

PRIMARY PURPOSE

December
2016

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

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IF NOT – WHY?
IF NOT – WHEN?
IF NOT – WHO?
– YOU?

Sending



warmest wishes for a joyous

Holiday Season

“THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO
LOOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF
OTHERS.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

Looking for a way to get involved?

Elections for Position 2, Position 3, Alternate and Recording Secretary on the Steering Committee will be held on December 19th, 2016 at the Intergroup representative meeting at 6:30pm. Please call the office if you would like more information (360) 694-3870



**Always keep in mind,
we can't do this alone....**

*May each of us find joy, comfort and
purpose in our sobriety this holiday season
and may we find ever more opportunities
to share our gratitude with those in need.*

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MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

Steering Comm. Mtg 5:30 pm	12/12
Intergroup Mtg 6:30 pm	12/19
District 37 GSR Mtg 7:00 pm	12/27
District 7 Standing Comm 6:30 pm	12/15
District 7 GSR Mtg 7:00 pm	12/15

Did You Know...

Significant events which occurred in December

1934—Bill admitted to Towns Hospital for his 4th & final time, has spiritual experience in the hospital

1934—Bill & Lois start attending Oxford Group meetings

1938—12 Steps written

1939—First AA group in mental institution, Rockland State Hospital NY

1939—First home meeting in Los Angeles at Kaye M's House

1940—First AA group formed in St. Louis, Missouri

1941 - Dallas Morning News reports first AA group formed in Dallas

1945—Rowland H Dies * (Rowland H. brought the message to Ebby T. who brought the message to Bill W.)

1948—Dr. Bob's last major talk, in Detroit

1949—Sister Ignatia received Poverello Medal on behalf of AA

1950—Grapevine article signed by both Bill & Dr. Bob recommend establishing AA General Service Conference

1955— Man on the Bed painting by Robert M. first appeared in Grapevine. Painting originally called Came to Believe

1975 - *Birds of a Feather* AA group for pilots is formed.

1982 - Nell Wing retires from GSO after 35 years of service



* Of all the contributions Rowland made, none has had a more far reaching impact as his unselfish effort in sobering up Ebby T.

If not the first, certainly one of the earliest Twelfth Step



***Vancouver Area Intergroup
Would like to celebrate with you!***



December Birthdays

Harry F.—10 years	Eric J.—3 years	Don C.—4 years
Gay A.—29 years	Bob C.—38 years	Mike M.—25 years
Nancy C.—28 years	Stephanie—12 years	Carol J.—8 years
Brenda N.—31 years	Beth—2 years	Rebecca T.—1 year
Matt R.—26 years	Andrew—3 years	

If you would like to acknowledge someone celebrating a monthly or annual birthday.

Please come in to our office and we will get them added to the newsletter.

Your donations help support your Area Intergroup.

THE TWELVE STEPS OF CHRISTMAS

1. Admit you are powerless over Christmas and that your life has become unmanageable.
2. Believe that a power greater than consumer credit can restore you to sanity.
3. Decide to turn your will and life over to Santa as you understand him.
4. Make a searching and fearless inventory of your material desires.
5. Admit to Santa, to yourself and to another human being the exact nature of your size, color preferences, and taste in furniture.
6. Allow Santa to remedy all defects in your bank account.
7. Humbly ask Santa to pay off your mortgage.
8. Make a list of everything you want and be willing to read the instruction manual.
9. Cite model numbers and retail locations wherever possible.
10. Continue to take personal inventory, and when you think of something else you want, add it to the list.
11. Seek through prayer and meditation to improve your conscious contact with Santa, as you understand him.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, carry Santa's message to family and friends every Christmas.

