

PRIMARY PURPOSE

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THERE WILL BE A "FARWELL" GATHERING

FOR EARLYN & BILL

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, 7PM TO 9PM
AT THE
LIGHTHOUSE,

6415 E MILL PLAIN BLVD, SUITE A

THERE WILL BE CONVERSATION, COFFEE, AND CKE

COME JOIN US FOR
EARLYN'S RETIREMENT
AND
THEIR SEND-OFF
TO A NEW ADVENTURE!

To Vancouver AA:

As I am retiring from service at Vancouver Area Intergroup I want to say how honored I am to have been able to serve our community. We here are a GREAT bunch of eccentric alcoholics here in the Vancouver Area Intergroup service area that I have been graced to interact with, and you haven't chased me out of the office!

So, I want to thank you for the lessons you have taught me...the chance to be a better person, how to interact in a more "principled" manner (suggested idea presented by my sponsor) which by the way, has allowed me to develop a greater inaction with my Higher Power!

All in all,
THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU ALL HAVE GIVEN ME!

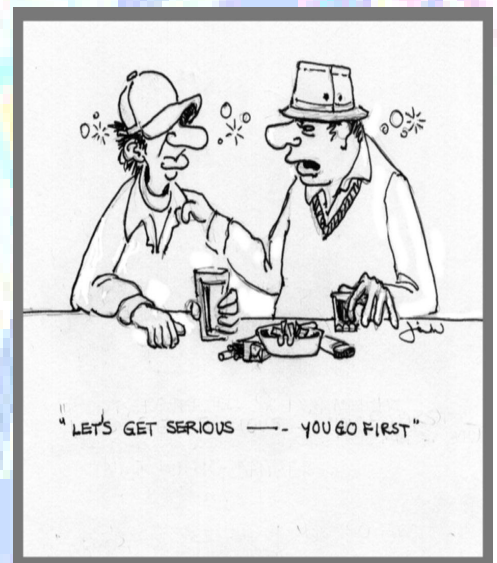
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MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

2nd Monday Steering Comm. Mtg 5:30 pm	4/11
Intergroup Meeting 3rd Monday	4/18
District 37 Meeting 4th Tuesday Standing Comm. 6:30 pm GSR Mtg. 7:00 pm	4/26
District 7 4th Thursday Standing Comm. 6:30 pm GSR Mtg. 7:00 pm	4/28



MARCH DONATION	Group Contributions Y. T. Date	PROFIT & LOSS	MARCH 2016	YEAR TO DATE 2016
8.00	A New Beginning 400.00	Ordinary Income/Expense		
337.56	A New Life 29.00	Income:		
	A New Morning 1,615.15	AA 1,633.75		4,357.80
101.55	Amboy Renegades 53.00	Non AA 2,132.60		6,748.07
	As Bill Sees It 101.55	Total Income: 3,766.35		11,105.87
27.45	As We Recovered 35.00	Cost of Goods Sold:		
75.00	Camas Group 37.48	AA 1,238.04		3,271.37
	Carson Spirit of the Gorge 75.00	Non AA 1,055.00		2,879.42
	Chapter Nine 120.42	Total COGS: 2,293.04		6,150.79
	Cherry Grove Gr. 280.00	Gross Profit: 1,473.31		4,955.08
	Coffee Break 17.29	Expenses:		
7.29	Dry Tribe 13.00	Misc. Expenses:		
5.00	E. Co. Women's Gr. 140.00	Card Merchant Services: 64.13		179.04
	Easier Softer Way 15.00	Office Supplies: 148.81		168.55
260.00	ESBB 490.00	Bad Debts: 73.20		73.20
28.10	Fireside 149.13	Bank Charges 28.19		28.19
68.37	First Shot 272.78	Licenses (State) 10.00		10.00
	Forged from Adversity 60.00	Insurance 500.00		500.00
	Fresh Start 515.46	Total Misc. Expense: 712.94		958.98
	Lewis River AA 73.20	Payroll Expenses:		
	Lighthouse 60.00	L&I 53.90		53.90
30.00	McGillivray Study Gr. 160.00	Emp. Security 11.37		11.37
	Miracles 963.00	IRS: 1,622.04		1,622.04
318.00	OB's Speaker's Mtg 153.50	Taxes Total: 507.44		1,687.31
	Ready & Willing 39.05	Net Wages:		
22.25	Round Table 228.90	Total net wages: 2,071.17		5,055.18
	Saturday Night BBSG 100.00	Total Payroll Exp: 2,071.17		5,055.18
	She Who Remembers 68.00	Rents:		
	Step Sisters 225.00	Building 675.00		2,025.00
	Sunday Solutions 297.50	Copier 190.40		525.39
297.50	There is a Solution 10.00	Total Rents: 865.40		2,550.39
	Tightrope walkers 63.95	Total Utilities: 427.60		1,203.63
	Wayfarer's 155.00	Total Expense: 4,584.55		11,455.49
119.00	Wednesday Night Recovery 130.00	Net Ordinary Income (3,111.24)		(6,500.41)
130.00	W. Vancouver Group 30.36	Other Income/Expense:		
	Women's Emotional S. 151.62	Other Income:		
1,835.07	Sub Total 7,328.34	Cont.—Group 1,835.07		7,328.34
	Misc. Cont. 52.69	Cont.—Misc. 52.69		52.69
	Total 7,381.03	Total Contributions: 1,835.07		7,381.03
		Fundraising Activities		
		Picnic: (100.00)		(100.00)
		Total Fundraising Activities: (100.00)		(100.00)
		Miscellaneous Income:		
		Total Misc. Income: 104.21		577.23
		Total Other Income 1,939.28		7,858.26
		Net Income (1,171.96)		1,367.85

