

# PRIMARY PURPOSE

## VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

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### What does an Intergroup Rep do?

An Intergroup Rep is elected at his/her Home Group and attends the Vancouver Area Intergroup Meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. You represent your home group at the monthly meeting and hold a vote for your group. Because Vancouver Area Intergroup covers two Districts and is a central clearinghouse for local AA activities and information, you become a vital link between the Intergroup office, the Districts, and your home group. The Intergroup Rep keeps his or her home group informed about work being done, activities going on, etc. You become a part of the networking between Vancouver Intergroup and the groups.

## Thank you!

A big thank you to Jeff H., Robert L., Andi G., Scott L., Shirlene H., Cheryl, Michael and everyone else who volunteered and made the 2017 Vancouver Intergroup Fundraiser Picnic possible!!

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### MONTHLY BUSINESS

#### MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	7/10 5:30 pm
Steering Comm. Mtg	7/10 6:00 pm
Intergroup Mtg	7/17 6:30 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg	7/25 7:00 pm
District 37 GSR Mtg	7/27 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office

2203 Fairmount Avenue, Vancouver WA 98661

# Did You Know...

## **Significant events which occurred in** **July**

July 2, 1960—Father Ed Dowling dies

July 2, 1965—Best of Bill & pocket sized 12 & 12 first sold

July 2, 1965—First La Vigne, the Canadian version of the Grapevine, is published

July 2-4, 1965—10,000 attend 30th Anniversary of AA in Toronto. There we came to own our  
Responsibility Declaration

July 3-5, 1970—Bill W. gives his last talk at the 35th Anniversary of AA in Miami

July 4, 1939—1st AA meeting started in Flatbush, NY

July 7, 1940—Bill attends first summer session at School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University

July 8, 1940—First AA group formed in Dayton, Ohio

July 20, 1941—First AA group forms in Seattle, Washington

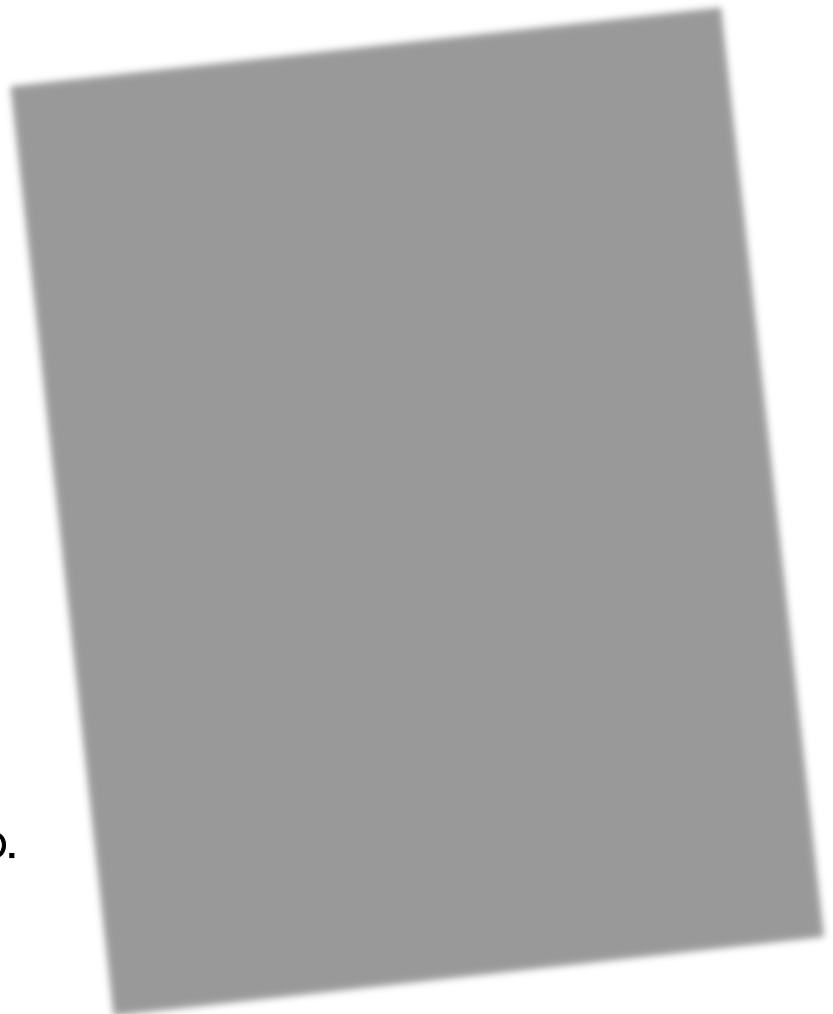
July 22, 1873—William D. Silkworth was born in Brooklyn

