

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

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PRIMARY PURPOSE



If you are interested in
being of service
please contact the
Vancouver Intergroup
(360) 694-3870

WE NEED YOUR HELP

To make this event
a success!

Vancouver Area Intergroup

2017 Annual Fundraiser

Gratitude Dinner Potluck

Saturday November 4th, 2017

**First Presbyterian Church
4300 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98663**

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MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	8/14 5:30 pm
Steering Comm. Mtg	8/14 6:00 pm
Intergroup Mtg	8/21 6:30 pm
District 37 GSR Mtg	8/22 6:30 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg	8/24 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office
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Did You Know...

Significant events which occurred in August

August 8, 1879—Dr. Bob S. is born in St Johnsbury, Vermont

August 11, 1938—1st meeting of the Alcoholic Foundation & is established as a charitable trust

August 11, 1938—Akron and NY members begin writing stories for The Big Book

August 16, 1939—Dr. Bob & Sister Ignatia admit 1st alcoholic to St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio

August 18, 1988—1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia

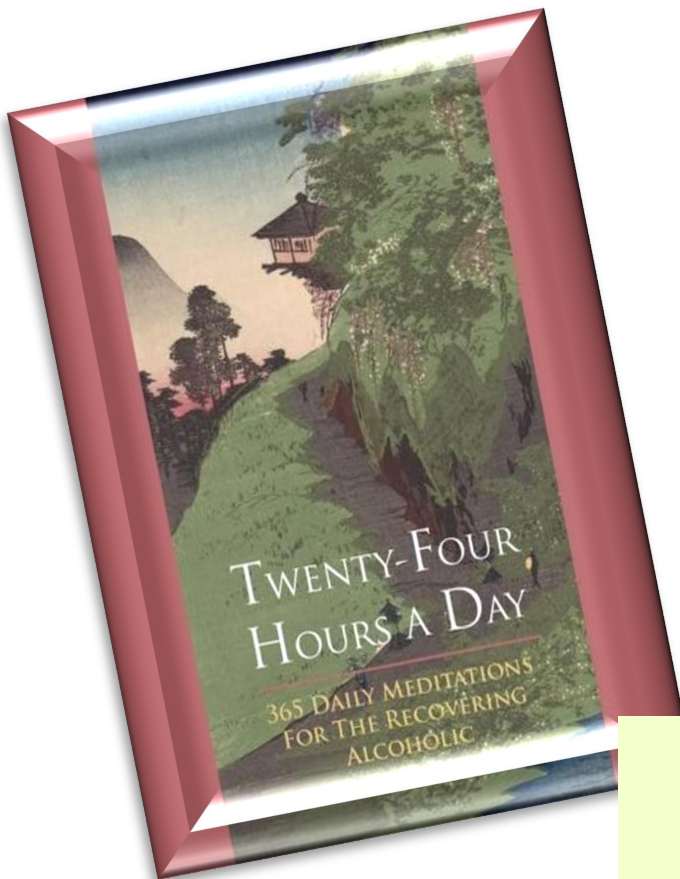
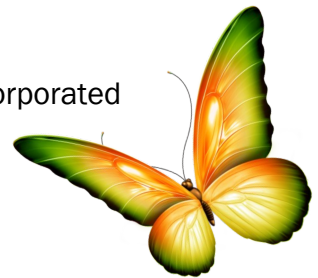
August 19, 1941—1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver

August 25, 1943—AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA

August 26, 1941—Bill writes Dr. Bob to tell him Works Publishing has ben incorporated

August 28, 1941—1st Meeting in Orange County, California held in Anaheim

August 28, 1954—24 Hours a Day is published by Richmond Walker



Richmond Walker got sober in Boston in May 1942, and later moved down to Daytona Beach in Florida, where in 1948 he published *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*®, which became the great meditational book of early A.A. from that point on.

**VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP
WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!**

Happy Birthday

Bob C.—28 years	Bruce—3 years	Ginger 30 years
Dave S.—30 years	Becky C.—8 years	Taylor—2 years
Blair H.—5 years	Adrian M.—5 years	Sandra—33 years
Tiffany—2 years	Marcy B.—8 years	
Sarah V.—2 months	Rich—4 years	

If you would like to acknowledge someone celebrating a monthly or annual birthday.
Please call or come in to our office and we will get them added to the newsletter.
Your donations help support your Area Intergroup.

