

Vancouver Area Intergroup of
Alcoholics Anonymous

May/June 2019
Volume 17

2203 Fairmount Avenue, Ste. A
Vancouver, WA
98661

Vancouveraa.org
vancaa@vanintgrp.com
(360) 694-3870



Primary Purpose

VANCOUVER INTERGROUP

A Sneak Peak Into Our Transformation...



Check out these photos for the latest of what your local Intergroup Office is looking like these days, or even better, stop by and see for yourself! We think you'll agree that it is a

beautiful transformation we have been undergoing. It is not totally complete yet, but we didn't want to leave our readers guessing by waiting to share pictures with you. This whole process has not been unlike the one experienced in personal recovery,

where everything first falls into total chaos before emerging back into divine order and beauty, in alignment with Higher Power's will.

Inside this issue

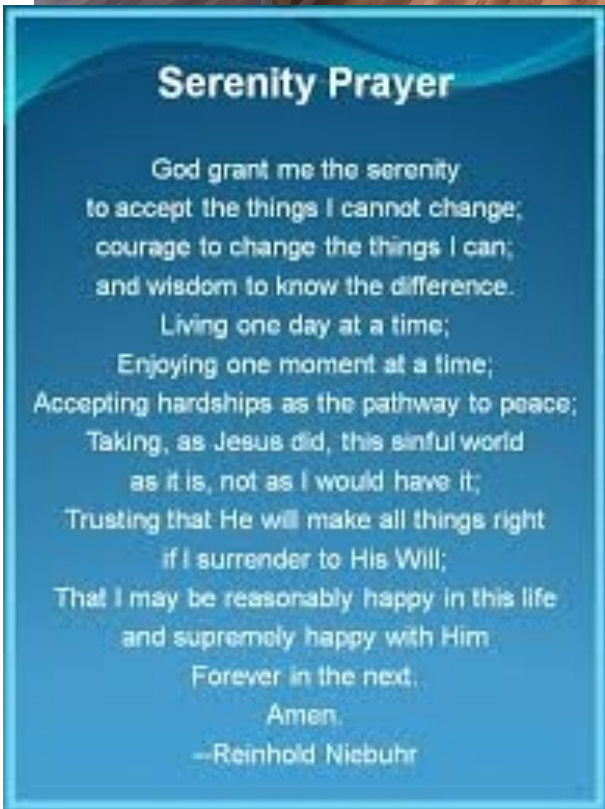
| | |
|---|-----|
| A Sneak Peak Into Our Transformation..... | 1,2 |
| Treasurer Workshop Flyer..... | 3 |
| 12th Step List Flyer..... | 4 |
| Financial Report..... | 5 |
| S.C. Committee Mtg. Minutes..... | 6 |
| I.G. Rep. Mtg. Minutes..... | 7 |
| Grapevine Article..... | 8,9 |
| Upcoming Events..... | 10 |
| Congratulations..... | 11 |

Monthly Business Mtgs.

- ◆ Steering Comm. Mtg. -6/10
@6:00 PM
- ◆ Intergroup Rep Mtg. -6/17
@6:30 PM
- ◆ District 37 GSR Mtg. -6/25
@7:00 PM
- ◆ District 7 GSR Mtg. - 6/27
@7:00 PM

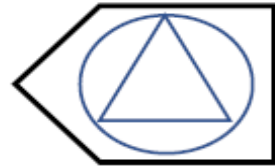
(All monthly business mtgs. are held at the Intergroup Office).







Treasurer Workshop



**Understanding the
7th Tradition**

**....supports much more
than coffee and rent**

(7th Tradition \$ will be collected)

Not Just for Treasurers

Understanding Your Group Finances

Increasing Contributions

Supporting the AA Service Structure

Funding Vancouver Intergroup Services

Saturday 6/1/2019

9:30AM – Noon-ish

(Please bring Snack Items to Share)

Clark County Fire & Rescue

911 N. 65th Avenue

Ridgefield, WA

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help....

12th Step List

Hotline phone answerers need 12th Step members to contact to refer to incoming calls from active alcoholics.

When a Twelfth Step call is received, we begin with the assumption that another human being's life is at stake — literally. This means that, without delay, this call is to be answered at once.

There are currently 12 men and 7 women in the Vancouver area available to take or go on a 12th Step call. Many more are needed.