Event Account:	
Balance:	1,400.00

Prudent Reserve:	
Beginning bal:	11,761.88
Transfer 5%:	91.75
Interest:	.60
Ending Balance:	11,854.23

Sales Tax Acct: 3/31/16:	
Beg. bal:	619.11
Tx from Ckg:	22.70
Total	641.81

Employee Reserve Account	
Mar. Beg Bal:	3,519.54
Trans/Net Wage	(261.36)
Dividend	.09
Month end	3,258.27

Checking: Mar. 2016	
Beginning balance:	1,471.54
Deposits:	6,261.02
Expenses:	(5272.14)
Sub Total:	2,460.42
5% Trans to P.R.:	(91.75)
Trans. Sales Tax:	(22.70)
Ending Balance:	2,345.97

An old-timer was going off in a meeting, explaining how the Steps were numbered because they are meant to be worked in order. He went on to say that you can't skip ahead because that would be a formula for disaster. A newcomer carrying a pot of coffee was so captivated by the old-timer's narrative that she didn't watch where she was going and tripped. She accidentally spilled coffee on the old-timer. Aghast, she stood there in horror as the old-timer wailed at her saying, "Aren't you even going to say you're sorry?" Stunned, the newcomer replied, "I would, but I'm not on step ten yet."

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
March 14th, 2016

The meeting opened at 5:40 pm with the Serenity Prayer

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Richard R.	Vice_Chairperson	Jeff H.
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Laurie H.
Position #3	Darcy S.	Alternate	<i>Open</i>
Recording Secretary	Beci S.	Off. Mgr/Treasurer	Earlyn T.
Visitors:	Doug J.	Fred G.	

The Steering Committee minutes for February 8th, 2016 were read and approved.
The Intergroup Meeting Minutes for February 15th, 2016, were read.

HOTLINE REPORT: Everything is running smoothly

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 2016

Event Account:	Prudent Reserve:	Checking Account:	Employee Res.:
Balance: 1,400.00	Beg bal: 11,682.65	Beg bal: 1,547.84	Feb. Bal 3,519.48
	Tx from Ckg: 78.58	Deposits: 6,269.53	
Interest: .65	Expenses: (5,923.10)	Tax Acct:	
EOM bal: 11,761.88	Tx to P. R.: (78.58)	Feb. bal: 293.04	
	Tx to Sales Tax: (344.15)	Feb dep: 344.16	
	Ending bal: 1,471.54	Checks: (22.70)	
		Ending bal: 619.11	

INTERGROUP REPORT: FYI:

- The annual office insurance renewal that is due in March has been paid.

