

Resources

Accountability

The Northern California (NorCal) H&I Committee is a Ninth Tradition service committee, directly responsible to those we serve: i.e. the AA groups of Area 34, which covers all of Placer County. To that end, we encourage your group to send a voting H&I group representative to the Area Business Meeting. As with other service committees, the function of this representative is to bring the voice of the individual group to the NorCal Area 34 H&I Committee and take vital information about H&I back to their group.

Funding

All funding for the NorCal H&I Committee comes from local group's contributions to their Pink Cans. More than 90% of all money contributed to the Pink Cans pays for purchasing and distributing the literature that goes to residents of the facilities we serve.

Funds collected in the Pink Cans are "dedicated funds" and not used for any other group purpose. If any local group needs a Pink Can, they can be picked up at the H&I Area 34 business meeting, or you can contact your Area Chair to make other arrangements.

Contact local H&I Online

To contact Placer County, Area 34 H&I Committee, please feel free to send us an email at: area34HI@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about serving locally within Placer County. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

The NorCal H&I website at

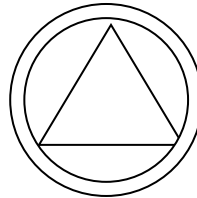
www.handinorcal.org

is a wealth of information about our committee, as well as the best way to contact your Area Chair. Among other things you can:

- Make an **online contribution** for your group (or as an individual).
- Download our Policy Manual for complete position descriptions and other important information about how we function.
- Contact any member of the NorCal Committee.
- See important financial information and download our monthly Financial Report.
- Learn more about our history as the oldest correctional committee of A.A.

Make online contributions at
www.handinorcal.org/contribute

Or Mail Contributions to:
Hospital & Institution Committee
P.O. Box 192490 San Francisco, CA 94119-2490 (Please make checks payable to: 'NorCal H&I' and note your area or county in the memo section of your check)



**Placer County, Area 34 H&I
Business Meetings**

3rd Tuesday of each month
6:00 PM at Auburn Fellowship
244 Palm Street, Auburn, CA

**Hospitals &
Institutions
NORCAL Area 34
Placer County
Carrying the
AA Message
to the Alcoholic
Who is Confined**

“Practical experience shows that nothing so much ensures immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, p.89

From Bill & Bob's first visits to suffering alcoholics in hospitals, to the first successful institutional meeting at San Quentin Prison in 1942, and to the present day, AA has ceaselessly carried the message of hope and recovery to the alcoholic who is confined.

Whether in a psych unit, transitional living, rehab, or the County Jail, NORCAL Area H&I Committee conducts meetings in Placer Co. facilities that have requested our services.

There are never enough volunteers to respond adequately to the many requests we receive, and so many opportunities to carry the life-saving message of AA go unfilled. We urge you to join in our efforts to perform this vital work by volunteering.

Placer County, Area 34 H&I

Currently, we serve both men and women inmates at both the Auburn and Roseville Jails within Placer County. We also serve the minimum-security facility in Roseville, as well as the Juvenile Detention Center.

Placer Jail Requirements

The basic requirements to volunteer and bring meetings into the jail facilities include:

- Eighteen months of sobriety
- Formal clearance including fingerprints
- Attendance at formal training

The volunteer requirements for Juvenile Detention Center include:

- One year of sobriety
- Formal clearance including fingerprint
- Attendance at formal training

Placer County: Other Facilities

We also bring AA meetings to a number of treatment centers and other related facilities throughout the county. They currently include *Community Recovery Resources (CORR)*, *Stand Up Placer*, *The Gathering Inn (Auburn)*, *Cornerstone Crisis*, and *Placer County Psychiatric Hospital*.

Other Facility Requirements

Volunteer requirements for these facilities are specific to each facility. However, the general rule of thumb is a minimum of six months sobriety, to serve in one of these other facilities.

Fellowship Participation

Additionally, we encourage local groups & fellowships to send representatives to the monthly Area 34 meetings. This allows for ongoing communication of ideas with and between local AA members and the NorCal Area 34 H&I Committee.

The Pink Cans

Placer County Area 34 Hospital & Institution Committee is an organized committee of Alcoholics Anonymous with the purpose of carrying the message of AA to those who are confined. Area 34 H&I alone provides approximately 1,100 meetings a year, servicing local jails, hospitals, rehabs and other facilities. Those confined usually have no money to buy AA literature brought in by the H&I volunteers, so the contributions you make to the Pink Cans cover this cost.



The **NorCal H&I Committee** for many years has been one of the largest purchasers of literature from AA World Services, Inc. in New York, thus contributing significantly to World Service income: all from your contributions to the Pink Can.

We caution that our Pink Can should never subtract from the 7th Tradition support of your meeting. This should not happen if the group secretaries announce (before the baskets are passed) both the importance of supporting your group (thereby supporting the service entities it contributes to) and the purpose of the Pink Can.

For this reason, the H&I Committee requests that the Pink Cans be passed separately from, and after the Seventh Tradition baskets and encourages all members to remove the cans from the baskets if they are being passed together.

Volunteers Should Be Aware of:

- ✓ Willingness to attend an H&I Orientation to become acquainted with policies and procedures.
- ✓ Do not take a commitment at your place of employment
- ✓ Do not take a commitment at a facility where you were a resident, inmate or client until passage of at least 1 year.
- ✓ Do not use profanity or off-color language or jokes.
- ✓ Dress appropriately – no logos or symbols
- ✓ Maintain anonymity of inside and outside members. Do not use last names at any facility.
- ✓ Introduce yourself only as an 'alcoholic' to avoid confusion with other 12-Step Fellowships which may go into the facility.
- ✓ Keep sharing time short, focusing on the solution and not the problem.
- ✓ If you cannot make your commitment, find a replacement from the roster and notify your partner and the Facility Coordinator in advance. We try to work in pairs, so if only one member is available, the meeting becomes optional for the volunteer.
- ✓ Notify your Coordinator at once, if there are any problems in your facility.
- ✓ We do not offer to sponsor people in these facilities, nor do we give out our phone numbers, emails or other contact information. We are there solely to carry the message of AA.