# DISTRICT24 NEWSLETTER



# March 2017

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# **DECLARATION of UNITY**

This we owe to A. A.'s future;

to place our common welfare first;

to keep our Fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come.

# **RESPONSIBILTY PLEDGE**

I Am Responsible. When Anyone,
Anywhere Reaches Out for Help,
I Want The Hand Of A. A.
Always To be There.
And For That
I am Responsible.

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# District 24 Business Meeting Agenda March 01, 2017 at 7:00 PM Mountlake Terrace Senior Center 23000 Lakeview Drive, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043 Next Meeting: April 5, 2017 Same Location

- 1. Open with the Serenity Prayer:
- 2. Responsibility Declaration:

# I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

- 3. Reading of short form of Concept 3:
- 4. Introduction of position, name of group & announcements; group changes or any problems or solutions with your group that you'd like to share.
- 5. Birthdays:
- 6. Reports: (Each District officer, please bring 40 paper copies of your report and any fliers, etc., to each district meeting- or submit to newsletter)
  - Secretary Chrissy. \*motion to approve meeting minutes Secretary
  - Listing Chair Peg –
  - *Treasurer* Virgil O. \*motion to approve Treasurer's report.
  - Public Information John –
  - CPC Open -
  - Newsletter Robert -
  - Archives Annie-
  - Alt. Archives Rita-
  - *Grapevine/Literature* Joyce-
  - Schedules Mike B –
  - Sno-King Intergroup Doug –
  - Greater Seattle Zone Rep Kelly -
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy chair- Carol.
  - *Alternate DCM* Jerry -
  - DCM Tari –
- 7. Old Business: (1) Picnic Chair (2) Web Committee
- 8. New Business: CPC chair open? Quarterly?

New Business...Contact <u>dist.24.secretary@gmail.com</u> if you want to add new agenda items to this list

# **Unity Declaration:**

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To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come."

# **District 24 Business Meeting Minutes**

# 2/1/2017

Meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by DCM, Teri B., with the Serenity Prayer and the Responsibility Declaration.

In Attendance: Tari, DCM; Jerry ALT DCM; John, Dist PI Chair, we are not saints; Carol 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy and sisters in recovery; Ed, GSR Saint Jude, Bridging the Gap; Ron, Tug and Edmonds group, Web chair; Terry, GSR we are not saints; Mark, GSR Wednesday at Mountlake Terrace; Steve, GSR Lynnwood open; Dan, pyramid group and Lynnwood open; Carol, alt GSR Unity group; Fin, gsr on awakening; Pam, gsr celebrate life:; Robert, GSR Graceland group and Newsletter Chair; Jacob, we are not saints, Accessibility Chair; Mark, GSR patience group; John, visiting; Pete, GSR On Awakening; Rachel, in training; Woo, GSR happy hour; Marcy, visiting; Kevin, only requirement; Debbie, alt GSR Alderwood group; John, Lynnwood study; Doug, TUG and SKIG rep; Lachlan, GSR Gunny Sack Hill, Corrections Chair; James, visiting; Jayne, visiting; Darrah, GSR Edmonds group; Rita, Coffee cup, Alt Archives; Kelly, GSR coffee cup and GSIG Rep, Rob, GSR Ed-lynn fellowship, Treatment and Bridging the Gap Chair; Annie, Archives Chair steering committee, patience group; Jamie new GSR terrace spiritual study; Barbara GSR LAC TLC; Peg, Dist 24 Registrar, tug; Mike, our primary purpose and literature; Kristy, alt GRS for WOTS; Claire, WOTS and Alt Treasurer; Tammy, coffee cup; Wesley, visitor.

Concept 2: read by Laurie

Birthdays: Rob 3 year, Mark 12 years, Tammy 18 months, Wesley 5 years, Teri 11 years.

# **District Reports:**

Secretary: Chrissy - nothing to report - motion to approve the minutes from last month was approved.

Registrar: Peg - asked if there were any new GSRs that did not get their packets.

Treasurer: Vergil - not present.

