

# PRIMARY PURPOSE

Volume 1

## VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

As we usher in the new year, we would like to introduce our new office manager, Lani! She hopes to meet many new friends while serving the A.A. community and will do her best to meet your needs. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Marcy, who has done an outstanding job of running the Intergroup Office. Her expertise in all areas, from keeping the daily operations of the office running smoothly, preparing agendas for the different committee monthly meetings, inventory, accounting, preparing the Primary Purpose, updating our website, and too many other things to mention. She always had a smile to welcome customers that came in. You will be missed, Marcy and we wish you the very best with your new adventures!

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### MONTHLY BUSINESS

#### MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	01/08 5:30 pm
Steering Comm. Mtg	01/08 6:00 pm
Intergroup Mtg	01/15 6:30 pm
District 37 GSR Mtg	01/23 7:00 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg	01/25 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office  
2203 Fairmount Avenue, Vancouver WA 98661

# STEP 1

## STARTING OVER AT THE BEGINNING

Step 1 states “we admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

It is not necessary to relapse in order to be “thoroughly convinced” there is a problem with alcohol but when it does happen it is most likely that something was missing from our learning curve that led to a relapse. For many it was getting away from meetings, working the steps, and staying connected to Higher Power. It could also be from not thoroughly doing our 12 steps in the first place. Everyone has their own story.

Whatever the reason for a relapse, going back to Step 1 is essential. We have to go back and realize how powerless we had become over alcohol & what a mess life had become.

From the Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions it is written, “Who cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession of destructive drinking that only an act of Providence can remove it from us.”

It continues to be written, “No other kind of bankruptcy is like this one. Alcohol now become the rapacious creditor, bleeds us of all self-sufficiency and all will to resist its demands. Once this stark fact is accepted, our bankruptcy as going human concerns is complete.

But upon entering A.A. we soon take quite another view of this absolute humiliation. We perceive that only through utter defeat are we able to take our first steps toward liberation and strength. Our admissions of personal powerlessness finally turn out to be firm bedrock upon which happy and purposeful lives may be built.”

For most, coming back from a relapse is far more difficult than coming in for the first time. It is with haste that getting into Step 1 should be done.

# Happy Birthday

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

Deb T. - 30 yrs.

Jean B.—13 yrs

Don D—6 yrs

Richard—15 yrs

Douglas—13 yrs

Evan—5 yrs

James T—1 yrs

Greg B—11 yrs

Doug F—11 yrs

Kevin F—5 yrs

Guy D—2 yrs

Sue B—15 yrs

Kim L—5 yrs

Diane—13 yrs

Rachel—6 yrs

Tom R.—30

Kelly L—18 yrs

Frank M—5 yrs

Kristin T—13 yrs

Paul H—21 yrs

Chris—8 yrs

Amber—14 yrs

Pete C—17 yrs

Jerry A.—50 yrs.

Torri—11 yrs.

Pete C.—17 yrs.

Shirlene H.—29 yrs.

Mike C.—4 yrs.

Jeremy—6 yrs.

Reed—3 yrs.

Paul M.—42 yrs.

