

PRIMARY PURPOSE

Vancouver Area Intergroup

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The Vancouver Intergroup has an open position for Alternate on the Steering Committee. Please call the office between noon and 6pm Monday through Friday if you would like more information. Elections will be held on September 19th, 2016 at the Intergroup representative meeting at 6:30pm.

Step 9:

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Good judgement, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence– these are the qualities we shall need when we take step 9.

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Vancouver Intergroup has a new book, "12 Hidden Rewards of Making Amends", by Allen Berger, Ph.D., in stock now.

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MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

Steering Comm. Mtg. 5:30pm	9/12
Intergroup Meeting 6:30pm	9/19
District 37 Meeting 7:00pm	9/27
District 7 Standing Comm. 6:30 pm	9/22
GSR Mtg. 7:00 pm	
Area 72 Assembly Comm. 1:30pm	9/3, 10, 17, 24th

24 Hour Hotline
(360) 694-3870

Vancouver Area Intergroup
Would like to celebrate with you!

September Birthday Club

Jessica 9/9—3 years

Mike B. 9/20—1 year

Randall 9/16—34 years

Lauren 9/13—3 years

Patty 9/28—7 years

Austin M. 9/16—10 years

Samantha 9/9—1 year

Laurie 9/14—6 years

John M. 9/23—10 years

Matt 9/21—9 Years

Lisa 9/28—2 years

Richard 9/13—22 years

Jenn 9/30—1 year

Ian 9/5—15 years

Justin B. 9/10—1 year

Mike M. 9/30 - 6 years

Tom T. 9/2—1 year

Brian 9/7—11 years

Chris R. 9/18—2 years

Jennifer J. 9/25—19 years

Don 9/16—12 years

Julie K. 9/15—3 years

Trish 9/21—5 years

Congratulations!

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.

ATTITUDE

by Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes

Financial Statements

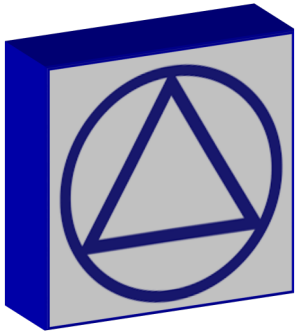
			Profit & Loss Statement		
August	Donations	Year to date	August	YTD	
	12X12	120.00	Revenue		
	A New Beginning	400.00	Sales	\$ 3,467.55	\$28,832.73
80.00	A New Life	109.00	Contributions	\$ 1,436.76	\$17,485.56
293.67	A New Morning	3,370.73	Misc. Income	\$ 201.07	\$ 1,376.91
	Amboy Renegades	53.00		\$ 5,105.38	\$47,695.20
	As Bill Sees It	101.55	Expenses		
	As We Recovered	70.00	Cost of goods sold	\$ 2,183.85	\$16,701.75
	Battleground AA	25.00	Merchant Services	\$ 59.67	\$ 527.80
	Bozo's by the Berries	213.24	Office supplies	\$ 7.94	\$ 636.58
5.13	Camas Group	76.30	Office equipment rent	\$ 177.58	\$ 1,457.17
	Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge	75.00	Building rent	\$ 675.00	\$ 5,400.00
	Chapter Nine	250.16	Utilities	\$ 346.43	\$ 3,097.04
	Cherry Grove Group	280.00	Net Wages	\$ 2,330.61	\$16,943.55
	Coffee Break Washougal	17.29	Payroll taxes	\$ 513.96	\$ 5,247.74
	Dry Tribe	17.00	Sales Tax liability	\$ 942.21	\$ 942.21
	E. County Women's Group	140.00	Fundraising Activity	\$ -	\$ 100.00
	Early Light	130.00	Insurance	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Easier Softer Way	15.00	Bank Fees	\$ 30.00	\$ 131.39
210.00	Eastside Brown baggers	1,570.00	Misc. Licens-		
	Eastside Closed Men's Morning		es,taxes,fees	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
	Meeting	250.00		\$ 7,277.25	\$51,705.23
	Eastside Women's Book Study	50.00	Net Income	\$ (2,171.87)	\$ (4,010.03)
	Fireside	206.99			
100.00	First Shot	761.22			
	Forged From Adversity	120.00			
	Fresh Start	1,000.06			
	Growing at the Grove	5.49			
	Hockinson Group	174.06			
	La Center Group	9.50			
	Ladies by the Lavender	62.56			
80.00	Lewis River AA	225.20			
30.00	Lighthouse	240.00			
	Longview group	50.00			
65.00	McGuilivray Study Group	445.00			
25.00	Men's Fireside	75.00			
300.00	Miracles at Noon	2,568.00			
	OB's Speaker's Meeting	153.50			
	Principles First	150.00			
	Ready and Willing	52.35			
	Renegades	35.00			
	Ridgefield AA	31.00			
	Round Table Group	228.90			
	Saturday Night BB Study	400.00			
	She Who Remembers	172.00			
187.96	Step it Up - 12 & 12	187.96			
	Step Sisters	225.00			
	Stevenson AA	200.00			
	Sunday Night Alternative	100.00			
	Sunday Solutions	656.00			
	There is a Solution	25.00			
	Tightrope Walkers	63.95			
	United Sober Group	150.00			
	Wayfarer's	155.00			
	Wednesday Night Recovery	193.00			
	Welcome Home	84.95			
	West Vancouver Group	30.36			
55.00	Women's Emotional Sobriety	206.62			
	Women's Fireside	100.00			
1,431.76	SUBTOTAL	16,876.94			
5.00	Miscellaneous	129.95			
1,436.76	TOTAL	17,006.89			

