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## MONTHLY BUSINESS

### MEETINGS

Finance Comm. Mtg	05/14 5:30 pm
Steering Comm. Mtg	05/14 6:00 pm
Intergroup Mtg	05/21 6:30pm
District 37 GSR Mtg	05/22 7:00 pm
District 7 GSR Mtg	05/24 7:00 pm

All business meetings are held at the Intergroup office

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## A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning;

It is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life—the one that did not work—for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever

**Bill W.**

AA Grapevine, December 1957

### **NEW SELVES UNFOLDING**

In my experience, a spiritual awakening was not found, by seeking it. Others claimed spiritual belief came with sobriety, and I wanted that belief so desperately that I almost missed it altogether.

Then a series of adversities set in. It seemed everything I had was swept away. My emotional stability was so tested that a couple of times I considered suicide.

But at no time was a drink considered, even though cravings for the taste of liquor hit me momentarily at times. However, the First Step and I have been great friends. I repeated it every five seconds and thank God each day for my sobriety—the only grace, maybe, for that day.

Gradually, I began to see another part of me emerging—a grateful me, expecting nothing, but sure that another power was beginning to guide me, counsel me, and direct my ways. And I was not afraid.

Then, as this power began to unfold new selves within me, a greater understanding of my fellowmen began. With a new awakening each day—new strengths, new truths, new acceptance of A.A. people and people not in A.A.—a new world opened up. And every day it still does.

The adversities, loneliness, sickness, losses, and disappointments mean nothing now. I'm happy, because I came to believe—not only in God, but in the goodness in everyone.

**Barberton, Ohio**

**“Came To Believe” in Chapter 5.**



# Happy Birthday



**VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP**

**WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!**

Steve W.—9

David C—10

Dave S—2

Kathryn C—2

Richard S—31

Rick E—5

Baily—14

Steve R—31

Mike D—29

Leonard—45

Robin—8

Tom W—4

Bob S—23

Tommy—38

Todd S—10

Jenny—3

Kori—22

Kathryn—2

Laura—3

Laurie - 4

Jean A—1

Jennifer—17

Warren—12

**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.**

8April	Donations	Year to Date
	11th Step Prayer & Meditation	
	12 X 12	
	159th Street Women's Group	
<b>459.25</b>	A New Morning	1,728.97
	As Bill See's It	
	As We Recovered	
	B & P	1424.00
	Birds of a Feather	
	Battleground AA	
	By the Book Study Group	
<b>8.32</b>	Camas Group	16.88
	Came to Believe	
	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	
	Cascade Group	150.00
<b>51.24</b>	Chapter Nine	113.90
	Cornerstone	17.27
	District 7	689.60
	Dry Tribe	
	Early Birds	
	Early Light	125.00
	Easier Softer Way	
	Eastside Brown Baggers	180.00
	Eastside Women's Meeting	150.00
	Fireside	
<b>49.46</b>	First Shot	2165.30
	Fresh Start	327.79
	Gorge Gals	
	Ground Zero	.23
	Hockinson	
<b>7.75</b>	La Center Group	7.75
<b>50.00</b>	Ladies by the Lavender	100.00
<b>15.00</b>	Lewis River	15.00
	Lighthouse	90.00
<b>90.00</b>	McGillvary Study Group	175.00
<b>80.00</b>	Men's Fireside	160.00
	Men's Thursday Night	250.00
	Minnehaha	
<b>300.00</b>	Miracles at Noon	1249.98
<b>157.96</b>	OB's Speaker's Meeting	197.96
	Over 55	
	Ready and Willing	22.86
<b>241.55</b>	Reconciled	241.55
	Renegades	35.00
<b>199.88</b>	Round Table	199.88
	Saturday Night Big Book Study	167.00
	Sober Uppers	42.06
	Step It Up - 12 & 12	
	She Who Remembers	40.00
<b>81.20</b>	Step Sisters	81.20
	Stevenson AA	200.00
	Sunday Night Alternatives	
	Sunday Solutions	407.00
	There Is A Solution	62.00
	Wayfarer's	108.67
<b>77.99</b>	Wednesday Night Recovery	121.00
	Wednesday Night Women's Mtg	
<b>55.05</b>	Welcome Home	55.05
	West Vancouver Group	6.89
	Women's Emotional Sobriety	
	Women's Fireside	
<b>1924.65</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>9243.01</b>
80.67	Miscellaneous	359.07
<b>2019.32</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9602.08</b>