July 27, 1938—Dr. Silkworth writes the letter that later appears in the book Alcoholics Anonymous as  
“The Doctor’s Opinion”



**William Duncan "Silky" Silkworth, M.D.**

July 22, 1873 - March 22, 1951



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



**July Birthdays**

Clark M.—36 years	Lindsey—6 years	Aimee P.—2 years
Scott L.—4 years	Patty A.—6 years	Charlene—14 years
Lyle N.—11 years	Sally Z.—21 years	Andi G.—4 months
Randy P.—8 years	John D.—10 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.**



*from page 76 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*

**My Creator**

**I am now willing that You should have all of me,  
good and bad.**

**I pray that You now remove from me  
every single defect of character which stands in the way  
of my usefulness to You and my fellows.  
Grant me strength, as I go out from here,  
to do Your bidding.**

**"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD."**

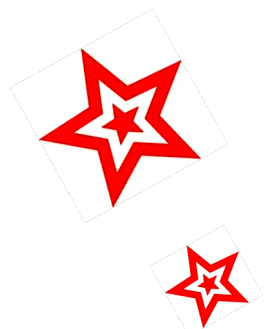
# Financial Statements

June	Donations	Year to Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	5.00
	159th Street Women's Group	125.00
327.76	A New Morning	1,570.33
	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
14.52	Camas Group	69.90
	Came to Believe	66.00
	Chapter Nine	145.72
	Cornerstone	116.34
	Early Birds	200.00
	Easier Softer Way	47.00
400.00	Eastside Brown Baggers	1,320.00
	Eastside Women's Meeting	100.00
58.65	First Shot	351.91
88.83	Fresh Start	614.74
63.63	Hockinson	63.63
	LaCenter Group	7.00
	Ladies by the Lavender	136.00
	Lewis River	20.00
30.00	Lighthouse	210.00
26.00	McGuilivray Study Group	435.28
	Men's Eastside	200.00
	Men's Fireside	122.00
320.00	Miracles at Noon	1,820.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	112.00
	Over 55	125.00
20.97	Ready and Willing	40.24
	Renegades	70.00
	Round Table	204.50
161.26	Saturday Night Big Book Study	361.26
	She Who Remembers	80.00
76.47	Step Sisiters	196.47
	Stevenson AA	200.00
	Sunday Solutions	387.00
	There Is A Solution	15.00
	Wayfarer's	232.00
152.43	Wednesday Night Recovery	517.10
	Welcome Home	102.89
	West Vancouver Group	7.24
87.60	Women's Emotional Sobriety	170.60
	Women's Fireside	125.00
1,828.12	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>11,142.15</b>
24.50	Miscellaneous	180.81
<b>\$ 1,852.62</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,322.96</b>

June	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>	
Sales \$ 3,805.20	\$ 23,030.38
Contributions \$ 1,852.62	\$ 11,322.96
Picnic \$ 607.05	\$ 456.33
Misc. Income \$ 171.34	\$ 885.33
<b>\$ 6,436.21</b>	<b>\$ 35,695.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Cost of goods sold \$ 2,217.27	\$ 13,441.50
Merchant Services \$ 68.45	\$ 476.81
Office supplies \$ 7.15	\$ 496.87
Office equipment rent \$ 171.78	\$ 1,122.30
Building rent \$ 875.00	\$ 5,250.00
Utilities \$ 377.45	\$ 2,060.90
Net Wages \$ 1,697.40	\$ 9,592.57
Payroll taxes \$ 446.22	\$ 2,742.76
Insurance \$ -	\$ 500.00
Misc. Licenses & fees \$ -	\$ 10.10
<b>\$ 5,860.72</b>	<b>\$ 35,693.81</b>
<b>Net Income \$ 575.49</b>	<b>\$ 1.19</b>