YOU'RE INVITED!

VANCOUVER AA INTERGROUP

TREASURERS WORKSHOP

Saturday - 23 Sept.

10am to 2pm

**Vancouver IG Office
2203 Fairmount Ave**

Free Coffee! Bring snacks, Group bookkeeping items & Questions

Share Experience, Strength, Hope & Best Practices

Hosted by your VanIG Finance Committee & Greg H

Financial Statements

July		YTD
Revenue		
Sales	\$ 3,490.11	\$ 26,520.49
Contributions	\$ 2,262.53	\$ 13,585.49
Picnic	\$ -	\$ 456.33
Misc. Income	\$ 170.09	\$ 1,055.42
	<u>\$ 5,922.73</u>	<u>\$ 41,617.73</u>
Expenses		
Cost of goods sold	\$ 1,970.44	\$ 15,411.94
Merchant Services	\$ 71.65	\$ 548.46
Office supplies	\$ 200.77	\$ 697.64
Office equipment rent	\$ 258.37	\$ 1,380.67
Building rent	\$ 875.00	\$ 6,125.00
Utilities	\$ 263.11	\$ 2,324.01
Net Wages	\$ 1,563.68	\$ 11,156.25
Payroll taxes	\$ 544.38	\$ 3,287.14
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Misc. Licenses & fees	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.10
	<u>\$ 5,757.40</u>	<u>\$ 41,451.21</u>
Net Income	\$ 165.33	\$ 166.52

Cash Flow Statements

July

Checking

Beg Balance	2,877.77
Deposits	7,151.34
Expenses	(5,637.37)
Transfer to Sales Tax	(573.27)
Transfer to Emp. Res.	(280.94)
Transfer to Prudent	(92.61)
End Balance	\$ 3,444.92

Prudent Reserve

Beg Balance	13,867.05
Transfer In	448.94
Interest	0.71
End Balance	\$ 14,316.70

Event Account

Beg Balance	1,756.33
Transfer to PR	(356.33)
Balance	\$ 1,400.00

Employee Payroll Taxes

Beg Balance	1,002.95
Transfer In	280.94
Transfer Out	(481.72)
Interest	0.02
End Balance	\$ 802.19

Sales Tax Account

Beg Balance	532.21
Transfer In	573.27
End Balance	\$ 1,105.48

July Payroll

Gross Wages	1,846.96
Taxes	
Social Security	114.51
Medicare	26.79
Federal Unemployment	11.08
WA - Unemployment	2.58
WA - Employment Admin Fund	0.55
Total Liability	155.51



July

Donations

Year to Date

	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	5.00
	159th Street Women's Group	125.00
395.02	A New Morning	1,965.35
	As Bill See's It	219.00
	As We Recovered	70.00
	B & P	11.00
	Battleground AA	50.00
	By the Book Study Group	100.00
	Camas Group	69.90
	Came to Believe	66.00
68.00	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	68.00
63.87	Chapter Nine	209.59
	Cornerstone	116.34
26.00	Dry Tribe	26.00
	Early Birds	200.00
120.00	Easier Softer Way	167.00
200.00	Eastside Brown Baggers	1,520.00
	Eastside Women's Meeting	100.00
80.08	First Shot	431.99
126.57	Fresh Start	741.31
	Hockinson	63.63
	LaCenter Group	7.00
	Ladies by the Lavender	136.00
	Lewis River	20.00
30.00	Lighthouse	240.00
	McGuilivray Study Group	435.28
	Men's Eastside	200.00
	Men's Fireside	122.00
150.00	Minnehaha	150.00
320.00	Miracles at Noon	2,140.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	112.00
	Over 55	125.00
	Ready and Willing	40.24
	Renegades	70.00
	Round Table	204.50
	Saturday Night Big Book Study	361.26
	She Who Remembers	80.00
	Step Sisters	196.47
	Stevenson AA	200.00
537.50	Sunday Solutions	924.50
	There Is A Solution	15.00
63.00	Wayfarer's	295.00
16.00	Wednesday Night Recovery	533.10
36.44	Welcome Home	139.33
5.65	West Vancouver Group	12.89
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	170.60
	Women's Fireside	125.00
2,238.13	SUBTOTAL	13,380.28
24.40	Miscellaneous	229.61
\$ 2,262.53	TOTAL	\$ 13,609.89



STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:02 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson	Beci S	Vice-Chair	Deb T
Position #1	Phil B	Position #2	Robert L
Position #3 Greg H.	<i>Excused</i>	Recording Secretary	Virginia E
		Alternate	John B
		Office Staff	Marcy B
Visitors	Laurie H		
	Darcy S	Picnic Treasurer	Jeff H
	Richard R		

The Steering Committee minutes for June 12, 2017 were reviewed. Motion by John to approve; seconded by Deb T. Approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for June 19, 2017 were reviewed.

HOTLINE REPORT: All slots are currently filled. Marcy advised AAs may now sign up on line on our website to volunteer for the Hotline.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Robert moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Phil 2nd; Passed.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Telephone Calls: Of the 118 total calls to our office, 64 were general/office; 51 meeting requests, and three 12 step calls.

Banking: Columbia Credit Union's website was down for a short period. The bank called Marcy over the weekend advising our debit card was compromised. Columbia Credit Union immediately confirmed all of our legitimate charges and then cancelled our debit card to prevent any possible fraudulent purchase. Intergroup did not incur any fees or charges.

Mailbox: Our mailbox lock was old and worn out. At no charge to us, a new lock and mailbox key were provided to us.

State of Washington: Our Secretary of State report was updated with our new officers (Steering Committee members) and filed.

WEBSITE REPORT: Of the 1,307 visits to our website, 435 were new visitors and 872 returning visitors, of which 56 were from Canada, 19 from Brazil, 6 from China and 3 from Germany. Our webmaster, Scott, will finish the meeting codes that we are adding. In addition, Scott added the hotline volunteer sign-up sheet to our website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Schedule Format: As suggested by a Rep at our June 19, 2017 Rep meeting, we offered for sale both formats of our meeting schedule. Only one home group purchased schedules in the new format which is formatted by Home Groups/Meetings Names and specific areas. The schedule by group format is not an Intergroup approved format by Intergroup. John requested that we ask at our upcoming Rep meeting to ask Home Groups to confirm the meeting codes set out in our meeting schedule for their meetings.

The on-line database is the Authoritative data source and Home Groups can make corrections to that.

Gratitude Dinner: John B presented a lease form and invoice for our November 11, 2017 Gratitude Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street, Vancouver. It was moved, 2nd and passed authorizing Beci to sign the lease/reservation form on behalf of Intergroup. In addition, Intergroup will reimburse John for the \$40 reservation fee paid out of pocket. There was also discussion about reserving the same space for our November 2018 Gratitude Dinner. Darcy S and Laurie H were asked if they could Chair again since they did a great job. Both said they would think about it. The Gratitude Dinner in 2016 netted less of a profit than other years as approximately 100 fewer tickets were sold because of confusion about the facility.

Picnic Report: Jeff H, our Intergroup Picnic Treasurer, updated his former report advising we netted \$456.30 for the Picnic (including the \$200 cash donated by a Home Group for the Picnic, and including raffle donations). He further advised we received more raffle donations from AA members and home groups than what the raffle actually took in. Poor attendance and income was discussed including the hot weather, location, Treatment Center patient attendance, and how we might improve: Getting the word out, lack of activities (AA speaker, music, games), and Picnic Committee participation, noting in past years we used to have a large Picnic Committee of 12 or so people. Virginia asked if Judith, a former Picnic Chair, might do a presentation at one of our Steering Committee meetings how to organize a successful annual picnic. Marcy will reach out to her. Phil will reach out to his Home Group (Central Group/Blue Door) to see if they would like to purchase some of our excess picnic product for one of their upcoming events, thereby reducing our picnic expenses and increasing our net income.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Intergroup Budget: Although Greg was absent, he prepared comparison and time table graphs which were handed out to our Steering Committee members for review.