Financial Statements

November	Donations	Year to Date
	12X12	120.00
	A New Beginning	400.00
	A New Life	109.00
403.36	A New Morning	4,330.20
	Amboy Renegades	53.00
	As Bill Sees It	101.55
	As We Recovered	170.00
	Battleground AA	75.00
150.00	Birds of a Feather	150.00
	Bozo's by the Berries	265.95
3.61	Camas Group	79.91
	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	115.00
	Chapter Nine	352.13
	Cherry Grove Group	280.00
5.00	Coffee Break Washougal	22.29
500.00	District #7	500.00
	Dry Tribe	17.00
	E. County Women's Group	140.00
50.00	Early Birds	50.00
	Early Light	130.00
	Easier Softer Way	15.00
240.00	Eastside Brown Baggers	2,190.00
	Eastside Closed Men's Morning Meeting	250.00
	Eastside Women's Book Study	150.00
	Fireside	278.49
	First Shot	939.52
	Forged From Adversity	120.00
125.48	Fresh Start	1,592.54
	Growing at the Grove	5.49
124.97	Hockinson Group	299.03
6.25	La Center Group	15.75
	Ladies by the Lavender	198.56
30.00	Lewis River AA	255.20
30.00	Lighthouse	330.00
	Longview group	50.00
	McGuilivray Study Group	625.00
50.00	Men's Fireside	235.00
300.00	Miracles at Noon	3,518.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	153.50
	Over 55	180.22
	Principles First	150.00
16.92	Ready and Willing	96.07
	Renegades	70.00
	Ridgefield AA	31.00
	Round Table Group	430.90
	Saturday Night BB Study	400.00
	She Who Remembers	212.00
	Step it Up - 12 & 12	187.96
	Step Sisters	225.00
250.00	Stevenson AA	450.00
	Sunday Night Alternative	150.00
	Sunday Solutions	656.00
	There is a Solution	45.00
	Tightrope Walkers	63.95
	United Sober Group	150.00
42.33	Wayfarer's	197.33
64.48	Wednesday Night Recovery	257.48
	Welcome Home	123.12
	West Vancouver Group	43.60
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	206.62
	Women's Fireside	100.00
2,392.40	SUBTOTAL	23,108.36
24.00	Individual & Coffee Can	809.07
2,416.40	TOTAL	23,917.43

Profit & Loss Statement			
November		YTD	
Revenue		Revenue	
Sales	\$ 3,699.05	Sales	\$ 41,204.85
Contributions	\$ 2,416.40	Contributions	\$ 24,396.10
Gratitude Dinner	\$ 2,316.00	Gratitude Dinner	\$ 2,316.00
Misc. Income	\$ 108.35	Misc. Income	\$ 1,681.33
	\$ 8,539.80		\$ 69,598.28
Expenses		Expenses	
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,221.33	Cost of goods sold	\$ 24,010.88
Merchant Services	\$ 86.03	Merchant Services	\$ 773.34
Office supplies	\$ 59.29	Office supplies	\$ 898.15
Office equipment rent	\$ 183.60	Office equipment rent	\$ 2,033.78
Building rent	\$ 675.00	Building rent	\$ 7,425.00
Utilities	\$ 326.53	Utilities	\$ 4,354.73
Net Wages	\$ 1,779.71	Net Wages	\$ 21,646.11
Payroll taxes	\$ 406.10	Payroll taxes	\$ 6,647.97
Sales Tax liability	\$ 897.25	Sales Tax liability	\$ 1,839.46
Fundraising Expense		Fundraising Expense	\$ 1,070.00
Insurance		Insurance	\$ 500.00
Bank Fees	\$ 0.77	Bank Fees	\$ 132.62
Misc. Licenses,taxes,fees		Misc. Licenses,taxes,fees	\$ 20.00
	\$ 6,635.61		\$ 71,352.04
Net Income	\$ 1,904.19	Net Income	\$ (1,753.76)

Cash Flow Statements			
November			
Checking		Prudent Reserve	
Beg Balance	3,865.70	Beg Balance	12,529.40
Deposits	6,474.17	Interest	0.62
Expenses	(4,638.16)	End Balance	\$ 12,530.02
End Balance	\$ 5,701.71		
Employee Reserve & Taxes		Sales Tax Account	
Beg Balance	424.68	Beg Balance	1156.20
Tx from ckg	203.72	Quarterly tax	(897.25)
Tx to ckg	(200.00)	End Balance	\$ 258.95
Interest	0.01		
End Balance	\$ 428.41	Event Account	
		Beg Balance	430.00
		Checks written	(300.77)
		Tickets & Raffle	2,981.00
		End Balance	\$ 3,110.23



"The things we cannot change"

Your Vancouver Intergroup Office has accepted the financial impact of the world outside our meeting rooms. We are grateful for the contributions of individuals and groups which provide for a portion of our operating expenses. These operating expenses, never-the-less, continue a gradual Increase.

There are two primary examples of these cost increases which are beyond our control. The office rent has increased next year. And, our merchandise vendors have increased their prices slightly. Your Intergroup office will increase item prices to reflect the changes.

Beginning in January, all merchandise prices (with the exception of items purchased from AAWS) will increase. The AA Big Book, Grapevine literature items, and other 'Conference Approved' materials WILL NOT change from the current price.