**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.**

# Financial Statements

December	Donations	Year to Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	5.00
	12 X 12	60.00
	159th Street Women's Group	125.00
<b>377.66</b>	A New Morning	3,693.66
	As Bill See's It	419.00
	As We Recovered	140.00
	B & P	11.00
<b>100.00</b>	Birds of a Feather	100.00
	Battleground AA	105.00
	By the Book Study Group	100.00
<b>6.53</b>	Camas Group	94.68
	Came to Believe	66.00
	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	68.00
	Cascade Group	400.00
	Chapter Nine	257.67
	Cornerstone	168.30
	District 7	200.00
<b>26.00</b>	Dry Tribe	52.00
	Early Birds	200.00
	Easier Softer Way	167.00
<b>150.00</b>	Eastside Brown Baggers	2,011.13
	Eastside Women's Meeting	200.00
<b>302.22</b>	Fireside	302.22
	First Shot	582.61
<b>79.25</b>	Fresh Start	1,257.48
	Gorge Gals	67.00
	Hockinson	63.63
	LaCenter Group	20.50
	Ladies by the Lavender	236.00
	Lewis River	90.00
<b>30.00</b>	Lighthouse	390.00
<b>110.00</b>	McGuillivray Study Group	695.28
	Men's Eastside	400.00
	Men's Fireside	282.00
	Men's Thursday Night	170.00
	Minnehaha	150.00
	Miracles at Noon	3,400.00
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	112.00
	Over 55	125.00
	Ready and Willing	65.21
	Reconciled	280.86
	Renegades	140.00
	Round Table	351.30
	Saturday Night Big Book Study	590.55
<b>173.02</b>	Step It Up - 12 & 12	173.02
	She Who Remembers	160.00
<b>183.00</b>	Step Sisiters	379.47
	Stevenson AA	450.00
	Sunday Night Alternatives	100.00
	Sunday Solutions	1,183.00
	There Is A Solution	30.00
	Wayfarer's	393.70
<b>66.23</b>	Wednesday Night Recovery	832.23
	Wednesday Night Women's Mtg	7.75
	Welcome Home	175.35
	West Vancouver Group	22.41
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	206.10
<b>150.00</b>	Women's Fireside	275.00
<b>1,753.91</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>22,803.11</b>
584.15	Miscellaneous	1,073.72
<b>\$ 2,338.06</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,876.83</b>

	December	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sales	\$ 3,944.95	\$ 46,710.25
Contributions	\$ 2,338.06	\$ 23,876.83
Picnic	\$ -	\$ 456.33
Gratitude Dinner	\$ -	\$ 4,914.50
Misc. Income	\$ 138.81	\$ 1,808.75
	<b>\$ 6,421.82</b>	<b>\$ 77,766.66</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,438.72	\$ 27,212.76
Merchant Services	\$ 76.09	\$ 962.24
Office supplies	\$ 227.58	\$ 1,629.65
Office equipment rent	\$ 181.90	\$ 2,317.40
Building rent	\$ 875.00	\$ 10,500.00
Utilities	\$ 203.30	\$ 4,067.82
Net Wages	\$ 1,994.27	\$ 19,977.39
Payroll taxes	\$ 370.78	\$ 5,603.82
Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,452.42
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Misc. Licenses & fees	\$ 10.00	\$ 31.50
	<b>\$ 6,377.64</b>	<b>\$ 74,255.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 44.18</b>	<b>\$ 3,511.66</b>

## End of Month Balances

Main Checking Account:	\$6,121.80
Prudent Reserve Account:	\$16,254.19
Payroll Tax Account:	\$433.39
Sales Tax Account:	\$731.02
Event Account:	\$1,400.00

## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:04 pm.

### ATTENDANCE

<b>Chairperson</b>	Deb T.	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Vacant Position
<b>Position #1</b>	Phil B	<b>Position #2</b>	Robert L
<b>Position #3.</b>	Greg H	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Virginia E
		<b>Alternate</b>	John B.
		<b>Office Staff</b>	Marcy B
<b>Visitors</b>	Laurie H		
	Marc T.	<b>Gratitude Din Chair</b>	Deb T.
	Ronnie C.		
	Rita		

The Steering Committee minutes for November 13, 2017 were read. John moved to approve; Greg seconded; approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for November 20, 2017 were read. Corrections noted.

**HOTLINE REPORT:** All Hotline slots are currently filled. Please continue to announce that AA volunteers are needed for the Hotline.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report was reviewed. It was moved to approve; seconded; passed.

### INTERGROUP REPORT:

*Telephone Calls:* Of the 110 total calls to our office in November, 50 were general/office; 49 meeting requests, and two 12 step calls.

*BLH:* BLH was sent a \$25 gift card to say thank you for their continued services.

*Holiday Greeting to Cards to AA Groups:* Holiday Greeting cards were sent to all AA Groups in our Intergroup service area.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Of the 1,476 visitors to our website in November, 1,155 were new visitors and 609. Marcy is in the process of entering online database for online ordering.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Steering Committee Group Inventory: This matter tabled until approximately March 2018 after election of new Steering Committee officers.

