

PRIMARY PURPOSE

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

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November 2016

Volume 11

Gratitude Dinner Potluck

Saturday, November 19th, 2016

Social hour 4:30pm, 5:30pm Dinner

First Presbyterian Church

4300 Main Street

Vancouver, WA 98663

Presale Dinner tickets
and raffle prize donations can be
picked up at the
Intergroup office

Adults—\$15

Kids (6-12)—\$5

MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETINGS

Steering Comm. Mtg	11/14	5:30 pm
Intergroup Mtg	11/21	6:30 pm
District 37 GSR Mtg	11/22	7:00 pm
District 7 Standing Comm	11/24	6:30 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg	11/24	7:00 pm



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Did You Know...



Significant events which occurred in November

- 1895—William Griffith W. (Bill W.) born in East Dorsett, VT
- 1934—November 11th Bill W's final drunk began on Veterans Day and lasts about a month
- 1934—Ebby T. carries message to Bill
- 1936—Fitz M. leaves Towns Hospital to become 'AA #3 in NY', with Bill W. and Hank P.
- 1937—Bill and Dr. Bob compare notes in Akron. Count forty cases staying sober. Meeting of the Akron group to consider Bill's ideas for how to expand the movement
- 1939—Dilworth Lupton gave sermon "Mr. X and Alcoholics Anonymous", which became one of The first pamphlets on AA
- 1939—Akron group withdraws from association with Oxford
- 1940—1st AA Meeting in Boston
- 1940—1st AA group formed in Minneapolis
- 1946—1st group in Dublin, Ireland meets
- 1947—1st AA group in Anchorage, Alaska
- 1950—Dr. Bob dies in Akron, Ohio
- 1963—Reverend Sam Shoemaker dies
- 1966—President Johnson appoints Marty M to the 1st National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism
- 1986—Big Book published in paperback



In 1935 Dr. Bob met Bill Wilson, a New York Businessman and entrepreneur who was struggling with his own alcoholism. The two immediately became close friends, with Bill showing Dr. Bob how he, Bill, with spiritual help, was finally able to recover from the effects of alcoholism,. Dr. Bob had his last drink on June 10, 1935, and that is considered to be the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dr. Bob died on November 16, 1950 in Akron, Ohio after 15 years of uninterrupted sobriety.

St. Francis Prayer (11th Step Prayer)

*Lord, make me a channel of thy peace ~
that where there is hatred, I may bring love ~
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness ~
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony ~
that where there is error, I may bring truth ~
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith ~
that where there is despair, I may bring hope ~
that where there are shadows, I may bring light ~
that where there is sadness I may bring joy.*

*Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted ~
to understand, than to be understood ~
to love, than to be loved.*

*For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.
It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life*

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

November Birthdays

Derek M.—1 year	Chief—37 years	Linda S—2 years	Cristy—6 years	Matt P—13 years
Curtis S—13 years	Jeff C—2 months	Tom—21 years	Emma—3 years	Jeff H—9 years
Mary K—8 years	Peter M—6 months	Jimmy W—8 years	Ben G—9 months	

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.

A suggested donation of \$1 per year of sobriety. Your donations help support your Area Intergroup.

Financial Statements

October	Donations	Year to Date
	12X12	120.00
	A New Beginning	400.00
	A New Life	109.00
325.50	A New Morning	3,926.84
	Amboy Renegades	53.00
	As Bill Sees It	101.55
	As We Recovered	170.00
50.00	Battleground AA	75.00
52.71	Bozo's by the Berries	265.95
	Camas Group	76.30
	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	115.00
101.97	Chapter Nine	352.13
	Cherry Grove Group	280.00
	Coffee Break Washougal	17.29
	Dry Tribe	17.00
	E. County Women's Group	140.00
	Early Light	130.00
	Easier Softer Way	15.00
200.00	Eastside Brown Baggers	1,950.00
	Eastside Closed Men's Morning Meeting	250.00
100.00	Eastside Women's Book Study	150.00
	Fireside	278.49
83.06	First Shot	939.52
	Forged From Adversity	120.00
233.48	Fresh Start	1,467.06
	Growing at the Grove	5.49
	Hockinson Group	174.06
	La Center Group	9.50
136.00	Ladies by the Lavender	198.56
	Lewis River AA	225.20
30.00	Lighthouse	300.00
	Longview group	50.00
180.00	McGuilivray Study Group	625.00
60.00	Men's Fireside	185.00
350.00	Miracles at Noon	3,218.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	153.50
	Over 55	180.22
	Principles First	150.00
	Ready and Willing	79.15
35.00	Renegades	70.00
	Ridgefield AA	31.00
202.00	Round Table Group	430.90
	Saturday Night BB Study	400.00
40.00	She Who Remembers	212.00
	Step it Up - 12 & 12	187.96
	Step Sisters	225.00
	Stevenson AA	200.00
50.00	Sunday Night Alternative	150.00
	Sunday Solutions	656.00
20.00	There is a Solution	45.00
	Tightrope Walkers	63.95
	United Sober Group	150.00
	Wayfarer's	155.00
	Wednesday Night Recovery	193.00
	Welcome Home	123.12
	West Vancouver Group	43.60
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	206.62
	Women's Fireside	100.00
2,249.72	SUBTOTAL	20,715.96
552.00	Miscellaneous	785.07
2,801.72	TOTAL	21,501.03

