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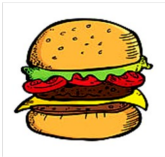
PRIMARY PURPOSE

2017 Intergroup Picnic

Saturday, June 24th

1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Marshall Center Park Pavilion



It's BBQ Time!

If you would like to be of service or make a donation

Contact Jennifer D. (360) 607-3387 or the

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MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	6/12
5:15 pm	
Steering Comm. Mtg	6/12
5:30 pm	
Intergroup Mtg	6/19
6:30 pm	
District 37 GSR Mtg	6/27
7:00 pm	
District 7 GSR Mtg	6/22
7:00 pm	

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

Significant events which occurred in June

June 1, 1949—Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died

June 6, 1940—The first Group in Richmond, Virginia was formed

June 7, 1941—The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed

June 8, 1941—Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan

June 10, 1945—2,500 attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio

June 15, 1940—First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed

June 17, 1942—New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. 424 heard Dr. Silkworth and AA speakers

June 21, 1944—The first issue of the AA Grapevine was published

June 30, 1941—Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA

June 30, 2000—More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN



Other significant events in June for which we have no specific date

1941—The first women's group in the world is believed to be the one started in Cleveland, Ohio

1981—AA in Switzerland held its 25th Anniversary Convention with Lois Wilson and Nell Wing in attendance

"Services Make AA Tick"

"A coffeepot simmers on the kitchen stove, a hospital sobers the stricken sufferer, general headquarters broadcasts the AA message.....All these symbolize AA in action. For action is the magic word of Alcoholics Anonymous"

**Bill W., November 1951 Grapevine writing
From The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 1**

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

June Birthdays

Cari B.—2 years

John P.—9 years

Larry W.—44 years

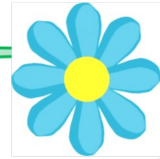
Dori—17 years

Leslie—2 years

Mike P.—7 years

Wayne D.—37 years

Andi G.—3 months



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

Step Six

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character

“This is the step that separates the men from the boys.” So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.’s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to repeatedly Step Six on all his faults.—*without any reservations whatever*—has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.

Of, course, the often disputed question of whether God can—and will, under certain conditions—remove defects of character will be answered with prompt affirmation by almost any A.A. member. To him, this positions will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life. He will usually offer his proof in a statement like this:

“Sure, I was beaten, absolutely licked. My own willpower just wouldn’t work on alcohol. Change of scene, the best efforts of family, friends, doctors, and clergymen got no place with my alcoholism. I simply couldn’t stop drinking, and no human being could seem to do the job for me. But when I became willing to clean house and then asked a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink vanished. It was lifted right out of me.”

Financial Statements

May	Donations	Year to Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	5.00
	159th Street Women's Group	125.00
302.13	A New Morning	1,242.57
	As Bill See's It	219.00
70.00	As We Recovered	70.00
	B & P	11.00
	Battleground AA	50.00
	By the Book Study Group	100.00
10.04	Camas Group	55.38
66.00	Came to Believe	66.00
	Chapter Nine	145.72
116.34	Cornerstone	116.34
	Early Birds	200.00
	Easier Softer Way	47.00
	Eastside Brown Baggers	920.00
	Eastside Women's Meeting	100.00
84.46	First Shot	293.26
123.71	Fresh Start	525.91
	LaCenter Group	7.00
136.00	Ladies by the Lavender	136.00
20.00	Lewis River	20.00
30.00	Lighthouse	180.00
	McGuilivray Study Group	409.28
	Men's Eastside	200.00
80.00	Men's Fireside	122.00
300.00	Miracles at Noon	1,500.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	112.00
	Over 55	125.00
	Ready and Willing	19.27
35.00	Renegades	70.00
204.50	Round Table	204.50
	Saturday Night Big Book Study	200.00
40.00	She Who Remembers	80.00
	Step Sisters	120.00
	Stevenson AA	200.00
	Sunday Solutions	387.00
	There Is A Solution	15.00
56.00	Wayfarer's	232.00
	Wednesday Night Recovery	364.67
	Welcome Home	102.89
	West Vancouver Group	7.24
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	83.00
	Women's Fireside	125.00
1,674.18	SUBTOTAL	9,314.03
18.50	Miscellaneous	156.31
\$ 1,692.68	TOTAL	\$ 9,470.34