If you have 6 months of sobriety and want to sign up for this vital service work, contact Wendy W at 971-235-5240 wwhite56@comcast.net

-or-

Go to the Vancouver AA website home page, www.vancouveraa.org,
Click on Contacts/Committees, scroll to the Twelve Step Committee (Hotline),
Click on [Volunteer for the 12-Step List](#), and fill out the form.

The life you save may be your own.

Group Contributions and Financial Statements

| April | Donations | Year to Date |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | 159th Street Women's Group | 150.00 |
| 179.74 | A New Morning | 1,289.13 |
| | Amboy Renegades | 35.00 |
| | As Bill Sees It | 440.25 |
| | As We Recovered | 50.00 |
| 100.00 | Birds of a Feather | 100.00 |
| 70.00 | Chapter Nine | 188.00 |
| 25.08 | Camas Group | 147.28 |
| 52.00 | Early Light | 52.00 |
| 160.00 | Eastside Brown Baggers | 380.00 |
| | Fireside | 605.00 |
| 77.27 | First Shot | 263.04 |
| 58.00 | Fresh Start | 218.56 |
| 50.00 | Gorge Gals-North Bonneville | 50.00 |
| | Hokinson | 192.01 |
| 62.00 | Lewis River AA | 125.96 |
| 50.00 | Lighthouse | 180.00 |
| 293.00 | McGuilivray Study Group | 639.00 |
| | Men's Fireside | 100.00 |
| 350.00 | Miracles at Noon | 1,349.60 |
| 26.66 | Ready and Willing | 26.66 |
| | Reconciled | 281.71 |
| 30.00 | Ridgefield AA | 30.00 |
| 25.00 | Rock Bottom Recovery | 115.00 |
| | Saturday Night Big Book Study | 304.00 |
| | She Who Remembers | 60.00 |
| 25.00 | Sober Uppers | 25.00 |
| | Step Sisters | 222.00 |
| | Stevenson AA | 150.00 |
| 40.00 | Sunday Night Alternative | 40.00 |
| 399.50 | Sunday Solutions | 808.75 |
| | There is a Solution | 30.15 |
| | Wayfarer's | 50.36 |
| 90.70 | Wednesday Night Recovery | 201.23 |
| | Welcome Home | 50.95 |
| | West Vancouver Group | 62.36 |
| | Women in Sobriety | 125.00 |
| 2,163.95 | SUBTOTAL | 9,138.00 |
| 691.03 | Miscellaneous/Individual | 1,248.03 |
| 2,854.98 | TOTAL | 10,386.03 |

April Bottom Line

- Total Revenue – Total Expenses = (\$240)
- For the month of April we did \$50 worse than forecasted
- Reason for variance is cost of remodel/ moving expenses.

Financial Statements

| | April (\$) | YTD (\$) |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Sales | 5,354 | 18,820 |
| Group Contributions | 2,164 | 9,138 |
| Fundraising/Picnic | 0 | 0 |
| Misc. Income | 104 | 536 |
| Individual Contributions | 691 | 1,248 |
| Total Revenue | 8,313 | 29,742 |
| Expenses | | |
| Cost of goods sold | 3,157 | 10,743 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 0 | 0 |
| Merchant Services | 96 | 345 |
| Office supplies | 229 | 718 |
| Equipment rent | 294 | 759 |
| Building rent | 875 | 4,375 |
| Utilities | 363 | 1,563 |
| Net Wages | 1,688 | 6,897 |
| Payroll taxes | 511 | 2,119 |
| Insurance | 48 | 96 |
| Licenses | 0 | 0 |
| Travel and Meetings | 79 | 79 |
| Moving Cost | 1,212 | 1,212 |
| Total Expenses | 8,553 | 28,907 |
| Net Income /(Loss) | (240) | 836 |

April 2019 Cash Balances

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Main Checking | \$ 8,232 |
| Event Account | \$ 1,400 |
| Prudent Reserve | \$ 17,045 |
| Petty Cash | \$ 97 |
| Total Cash Balance | \$ 26,774 |

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 8, 2019

Attendance

Ronnie, SC Chair

Marc, SC vice Chair

Rita, Visitor

Laurie, SC Member/Treasurer

Dee, SC Member

Phil, SC Member

Cassia, Office Manager

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from the 3/11/19 Steering Committee meeting were accepted. Minutes from the 3/18/19 Intergroup Representatives meeting were reviewed.