Payroll			
Gross Wages	1,714.87	Tax Liability	217.61

Profit & Loss Statement			
October		YTD	
Revenue		Revenue	
Sales	\$ 4,649.69	Sales	\$ 37,505.80
Contributions	\$ 2,801.72	Contributions	\$ 21,979.70
Misc. Income	\$ 89.45	Misc. Income	\$ 1,572.98
	\$ 7,540.86		\$ 61,058.48
Expenses		Expenses	
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,829.84	Cost of goods sold	\$ 21,789.55
Merchant Services	\$ 96.19	Merchant Services	\$ 687.31
Office supplies	\$ 46.70	Office supplies	\$ 838.86
Office equipment rent	\$ 166.03	Office equipment rent	\$ 1,850.18
Building rent	\$ 675.00	Building rent	\$ 6,750.00
Utilities	\$ 554.37	Utilities	\$ 4,028.20
Net Wages	\$ 1,487.17	Net Wages	\$ 19,866.40
Payroll taxes (September)	\$ 483.95	Payroll taxes	\$ 6,241.87
Sales Tax liability	\$ -	Sales Tax liability	\$ 942.21
Fundraising Activity	\$ 910.00	Fundraising Activity	\$ 1,070.00
Insurance	\$ -	Insurance	\$ 500.00
Bank Fees	\$ 0.46	Bank Fees	\$ 131.85
Misc. Licenses,taxes,fees	\$ -	Misc. Licenses,taxes,fees	\$ 20.00
	\$ 7,249.71		\$ 64,716.43
Net Income	\$ 291.15	Net Income	\$ (3,657.95)

Cash Flow Statements			
October			
Checking		Prudent Reserve	
Beg Balance	3,410.15	Beg Balance	12,528.76
Deposits	9,102.79	Interest	0.64
Expenses	(8,647.24)	End Balance	\$12,529.40
End Balance \$	3,865.70		
Employee Reserve & Taxes		Sales Tax Account	
Beg Balance	415.39	Beg Balance	796.20
Tx from ckg	419.66	Tx from ckg (1 mth)	360.00
Tx to ckg	(410.38)	End Balance	\$ 1,156.20
Interest	0.01		
End Balance \$	424.68	Event Account	
		Beg Balance	1,400.00
		Checks written	(1,060.00)
		Deposit (tickets)	90.00
		End Balance	\$ 430.00

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 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

The Steering Committee minutes for September 12, 2016 were read. Motion by Greg to approve; seconded by Beci. All approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for September 19, 2016 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

Maureen met with Marcy at the Intergroup Office. Our 12 step call list has been updated. Please continue to inform the groups that we are always looking for Hotline volunteers and remind Volunteers to keep their information updated with the Chair. Form previously provided to Reps.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Marcy read Treasurer's Report, noting payroll taxes paid in September were for August payroll, wherein there were 5 pay periods (Wednesdays are pay day – 5 Wednesdays in August). Virginia noted net income looks better; most likely due to no payroll on Saturdays. Motion by Beci to approve; seconded by David. All approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Total telephone calls logged were 113; 59 of which were general/office inquiries, 50 requests for meetings, and 4 were 12 step calls.

WEBSITE REPORT:

AA Event Flyers are now downloadable on our website. We're working on a "click & fill out" link for a Rep or GSR to request the Primary Purpose to be mailed to them; or they can print the form and mail it to us.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget: Doug prepared and present proposed budget. After a brief discussion, Beci moved, Sandy seconded. All approved budget. Greg suggested a descriptive paragraph to explain details of budget.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Financial Outlook: It's better.