# Financial Statements

	April	YTD
Revenue		
Sales	\$ 5,412	\$ 18,478
Contributions	\$ 2,019	\$ 9,602
Picnic	\$	\$
Gratitude Dinner	\$	\$
Misc. Income	\$ 215	\$ 631
	<b>\$ 7,646</b>	<b>\$ 28,711</b>
Expenses		
Cost of goods sold	\$ 3,407	\$ 11,069
Merchant Services	\$ 93	\$ 454
Office supplies	\$ 6	\$ 573
Office equipment rent	\$ 156	\$ 774
Building rent	\$ 875	\$ 3,500
Utilities	\$ 582	\$ 2,342
Net Wages	\$ 1,606	\$ 7,711
Payroll taxes	\$ 553	\$ 2,547
Fundraising Expenses	\$	\$ 75
Insurance	\$	\$ 500
Misc. Licenses & fees	\$	\$ 123
	<b>\$ 7,278</b>	<b>\$ 29,668</b>
Net Income	<b>\$ 368</b>	<b>\$ (957)</b>

## End of Month Balances

Main Checking Account:	\$ 9191.13
Prudent Reserve Account:	\$ 16991.40
Payroll Tax Account:	\$ .02
Sales Tax Account:	\$ -0-
Event Account:	\$ 1400.00

## STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR April 9, 2018

The meeting opened at 6:03 pm.

### ATTENDANCE

<b>Chairperson</b>	Ronnie C.	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Absent
<b>Position #1</b>	Phil B	<b>Position #2</b>	Laurie H
<b>Position #3.</b>	Glen	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Marc T
		<b>Alternate</b>	Absent
		<b>Office Staff</b>	Lani W
<b>Visitors</b>			

The Steering Committee minutes for March 12, 2018 were read. Phil moved to approve; Laurie second; motion passed.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for March 19, 2018 were reviewed.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laurie gave the Treasurer's Report, there were some errors in the last couple months that needed to be resolved. An updated report will be provided to the groups next week.

**INTERGROUP REPORT:** Heating issues have been resolved.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** Lani provided the site stats for last month.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Intergroup Guidelines – Review Committee

The committee met April 3<sup>rd</sup> and worked on changes that will be suggested to the Intergroup Reps in a following meeting.

Other volunteers are welcome – contact the office for information.

Picnic Chair – Will be filled by the Rock Bottom group.

Outreach to groups: Ronnie and Laurie to create a signup sheet to have available for Intergroup Reps.

### COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee continues to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30, immediately prior to the Steering Committee Meeting. All are welcome.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Name Change: Change name from Vancouver Area Intergroup to S.W. Washington Intergroup – Marc to create a motion for the IG meeting.

Church asking for a meeting: St. Joseph's Catholic Church would be open to having A.A. meetings there but has not been approached. – This will be announced at the IG meeting

Hiring a part time employee: Lani proposed hiring a part-time employee that would allow her work three days a week and have someone to do the office functions at times of PTO etc. Phil made a motion to have Lani hire an employee if needed. Glenn second; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes Submitted By:

Marc T.

Recording Secretary

## INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR April16, 2018

The meeting opened at 6:31 pm with the Serenity Prayer

### PURPOSE OF THE VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP

*The Vancouver Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous exists to serve local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous within the vicinity of Vancouver, Washington. The organization serves as a clearing house to distribute literature to local Alcoholics Anonymous groups, to provide contact among these groups and to maintain an answering service.*

### ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson	Ronnie C.	Vice-Chair.	Absent
Position #1	Phil B.	Position #2	Laurie H
Position #3	Glenn H	Alternative	
Recording Secretary	Marc T	Office Manager	Lani W.
Representatives:			
Cornerstone	Dusty G.	Miracles	Marc T.
Rock Bottom	Candy	Fireside	Robin M.
Central Group	Phil B.	A New Morning	John B.
East Side Brown Baggers	Sandy Q.	FFA	Karen S.
First Shot	Brian N.	Camas Group	Dave W.
Visitors:			
Welcome Home / District 37	Michael W		