Checking: August 2016		Prudent Reserve	
Beg Balance	3,338.94	Beg Balance	12,131.05
Deposits	5,115.65	Interest	0.62
Expenses	(6,537.97)	End Balance	12,131.67
End Balance	1,916.62		

Sales Tax Account		Employee Reserve & Taxes	
Beg Balance	228.36	Beg Balance	401.47
Tx from ckg	1,728.38	Interest	0.01
Tx to ckg	(1,836.40)	End Balance	401.48
End Balance	120.34		

Event Account		Payroll	
Balance	1,400.00	Gross Wages	2,534.52
		Additions to net pay	25.00
		Tax Liability	213.39

Did You Know... *September is National Recovery Month!*



Significant events which occurred in September

- 1939 – First AA group founded in Chicago
- 1937 – Florence R, first female in AA in NY
- 1942 – US Assistant Surgeon General Kolb speaks at a dinner for Bill and Dr. Bob
- 1954 – Dallas Central Office opens its doors
- 2001 – 30 Vesey St, New York. Location of AA's first office is destroyed during the World Trade Center
- 1st AA group in Mexico
- 1st issue of Grapevine published in "Pocketbook" size



The Man On The Bed - Bill Dotson, AA Member #3



On a Friday night, September 17, 1954,
Bill Dotson died in Akron, Ohio.

"That is, people say he died, but he really didn't," wrote Bill Wilson. "His spirit and works are today alive in the hearts of uncounted AA's, and who can doubt that Bill already dwells in one of those many mansions in the great beyond."

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2016

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson -Jeff H.	<i>Excused</i>	Vice-Chair	Beci S
Position #1	David C.	Position #2	Doug J.
Position #3	Greg	Alternative Jennifer	<i>Unexcused</i>
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Janna V
		Office Assistant	Marcy B

In Jeff H.'s absence, Beci S., Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting

The Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2016 were read and approved.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for July 18, 2016 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

Maureen reported via telephone that the Hot Line positions are currently filled. She continues to work on updating the 12 Step Call List. Janna suggested we prepare a sign up list for distribution to the Home Groups for AA's to volunteer for the 12 Step Call List for those AA's particularly available during Intergroup's office hours (12 pm to 6 pm daily)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Marcy read the Treasurer's Report. Virginia noted one error on July's report. Amount carried over for July 31, 2016 is correct.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

Telephone Log Report: Janna logged 167 telephone calls, 35 of which were requests for AA meetings, and 5 were 12 Step calls. This excludes calls to the AA Hotline after office business hours

WEBSITE REPORT:

Marcy reported Scott (web master) is working on redirecting users to the new website, noting SI mtg.com is a website that registers AA meetings. Scott working on googlemaps app on our website to be more user friendly as a huge map appears when clicking on app. Janna noted some complaints from AA's in reference to the googlemaps app, and will further discuss with Scott. Scott had been out of town on business, therefore working on website delayed. Doug suggested we obtain Source code from Scott so that we may proceed on working on our website, should Scott be unavailable for a prolonged period.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Picnic: July 2017 picnic was rescheduled to Sept 2017 due to miscommunication between our Chair and Picnic Chair.

Data Entry and Inventory: Inventory report given. Greg suggested inventories on a quarterly basis.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee:

Intergroup Budget: We currently do not have one. Finance Committee will pursue preparation of a draft of such.