Alt Treasurer: Claire made copies of the report. Asked the group for receipts and she can write a check for them. Last month we spoke about the expense report being revised and submitted tonight, but we will have to table the report until March.

PI: John - Not a lot of activity. They had 8 returned letters. One person requested an order form but there were too many pages so he went through SKIG. Probation office asked for some schedules. Had some interaction with probation sending people to meetings for their first time. He also attended the Web Quarterly. There is a full report in the newsletter. Suggested the website work as a hub for information for the different positions to communicate with each other and also when the positions rotate the new chair will know where the previous left off.

CPC - Andrew not present.

Treatment and Bridging the Gap: Rob-11 people showed up to the event. There is a form to take back to the home group for people interested in being a point of contact for Bridging the Gap.

Newsletter: Robert --newsletter was \$44 because there were so many pages. The newsletter was sent to the secretary but it was only forwarded tonight. The secretary will send out the email to the GSRs on the Monday before the meeting. Made a note that any report submitted for the newsletter within three days before the meeting will not make the newsletter. Please bring hard copies to the meeting if you have a late submission.

Web Chair: Ron -Attended the web quarterly at Dist 32. It was interesting and informative. He learned about <a href="www.linda.com">www.linda.com</a> as a resource for web information. Learned about updating a schedules online. Jules, Terry, John and he are meeting on Friday for a web committee meeting.

Archives: Annie -There is a quarterly this weekend, Rita will attend. She is excited for the WW area 72 archives chair, as she is in charge of the north area memory book. If anyone has a obituary picture or article of someone in the program that has passed away she is interested in putting it in the book.

Alt archives: Rita - looking forward to learning more from the website

Grapevine - Joyce not present

Schedules: Mike - schedules are in the back. Going through about 500 per month. He is passing around a list of meetings. If you know the meeting is there, please circle it and if you know it is not there, cross it off. Ed asked if the library meeting in Mountlake Terrace meeting and whether it is still there. Mike said he will be investigated. Once every 6 months the schedule is updated, however, the dark (unknown if still active) meetings are rarely deleted.

SKIG: Doug -- SKIG is open for business. He has a schedule for the volunteer slots and over 75% of the positions are filled. He asked for suggestions in raising money for literature. He is encouraged by the energy there. He was asked if the phones are ringing more. Doug said he is there on Fridays and he gets a call occasionally. The phone will ring more if there are more people there to answer it. Peg suggested using the SKIG as a meeting place for meeting with your sponsor or sponsee. Robert asked for some information on what the SKIG was. The secretary will bring information pamphlets to the group and pass out next month.

GSIG: Kelly -has flyer to pass out. Sunday 5/7/17 will be a old timers lunches at the Museum of Flight. Their web and tech chairs are looking for writers and bloggers.

Corrections: Lachlan- Has a report in the newsletter. He has a submission to the Monroe State Prison and plans on attending meetings at the prison. He is also starting a pen-pal program for inmates that cannot attend the meetings.

Accessibility: Jacob - He attended the quarterly. Discussed was the language barrier in the Spanish speaking meetings. He will be stopping by and making connections. He does know some members. He suggested throwing a picnic to build community.

3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy chair: Carol -Today was her first 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy meeting before the Business Meeting at 7 PM. She is thinking a potluck is a good idea to do every month. This meeting was about being a GSR and they read through the service manual. Hopefully more people will attend the meeting next month.

Alt DCM: Jerry - went to the quarterly with Tari. He learned that they are looking to change the format to a more discussion based agenda. There is a pamphlet coming about this change. The reason items get pushed to the quarterlies is because the members want to have time to discuss. He is going to forward to the secretary to send the pamphlet out to the group.

The next Area 72 assembly is in October, 2017. Please get a room in advance. There is also a Pre conference 3/18/17 at the PUD building in Mount Vernon.

DCM: Tari - Has a report in the newsletter. DCMs usually set the agenda for the meetings, we had been doing it differently. The newsletter should be read and sent to the home groups. The agenda will be adjusted so that the chairs that had quarterlies will give verbal reports and all others can submit reports in the newsletter to save time.