Hotline: Wendy submitted a written report advising that all positions are filled however substitutes are needed. She also advises that the 12-Step call list is a little light and that members can sign up on the website. She further advised that a house-bound Camas member was looking for a meeting to be brought to her however we do not have a committee for that. *Note: Phil's home group is in the same district and he brought to the attention of his GSR the following day and has been advised District 7 currently does not have an Access chairperson.*

Treasury: Laurie reported that the office is ahead of projections by \$977. See attached financial report. The quarterly financial committee meeting was held immediately prior to this meeting. No meetings/groups attended.

Office: The remodel has begun. A number of items will be taken to donation. The website is now secure. Meetings have been entered into the plug-in for the website. Before the information is launched members should go to www.vancouveraa.org/meetings and verify the accuracy of their meeting. Corrections/edits should be emailed to vancaa@vanintgrp.com

Old Business/Activities: Ronnie spoke with Darcy who chaired the Gratitude Dinner who will document information to make the transition to this position seamless.

New Business/Area Quarterly: Ronnie represented Intergroup at the area quarterly. He advised that the meeting was mostly sharing of reports.

The meeting was closed at 6:18 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in Service,

Phil B.

Easy Does It

Intergroup Rep Meeting Minutes

VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES MEETING FOR APRIL 15, 2019

Attendance:

Kasmir Z, East Side Brown Baggers
Julie E, Sunday Solutions
David R, Welcome Home
Laurie H, Sober Uppers
Robin M, Fireside
David C, 1st Shot

Dusty G, Cornerstone
Darcy S, Friday Night HH
Richard R, Lighthouse
Ronnie C*, SC Chair
Warren R*, New Morning

Phil B, Central Group
Rita C*, Camas
Jordan S, Rock Bottom Recovery
Richard H, Doing Right
Kevin S*, Cornerstone

*Non-voting

Opening: The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm with reading of the purpose of the Intergroup followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rita did a presentation of the 4th Tradition. Sign-in was completed with 12 voting reps in attendance. The Chair's statement discussed the importance of activities. The Chair also informed the reps that his term expires in July and that he is looking to relocate and those interested in being the next Chair should make them self-known. Responsibilities and qualifications are found in the guidelines. Minutes from the 4/8/19 Steering Committee were reviewed. Minutes from the 3/18/19 Intergroup Representatives meeting were accepted.

Hotline: Wendy submitted a written report. All positions are filled however substitutes are needed. Those interested in being on the 12-Step list can sign-up on the website. The 12-Step list is a little light.

Treasury: Laurie reported that the finances are ahead of forecast. Please see attached financial report. At the first quarter finance committee meeting no groups/meetings were in attendance. The quarterly meetings will be moved to just prior to the IG meeting. Next meeting 7/15/19, 5:30pm at the IG office.

Office: Remodeling has begun. The website is now secure. Cassia has entered meeting information into the website plug-in. Before information is launched members should go to www.vancouveraa.org/meetings to verify accuracy of their meetings. Corrections should be emailed to vancaa@vanintgrp.com

Old Business/Activities: Ronnie reiterated the importance of activities.

New Business/Storage: The remodel provides for two closets for Districts 7 and 37 for their materials. A motion was made and approved that the Districts will need to provide their own storage cabinets, style, size and placement subject to office approval.

Group News: Rock Bottom Recovery has relocated to the chapel at Living Hope Church. Hope Dealers is located at Discovery Point Church in Duluth (Ridgefield). On 5/2/19 Fireside is returning to their previous location at 1st Congregational Church. Doing It Right which meets at Good Shepherd Church and was at 8:00 pm meeting now starts at 7:30 pm. All are updated on the meeting schedule.

The meeting was closed at 7:25 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in Service,

Phil B.

To Serve Is to Live

OUR first General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous gathered at New York City in April, 1951. It was composed of thirty-seven U.S. and Canadian delegates plus AA's General Service Headquarters staff and Trustees. The single purpose of our Conference was: to serve AA throughout the world.

This unexciting statement now carries a deep meaning for all who were there. We came to believe that AA's future had been made secure. We became certain that AA could live for so long as God might need us.

