

March
2017
Volume 3

PRIMARY PURPOSE

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

2203 Fairmount Ave, Suite A, Vancouver, WA 98661 (360) 694-3870

Southwest Washington Jamboree

Spiritual Breakfast

Saturday April 1st

First Presbyterian Church

4300 Main Street

11 am—2 pm

\$10 per person

Children 12 & under are free

TRUST GOD
CLEAN HOUSE
HELP OTHERS

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2017

Fun!

Vancouver Intergroup Picnic

Saturday, June 24th

1:00—5:00 pm

Marshall Center Park Pavilion

1069 E McLoughlin Blvd

Fellowship
Potluck

\$10 polish dog or

Cheeseburger

(includes chips, drink and 2 raffle tickets)

Accepting picnic supplies or raffle donations!

Contact Jennifer D (360) 607-3387 or

Intergroup (360) 694-3870

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	3/13
5:15 pm	
Steering Comm. Mtg	3/13
5:30 pm	
Intergroup Mtg	2320
6:30 pm	
District 37 GSR Mtg	3/28
7:00 pm	
District 7 Standing Comm	2323
6:30 pm	
District 7 GSR Mtg	3/23
7:00 pm	

BBQ



Did You Know...



On March 1, 1941, *The Saturday Evening Post* published an article titled "Alcoholics Anonymous: Freed Slaves of Drink, Now They Free Others" written by Jack Alexander. The article became a major turning point in Alcoholics Anonymous' history.

In the article Jack Alexander reported upon the sense of humility and service that distinguished the A.A. program and those who practice it. Alcoholics Anonymous has had a tremendous growth since that time. But the same awareness of our need to continue to serve fellow alcoholics in a spirit of helplessness and humility remains cornerstone of our Society.

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Significant events which occurred in March

3/15/1941—1st AA group was formed in New Haven, Connecticut

3/10/1944—New York Intergroup was established

3/31/1947—1st AA group was formed in London, England

3/22/1951—Dr. William Duncan Silkworth died at Towns Hospital

3/25/1965—Richmond Walker, author of "Twenty-Four Hours a Day", dies at age 72, almost 23 years sober

3/21/1966—Ebby Thatcher, Bill Wilson's sponsor, dies sober

1941—Second printing of the Big Book

1941—1st Prison AA Group formed in San Quentin

1946—The Jefferson Barracks AA Group in Missouri was formed. It is thought to be the first ever in a military installation.

Vancouver Area Intergroup

Would like to celebrate with you!

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.

March Birthdays

Michelle—8 years	Kathy C—12 years	Rick S—28 years
Jeanie W—13 years	Bob N—33 years	Traci C.—1 year
Francis—27 years	Adam C.—28 years	Sari—11 years
Carla—19 years	Mike S—2 years	
Mike L—28 years	Shelly Q—3 years	



Just For Today

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problems at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "most folks are as happy as they make their minds up to be."

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out, if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective on my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. I will enjoy that which is beautiful, and will believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.



Just For today...

I
will not
be in
charge.



Financial Statements

February	Donations	Year to Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	5.00
264.87	A New Morning	683.24
219.00	As Bill See's It	219.00
11.00	B & P	11.00
	By the Book Study Group	100.00
6.31	Camas Group	18.93
	Chapter Nine	83.14
47.00	Easier Softer Way	47.00
300.00	Eastside Brown Baggers	300.00
53.23	First Shot	119.95
143.39	Fresh Start	263.69
30.00	Lighthouse	90.00
120.28	McGuilivray Study Group	409.28
	Men's Eastside	200.00
300.00	Miracles at Noon	650.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	112.00
	Renegades	35.00
	She Who Remembers	40.00
	Sunday Solutions	387.00
	Wayfarer's	88.00
55.00	Wednesday Night Recovery	198.83
	Welcome Home	39.73
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	83.00
	Women's Fireside	125.00
1,550.08	SUBTOTAL	4,308.79
22.00	Miscellaneous	61.81
1,572.08	TOTAL	4,370.60

February	YTD
Revenue	
Sales	\$ 4,460.35
Contributions	\$ 1,572.08
Misc. Income	\$ 196.28
	\$ 6,228.71
Expenses	
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,658.86
Merchant Services	\$ 75.53
Office supplies	\$ 286.59
Office equipment rent	\$ 231.81
Building rent	\$ 875.00
Utilities	\$ 384.89
Net Wages	\$ 1,392.62
Payroll taxes	\$ 519.06
Sales Tax (quarterly)	\$ 1,008.76
Misc. Licenses & fees	\$ 10.00
Fundraising - Picnic	\$ 50.00
	\$ 7,493.12
Net Income	\$ (1,264.41)
	\$ (688.62)