Cash Flow Statements			
June			
Checking		Prudent Reserve	
Beg Balance	2,338.03	Beg Balance	13,781.73
Deposits	7,095.66	Transfer In	84.64
Expenses	(6,124.23)	Interest	0.68
Transfer to Emp. Res.	(347.05)	<b>End Balance \$</b>	<b>13,867.05</b>
Transfer to Prudent	(84.64)		
<b>End Balance \$</b>	<b>2,877.77</b>	Event Account	
		Beg Balance	1,149.28
<b>Employee Payroll Taxes</b>		Checks	607.05
Beg Balance	655.88	<b>Balance \$</b>	<b>1,756.33</b>
Transfer In	347.05		
Interest	0.02	Sales Tax Account	
<b>End Balance \$</b>	<b>1,002.95</b>	Beg Balance	532.21
		<b>End Balance \$</b>	<b>532.21</b>

Payroll	
Gross Wages	1,816.25
Taxes	
Social Security	110.75
Medicare	25.90
Federal Unemployment	10.72
WA - Unemployment	2.50
WA - Employment Admin Fund	0.54
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>150.41</b>





## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2017

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

### ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H.	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S
Position #1: David C	<i>Excused</i>	Position #2	Robert L
Position #	Greg H.	Recording Secretary	Virginia E
		Alternate	John B.
		Treasurer	Marcy B
Visitors:			
Richard R.	Laurie H	Gratitude Din Cook:	John
Darcy S	Shirlene H		

The Steering Committee minutes for May 8, 2017 were reviewed. Motion by Beci, seconded by John. Approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for May 15, 2017 were reviewed.

**HOTLINE REPORT:** All hotline slots/shifts are currently filled. Please call our Intergroup Office to volunteer or sign up for our 12 Step list.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report reviewed by Steering Committee. Moved by Beci; seconded by John; Treasurer's Report approved. After discussion, Virginia moved to cease transferring 2016 Gratitude Dinner net revenue originally set at \$500/month, of which \$360 remains of the total \$1,360 net revenue; seconded; unanimously approved. Marcy reported we are currently using "online bill pay" for payment of the Intergroup's bills which our bank offers at no charge to its customers. Using online bill pay saves postage. Virginia asked Marcy if she could provide a "daily sales" printout so we can see which days of the week are good days and which days are not so good for sales, which she will provide at the July Steering Committee meeting. Marcy stated to date we have not received any special pickup time requests for AA supplies from home groups or AA members.

In regards to contributions from Home Groups, Marcy stated we have 111 AA Groups. After discussion, it was requested that Marcy prepare a 3 year comparison chart for contributions. Darcy shared it is typical for contributions to be down in May because people have to pay their personal income taxes in April.

**INTERGROUP REPORT:** Total of 91 incoming telephone calls to our Intergroup office for May; 35 of which were general/office inquiries, 50 requests for meetings, and 3 were 12 step calls.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** In May we had 440 new viewers and 849 returning visitors to our website, of which 50 were from Canada, 3 from India, and 5 from Brazil. We average approximately 1,300 viewers per month to our website. Scott, our website assistant, will visit Intergroup to update our website and include a sign-up sheet for our hotline volunteers.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Summary of 2016 Motions: It was noted that the only 2016 motion that affected our Guidelines was in reference to the new job description approved by the Intergroup Reps in May 2016. Marcy will place the summary of our 2016 motions with our archives, along with the updated job description. John requested the effective date on our current Guidelines be changed from April 15, 2015 to January 18, 2016 as January 18, 2016 was the official date the Intergroup Reps approved our updated and revised Intergroup Guidelines.

Suggested Increase of \$1,400 Event Account (for Gratitude Dinner): John provided an analysis of 2013 through 2016 Gratitude Dinner income and expenses. After discussion that the Gratitude Dinner may need an annual budget of \$1,600 if we rented a facility that could hold a capacity of 250 persons, and acknowledging that \$1,400 is a sufficient amount for the June Intergroup Picnic, it was moved to table the discussion whether or not to increase the Event Account from \$1,400 to \$1,600 for the Gratitude Dinner, Beci seconded, 4 yes, 2 no, passed.

Meeting Schedule Format: A sample of our meeting schedule in a new format was passed out to the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members shared what comments they have received from AA members on the new format. Jeff shared his original estimated cost per schedule was incorrect and the cost of printing schedules is less.