May	YTD
Revenue	
Sales \$ 3,189.70	\$ 19,225.18
Contributions \$ 1,692.68	\$ 9,470.34
Misc. Income \$ 99.04	\$ 713.99
\$ 4,981.42	\$ 29,409.51
Expenses	
Cost of goods sold \$ 1,845.80	\$ 11,224.23
Merchant Services \$ 60.51	\$ 408.36
Office supplies \$ -	\$ 489.72
Office equipment rent \$ 186.19	\$ 950.52
Building rent \$ 875.00	\$ 4,375.00
Utilities \$ 251.92	\$ 1,683.45
Net Wages \$ 1,792.73	\$ 7,895.17
Payroll taxes \$ 396.14	\$ 2,296.54
Insurance \$ -	\$ 500.00
Misc. Licenses & fees \$ -	\$ 10.10
Fundraising - Picnic \$ 100.72	\$ 150.72
\$ 5,509.01	\$ 29,983.81
Net Income \$ (527.59)	\$ (574.30)

Cash Flow Statements			
May			
Checking		Prudent Reserve	
Beg Balance	4,280.85	Beg Balance	13,218.72
Deposits	4,698.70	Transfer In	562.31
Expenses	(5,501.25)	Interest	0.70
Transfer to Emp. Res.	(134.00)	End Balance	\$ 13,781.73
Transfer to Sales Tax	(443.96)		
Transfer to Prudent	(562.31)	Event Account	
End Balance	\$ 2,338.03	Beg Balance	1,250.00
		Checks	(100.72)
Employee Payroll Taxes		Balance	\$1,149.28
Beg Balance	918.00		
Transfer In	134.00	Sales Tax Account	
Tax Payment	(396.14)	Beg Balance	1172.41
Interest	0.02	Transfer In	443.96
End Balance	\$ 655.88	Quarterly Payment	(1,084.16)
		End Balance	\$ 532.21

Payroll	
Gross Wages	1,829.25
Taxes	
Social Security	108.83
Medicare	25.45
Federal Unemployment	10.53
WA - Unemployment	2.46
WA - Employment Admin Fund	0.53
Total Liability	147.80

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2017

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H.	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Robert L
Position #3: Greg H	<i>Excused</i>	Recording Secretary	Virginia E
		Alternate	John B.
		Treasurer	Marcy B
Visitors:			
Richard R.			
Darcy S			
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The Steering Committee minutes for April 10, 2017 were read. Motion by Virginia to approve as corrected; seconded by David. Approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for April 17, 2017 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT: Saturday graveyard shift (9 pm to 6 am Sunday) is open. 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; seconded; Treasurer's Report approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Total of 71 incoming telephone calls to our Intergroup office for April; 34 of which were general/office inquiries, 35 requests for meetings, and 2 were 12 step calls. Calls to our office were down a little due to Intergroup's phones being down for a week. We have switched to Comcast for better telephone service. The final switch from Century Link to Comcast will be Monday, May 15.

WEBSITE REPORT: In April we had 444 new viewers and 816 returning visitors to our website, of which 72 were from Canada, 8 from China, 4 from India, and 2 from Brazil.

OLD BUSINESS:

Summary of 2016 Motions: Beci moved to table the discussion; Robert seconded.

Passed. Marcy will make copies of the Summary and provide such at our next meeting.

Fundraising Pamphlet: In Greg's absence, Steering Committee agreed to table the matter until next meeting.

Review of Gratitude Dinner: Steering Committee agreed to table the matter until next meeting. Laurie and Darcy will bring their breakdown of the 2013 and 2014 Gratitude Dinners to our May 15 Rep Meeting (statistics to be included in our draft of the Comparison Chart). Members of the Steering Committee will check out the capacity of other possible locations for our 2017 Gratitude Dinner.