There will be more to discuss as we get closer to the assembly. The goal is the have the newsletter ready by the Monday before the business meeting. GRS School Handbook and checklist has been forwarded to the group.

**Old Business:** - Kelly - for the Gratitude Banquet, March??? volunteers please show up at 3pm to help with setup. Homegroups, please bring cooked ham or turkey and something to raffle off. Homegroup members, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The Summer Picnic will be the last weekend in July. Steve is going to hold the space. Is there anyone interested in being the picnic chair?

**New Business:** - Andrew has not responded to anyone, so we are opening up the CPC position. Please take back to your home groups. Robert read from the handbook on the description of the position.

Mark volunteered to work with Rob and Lachlan. James has agreed to work with the committee also in the meantime. Doug would also like to attend the meeting with Bridging the Gap.

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 8:20pm Minutes respectfully submitted by Chrissy A.

# **DMC REPORT:**

Hello District 24,

Well these first couple of months have flown by! Since we last met I attended our first web committee meeting of this rotation, and boy did I learn a lot. I also realized how little I know about this stuff, but all in all it was a great meeting. John and Ron have been very busy updating and redesigning a new website and it looks fabulous! We are all working on the past newsletters to make sure that no ones anonymity is broken. I haven't actually started on my group of newsletters, but it is on my list! And I am looking forward to our next meeting.

I attended the GSR school that district 24 co hosted and it was very well attended, we had 70+GSRs! There was a lot of information shared and I am glad we were able to participate.

The Greater Seattle Intergroup hosted an open house for Dcm's and I was able to attend. I met a lot of great people and was quite inspired with how they operate there. It makes me wonder why we as a district don't support our own intergroup? But I think that's a question for a different time!

I am looking forward to attending PRAASA at the beginning of the month and I am sure I will have tons to share when I get back. And as always, I am looking forward to our annual Gratitude Banquet!!!

Yours in service, Teri B.

# **ALT. DCM REPORT:**

Hi,

I attended the February PI/CPC Quarterly. The Quarterly was put on by John K. PI chair for District 24. It was very well attended. Thank you John K. for a job well done.

I would like to thank all the groups that showed up to help with the set up, cooking and clean up. Mark from the Alderwood Group (Wednesday nights at 7:30 Mt. Zion Church in

Mountlake Terrace). Steve from the Lynnwood Open (Friday nights at 8:00 St. Hilda/ St. Patrick in Edmonds). Dean, James, Mick and Paul from The Unity Group (every day at 7:00 am Mt. Zion Church in Mountlake Terrace), and Angela and Jacob (We are Not Saints (Sunday nights at 7:00, Good Shepard Baptist Church in Lynnwood).

Events: Next big event for District 24 is the Gratitude Banquet. Great place to bring the family. See you there,

Jerry F.

# **GRAPVINE/LITRATURE RFEPORT:**

Hello.

I attended on January 28, 2017 a workshop on writing articles for The Grapevine; with the area 72 Grapevine rep Karla L., in Bellevue. There were maybe 15 people there from all over Washington. We all wrote a sample article and read it aloud to the group.

On 2/18/17 I attended the Grapevine/Literature Quarterly in Federal Way with Karla L. It was a great day of sharing with different people from all over Western Washington. There were a lot of us there who are new and trying to figure out what we're supposed to be doing and how to do that.

I came away with the dates for the Quarterlies and a clearer path to finding out what I'm supposed to be doing and how.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce B.

# 3rd LEGACY REPORT:

Hello all,

Please join us for the 3rd Legacy meeting and Potluck which meets at 6 PM. We are continuing to read through the Service manual. We read through 2 and 3 last month.

Lots of good information. Come and join the fun and learn more about service. Looking forward to seeing you there.

In love and service, Carol V.

Public Information Committee Report March 2017 District 24 | Western Washington Area 72

Hello District 24!