Home Group Contributions Trend & Daily Sales Trend: John presented graphs of past years Home Group Contributions so we can try and understand the data better to see if there is something we can learn and potentially share.

Treasurers' Workshop: Possible date is September 23, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intergroup Rep Count: Our count of the Reps at our Rep meetings is consistently off. It was suggested that after Beci counts the Reps, that Marcy compare the count with our Rep sign-in sheet and bring the sign-in sheet to the Chair and to oversee that any Reps coming in late be added to our sign-in sheet.

Resolution Authority: Marcy brought paperwork to have Jeff H removed as a signer on our bank account; and have Deb T (our Vice-chair) added to our bank account.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Submitted By:

Virginia E., Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR JULY 17, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Beci S.	Vice-Chair	Deb T.
Position #1	Phil B.	Position #2	Robert L.
Position #3	Greg H.	Alternative	John B.(excused)
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Marcy B
REPRESENTATIVES:			
Camas Group	Robert L.	Lighthouse	Beci S
Central Group	Phil B	McGillvary Study Grp	Chris S
Cornerstone	Shane R	Men's Fireside	Tom S
Early Birds	Chuck S	Minnehaha	Rick
Eastside Brown Baggers	Sarah S	Over 55	Richard R
Fireside	Robin M	Reconciled	Marc O.
Greg H	First Shot	Sober Uppers	Darcy S
Hockinson	Shirlene H	Steppin Up	Laurie H
How It Works	Virginia E.	There Is A Solution	Sue G
		Visitors:	Ducky-Lighthouse
			Mike W-Stag 164

18 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for June 19, 2017 were read and approved.

The Steering Committee minutes for July 10, 2017 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

All time slots are currently filled. Please continue to announce in your Home Groups that Intergroup is always looking for 12 step volunteers. Forms available on-line and at the Intergroup Office to sign up.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for June 2017 was provided to Reps. Greg will meet with Marcy to go over questions raised on the Treasurer's Report. Moved and seconded; Report approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Total incoming calls were 118, 64 of which were general/office, 51 meeting requests, and three 12 step calls.

The annual Secretary of State's report has been updated with our new officers.

WEBSITE REPORT:

Of 1,307 viewers to our website in June, 435 were new visitors, 872 returning visitors, 56 from Canada, 19 from Brazil, 6 from China and 3 from Germany. Home Groups were

asked to please view their meeting codes on our meeting schedules and make any corrections or updates with Marcy of our Intergroup Office.

Rep brought up suggestions made by a Rep about 5 months ago suggesting our calendar included in our Primary Purpose include the address of each meeting or event, and our event flyers be placed in chronological order. Marcy advised events are in date order except to adjust so they all fit, and that addresses of each event are on our website.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Budgets: Reps were provided with graphs of our current and 2018 projected budgets.

Treasurer's Workshop: Possible date of September 23, 2017. We should have flyers by August, and flyers will be circulated at each District meeting as well.

Average Daily Sales: Marcy prepared a "Daily Sales Averages" chart. After questions, it was noted that the time period and amounts shown on the chart were actually for a ten week period when we were open Saturdays a year ago. Reps should correct the caption of the chart if sharing with their Home Groups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gratitude Dinner:

2017: November 11, 2017. After much discussion of optional dates, and given that Wayfarers is scheduled the same day as our preferred date of November 11th, it was moved, seconded and passed to reschedule the Gratitude Dinner to October 21, 2017.

2018: We are able to schedule November 17, 2018 for next year after January 1, 2018. Reps were asked to discuss this date with their Home Groups.

Picnic: Income from 2017 picnic will remain in our checking account for time being until July expenses are paid.

Meeting Schedule Formats: We have only sold two packets of the newly formatted sample meeting schedules to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Office Hours: Virginia asked for feedback from Reps and Home Groups of suggested Intergroup Office hours. Reps and members offered various suggestions, including staying open until 7 pm on Wednesdays and/or perhaps one Saturday per month.