New Office Phones: New phones were purchased for the Intergroup Office at a cost of \$120 giving our office more telephone features. We currently have two telephone lines; one of which has been used primarily for faxes and credit card purchases. The new phone will enable us to have two office lines.

**COMMITTEES:**

Finance Committee: A draft of our 2018 Financial Forecast was provided.

Human Resources Committee Update: Laurie H shared information on establishing a Human Resources Committee for our Intergroup Office. Deb reported that she as current acting Chair, Greg and Maureen met to oversee potential applicants for our Office Staff. Saturday (Dec 16, 2017) at 10:00 am at our Intergroup Office has been set to complete the interview process of hiring our office assistant. Laurie H and Marc T. of our Finance Committee will be in attendance in addition to Steering Committee members that can make it.

Gratitude Dinner: Of our \$3,700 netted from the November 2017 Gratitude Dinner, it moved, seconded and passed to transfer \$1,500 to the Prudent Reserve (making a Prudent Reserve balance of approximately \$16,250). The balance of the \$3,700 income from the Gratitude Dinner (approximately \$2,200) will be held in our Intergroup checking account to purchase and stock up on supplies, noting our Districts' Standing Committees purchase cases of Big Books from Intergroup.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Inventory of our Stock on Hand at the Intergroup Office: December 30, 2017 (Saturday, 10:00 am) has been set to inventory our stock on hand. The inventory process typically takes approximately four hours. Volunteers to help with the inventory are welcome.

Nominations for Steering Committee Positions: The Reps will vote on the following Steering Committee position at our December 18, 2017 Rep Meeting: Additional nominations for the following positions will also be accepted at our December 18, 2017 Rep Meeting:

- a. Chair: Ronnie C. and Greg H.
- b. Vice-Chair: Laurie H.
- c. Position No. 2: Robert L.
- d. Position No. 3: Glen H. and Marc T.
- e. Recording Secretary: Marc T.
- f. Alternate: Glen H. and Kris

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes Submitted By:  
Virginia E.  
Recording Secretary

## INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2017

The meeting opened at 6:34 pm.

### ATTENDANCE:

<b>Acting Chairperson</b>	Deb T.	<b>Vice-Chair.</b>	See Acting Chair
<b>Position #1</b>	Phil B.	<b>Position #2</b>	Excused
<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>Rock Bottom Recovery</b>	Ken J.
<b>As Bill Sees It</b>	Richard H.	<b>Sideways Sunday</b>	Dan
<b>Central Group</b>	Phil B	<b>Sober Sickos</b>	Elizabeth K.
<b>Coffee Break</b>	Joseph B.	<b>Sober Uppers</b>	Dane W.
<b>Cornerstone</b>	Shane Q.	<b>Stepping Up (S.U.B.S.)</b>	Laurie H.
<b>First Shot</b>	Greg H	<b>Sunday Night Alternative</b>	Kris S.
<b>Friday Night Hap Hr</b>	Janna V.	<b>Truth &amp; Purpose</b>	Julia M.
<b>Hockinson</b>	Shirlene H	<b>Welcome Home</b>	Julie U.
<b>How It Works</b>	Virginia E		
<b>Lighthouse</b>	Steve O.	<b>Visitors:</b>	
<b>Men's Fireside</b>	Tom S	Maureen P.	Hotline Chair
<b>Miracles</b>	Marc T	Lani W.	New Office Mgr
<b>Reconciled</b>	Marc O.	Ronnie C.	Camas Group
<b>Recover We</b>	Nathan	Jeff H.	Hockinson
		Patti	Lighthouse

Deb T., Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee, chaired the meeting due to the resignation of Beci S. as Chair.

22 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for November 20, 2017 were read. Marc O. moved; Laurie H. seconded; Passed.

The Steering Committee minutes for December 11, 2017 were read with John B. noting a correction.

**HOTLINE REPORT:** All slots are currently filled. Please sign up with our Intergroup Office if you are interested in serving on our 24 hr Hotline. Maureen, our Hotline Chair, was introduced.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** for November 2017 was reviewed. Phil moved, Marc seconded; Report approved. John moved, Phil seconded that our Office Manager not be a signer on our Prudent Reserve bank account. Passed.