Meeting Schedule Format: A sample of our meeting schedule listing by groups and by geographical areas of SW Washington was prepared by Marcy and handed out. Robert

shared Nevada also has the group/area format; Darcy shared the East Coast also has the group/area format. A sample will be handed out to the Reps to take to their groups for discussion/consensus/feedback, to include opinions how a newcomer and other members of our fellowship use the meeting schedule so we can present a meeting schedule that best serves our AA community. In addition, it was requested that Marcy e-mail all AA e-mail addresses we have on hand similar to the group of e-mails we have in sending the Primary Purpose so that we may reach out to as many AAs as possible for feedback.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

1. With Greg of the Finance Committee being absent, review of the current Intergroup budget and graph comparison of income and expenses were not discussed. In addition, discussion on the proposed *Vancouver Area Intergroup Pamphlet* was also tabled.
2. Treasurers' Workshop: Districts and Intergroup would work together to present the workshop. It was noted a June 3, 2017 date previously suggested by Greg was approaching too quickly to properly inform our AA community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Report to Area: Area had requested Intergroups to submit a report to be printed in their Quarterly Area Newsletter. Virginia submitted a revised, more summarized version of the proposed report. After discussion and suggested revisions, a final version will be submitted to the Steering Committee members for approval and submitted to Area no later than May 15th.

Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Position #1): Elections of these positions will take place at our June Rep meeting. Anyone interested may make themselves available at our May and/or June Rep meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Yours in Service,
Virginia E.,
Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Robert L.
Position #3	Greg H.	Alternative	John B
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Marcy B
REPRESENTATIVES:			
A New Morning	John B	Lighthouse	David C
Bozo's By the Berries	Jeff H.	Men's Fireside	Tom S.
Camas Group	Robert L.	Over 55	Richard R
Coffee Break	Jackie J.	Reconcile	Marc O.
Cornerstone	Levi	Recover We	Mary M
Dry Tribe	Jim P	Sideway Sundays	Sean B
Early Birds	Chuck R.	Sober Sickos	Laurie H.
1st Shot	Greg H.	Sober Uppers	Darcy S
Hockinson	Shirlene H	Sunday Solutions	Theresa M
How It Works	Virginia E.		

19 Reps present.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for April 17, 2017 were read and approved (17 Reps).

The Steering Committee minutes for May 8, 2017 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

Marcy reported the time slot for Saturday overnight shift (9 pm to 6 am) is open. Please sign up on our website. Your information submitted is confidential. Virginia reported one Rep advised they would appreciate any e-mails to Intergroup Reps not show their e-mail addresses, which may be accomplished by sending the Primary Purpose to the Intergroup, and bcc all Reps so all e-mails are thus confidential.

TREASURER'S REPORT: May's Treasurer's report was given. Moved and 2nd to approve. Unanimously passed. Marcy also stated some groups may be sending contributions checks in late which would reflect in next month's contributions total.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Total calls logged into our Intergroup Office for April were 71; 34 of which were general/office, 35 meeting requests, and two 12 step calls. Calls were down as our phones were out for a week. We are now switched over to Comcast. Century Link has been cancelled.

WEBSITE REPORT:

444 new visitors to our website, of which 72 were from Canada, 8 from China, 4 from India, and 2 from Brazil; plus we had 816 returning visitors to our website in April.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Budget: Greg advised we were currently \$500 below our budget.

Treasurer's Workshop: Greg requested Reps to review with their Home Groups and advised of June 3rd as a possible date. Rep shared June 3rd too short of a notice and suggested an alternative date so that home groups and AAs may be properly informed for a successful Treasurer's Workshop (to be sponsored by Intergroup and Districts 7 and 37). Since the "She Thing" is set for September 16th; September 23rd was suggested as a alternate date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cola Verbiage within Job Description: Motion and moved to remove "cola verbiage" from Job Description. 9 yes; 6 no; passed.

Gratitude Dinner Financials: Laurie H brought in 2013 Gratitude Dinner financials showing a net income of \$3,070. We still need 2012 figures. Robert motioned, Mark 2nd to table this matter. Passed.

Meeting Schedule Format: Marcy prepared a sample of new meeting schedule format. Reps will ask their Home Groups for their feedback in regards to the possibility of changing our meeting schedule format.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steering Committee Elections: Elections will be held June 19, 2017 at our Intergroup Rep meeting for the Steering Committee positions of: Chair, Vice-Chair and Position No. 1. Richard nominated Beci as Chair, and David as Vice-Chair. AAs may also make themselves available at the June 19th Rep meeting.