## **COMMITTEES:**

### Finance Committee:

1. Budget Report: Greg provided a budget monitoring chart for May. A chart for comparing year to year was suggested.
2. Fundraising Pamphlet: Virginia suggested to change "Intergroup Reps & GSRs" are welcome to "Intergroup Reps & any interested AA member are welcome to attend our Intergroup meetings."
3. Treasurers' Workshop: Possible/tentative date is September 23, 2017. In reviewing workshop material, changing prudent reserve from 1 to 3 months was suggested, along with various other suggestions. Greg stated Districts will probably go through workshop material in more detail.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Special Contributions to Intergroup: A home group donated \$200 cash to our June 2017 Intergroup Picnic. Greg thought all donations should go to our general fund and cannot be earmarked, otherwise returned to the home group. Virginia stated she will bring in AA Guidelines at our next Steering Committee meeting indicating home groups and individual AA members may earmark or designate donations for specific use. Robert suggested using the donation by buying tickets. John suggested that for accounting purposes we show our net income from the 2017 Picnic plus the \$200 cash donation; thereby including the \$200 as Picnic revenue.

Gratitude Dinner: Jeff introduced John, our Gratitude Dinner Chef. Various items and concerns were discussed, including our menu selections of prime rib, chicken and pork tenderloin. Marcy shared she knew a few AA members mentioned their disappointment at previous dinners where we ran out of food. We will have servers serving the meat in

controlled portions, as opposed to a buffet where you take what and how much you want, thereby decreasing waste. Colored tickets were discussed indicating an attendee's meat selection. Chef John shared his knowledge of fire codes, wherein our volunteers would not be provided a chair to sit in so they do not count as an attendee. Darcy shared her experience with rotating our dinner volunteers.

Repainting Intergroup's Meeting Room Floor: Darcy will bring in paint to donate for the repainting of our floor.

Picnic: Jeff announced we must bring our own table for our literature and product to sell. Wayfarers will donate their sound equipment with the agreement that if the sound equipment is broken in any way that there is a \$300 replacement fee and we would be required to sign a form of Release. Beci moved, John amended the Motion, Marcy 2<sup>nd</sup>, that we agree Intergroup sign the form of Release and pay the \$300 replacement fee if required. Passed.

Human Resources Subcommittee: All other business being completed, the Chair dismissed Marcy and all non-Steering Committee persons so the Steering Committee Human Resources Subcommittee could meet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E.,  
Recording Secretary

## INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

### ATTENDANCE:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Jeff H	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Rebecca(Beci) S
<b>Position #1</b> David C	<i>Excused</i>	<b>Position #2</b>	Robert L.
<b>Position #3</b>	Greg H.	<b>Alternative</b>	John B
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Virginia E	<b>Office Assistant</b>	Marcy B
<b>REPRESENTATIVES:</b>			
<b>A New Morning</b>	John B	<b>Men's Fireside</b>	Tom S.
<b>Bozo's By the Berries</b>	Jeff H.	<b>Minnehaha</b>	Rick S
<b>Camas Group</b>	Robert L.	<b>Over 55</b>	Richard R
<b>Coffee Break</b>	Jackie J.	<b>Reconcile</b>	Marc O.
<b>Dry Tribe</b>	Jim P	<b>Recover We</b>	Janna V
<b>Early Birds</b>	Chuck R.	<b>Sober Sickos</b>	Monica W
<b>Eastside Brown Baggers</b>	Pamela S.	<b>Sober Uppers</b>	Darcy S
<b>Fireside</b>	Robin M	<b>Steppin Up</b>	Laurie H.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Shot</b>	Greg H.	<b>Sunday Night Alternative</b>	Kris S.
<b>Hockinson</b>	Shirlene H	<b>Sunday Solutions</b>	Barry B.
<b>How It Works</b>	Virginia E.	<b>Welcome Home</b>	Julie U.
<b>Lighthouse</b>	Beci S	<b>Visitors:</b>	Deb T.
			Phil B.

23 Reps present.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for May 15, 2017 were read. Robert moved as "corrected," Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

The Steering Committee minutes for June 12, 2017 were read.

### HOTLINE REPORT:

Marcy reported all slots are currently filled. Please continue announcing in your home groups that we are always looking for AA volunteers for our hotline and 12 step calls. Scott (our webmaster) will be coming in to upload a form to our website for signing up for 12 step/hotline volunteers.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** May's Treasurer's report was given. Beci moved and Jim 2nd to approve. 23 yes, 1 no, passed.