Intergroup's Report to Area: At request of Area, we will submit Vancouver Area Intergroup Reports to Area for printing in our Area Newsletter. Report attached for Reps if they choose to share with their Home Groups as it summarizes our Intergroup's activity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E
Recording Secretary



AUGUST



Friday Night Happy Hour

August 4th, 2017

September 1st, 2017

7:30pm

Speaker Meeting

Camas Friends Church

NE 4th and Ione St.

Camas, WA. 98607

*Meeting is always the first Friday
of the month*

Step Ashore IV

“The NW Woodstock of AA”

Big Book Weekend

August 10-13th, 2017

Ocean Shores Convention Center

Online Registration

www.nwoodstockofaa.org

Ready & Willing Annual Potluck

Saturday, August 19th

Louis Rasmussen Marine Park, Kalama

1:00 pm Food & Fellowship

3:00 pm Speaker

Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday August 27th, 2017

6:30 pm

952 Wind River Road

Carson, WA

The last Sunday of every month
is our potluck at 6:30 pm,
followed by a guest speaker at 7 pm

Questions?
(509) 427-4970 or

Hot August Nights

presented by Central Group

August 5th, 2017

7pm—11pm

1501 Columbia Street

Vancouver, WA 98660

Tunes by: DJ Nick

Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

August 12th, 2017

7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church,

11005 NE Hwy 99

Vancouver, WA. 98686

AA speaker: Bud Rhodes

From: LaCenter, WA

Al-Anon Speaker: Susan B.

From: Longview, WA

RULE 62

Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, August 19th, 2017

7:00 pm

Central Bible Church

8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

Hockinson Potluck

Sunday, August 27th

Last Sunday of the month
All are welcome

Bring your favorite dish to share

Potluck at: 6:00 pm
Meeting follows at: 7:00 pm

Elim Lutheran Church
15815 NE 182nd Ave
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

OB's Speaker Meeting

August 5th, 2017

Eastridge Church

14100 SE Sunnyside Road

Clackamas, OR 97015

Meeting is always the first

Saturday of the month

Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, August 11th

7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road

Vancouver, WA 98661

Columbia River Round-Up

August 11th—13th, 2017

University of Portland Campus

Information and
registration available at
www.columbiariverroundup.com

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, August 25th

8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street

Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

July Phone Calls

Office/general: 53

Meetings: 51

12 Step: 4

Total Calls: 108

If you are interested in making yourself
available for 12 step calls please let us know.

(360) 694-3870 or
Vancouveraa.org

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	5 OB's Speaker Meeting 7:00 PM
6	7	8	9	10	11 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm Step Ashore Convention	12 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
13	14 Finance Mtg 5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19 Rule 62 7 pm
20	21 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	22 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	23	24 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	25 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	26
27 Carson Potluck 6:30 pm Hockinson Potluck 6 pm	28	29	30	31		

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	2 OB's Speaker Meeting 7:00 PM
3	4 	5	6	7	8 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
10	11 Finance Mtg 5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15	16 Rule 62 7 pm
17	18 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 Carson Potluck 6:30 pm Hockinson Potluck 6 pm	25	26 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	27	28 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	29 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	30

* All business meetings, including those for District 7 and District 37 are held at the Intergroup office *

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What's the Topic?



O S P P S P T Q D C F O R G I V E N E S S
 N T I R N R L Y K R O W E C I V R E S P P
 E N H I O O A T O K Y M J A H Y S N O A L
 D E S N I M H I D G D M P O C A Y N R I Z
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Acceptance
 Action
 Amends
 Anger
 Behaviors
 Complacency
 Dependence
 Desperation
 Disease
 Ego

Fear
 Feelings
 Fellowship
 First Drink
 Forgiveness
 Freedom
 Gratitude
 HALT
 Higher Power
 Honesty

Hope
 Humility
 Identification
 Insanity
 Inventory
 Meditation
 One Day at a Time
 Open-minded
 Participation
 Prayer

Principles
 Promises
 Resentments
 Serenity
 Service Work
 Spirituality
 Sponsorship
 Traditions
 Willingness
 Willpower

