francisco was established on January 27, 1947 at 693 Sutter St. In the early days, the Central Office served all of Northern California except for Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Since its first location on Sutter St., over 50 years ago, Central Office moved five times before reaching its present location. Central Office has been at 1821 Sacramento St. between Van Ness and Franklin in San Francisco since November 2001.

<sup>1</sup> Reprinted from A.A. Guidelines, Central or Intergroup Offices, aa.org

## Your Central Office Today

Today, Central Office, legally called the Intercounty Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, serves San Francisco and Marin counties. It is staffed by three special workers and dozens of helpful volunteers. Together, these members work to insure that the solution that Alcoholics Anonymous offers is available to all who seek assistance. Central Office functions as both a business center and service center for our area through its physical and virtual presence and the wide array of service committees. This is where the 12th Step meets the 9th Tradition!



## What does the Central Office do?

Central Office carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic by coordinating the following services:

- ⇒ Connecting new members with the help and hope of A.A. by answering inquiries via live chat, email and a 24/7 phone line and setting up 12th Step calls for those who request them
- ⇒ Publishing accurate, up-to-date A.A. meeting schedules for SF and Marin – both online and in print
- ⇒ Managing aasf.org, an informative and comprehensive website which includes resources for groups, individuals and the general public
- ⇒ Operating a centrally located office and bookstore which stocks an ample supply of A.A. conference-approved literature and service material, Grapevine publications, locally produced literature and sobriety medallions
- ⇒ Publishing two newsletters, *The Point* and *The Buzz*
- ⇒ Providing Group Insurance certificates
- ⇒ Acting as an information exchange for A.A. announcements, events and service opportunities
- ⇒ Responding to inquiries and providing information about A.A. to members, the general public, the professional community, media and outside agencies
- ⇒ Cooperating with and maintaining contact with other A.A. service entities including Bridging the Gap, General Service (District, Area and GSO), GGYPAA, the Hospital & Institution Committee, our Intergroup service committees and other Intergroup/Central Offices
- ⇒ Participating in local, regional and national A.A. events