The Edmonds Municipal Court contact Sno-King Intergroup about meeting schedules. They didn't get a response and contacted Greater Seattle Intergroup. John DD from GSIG forwarded the request to me on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. On Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, I hand-delivered a couple dozen schedules to Omar Gamez with Edmonds Court probations. Another day sober! ©

The first Area 72 PI / CPC Quarterly was hosted by District 24 on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Hilda St. Patrick Episcopal Church which. Attendance was about 60 people from all over Western Washington. The event was 100% self-supporting; we spent \$417.73 and took in \$420.56 with a surplus of \$2.83. We also scored a 42-cup coffee maker out of the deal we can use at the gratitude dinner and other events. Special thanks to Angela K, Jerry F, Steve S, Sheila L, Jacob W, Dean F and Rob G for giving up their Saturday to help with the event. The Angela's spaghetti was amazing; I took home 2 gallons of unused spaghetti sauce after the event and have had spaghetti every night of the week...still amazing!

If was a pleasure to meet the new Panel 67 Area committee chairs Lupita M (Public Information) and Craig C (Cooperation with the Professional Community). Emphasis was placed on the PI and CPC workbooks which are included in the PI and CPC service kits from GSO, and also that this literature can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a> any time. During the PI breakout, we talked about using technology and the internet. Conversation about a shared contacts database we were experimenting with stirred some interest from Eastside Intergroup who I have been collaborating with since.

Lupita emailed a full contact list of the other PI chairs, the meeting minutes and some highlights from the "AA Guidelines for Public Information" (MG-07) pamphlet.

There has not been much activity otherwise except that I met with the Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace public libraries. I was verifying they not only had AA big books available, but also pamphlets and schedules. Mountlake Terrace Public Library had AA big books and pamphlets available, but Edmonds and Lynnwood had no pamphlets or schedules available. This could be because literature we provide needs to go through the managing librarian before going on display. I am following up with the Lynnwood Open and Late Night AA groups who normally stock the public libraries.

Big changes are coming on the District 24 web site this month! I met with Ron and the web committee, and we have a list of changes we are planning to make the site more public-friendly to the public.

I have had AA members approach me about speaking in panels at middle schools and high schools. I sent mailings to school counselors in late-Nov and am also trying to find a time to meet them in person. This week, I sent mailings to the student support advocates for both Edmonds-Woodway High School (Teresa Polendo) and Scriber Lake High School (Victoria Castaneda-Vargas) and also spoke with Teresa. Victoria is on maternity leave until April.

Yours in Service!
John K.
District 24 Public Information Chair

# District 24 Web Report for March 2017

Check out our new District 24 Web site at <a href="http://district24.org">http://district24.org</a>.

John K. cloned our current site and created a test "staging" site where we could apply new changes before changing our current Web site. After test and review the new theme was applied to our district24.org site that replaces the old Web page. Our District 24 Web Committee met on 2/3/2017 to discuss the current status of our Web site then shared ideas on how to update and improve the site. We agreed the old Web site theme (design and layout) needed to be updated and we identified areas and pages where information needed to be updated.

The DISTRICT24.ORG web site registration has been was renewed on GoDaddy for two more years and will be up for renewal in March of 2019. The cost for two year renewal was \$44.29.

Attached are the meeting minutes from our Web Committee meeting held on Friday 2/3/2017. We will continue to update the Web site and will add new events as they come up. Please send any comments or questions to our Web e-mail box at dist.24.webchair@gmail.com . Thx, Ron A.

# **District 24 Web Committee Meeting**

2/3/2017

Attendees: Teri, John, Jules, Ron

This was our kick off meeting with the new Web Committee for District 24.

The most critical item is to pay our District 24 Web registration renewal fee to GoDaddy as this expires in March 2017. Ron will plan to pay the renewal fee and will submit reimbursement from the District. We decided as a group to pay an additional \$6 for a Secure Certificate for one year. WWA72 (Western Washington Area 72) uses Security Certificates so we decided to install a Security Certificate to our site since the cost was so low at \$6 for a year. This will provide new security, data encryption, and Web traffic will be monitored. Customers accessing our District 24 Web site including the public will have more comfort knowing our Web site is using Security Certificates.