Intergroup Report to Area 72: At Area's request, Virginia as Recording Secretary attached a Vancouver Area Intergroup Report submitted to Area for their Area Quarterly Newsletter, for the Reps to share with their Home Groups.

Motion to Change Steering Committee to 6:30 pm: Virginia moved to change the Steering Committee meetings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm so that more AAs may make themselves available to serve on the Steering Committee. Beci stated since it is a change in the Job Description/Guidelines that this motion should back to the Groups for consideration. Reps will take the motion to their Home Groups for a group conscience. Mary suggested a compromised meeting start time of 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E
Recording Secretary



Friday Night Happy Hour

June 2nd, 2017

July 7th, 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

OB's Speaker Meeting

June 3rd, 2017

July 1st, 2017

7:00 pm

Eastridge Church

14100 SE Sunnyside Road

Clackamas, OR 97015

Meeting is always the first Saturday of the month

Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck

Sunday June 25th, 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

Hockinson Potluck

Sunday June 25th

Potluck at: 6:00 pm

Meeting follows at: 7:00 pm

Elim Lutheran Church

15815 NE 182nd Ave

Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Vancouver Intergroup Picnic

Saturday, June 24th, 2017

1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Marshall Center Pavilion

1069 E McLoughlin Blvd

Vancouver, WA 98663

\$10—Polish Dog or Cheeseburger
Includes chips, drink & 2 raffle tickets

POTLUCK!

A-H appetizer/salad

I-P side dish

Q-Z dessert

Lots of Family Fun!

Bring a chair or Blanket

Contact Jennifer D (360) 607-3387 or

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To be of service or make a donation

Traditions Workshop

June 10, 2017

9 am—3 pm

Faith Family Christian Center

2203 38th Avenue

Longview, WA 98632

Come join and learn more about the 12 traditions.

Lunch is at noon so bring a salad or dessert to share

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, June 30th

8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street

Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

June 10th, 2017

7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church,

11005 NE Hwy 99

Vancouver, WA. 98686

Speakers

AA: Roger H.

Alanon: Earl A

Meeting is always the 2nd Saturday of the month

Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, June 9th

7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road

Vancouver, WA 98661

RULE 62

Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, June 17th, 2017

7:00 pm

Central Bible Church

8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

Cowlitz River Round Up

July 14, 15 & 16, 2017

Shady Firs RV Park

Randle, WA

Online Registration at

www.cowlitzriverroundup.com

"No Pets Allowed"