Insurance: Our insurance premium is paid until the Spring. We have 2 companies we are looking at.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gratitude Dinner: Flyers and tickets are available at our Intergroup Office. Marcy will keep track of ticket numbers for those wishing to pick up tickets to sell. \$15.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 12 and under. We or the AA member selling the tickets will need to mark "C" on any child tickets sold, as tickets are not distinguishable.

Job Description: Office manager description changed back to previous description since we now only employ one person. Job description will be presented to Reps for approval.

SW Washington Jamboree: Weekend of October 21 – 23rd. Discussion regarding specific items to sell: Specialty sobriety coins, Books: "A New Pair of Glasses," etc, book covers. No credit cards will be accepted; however, there is an ATM on campus.

Assembly: Greg reported sales at the Assembly went well.

Office Closure on Saturdays: Last Saturday Intergroup will be opened is October 15th.

HR Responsibilities: Drafting of an Employee Manual is in process. First draft about 65% completed. Suggestion: Intergroup employee not to ring up any of their own sales.

Office Rent Increase: Landlord provided and advised Intergroup of a rental increase of approximately \$200/month. Current rent is \$675. Landlord's document will be provided to Steering Committee members for review. It was discussed that an increase to \$875/month was not too high for the current Vancouver rent market and our office space.

Primary Purpose: Virginia suggested entering our address and telephone number at top of Primary Purpose so that a newcomer will know how to contact us, as the Primary Purpose is sometimes tacked to a Home Group's bulletin board for review.

12 Traditions: Observance of the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Intergroup Guidelines was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E
Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 17, 2016

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Jeff H.	Vice-Chair	Rebecca(Beci) S.
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Doug J.
Position #3	Greg H.	Alternative	Sandy Q.
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Marcy B.
REPRESENTATIVES:			
A New Morning	Chuck L.	Lighthouse	David C.
Bozo's By The Berries	Jeff H.	Men's Fireside	Tom S.
Camas Group	Robert L.	Reconciled	Mark O.
Central Group	Tracy B.	RecoverWe	Janna
Cornerstone	Shane R.	Sideways Sundays	George V.
Coffee Break	Mary M.	Sober Uppers	Darcy S.
Early Birds	Chuck R.	Sunday Night Alter	Kris S.
East County Women's	Leslie C.	Welcome Home	Julie U.
EastSide Brwn Baggers	Sandy Q.	VISTORS:	
Fireside	Shawn L.	Jeff C.	Camas Group
1st Shot	Greg H.	Jimmy D.	Central Group
Hockinson	Shirlene H.	Joey W.	Central Group
How It Works	Virginia E.	Penny D.	Central Group
Last Chance	Doug J.	Phil B.	Central Group

22 Intergroup Reps counted; however, only 21 Reps noted above.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for Sept 19, 2016 were read. Motion by Mark, seconded by Sandy; 16 voting Reps approved; 1 abstained.

The Steering Committee minutes for Oct 10, 2016 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

Maureen, Hotline Chair, has updated the list of volunteers for 12 step calls. Please continue to encourage AAs to volunteer.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Marcy read the Treasurer's Report. It was moved and seconded to approve. Approved.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Total calls for August were 113; 59 of which were general/office inquiries, 50 meeting requests, and four 12 step calls.

WEBSITE REPORT:

Calendar and events are being updated frequently and the website now includes downloadable event flyers, if you wish to print a flyer. Marcy is working on adding a section for AAs to request a copy of the Primary Purpose via e-mail or by mail if you are an Intergroup Rep.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

- a) Intergroup Budget: Proposed budget was presented to Reps. Virginia noted line item referred to as "Earlyn" was incorrectly identified, as that amount was actually paid for wages to Intergroup's 2 newly hired employees while they trained with Earlyn, 'and' payment of Earlyn's "paid time off" (PTO). It was moved and seconded to accept proposed budget. Majority approved.
- b) Questions asked re Finance Committee. Doug stated the Steering Committee appointed Doug and Greg to serve on the Finance Committee. No formal Finance Committee meetings are scheduled, other than verbal communications and occasional one on one discussions between Doug, Greg, Jeff and Marcy. An AA member suggested AAs interested in participating in the Finance Committee to e-mail Intergroup.