Financial Outlook: It was discussed eliminating the monthly 2% transfer to Prudent Reserve since we are consistently in the red every month.

Business Insurance: Greg reported on our current policy with Briggs with an annual premium of \$500 with a \$250 property deductible. Greg also received a quote from Countrywide: Lower annual premium with a higher deductible of \$1,000 and \$10,000 medical. Greg will continue investigating.

NEW BUSINESS:

QuickBooks: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to close out Quickbooks as of July 31, 2016 and export all information to start blank database, importing relative data (i.e. employees, vendors, customers, inventory and correct costs of goods, etc). Invoices, sales receipts and purchase orders to be inputted to current date starting August 1, 2016.

Bookkeeping Reports: Finance Committee will work on a report containing tables reflecting weekly/monthly profit & loss statements, and purchases, Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable; along with daily QuickBooks activity, and monthly and annual Donations to date.

Doug noted the Intergroup Treasurer's Report should show employees' gross monthly pay and Intergroup's portion of payroll taxes, including L&I. (not employees' withholdings)

Renting IG Space for Regular AA Meetings: After discussion, due to liability IG not interested in providing space for regular AA meetings. All opposed.

Kleen Street Satellite Store: After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that due to our current insufficient income, IG not interested in offering bulk discounts to any purchasers. All opposed.

Publishing Date of Primary Purpose: No change in current publishing date of the 5th of month. Bookkeeping procedures to more timely prepare Treasurer's Report discussed.

Employees' Review: Steering Committee will meet at 5:30, Monday, August 15th, to review employees.

Holiday Pay to Employees: Discussion in regards to IG losing money every month, payment of holiday pay to part-time employees, and what is customary in standard businesses. Options discussed. It was noted, Reps took new employee guidelines back to their home groups at February 15, 2016 meeting. At the March 21, 2016 meeting, Chair announced the SC decided to hire two employees, IG office open Saturdays 9 to 1; and Reps approved new employees guidelines. Reps may re-examine if they wish.

Area 72 Assembly-Oct 2016: Doug reported Area Literature and Archives will have a display. Greg provided information on Vancouver IG wooden tokens if we wanted to purchase at approximately \$170. After discussion, not in IG's best interest. Doug suggested IG offering items for sale at the Assembly that normally are not available at an Intergroup office (special book covers and books). Beci and Virginia reconfirmed to volunteer to work an IG table on the Saturday of the Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E, Recording Secretary

INTERGROUP REP MINUTES FOR AUGUST 15, 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		Alternative	
Recording Secretary	Virginia E	Office Assistant	Marcy B (Hockinson)
		Office Assistant	
REPRESENTATIVES:			
A New Morning	Chuck L.	Lighthouse	David C.
Early Birds	Darcy S.		
Eastside Brwn Baggers	Sandy Q.		
Fresh Start	Chris		
Hockinson	Jeff H.		
How It Works	Virginia E.	VISTORS:	
Miracles		Scott	Hockinson
Last Chance	Doug J.		

8 Intergroup Representatives in attendance.

The Intergroup Rep meeting minutes for July 18, 2016 were read and approved.

The Steering Committee minutes for August 8, 2016 were read.

HOTLINE REPORT:

Maureen, Hotline Chair, states that all slots are filled and she is continuing to update the 12 step call list. 12 Step Call Sign-Up list provided to Reps to take back to their groups.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

After reviewing the Treasurer's Report, it was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. 7 Reps approved Report.

INTERGROUP REPORT:

A telephone log has been implemented and included in the Primary Purpose. The Secretary of State has been updated with new Steering Committee officers; and the bank accounts have been updated with new signers. Inventory was completed at Intergroup and our system updated.

WEBSITE REPORT:

Scott (web master) is reformatting the website and making it more user friendly, along with creating a link for a printable schedule. He has also redirected many of the other URL's to the vancouveraa.org site. He is removing the Google maps app, and will add a "go to" button for Google maps.

COMMITTEES:Finance Committee:

Doug reported they will obtain quotes for liability insurance from various carriers and present the information of costs and coverage to the Steering Committee. Currently Intergroup is insured by The Hartford.

Picnic Report:

The annual picnic that had been rescheduled to September 2016 has been cancelled.

Gratitude Dinner: Our chair of the Gratitude Dinner, Jennifer, was not in attendance; however, it was reported the date and location of the Dinner was announced (November 19, 2016 @ 1st Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Vancouver.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greg, Julie, Marcy and Scott completed the Inventory.