May Phone Calls

Office/general: 38

Meetings: 50

12 Step: 3

Total Calls: 91

JUNE

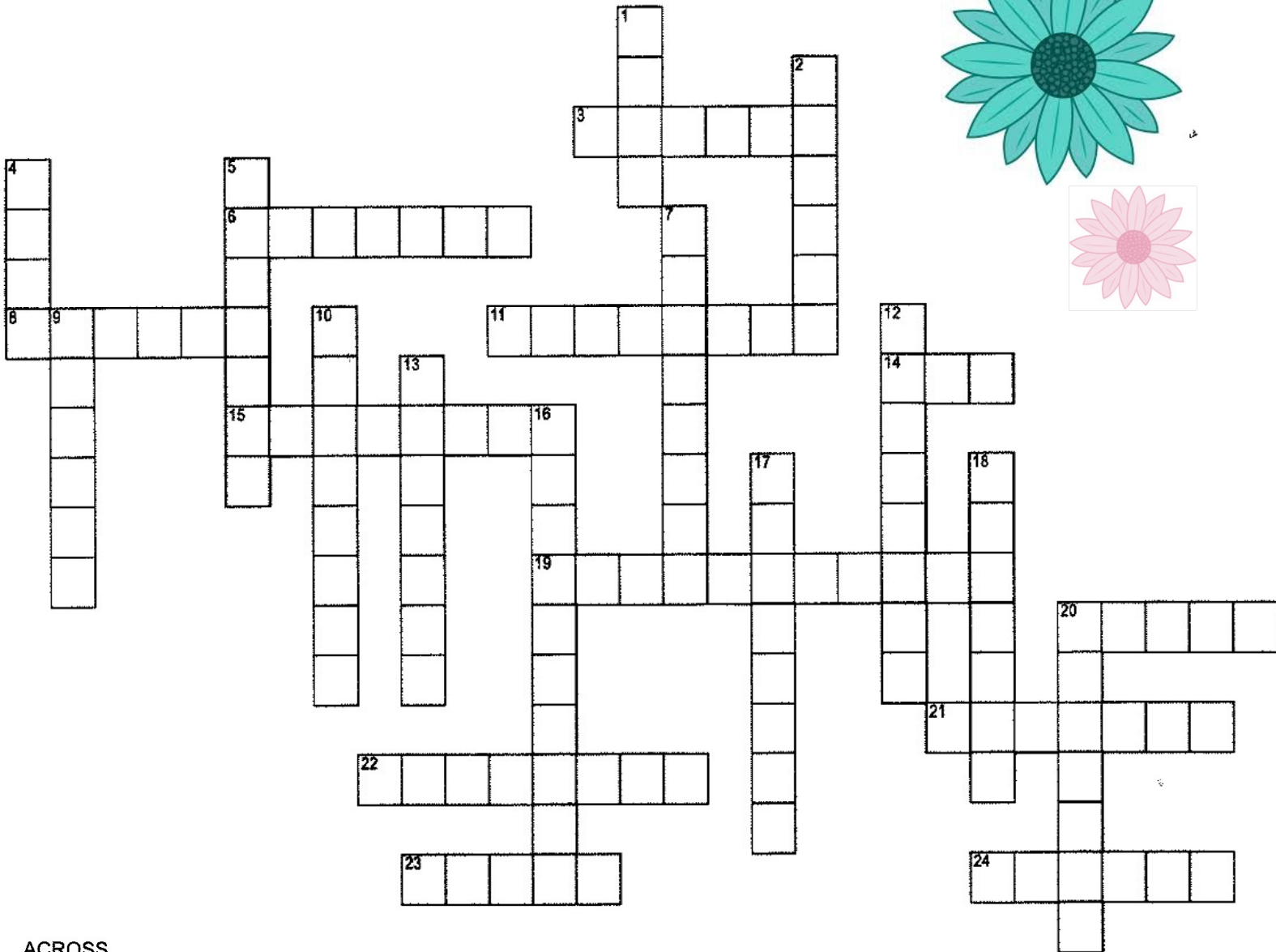
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	3 OB's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Wayfarer's 7 pm Traditions Workshop 9 am—3 pm
11	12 Finance Mtg 5:15pm Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	13	14	15	16	17 Rule 62 7 pm
18 	19 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21	22 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	23	24 2017 Picnic 1 pm—5 pm Marshal Center 
25 Carson Potluck 6:30 pm Hockinson Potluck 6 pm	26	27 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	28	29	30 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 OB's Speaker Meeting
2	3	4	5	6	7 Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
9	10 Finance Mtg 5:15pm Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm Cowlitz	15 Rule 62 7 pm 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					

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FEAR



ACROSS

- 3 We trust infinite God rather than our _____ selves
 6 At once we commence to _____ fear
 8 We ask him to _____ our fear
 11 Self-_____ failed us
 14 We continue to watch for it in Step _____
 15 Fear of people and _____ security will leave us
 19 We have drunk to drown feelings of fear, _____, and depression
 20 Antidote for fear
 21 Self-centered fear is the chief activator of our _____
 22 A soul-_____ in it's own right
 23 We put them on _____ even though there was no resentment in connection with them
 24 Irrational, persistent fear

DOWN

- 1 Fear is an _____ and corroding thread
 2 We asked God to _____ our fear
 4 Anxious, concern, fret, stew or stress
 5 Fear _____ me for a bit
 7 Made a searching and _____ moral inventory
 9 We eat, drink, and grab for more of everything, fearing we will never have _____
 10 We beg of you to be fearless and _____ from the very start
 12 Fear out to be classed with
 13 The ability to conquer fear or despair
 16 Self-_____ doesn't solve the fear problem
 17 Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration and Despair
 18 We are driven by how many forms of fear?
 20 The achievement of _____ from fear is a lifetime undertaking