WEBSITE REPORT:

- Our website person is working on a revision of the website which will be reviewed before the March 21st Intergroup meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were some concerns about our website person because we hadn't heard from him for a period of time. At our last Steering Committee meeting, we voted to look for someone else to fill that position. He showed up with a new, revised website he has been creating and is willing to continue as our website person. Because of this, the Steering Committee voted to rescind the vote to look for someone else to do the job.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jeff went through the Office Manager job description/information and created a new job description that will be updated reflecting the lack of the office manager position and applicable for two people. This will be given to group reps to bring back and vote on at the April Intergroup meeting.
- We have opted to hire two part-time employees enabling us to offer six days a week (open Saturdays).
- We have also negated medical, vacation, sick pay; holiday pay will be paid only for the holidays falling on workdays.
- Motion was made that we have an open house to introduce the new office workers to the Intergroup patrons on Saturday, May 14th, either 9am to 1pm or 10 am to 2pm; (to be determined later). The office will also be open for business at that time.
- Employee evaluations will be at 90 days, 6 months, and on the anniversary of their hire date.
- It was moved to pay Earlyn for the 106.75 PTO hours as a cash-out option, for a gross total of \$1,551.08 out of the Employee Reserve Account. The final date for cash out will be March 31st, 2016.

Motion made to close the meeting at 6:45pm with the Responsibility Statement
In Service, Beci S., Recording Secretary

VANCOUVER INTERGROUP MINUTES MARCH 21, 2016

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Richard R.	Vice-Chairperson	Jeff H.
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Laurie H. <i>excused</i>
Position #3	Darcy S. <i>excused</i>	Alternative	<i>Open</i>
Recording Secretary	Beci S.	Office Manager/Treas.	Earlyn T.
Representatives:			
B & P	Bill T.	A New Morning	Chuck L.
Dry Tribe	Jim P.	Last Chance	Doug Jones
Reconciled	Mark O.	ESBB	Sandy Q.
Lighthouse	David C.	Cornerstone	Ryan S.
Ladies by the Lavendar	Kim K.	W Vanc. Group	Jenn S.
Hockinson	Marcy B.		

There were 11 representatives present

HOTLINE REPORT: It is running smoothly.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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	Interest: <u>.65</u>	Expenses: <u>(5,923.10)</u>	Tax Acct:
	EOM bal: 11,761.88	Tx to P. R.: <u>(78.58)</u>	Feb. bal: 293.04
		Tx to Sales Tax: <u>(344.15)</u>	Feb dep: 344.16
Accepted as read.		Ending bal: 1,471.54	Checks: <u>(22.70)</u>
			Ending bal: 619.11

INTERGROUP REPORT: FYI:

- The Annual office insurance has been renewed for one year until March 2017

WEBSITE REPORT:

- The Steering Committee rescinded the vote to look for another web person – Scott was working on the website but had not been in communication with us. All is well now.
- Our web person, Scott, is about ready to show the Steering Committee a mock-up of the new website. It will be more user-friendly.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Two people have been hired for the office, Marcie B., and Janna V.
- The week will be split between them. It will be open six days a week; Starting in May, the Saturday hours yet to be determined. Weekday hours will remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The new office help job description/information was given to the group reps to take back to their groups to review and bring back in April for a vote. This is a change in the Intergroup Guidelines, groups must vote on this. Saturday hours were added to this document by the reps, 9am to 1pm.
- Doug J. was nominated and voted in as interim Alternate on the Steering Committee.
- There will be a going away gathering for Earlyn April 16th, Saturday, at the Lighthouse 7pm to 9pm.

The meeting closed at 7:10 pm with the Responsibility Statement. In Service, Beci S.

LOCAL EVENTS

WAYFARER'S SPEAKER'S MEETING

April 9th, 2016
at 7:30 pm
Memorial Lutheran Church,
2700 E. 28th Street, Vancouver

Will be featuring:
AA speaker: Mike S.
AI-Anon Speaker: Jean B.

CARSON AA SPIRIT OF THE GORGE

Carson Hot Springs,

Sunday, April 24th, 2016
Potluck 6:30 pm
Speaker 7:00 pm

Speaker: Chris W

Questions?
(509) 427-4970 or
(503) 701-6574

**RULE 62
Speaker's Meeting**

Central Bible Church
8815 ne Glisan Street, Portland OR

7pm Saturday, April 16th, 2016

AA Speaker: Angie P.

All-Anon Speaker: Sarah M.

Join us for a no host dinner at 5pm
prior to the meeting

At the

Portland Seafood Company,
9722 SE Washington St., Portland OR

A DRUNK CAME ACROSS a magazine article about the horrors of liver disease and other damage that drinking can do to one's body. He found what he read frightening, so he told his drinking buddies that he'd had enough. "That's it!" he said. "After today, no more reading."
John K. NC

**Archives Presents:
"An Afternoon of AA History"**

Hosted by the Dry Tribe

Saturday, May 14th, 2016
11:30 am—3:30 pm

East United Methodist Church
5701 MacArthur Blvd.,
Vancouver WA

Why have an archives?
How are the archives used?