The newsletter is now being offered via email, if a group or individual requests.

Intergroup having a table at the Area Assembly and SW Washington Jamboree are being investigated. Doug made a motion, and it was seconded to appoint Beci as the Chair of an ad hoc committee for each event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff announced Jennifer had to resign as our Alternate Steering Committee position, and announced nominations and voting for new Alternate will take place at our next Rep meeting in September.

Jeff suggested several old VHS tapes, cassettes of Jamborees past be donated to our Archives. After motion and seconded, all Reps approved.

After an adversarial discussion, meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Yours in Service,

Virginia E

Recording Secretary

Local Events

Friday Night Happy Hour

Speaker Meeting
Camas Friends Church
NE 4th and Ione St. Camas,
WA. 98607
September 2nd, 2016
7:30pm

Speakers:

Keith C & J.C. Olds
October 7th, 2016

WAYFARER'S SPEAKER'S MEETING

September 10, 2016
at 7:00 pm
Memorial Lutheran Church,
2700 E. 28th Street
Vancouver, WA. 98661
Will be featuring:

AA speaker: Harlan D.

From Seaside, OR.

Al-Anon Speaker: Alice H.

From Vancouver, WA.

Serenity at the Shores 2016

Nov. 11, 12, & 13th
Convention Center in Ocean
Shores, WA
AA, Al-Anon & Adult Children
of Alcoholics workshops and
Meetings.

www.OceanShoresJamboree.

RULE 62

Speaker's Meeting

Central Bible Church 7pm
8815 ne Glisan Street, Portland
Saturday September 17th, 2016

AA Speaker:

All-Anon Speaker:

Join us for a no host dinner at
5pm

prior to the meeting

At the
Portland Seafood Company

OB'S Speaker Meeting

September 3rd 7:30pm
14100 SE Sunnyside Rd.
Clackamas, OR. 97015

Speaker: Paul W.

Burien, WA

Western Washington Area 72

2016 Assembly

October 7, 8 & 9, 2016
Vancouver Convention Center
@ the Hilton.

If you have questions or want to vol-
unteer , please contact Deanna R @

Assembly16voluteer@area72aa

CARSON AA SPIRIT OF THE GORGE

Carson Hot Springs
Sunday, September 25, 2016
Potluck 6:30 pm
Speaker 7:00 pm

Speaker:

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

District 34 Hosts

7th Tradition Workshop

September 24th, 2016
Fellowship: 9 am
Workshop: 9:30 am
Four Square Church
2015 Richards Rd.
Bellevue, WA. 98005

August Phone Calls

Office/general: 60

Meetings: 39

12 Step: 10

Total Calls: 109

AA needs 12 step volunteers to
take occasional phone calls.
Intergroup or hotline volunteers
will call you with a phone num-
ber 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 need-
ed.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Happy Hour Speaker's Meeting 7:30 PM	3 ARCHIVES QRTL OB's Speaker's Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9 KS SPEAKER'S MTG 7:30PM	10 Area 72 assembly 1:30pm WAYFARER'S Speaker Meeting 7pm
11	12 STEERING COMM MTG 5:30 PM	13	14	15	16	17 Area 72 Assembly Committee 1:30PM RULE 62
18	19 INTEGROUP COMM MTG 6:30 PM	20	21	22 DISTRICT 7 STANDG COMM 6:30 PM GSR MTG 7 PM	23	24 Area 72 Assembly committee 1:30pm
25 CARSON AA SPKR MT 6:30PM	26	27 DISTRICT 37 GSR MTG 7PM	28	29	30 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8:00pm	

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ARCHIVES QRTL Area Assembly meeting 1:30pm OB's Speaker's Meeting 7:30 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7 Area 72 Assembly Happy Hour Speaker's Meeting 7:30 PM	8 Area 72 Assembly Committee 1:30pm WAYFARER'S Speaker Meeting 7:00PM
9 Area 72 assembly	10 STEERING COMM MTG 5:30 PM	11	12	13	14 KS SPEAKER'S MTG 7:30pm	15 Area 72 Assembly Committee 1:30PM RULE 62 7 PM
16	17 INTEGROUP COMM MTG 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21	22
23 30 CARSON SPKR MT 6:30PM	24 31	25 DISTRICT 37 GSR MTG 7PM	26	27 DISTRICT 7 STANDG COMM 6:30 PM GSR MTG 7 PM	28 Central Group's Birthday Meeting 8:00pm	29