**INTERGROUP REPORT:** Total incoming calls in November were 110, 59 of which were general/office, 49 meeting requests, and two 12 step calls. A “Thank You” \$25 gift card was sent to BLH for their services.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Of 1,476 viewers to our website in November, 1,155 were new visitors, and 609 returning visitors. Database on-line ordering is still a work in progress.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Steering Committee Elections:

*Chair Nominations:* Greg H. and Ronnie C. each shared their AA service experience. Ronnie C. new Chair (13 – 7 with 2 abstaining)

*Vice-Chair:* Deb T. current acting Chair would like to remain as Vice-Chair. Passed.

*Position No. 2:* Laurie H. nominated. Passed.

*Position No. 3:* Glen H. and Marc T were nominated. With Marc T. approved as Recording Secretary, it was passed for Glen H. as Position No. 3.

*Alternate:* Glen H. and Chris were nominated. With Glen H. approved as Position No. 3, it was passed for Kris S. as Alternate.

**COMMITTEES:**

Finance Committee:

*2018 Financial Forecast:* Greg H of the Finance Committee shared various graphs and projections.

*Finance Committee Handouts:* Phil moved; Julie seconded; it was passed to use the page entitled “Financial Forecast Monitoring” as our Finance Committee Handout, eliminating all other pages and graphs.

Human Resources: Lani W. was introduced as our new Intergroup Office Manager.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Year End Inventory scheduled for Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. We need volunteers to help count.

Key for Wayfarers: With Wayfarers Committee meeting at our Intergroup Office on a monthly basis, Jeff H. on behalf of Wayfarers requested an office key. Passed.

Lord’s Prayer: Marc O. requested the Lord’s Prayer at the close of Intergroup Rep meetings. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Yours in Service,  
Virginia E.  
Recording Secretary



**Friday Night Happy Hour**

January 5, 2018  
and February 2, 2017  
7:30pm

Speaker Meeting  
Camas Friends Church  
NE 4th and Lone St.  
Camas, WA. 98607

*Meeting is always the first  
Friday of the month*

**OB's Speaker Meeting**

Saturday, January 6th  
and February 3rd.  
Eastridge Church  
14100 SE Sunnyside Road  
Clackamas, OR 97015

**Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting**

January 13, 2017  
7:00 pm

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

**AA speaker: Karl M.  
From: Covina, CA**

**AI-Anon Speaker: Heide F.  
From: Tigard, OR**

**Kleen Street Speaker Meeting**

Friday, January 12th.  
7:00 pm

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

**RULE 62**

**Speaker's Meeting**

Saturday, January 20th, 2017  
7:00 pm

Central Bible Church  
8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

**Central Group's Birthday Meeting**

Friday, January 26th.  
8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street  
Basement  
Vancouver, WA 98660

**Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge  
Potluck**

Sunday January 28th, 2017

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, January 28th.  
Potluck at: 6:00 pm

Elim Lutheran Church  
15815 NE 182nd Ave

Questions?  
(509) 427-4970 or (503) 701-6574

**December Phone Calls**

Make sure to check

**vancouveraa.org  
or call 694-3870**

for local Alcahthons and events  
during this holiday season

Office/general:

Meetings:

12 Step:

Total Calls:

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

(360) 694-3870 or  
Vancouveraa.org

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4	5 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	6 OB's Speaker Meeting 7:00 PM
7	8 Finance Mtg 5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10	11	12 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
14	15 Intergroup Rep Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20 Rule 62 7 pm
21	22	23 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	24	25 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	26 Central Group's Birthday Meeting	27
28 Carson Potluck 6:30 pm Hockinson Potluck 6 pm	29	30	31			

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Friday Night Happy Hour Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	3 OB's Speaker Meeting 7:00 PM
4	5	6	17	8	9 KS Speaker Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting 7 pm
11	12 Finance Mtg 5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 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 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	24
25 Carson Potluck 6:30pm Hockinson Potluck 6pm	26	27 District 37 GSR Meeting 7 pm	28			

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