We appreciate your understanding, and your patience as we continue to closely monitor your Intergroup Office financial operations.

- Intergroup Steering Committee, ad hoc Finance Sub-Committee

Payroll			
Gross Wages	\$2,124.21	Tax Liability	\$218.86

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Doug J.
Position #3	Greg H.	Recording Secretary	Virginia E
		Alternate	Sandy Q.
		Treasurer	Marcy B
Visitor			
Shirlene	Hockinson Rep		

The Steering Committee minutes for October 10, 2016 were read. Motion by Doug to approve; seconded by Greg. Approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for October 17, 2016 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT: 12 step call list and volunteer forms have been updated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcy read Treasurer's Report. Questions asked. \$96.19 in merchant services expense is for our credit card machine, billed on number of transactions. Intergroup's income has increased since implementing credit card machine. Discussion regarding charge to customer if purchase is less than "X" amount. \$0.46 bank fee is for number of deposits allowed throughout the month. Virginia asked why are deposit amounts different on P&L and Cash Flow Statements. Profit & Loss Statement reflects the checkbook activity through end of month. "Cash Flow Statements" reflect the bank statement for all deposits and checks that have cleared the bank. Moved and seconded to approve Treasurer's Report. All approved. Marcy noted and announced that we will have five pay periods in November, so our payroll will reflect such.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Total telephone calls logged were 132; 69 of which were general/office inquiries, 56 requests for meetings, and 7 were 12 step calls.

WEBSITE REPORT: Scott has worked on some broken code within the meetings section of the website. Marcy has created a link on the Newsletter portion/page of the website for someone to request the Primary Purpose. The request goes directly into the office email and Marcy adds them to the list. Our Intergroup's office hours will be included on the website. Marcy will discuss with Scott the possibility of counting hits and clicks on links.

OLD BUSINESS: Intergroup Rep Meeting. Virginia was questioned regarding her statements made at the October 17th Rep meeting. Virginia requested all to speak with kindness and respect during this discussion. Virginia answered inquiries primarily from Marcy and Beci.

Marcy requested Minutes of Sept 12, 2016 Steering Committee Minutes be revised to include a check issued to Janna. Therefore under, "**New Business**" the following will be included in Sept 12, 2016 Steering Committee Minutes:

***Credit for Janna:** Jeff advised Janna returned a ring directly to the vendor. Vendor credited Intergroup since Intergroup was the purchaser of the ring. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and agreed to reimburse Janna for her credit as opposed to giving a merchandise credit at Intergroup. Virginia offered to hand-deliver the check as Janna typically attends Virginia's Home Group meeting."*

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Intergroup Budget: We now have one.

Financial Outlook: We are in the black for the first time in many months.

Jamboree Report: We sold \$325.85 in product. We sold \$373.82 at Assembly.

Rental Agreement: Greg met with landlord. Our rent will be going up to \$875 per month plus \$50 for water. Jeff stated he showed rental agreement to an attorney and agreement was fine. Virginia re-stated and suggested that we put a dollar amount for tenant's responsibility of repairs, noting in business leases, the tenant pays for all repairs and replacements to the rental space inside the office, including hot water heater, plumbing, heating if inside the building, sidewalk and portion of the parking lot. After discussion, it was suggested to place the verbiage "not to exceed \$500.00 per year." Virginia moved, Sandy seconded, the Steering Committee approved to giving Greg authority to negotiate up to \$1,000.00 per year.

Gratitude Dinner: Jeff will attend Gratitude Dinner Committee meetings to keep the Steering Committee and Reps informed.

Office Manager Description: Job description was handed to Reps at Oct 17th Rep mtg and will be voted on at next Rep mtg. Virginia asked why the Steering Committee did not discuss the Job Description for feedback prior to it being handed to the Reps. Jeff stated it had. Virginia suggested since Sandy may not always be our relief worker, that the Steering Committee set the pay rate for the relief worker instead of having to go back to the Reps simply for a change in the relief worker's pay rate. Virginia commented that while Sandy is excellent and deserves the same pay rate as our primary office staff, someone else maybe should not be paid as high as the regular office staff person for relief/fill in work.

HR Responsibilities: Office manual is 65% done.

Elections for Positions 2, 3 Alternate and Recording Secretary: Nominations for these Steering Committee positions will be at the Nov 21 Rep mtg; Voting at Dec 19 Rep mtg; with each new Steering Committee member's position to commence January 1, 2017. Openings will be posted in Primary Purpose.