THIRD STEP PRAYER

*God, I offer myself to thee —
 to build with me and
 to do with me as Thou wilt.
 Relieve me of the bondage of self,
 that I may better do Thy will.
 Take away my difficulties,
 that victory over them
 may bear witness to those
 I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love,
 and Thy Way of life.
 May I do thy will always!*

Cash Flow Statements			
February			
Checking		Prudent Reserve	
Beg Balance	5,816.32	Beg Balance	12,531.30
Deposits	6,213.09	Interest	0.58
Expenses	(5,651.86)	End Balance	12,531.88
End Balance	6,377.55		
Employee Reserve & Taxes		Sales Tax Account	
Beg Balance	797.94	Beg Balance	1273.95
Interest	0.02	Payments	(1,008.76)
End Balance	797.96	End Balance	265.19
Payroll		Event Account	
Gross Wages	\$1,670.96	Beg Balance	1400.00
Tax Liability	\$140.69	Payments	(150.00)
		Balance	1,250.00



STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 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	Recording Secretary	Virginia E
		Alternate John B.	<i>Excused</i>
		Treasurer	Marcy B
Visitors:			
Richard R.			
Darcy S			
Laurie H			

The Steering Committee minutes for January 9, 2017 were read. Motion by David; seconded by Greg. Approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for January 16, 2017 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT: Hotline slots are currently filled. We always have a need for more 12 step volunteers. Please call the Intergroup.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcy read Treasurer's Report, and provided a balance sheet.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Total telephone calls logged were 109; 48 of which were general/office inquires, 55 requests for meetings, and 6 were 12 step calls. Price of product has been updated. We paid \$100 deposit to reserve our picnic.

WEBSITE REPORT: We are now able to track how many times our website is viewed (hits). We had 1,349 new viewers in January, of which 5 were from Canada, 5 from China and 3 from India.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Insurance: Greg advised annual premiums for our insurance varies depending on our deductible. Currently, we have The Hartford with a \$500 annual premium due in March.

Phone Contract: We currently have Century Line. Century Link has been making repairs (at their expense) to the equipment in our building. We currently pay \$200/month for telephone, internet and call forwarding for Hotline. Greg will research costs for like services from a variety of companies to compare, (Comcast, Frontier, Charter, etc)

NEW BUSINESS:

Picnic Committee: Our original preferred date was already reserved. Jennifer, Picnic Chair, was able to secure Saturday, June 24, 2017 at The Marshall Center. Volunteers will need to bring barbeques, possibly "tents/awnings" for cover, and tables. Picnic

Planning Committee Meetings will be posted in the Primary Purpose. (Gratitude receipts submitted and some forthcoming.)

Steering Committee Meeting Time: After discussion, Virginia moved to change the Finance Committee time from 5:15 to 5:45 pm and the Steering Committee time from 5:30 to 6:00 pm (the 2nd Monday of each month) so that our meetings are more available/accessible to AAs interested in serving on the Steering Committee; Seconded; 3 in favor, 3 opposed, Chair (Jeff) breaks the tie. Motion failed.

Prudent Reserve: Virginia suggested we make a transfer into our Prudent Reserve from checking account. Greg moved, Robert seconded to reinstate our 5% per month of contributions (not sales) transfer into the prudent reserve effective the end of February. Passed.

Summary of Motions due in February per our Guidelines: Virginia noted our guidelines state we are to summarize motions affecting our Guidelines and our Guidelines updated each February. Marcy will prepare a summary.

Area Newsletter: Greg received a request from District that Area would like a short summary of our Intergroup's activity for inclusion in Area's quarterly newsletter. Virginia offered to prepare.

Product for Sell: Greg suggested we purchase 2 new recovery books for Atheists.

Change of Name: Greg suggested we change our name from Vancouver Area Intergroup to SW Washington Intergroup. Discussion: We've had our name of Vancouver Area Intergroup for 31 years. Virginia noted it may cause confusion and suggested, keeping "*Vancouver Area Intergroup*" *Serving SW Washington*.

Miscellaneous: Darcy asked why Marcy was voting on Steering Committee matters when Steering Committee initiated a Finance Committee. Jeff advised Marcy is listed as our Treasurer with the Secretary of State's Office and is a signer on our bank account.

District's Request of Feedback: District requested our feedback in regards to placing a plaque stating something like, "Have a problem with alcohol? Call 306-XXXXXX" Other Districts are placing such plaques on buses, etc. Jennifer (as a Hotline volunteer) suggested if such occurred that the Hotline volunteers would need updated training.

Wayfarers: Wayfarers is interested in storing totes in our storage area, as they have moved to a new location. Robert moved, David seconded, that we rent storage space to Wayfarers at a set monthly fee (probably \$20-\$25/month).