**TRADITION REVIEW:** Brian N. reviewed tradition four from the 12x12. Laurie will do next months' review of tradition five.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** 10 voting Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

**LITERATURE PRESENTATION:** Dave from the Camas group gave short presentation on literature.

### MEETING MINUTES:

March Steering Committee minutes were read by Phil B. Intergroup Representative Committee minutes were read from March by: Ronnie; Phil B. moved to approve the Rep minutes; John B. second; motion passed

**HOTLINE REPORT: (Lani)** All slots are currently filled. Please sign up with our Intergroup Office if you are interested in serving on our 24 hour Hotline. Women are always needed for the 12 step call list.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: (Laurie)** Overview of the financial summary for March 2018 was presented by Laurie H. Sandy Q moved to approve, John B. seconded; Motion passed.

**INTERGROUP REPORT: (Lani)** : Discussion of new employee posting. If people want their birthdays in the Primary Purpose please email them

**WEBSITE REPORT: (Lani)** Things are going smoothly. If there are changes please contact the office.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Guidelines: (Lauri H) A subcommittee has been formed to review the current guidelines and propose changes to the reps. Reach out to the office if you wish to join the committee. Currently we are looking to have the changes to the reps to take back to the groups in the June meeting.

Intergroup Picnic: Deb & Lani are leading the committee with Rock Bottom giving support. Reservation has been made for July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Marshall Center. Lani to go back and review the books from last year and the committee should keep in mind it was decided last year's board that the picnic will not be a fund raiser.

Gratitude Dinner: Lani will look in to if the room is reserved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Name Change to Southwest Washington Area Intergroup: A summary was reviewed by Marc. Motion was made by Karen to do a special committee to review feasibility and cost. Lani second; motion passed. Glenn H volunteered to chair the committee.

Hire of part time employee: We are looking for a part time office assistant that would work two days a week, six hours each shift.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH:** Ronnie asked for recent or upcoming birthdays for the month

**COMMITTIES:**

Finance Committee: Meets 5:30 pm

**GROUP NEWS:**

Asked for any group news or updates

Ronnie asked for motion to adjure the meeting: Marc T made the motion, Kris second; passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Yours in Service,

Marc T.

Recording Secretary



**Friday Night Happy Hour**

June 1, 2018

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**

June 2, 2018

Eastridge Church  
14100 SE Sunnyside Road  
Clackamas, OR 97015

*Meeting is always the first  
Saturday of the month*

**Hockinson Potluck**

Sunday, May 27th  
Potluck at: 6:00 pm

Elim Lutheran Church  
15815 NE 182nd Ave  
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

**Kleen Street Speaker Meeting**

Friday, June 8th

7:00 pm

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

**Wayfarer's Speaker Meeting**

May 12, 2018

June 9, 2018

7:00 pm

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

**AA speaker: Matthew M.  
From: Gig Harbor, WA.  
Alanon Speaker: Trish B.**

**RULE 62**

**Speaker's Meeting**

Saturday, May 19th

June 16th

7:00 pm

Central Bible Church  
8815 NE Glisan Street, Portland

**Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge Potluck**

Sunday, May 27th.

952 Wind River Road  
Carson, WA

**Central Group's Birthday Meeting**

Friday, May 25th

8:00 pm

1501 Columbia Street  
Basement  
Vancouver, WA 98660

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

(360) 694-3870 or  
Vancouveraa.org

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

**Spiritual Brunch**

May 12, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Make sure to check

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

# May

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	15	16	17	18	19  Rule 62 7 pm
20	21 Intergroup Rep. Meeting 6:30 pm	22 District 37 Rep 7:00 pm	23	24 District 7 GSR Meeting 7 pm	25 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8 pm	26
27 Carson Potluck 6:30pm Hockinson Potluck 6pm	28	29	30	31		

# June

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

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