**INTERGROUP REPORT:** Total calls logged into our Intergroup Office for May were 91; 35 of which were general/office, 50 meeting requests, and three 12 step calls. We are currently switching to online bill pay to save postage.

### WEBSITE REPORT:

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## **COMMITTEES:**

### **Finance Committee:**

*Budget:* Budget report attached to our handouts to the Reps.

*Treasurer's Workshop:* Tentative date for our Treasurer's Workshop coordinated with Districts 7 and 37 is September 23, 2017.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Gratitude Dinner Financials: John prepared and gave a Gratitude Dinner Comparison report of income and expenses for 2013 through 2016, which was attached to our Rep handout. Reps offered suggestions. It was noted that we will have volunteers serving at the Gratitude Dinner so we will not run out of food.

Meeting Schedule Format: Jeff welcomed comments regarding a possible change to our meeting schedule format. Several Reps shared their group's comments. Rep called for a vote. A "straw" vote was taken with 17 Reps approving the new format. It was suggested that Intergroup sell both formats of the meeting schedules to observe how many sell of each. Both schedules will be same price. One Rep requested Marcy to note an address change to a meeting location.

Steering Committee Meeting Time: In consideration of the suggestion by a Rep at our May meeting, Virginia revised the Motion to change the Steering Committee Meeting time from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm so more AAs may make themselves available to serve on the Steering Committee. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>, 18 yes, 3 no, passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Steering Committee Elections:**

CHAIR: Beci and Deb nominated. Beci elected (12-9);

VICE CHAIR: Phil and Deb nominated. Phil declined. Deb elected; and

POSITION NO. 1: Tom and Phil nominated. Phil elected (12-10).

Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E  
Recording Secretary



### OB's Speaker Meeting

July 1st, 2017

August 5th, 2017

7:00 pm

Eastridge Church

14100 SE Sunnyside Road

Clackamas, OR 97015

*Meeting is always the first*

*Saturday of the month*



### Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

July 8th, 2017

7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church,

11005 NE Hwy 99

Vancouver, WA. 98686

**AA speaker: Patty K.**

**From: Beaverton, OR**

**Al-Anon Speaker: Sheryl F.**

**From: Hillsboro, OR**

### Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, July 7th

7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road

Vancouver, WA 98661

### Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, July 28th

8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street

Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

### Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday July 30th, 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

(503) 701-6574

### Friday Night Happy Hour

July 7th, 2017

August 4th, 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*

### Cowlitz River Round Up

July 14th, 15th & 16th, 2017

Shady Firs RV Park

Randle, WA

Online Registration

[www.cowlitzriverroundup.com](http://www.cowlitzriverroundup.com)

### Hockinson Potluck

Sunday, July 30th

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

### Ready & Willing Annual Potluck

Saturday, August 19th

Louis Rasmussen Marine Park,  
Kalama

1:00 pm Food & Fellowship

**Al-Anon Speaker: Sheryl F.**

**From: Hillsboro, OR**

### RULE 62

### Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, July 15th, 2017

7:00 pm

Central Bible Church

8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

*Meeting is always the 3rd Saturday  
of the month*

### Columbia River Round-Up

August 11th–13th, 2017

University of Portland Campus

Information and

registration available at

[www.columbiariverroundup.com](http://www.columbiariverroundup.com)

### June Phone Calls

Office/general: 64

Meetings: 51


12 Step: 3

Total Calls: 118

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

(360) 694-3870

# JULY

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

# 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	12 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
13	14 Finance Mtg 5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18 Step Ashore Convention	19 Rule 62 7 pm
20	21 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	22	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	29	30 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	31			

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# Experience, Strength & Hope



S R I R J N J E K L J E D R P M Q L B B X P R X T P  
 C E N N N D L Q N J Z L W Y R D G Y Y T J Y D P R Y  
 A N L D D B S A N I T Y K Y D E D B H B E L B L M P  
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Acceptance

Amends

Baffling

Bondage

Camaraderie

Decision

Deranged

Efficient

Egotistical

Faith

Forgive

Genuine

Grace

Harmony

Humble

Impatient

Jealousy

Kaystone

Laurels

Liable

Magnitude

Malady

Meditation

Oath

Obstacles

Ominous

Parallel

Quicksand

Rational

Recovers

Sanity

Self-Appraisal

Self-

Justification

Sympathy

Trudge

Unbalanced

Unity

Vestiges

Vicissitude

Willingness

Wrought

Yearning