Conference Room Floor: An AA member offered to repaint the cement floor if Intergroup buys the paint @ cost approx. cost of \$70 with fill for cracks. After discussion, Beci suggested the Reps can vote on it.

Shampoo Carpet: Marcy would like to shampoo carpet on her own time. Beci moved, David seconded. All approved to allow \$65 in product and/or expense for shampoo.

Coin Key Chains: Marcy showed the Steering Comm new product. Beci moved, Sandy seconded. All approved to buy 3 key chains in different colors for the Intergroup.

Leather Book Covers: Marcy requested feedback from the Steering Committee on how many leather book covers to purchase. Beci moved, Greg seconded. All approved to buy 3 more in addition to the 1 we still have on hand (selecting the grainy leather feature).

Primary Purpose Ideas: It was decided to continue with the Birthday Club even though Intergroup is not receiving a suggested donation for posting such. Marcy asked if could she put a "word fine" puzzle in the Primary Purpose. No one opposed as long as sufficient room.

Website & Newsletter Flyers out of our Area: It was suggested to place a link on our website for some of the out of area AA websites for anyone interested in out of area AA flyers. For example: Portland Area Intergroup. Marcy also advised sometimes we sell items to District 27 (Longview/Long Beach area) as they do not have an Intergroup.

OTHER: Doug moved, Beci seconded; Majority agreed the current Steering Committee has confidence in Jeff as our Chair.

District 7 donated \$500 to our Intergroup. Thank you District 7.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Yours in Service, Virginia E, Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2016

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H. Absent-excused	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S.
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Doug J. Absent-excused
Position #3	Greg H. Absent- <i>unexcused</i>	Alternative	Sandy Q.
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Marcy B.
REPRESENTATIVES:			
A New Morning	Chuck L.	Men's Fireside	Tom S.
Camas Group	Robert L.	Over 55	Richard R
Central Group	Tracy	Reconciled	Mark O.
Coffee Break	Mary M.	RecoverWe	Janna
EastSide Brwn Baggers	Sandy Q.	Sideways Sundays	George V.
Hockinson-Alt Rep	Marcy B.	Sober Uppers	Darcy S.
How It Works	Virginia E.	Welcome Home	Julie U.
Ladies By the Lavender	Liz W		
Lighthouse	David C.	VISTORS:	
		David D	First Shot
		Jim W	Around Town
		Marc T	12
		Phil B	Central Group

In the absence of Jeff H, Beci S (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.

17 Intergroup Representatives counted in attendance. (Note: Only 16 Reps signed in. I observed Beci counting Reps twice with a total of 17 each time; therefore, the additional Rep or Alternate Rep either did not sign in or the above listed as "visitor" mismarked the sign-in sheet as "not" being a Rep)

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for October 17, 2016 were read. Moved, 2nd; all approved.

The Steering Committee minutes for November 14, 2016 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT: All positions are filled; however, please continue to encourage AAs to volunteer for the hotline and 12 step call list.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcy read the report. Moved, seconded, approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Total of 132 calls during October, of which 69 were general/office; 56 meeting requests, and seven 12 step calls.
Marcy advised she would be shampooing the office carpet. Darcy offered to provide Intergroup with supply of shampoo product.

WEBSITE REPORT: Scott updated and fixed a few code issues. There is now a link on the newsletter page of the website for someone to request the Primary Purpose. Address is now on the front page of the website. Currently working on adding links for the websites of other AA Districts.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: (Both Finance Committee members absent) Darcy suggested that the Finance Committee announce and publish a set date of their meetings for all AAs wishing to attend such because it's our right as Reps, or otherwise be dissolved. Janna moved, Tracy seconded, 11 in favor; 4 opposed. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Lease has been signed with Intergroup's landlord.

Office Manager Job Description/Information. Much discussion. Rep requested going through Job Description paragraph by paragraph (perhaps 1 paragraph per month at Rep meetings since so time consuming. AA member also noting Job Description was already most recently voted on and approved by the Home Groups (with no holiday pay for such work days not landing on a holiday), so why is this new Job Description here.

Gratitude Dinner: Report will be given next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Steering Committee Positions: Robert was nominated as Position 2. Robert accepted. No nominations for Position 3; however, Virginia announced we have also have next month for considerations/nominations. Sandy made herself available for the Alternate Position. Liz made herself available for Recording Secretary.