The Archives committee and Archivist will be present to answer those questions and more.

More Information contact:
Jeannie A. (360)695-6354

Coffee, Various teas and water will be provided.

Bring your favorite cookies to share!

A DRUNK GOING THROUGH D.T.s runs over to his friend Sam's house, huffing and puffing and waving his hands in front of his face.

"What's wrong with you, Joe?" asks his friend.

Frantically waving his hands and spluttering and puffing, Joe replies:

"Butterflies! [puf, puff] Purple and orange butterflies! [puff, puff] Flying all over me!"

Sam immediately jumps back. "Well, hell!" he exclaims. "Don't go blowing them on me!"

Donny B., NY

WHILE STANDING IN THE GRIEVING LINE as my Uncle Bill's wake, I overheard the woman in front of me offering her condolences to my aunt. "Mary, I'm so sorry," she said. "But doesn't Billy look good?" "He should," replied my aunt. "He hasn't had a drink in four days."

Don M.

THROUGH THE EYES OF A BEGINNER:

A newcomer at a meeting I attended recently was reading the Traditions aloud. Finally, he got to Tradition Twelve and said, "Animosity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions."
Ron W., PN

DISTRICT AND AREA EVENTS

Treatment Quarterly, April 16th, 2016, Saturday. Highlands Community Church, 3031 NE 10th Street, Renton, WA Fellowship 9am, business meeting 10 am. Please bring a breakfast item to share. 10 am—2pm business meeting. Lunch will be provided.

Access Quarterly, Saturday, April 16th 2016, Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Church, 14724 1st Ave NE, Seattle WA Soup potluck will be served for lunch. Please bring a side dish or beverage to share.

Contacts: accessibility@area72aa.org
interpreters@area72aa.org

Area72 Web Committee Quarterly, Saturday, April 30th, 2016, Tacoma Central Office, 3640 S. Cedar St., Tacoma WA Fellowship 9am, business from 10am to 2pm. Snacks will be provided (253)474-8897 websrvant@aadistrict43.org

Archives Quarterly, Saturday, May 7th, 2016, McMicken Heights Baptist Church, 3754 S. 172nd Street, SeaTac, WA 9am Fellowship, 10am business. Potluck lunch! A delicious main dish will be provided. Information: George R. (818)378-4186 georgekr53@aol.com

ONE DAY TWO FACTORY WORKERS start talking on the job. It's still pretty early in the morning, but one of them is totally looped.

"I think I'll take some time off from work," says the straight guy.

"How are you going to do that?" asks the drunk. The straight guy proceeds to demonstrate—by climbing up to the rafters and hanging upside down.

The boss walks in, sees the worker hanging from the ceiling, and asks him what on earth he is doing.

"I'm a light bulb," the guy answers. "I think you need some time off," says the boss. With that, the man jumps down and walks out of the factory. The drunk begins walking out, too.

"Hey!" calls the boss. "Where do you think you're going?"

The drunk hiccoughs and answers, "Home. I can't work in the dark."

HEARD AT MEETINGS: Humble people are those who make us feel bigger when we talk to them. *James W., OH*

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 HAPPY HOUR SPEAKER'S MTG 7:30 PM CAMAS	2 OB's SPEAKER'S MEETING
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 WAYFARER'S SPKR'S MTG 7:30 PM
10	11 STEERING COMM MTG 5:30 PM	12	13	14	15	16 RULE 62 SPEAKER'S MTG 7 PM TREAT. QTRLY ACCESS QTRLY
17	18 INTEGROUP COMM MTG 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22	23
24 CARSON AA SPKR MTG 6:30PM	25	26 DISTRICT 37 GSR MTG 7 PM	27	28 DISTRICT 7 STANDG COMM 6:30 PM GSR MTG 7 PM	29	30 WEB COMMITTEE QRTLY

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 HAPPY HOUR SPEAKER'S MTG 7:30 PM CAMAS	7 OB's SPEAKER'S MEETING ARCHIVES QRTLY
8	9 STEERING COMM MTG 5:30 PM	10	11	12	13	14 WAYFARER'S SPKR'S MTG 7:30 PM
15	16 INTEGROUP COMM MTG 6:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21 RULE 62 SPEAKER'S MTG 7 PM
22	23	24 DISTRICT 37 GSR MTG 7 PM	25	26 DISTRICT 7 STANDG COMM 6:30 PM GSR MTG 7 PM	27	28
29 CARSON AA SPKR MTG 6:30PM	30	31				