Why did each witness of the Conference feel so deeply about it? I think for two reasons: the Group Conscience of all Alcoholics Anonymous was heard to speak for the first time. And we realized, as never before, how perilous "faith without works" might really become. So it was, that AA's Group Conscience heard its first high call to service.

Making this plainer, let's look for a moment at a single AA member. Faith alone does not save him. He has to act, do something. He must *carry* his message to others, *practice* AA principles in all his affairs. Else he slips, he withers and he dies. Look now at an AA Group. Can pure faith, mere belief in right principle and sound tradition, make the Group a going concern? Not in the least. Each AA Group, as such, must also function, do something. It must serve its appointed purposes or it, too, withers and falls apart.

Now our Conference delegates were able to apply this principle to AA *as a whole*. The delegates could see far beyond the single AA and his particular Group. In a flash, they took in the stark fact that AA *as a whole* must continue to function or else it might well suffer that common penalty of faith without works. Which is: disintegration. Gone was the comfortable illusion that should each AA Group tend strictly its own affairs God would then reward our shortsightedness by guarding AA as a whole entirely by himself--including our Headquarters, AA's public relations and the welfare of the "Million who still don't know." The delegates saw that this would spell faith without work and without responsibility. That could never be. Of course much work would always have to be done, much responsibility would have to be taken by many. To AA as a whole, every member would need to give a little.

Of age now, our fellowship would have to begin looking after its own vital Services; these couldn't be thoughtlessly left in the sole custody of our isolated, unknown and unsupported Board of Trustees. The work of our Foundation and AA's "GHQ" would have to become widely understood and directly backed up by AA itself. Nothing was plainer, thought the delegates. When therefore, you next see your local Conference member, you may find him talking something like this:

"Thanks for sending me to New York. I've just spent three days at AA's World Headquarters. Our Trustees, General Office and *Grapevine* people turned the place

AA GRAPEVINE CONTINUED...

From the December 1951 Magazine

inside out so we delegates might vision its past, present and future. What we saw and felt was startling.

Very suddenly we got the feeling of AA as a whole. We looked out upon a fellowship of surpassing unity, one on which the sun never sets, a world communion four thousand times larger than a single AA Group.

We then realized that this wonder had been made possible by the devoted service of a few; those Headquarters workers whose decade and more of labor had enabled us in distant fields to garner that great harvest of 120,000 fellow sufferers into the safety of our fold, and into the affectionate respect of the whole world. Our unseen servants at the Foundation had done all this because Dr. Bob and Bill had asked them to.

But now they were saying to us delegates, "Soon you must lend a hand. These are AA's Arms of Service, these are our Traditions. Come and help us administer them; times have changed, we oldsters are perishable. This is your Legacy of Service. Please accept it now and guard it well."

On its next pages, *Grapevine* will report our Conference in some detail. So I paragraph here only a little of what I know the delegates carried home in their hearts.

The Conference scene that Sunday afternoon we last met will always be a precious memory in the annals of AA. For in that historic assemblage we could all hear the Voice of Alcoholics Anonymous. These were the words: "To serve AA is to live. We gladly accept our Third Legacy and may we guard it well and use it wisely. God grant that the Legacy of Service remain ever safe in our keeping.

In that fine hour the torch of Service did pass from the hands of us who are older to yours, which are younger; it passed to every oncoming generation of those Children of the Night whose darkness, God willing, shall be banished within the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous all through the bright years which Destiny surely holds in store for us.

-- BILL W.

Upcoming Events

June 2019

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

For a full description of each of these upcoming events including locations, visit the events page on our website at:

www.vancouveraa.org

Congratulations!

***On your continuous length of sobriety...
You did it one day at a time!***

BETH C. — 35 YRS.

GREG E.— 1 YR.

KYM C. — 30 YRS.

We are now accepting personal A.A. stories for our “Experience, Strength, and Hope” section in future Newsletter Editions...if you have a story about how A.A. changed your life, please submit via email to:

vancaa@vanintgrp.com

***Never let what you have
been given become more
important than what
gave it you.***



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.



*This comic was taken from <https://annkroger.com/drawings-and-cartoons/>

The Vancouver Area Intergroup

2203 Fairmount Ave,
Ste. A
Vancouver, WA
98661

Phone: 360-694-3870
Fax: 360-694-1032
E-mail:
vancaa@vanintgrp.com