Gratitude Dinner:

- a) Jennifer is the Chair of the Gratitude Dinner.
- b) First meeting to start organizing the event will be announced.
- c) Flyers were made available for the Reps; and tickets are available at Intergroup.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alternate on the Steering Committee: Sandy Q. was voted in last month to serve as our Steering Committee Alternate position.

Assembly Report: Greg advised things went well. Did not have final tally of Intergroup's income for the event.

Operations/Procedures Manual is in the works. It was moved by Darcy; seconded by Virginia to establish a Human Resources Committee. Motion to table. Discussion regarding the matter. Leslie offered to obtain the assistance of her company's Human Resources Department to assist.

NEW BUSINESS:

Table at SW Washington Jamboree: Intergroup will have a table with inventory for sale at this coming weekend's SW Washington Jamboree.

Increase in Intergroup's Office Space: Intergroup's monthly rent will be going up by \$200 per month (from current rent of \$675/month).

Cost of Merchandise: Intergroup's cost of non-AA approved items for sale is going up by about 10%, primarily the coins. Joey inquired of purchases of our inventory, and suggested the possibility of combining our orders with another Intergroup, wherein you split the billing and shipping addresses; therefore, keeping the cost down by way of vendor discounts for larger orders.

Home Group Contributions to Intergroup: Jeff offered to reach out to home groups. AA member suggested sending 'thank you' cards to contributing home groups.

Office Manager Job Description/Information: Since Intergroup now has 1 employee, Chair provided Reps with former job description to take back to their Home Groups to revert back to former job description when Intergroup only employed 1 employee.

Motion for Jeff H to Resign as Chair of Intergroup Steering Committee: Central Group AA member handed out and presented Motion. Questions and discussion by many AAs in attendance. Richard R. read his letter regarding trusted servants. Tracy moved, George seconded to remove Jeff as Intergroup's Chair. 7 yes; 9 no. Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Yours in Service, Virginia E., Recording Secretary



Wayfarer's Speaker

Meeting

November 12th, 2016

at 7:00 pm

Memorial Lutheran Church,

2700 E. 28th Street

Vancouver, WA. 98661

AA speaker: Charles G.

Al-Anon Speaker: Liz T..

Dry Tribe presents

An Afternoon of AA History

Saturday, November 12, 2016

11:30 am—3:30 pm

Dry Tribe

East United Methodist Church

5701 Macarthur Blvd

Vancouver, WA

Archivist & full archival display

Bring your favorite cookies or
sweets to share

Questions?

Jeannie A (360) 695-6354

OB's Speaker Meeting

December 3rd, 2016

Eastridge Church

14100 SE Sunnyside Road

Clackamas, OR 97015

Speaker: TBA

Serenity at the Shores 2016

Nov. 11, 12, & 13th

Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA

AA, Al-Anon & Adult Children of Alcohol-
ics workshops and Meetings.

www.OceanShoresJamboree.com

Gratitude Dinner & Potluck

Saturday November 19th

1st Presbyterian Church
4300 Main Street

Doors open at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 5:30

Main Course (Meats) provided

Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Speakers: TBA

Friday Night Happy Hour

Speaker Meeting

Camas Friends Church

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

December 2nd, 2016

7:30pm

Speakers: TBA

Grapevine Writing Workshop

November 12th, 2016

10 am

Woodland Presbyterian Church

756 Park Street

Woodland WA

Central Group's Birthday Meeting

Friday November 25th

1501 Columbia Street

Basement

Vancouver, WA 98660

Eastside Brown Baggers

Thanksgiving Meeting & Feast

Meeting at Noon

Meal to follow at 1 pm

Thursday November 24th

Unitarian Universalist Church

4505 East 18th Street

Vancouver, WA 98661

**We Provide: Turkey, Ham, Potatoes,
Gravy and Rolls**

Please bring: Salad, dessert

or other side dish to share

RULE 62

Speaker's Meeting

Central Bible Church 7pm

8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

Saturday November 19th, 2016

AA Speaker:

All-Anon Speaker:

Join us for a no host dinner at 5pm
prior to the meeting

At the

Portland Seafood Company

October Phone Calls

Office/general: 69


Meetings: 56

12 Step: 7


Total Calls: 132

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.

NOVEMBER

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
6	7	8	9	10	11 Serenity at the Shores 2016 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	12 "An Afternoon of AA History" Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
13	14 Steering Committee Meeting 5:30 pm	15	16	17 District 7 Standing Committees 6:30 pm District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Gratitude Dinner & Potluck 4:30 pm Rule 62
20	21 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	22 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	23	24 	25 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	26 
27	28	29	30			

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