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Yours in Service,
Virginia E.,
Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 20, 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.(<i>excused</i>)	Alternative	John B.(<i>excused</i>)
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Marcy B
REPRESENTATIVES:			
A New Morning	Jim L	How It Works	Virginia E.
Bozo's By the Berries	Jeff H	Lighthouse	David C.
Camas Group	Robert L.	Miracles	Chris R
Coffee Break	Jackie J.	Over 55	Richard R
Cornerstone	Levi H (Alt)	Reconciled	Marc O.
Early Birds	Sean B. (Alt)	Recover We	Janna
Hockinson	Shirlene H	Sober Uppers	Darcy S

14 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for January 16, 2017 were read and approved as corrected.

The Steering Committee minutes for February 13, 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 to sign up.

TREASURER'S REPORT: for January 2017 was provided to Reps. Our current Inventory value listed represents Intergroup's purchase price of products. Moved, seconded, Treasurer's Report unanimously approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Total incoming calls were 109, 48 of which were general/office, 55 meeting requests, and six 12 step calls.

The annual Secretary of State's report has been completed.

Jennifer is our 2017 Picnic Chair. \$50.00 deposit was paid to hold our 2017 Intergroup picnic reservation at The Marshall Center. \$100 refund for our 2016 picnic reservation deposit forthcoming.

WEBSITE REPORT:

We are able to count the number of hits on our website. Three sections of our website are typically viewed per visit. Meetings is the most popular section.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: The Steering Committee chose to continue insurance coverage with The Hartford.

Budget: Budget presented and attached to hand out for Reps.

OLD BUSINESS:

Job Description: Much discussion by past Steering Committee ad hoc committee members noting current job description passed in 2016 by Reps was formulated by ad hoc committee well in advance of the hiring of new employees with an increased starting hourly wage in lieu of adding employee benefits. Virginia made a motion to squash Jeff's recent suggested revisions to the current job description benefits; Seconded, 9 yes; 3 no; 2 abstained. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Picnic Report: Jennifer is our 2017 Picnic chair. Picnic Committee meetings will be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting

March 11th, 2017
7:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church,
11005 NE Hwy 99
Vancouver, WA. 98686

Speakers: Adam C. & Nancy C.
From: Vancouver, WA

Friday Night Happy Hour

March 3rd, 2017

April 7th, 2017

7:30pm

Speaker Meeting

Camas Friends Church
NE 4th and lone St.
Camas, WA. 98607

OB's Speaker Meeting

March 4th, 2017

April 1st, 2017

7:00 pm

Eastridge Church
14100 SE Sunnyside Road
Clackamas, OR 97015

*Meeting is always the first
Saturday of the month*

Spiritual Breakfast

Saturday April 1st

11 am—2 pm

1st Presbyterian Church
4300 Main Street

\$10/Children 12 & under Free

Meeting is always the first Friday of the

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday, March 31st

8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street
Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

East County Women's Group

Sponsorship Workshop

Saturday, March 18th
1:30—3:30 pm

Camas Friends Church
4th & lone

Co-Ed AA & Al-Anon Retreat

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA

Doors open at 5:30 am

Sponsored by Eastside Men's Group
Questions? Contact Toni G.
tonyg954@live.com
(360) 907-1330

Vancouver Intergroup Annual Picnic

Saturday, June 24th, 2017

1:00—5:00 pm

Marshall Center Park Pavilion
1069 E. McLoughlin Blvd.
Vancouver, WA. 98686

Lots of family fun!

\$10 Polish dog/Burger,
w/chips, drink & 2 raffle tickets

Bring an appetizer/salad, side dish or
dessert to share

Accepting picnic supplies and
raffle donations

Contact Jennifer D (360) 607-3387 or
Intergroup office (360) 694-3870
For questions or to be of service

The Language of the Heart

Day retreat for women

Saturday March 4th

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Marian Hall
405 S Andresen Road

Website:

www.VancouverWomensRetreat.com

Registration begins at 9 am

Kleen Street Speaker Meeting

Friday, March 10th

7:00 pm

5317 NE St. John's Road
Vancouver, WA 98661

RULE 62

Speaker's Meeting

Saturday, March 18th, 2017
7:00 pm

Central Bible Church
8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

February Phone Calls

Office/general: 48

Meetings: 58

12 Step: 3

Total Calls: 109

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.