Price Increase in Product for Sale: Beci stated our vendors' prices are going up. Some AAs asked questions with discussion. Marcy will investigate further.

Conference Room Floor: Beci stated an AA member offered to paint our floor. Discussion regarding proper application should include removal of current paint material, etc. Steering Committee will further investigate proper maintenance/application of cement floor by AA volunteer. Darcy moved, Robert 2nd, 15 Reps approved to authorize Intergroup to spend up to \$120.00 on product to include possibility of also painting Intergroup's storage room.

Prior Motion to Terminate Jeff as Chair: Much discussion. It was moved, seconded and 14 Reps approved to table the matter until next month's meeting as it's almost 8 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Yours in Service,
Virginia E
Recording Secretary



Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

December 10th , 2016
7:00 pm
Memorial Lutheran Church,
2700 E. 28th Street
Vancouver, WA. 98661

AA speaker: Pat H.
Al-Anon Speaker: Neal B.

There will be a box for
canned & boxed food donations
going to Memorial Lutheran
Church who continue to feed the
homeless population.

Cherry Grove AA Groups Alcathon

Round the clock meetings
beginning Christmas Eve at 4 pm

All are welcome

Bring your favorite potluck holiday
goodies to share

Cherry Grove Friends Church
9100 NE 219th Street
Battle Ground, WA
Vancouver, WA

AA Holiday Potluck Dinner

Sunday, December 18th

La Center Church
111 East 5th Street, La Center
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Open AA meeting to follow

Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy
provided

For Potluck:

If your name begins with A-M please bring
a side dish to share

with N-Z please bring a dessert to share

Make sure to check

vancouveraa.org
or call 694-3870

for local Alcathons during this
holiday season

Friday Night Happy Hour

Speaker Meeting

Camas Friends Church

NE 4th and Lone St. Camas,
WA. 98607

January 6th, 2016

7:30pm

Speakers: TBA

Kleen Street

Speaker Meeting

Friday, December 9th

7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road

Vancouver, WA 98661

RULE 62

Speaker's Meeting

Central Bible Church 7pm
8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland
Saturday December 17th, 2016
AA Speaker: Don L (Bellingham)
All-Anon Speaker: Heide F. (Tigard)

Santa will be at Rule 62

We ask that you might bring a Gift
for a kid that wouldn't have much of
a Christmas without your help.

Please leave the gift unwrapped
with the focus on children ages 2-12
years. They will be donated again
this year to Mothers who are in
treatment with their children.

OB's Speaker Meeting

January 7th , 2016

Eastridge Church

14100 SE Sunnyside Road

Clackamas, OR 97015

Speaker: TBA

CARSON AA SPIRIT OF THE GORGE

Carson Hot Springs

Sunday, December 25th, 2016

Potluck 6:30 pm

Speaker 7:00 pm

Speaker: TBA

Questions?

(509) 427-4970 or

(503) 701-6574

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday December 30th

1501 Columbia Street

Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

November Phone Calls

Office/general: 71

Meetings: 46

12 Step: 6

Total Calls: 123

AA needs 12 step volunteers to take
occasional phone calls. Intergroup or
hotline volunteers will call you with a
phone number of someone that would
like more information about AA. If you
are interested please call the office or
come in to give us your name, number
and area of residence. Your help is
needed.

DECEMBER

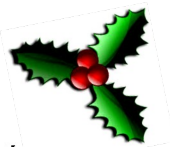
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	3 OB's Speaker Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
11	12 Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	13	14	15 District 7 Standing Committees 6:30 pm District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

JANUARY

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



Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous



Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



1 *Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.*



2 *Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.*



3 *Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.*



4 *Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations*

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5 *Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.*



6 *If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*



7 *Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.*



8 *Worship in your own way.*



9 *Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.*



10 *Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."*



11 *Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.*



12 *"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.*



WORD SEARCH



J V Y Z T T O X K N A L B T N I O P U
 A X T Q U I Y T N I A T R E C T E M T
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 HUMBLE
 IMPERATIVE
 INDISPENSABLE
 MARVELOUS
 MATERIALIZER
 NECESSITIES
 NEUTRALITY
 OMINIOUS
 PAINSTAKING
 PASSION

PERSISTS
 PHILOSOPHICALLY
 POINTBLANK
 SENTIMENTAL
 SUGGESTIONS
 TIDINGS
 TURNTHETRICK
 UTMOST
 VICISSITUDE
 WARRANT
 WILLINGNESS

Check back next month for a new puzzle