MARCH

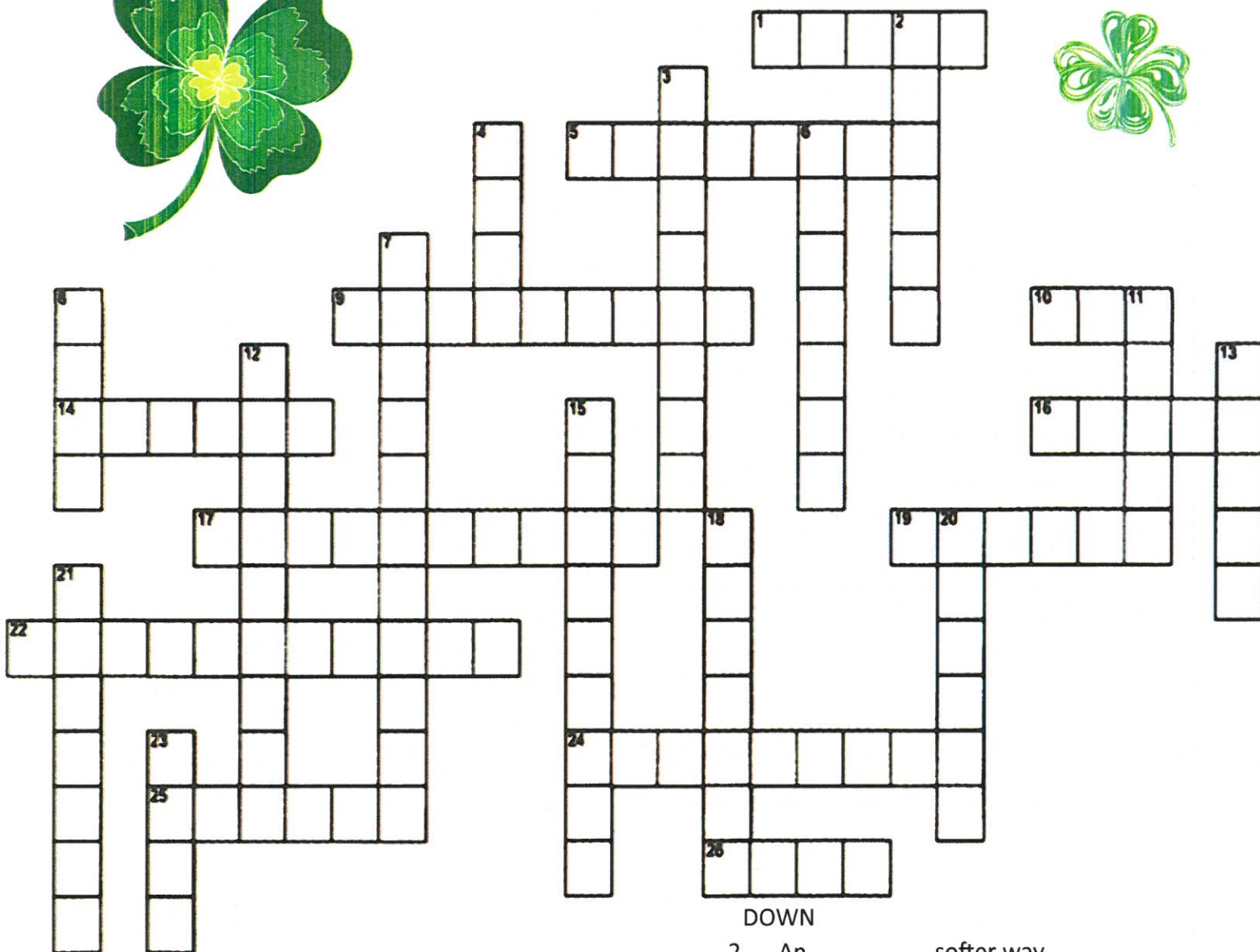
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	4 OB's Speaker Meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
12	13 Finance Mtg 5:15pm Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	14	15	16	17 	18 Rule 62 7 pm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

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Spiritual Breakfast OB's Speaker Meeting
2	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 5:15pm Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Rule 62 7 pm
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 Standing Committees 6:30 pm District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	28 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	29

CROSSWORD

It's In The Book



ACROSS

- 1 No _____ power could relieve our alcoholism
- 5 Listed on Pgs 83-83 of the Big Book
- 9 Dr _____ wrote the Dr's opinion
- 10 Abandon yourself to _____
- 14 The 12 steps are a program of _____
- 16 _____ without works is dead
- 17 Poison for an alcoholic
- 19 The spiritual life is not a _____
- 22 Resting on our laurels
- 24 Restless, _____, discontent
- 25 To make right past wrongs
- 26 We are not a _____ lot

DOWN

- 2 An _____ softer way
- 3 There is a _____
- 4 Keep coming _____
- 6 Unity, _____, Recovery
- 7 Honesty, Openminded, _____
- 8 There is no middle of the _____ solution
- 11 We have a _____ reprieve
- 12 Love and _____ of others is our code
- 13 Being convinced we we at this step
- 15 We _____ (Chapter 4)
- 18 Alcohol is _____, baffling and powerful
- 20 Make a list of people we had _____
- 21 Half measures avail us _____
- 23 We _____ recovered