Currently Eric E. is hosting our District 24 Web site on a Web site provider called CyrusOne. The group discussed how we need to be self-supporting and

compensate Eric E. about this. We discussed and determined that \$100 annually was to current market rate so we need to talk to Eric about this. We need to also look at other alternatives to hosting our Web site for future security and control. Our District 24 budget needs to be reviewed and prepared to absorb the cost of supporting this now and in the future.

Backups of our Web site are running daily and are being stored on Google Drive. Backup Buddy files are generated and are stored by date. These Web backup files will need to be cleaned up periodically so we don't store too much on the site.

We discussed Claire's note about some of the areas on our site that need to be updated. Teri will get me updates on the handbook and flyers. We hope to get into a routine of regularly posting new documents and events as they come up. Typical housecleaning will be needed to remove old items and keep storage size efficient.

We need to review and update the newsletters and especially the Treasurer's report. We need to sanitize these newsletters by finding and removing any Last names so we preserve anonymity. We all agreed to review and update these together so we broke them up into even portions.

Teri reported that the old District 24 Website is still coming up when doing a Google search on District 24 newsletters. John agreed to look into this.

The group reviewed the existing District24 Web site at <a href="http://district24.org/">http://district24.org/</a> and discussed possible upgrades and improvements to the site. The group decided the current INFO link on our Web page it too vague and users may be confused as to what type if information it contains. We decided to make new specific items with links to common use functions like Meetings and District 24 Business Items.

John has developed an amazing new test District 24 Web site that we were all excited to see and share! This new site is more user friendly and better organized that our existing one. Once John has migrated all the information and links to the new test site we will launch it for general use in the near future! Go check it out at <a href="http://staging.district24.org/">http://staging.district24.org/</a> and remember this is only in test and not intended for public use.

We discussed the need to add Terms of Service and/or a Privacy Statement on our Website. Instead of Cooperation Not Affiliation we discussed adding a

statement like the 6<sup>th</sup> Tradition, "AA does not endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any outside Enterprise." We will investigate how other Districts and WWA72 handles this.

We had a good discussion about passing on our information, knowledge, procedures, and experience to our future trusted servants.

The committee decided to meet monthly and Ron will keep in touch with Teri, John, and Jules about our next meeting date in March. Our first meeting was a huge success and we are all looking forward to working together and making our District 24 Web site a good and useful tool we can all use and depend on in the future! Thx all for attending and participating.

Thx for allowing me to serve District 24!

Ron A.

# **ALT ARCHIVES REPORT:**

The archives quarterly was attended by Rita N., alternate archive chair for district 24 on February 4<sup>th</sup> in Everett.

It was a well-attended meeting with introductions, an orientation for new members and host committee announcements.

# Highlights:

- ·Handout on A.A. Guidelines for Archives
- •Handout Introduction to Archives for New Archivists area 72
- •A Welcome to Archives Orientation by Chris from district 19.
- •Introduction of new area 72 Archive Chair, Courtney
- •Handout of Condensed District Location Guide for Area 72

# Discussion Items:

- Budgets per district
- •Brainstorming What do you want to learn?
- •Hosts for future quarterlies- Chehalis (May 6<sup>th</sup>), Snohomish (August), Vancouver (Nov.)

# PRE-CONFERENCE 2017

Districts 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 24, 46

Saturday, March 18, 2017 9:00 - 2:30 PM

Skagit PUD Building 1441 Freeway Drive Mt. Vernon, WA

# Why GSRs should attend:

This is to get information about the upcoming General Service Conference. You will take this information to your group and get their ideas and opinions about the Conference items, and give that information to the Area Delegate.

Coffee will be provided. Please bring snacks to share.

# II. COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

E. Discuss ways of improving communication about AA with professionals who come in contact with Armed Services veterans and men and women in the Armed Services.

# **BACKGROUND**

- Military personnel suffering from alcoholism are limited in their ability to access help from AA while overseas, while on military bases in the United State and abroad, as well as within the military "subculture" even after discharge.
- Some of our committee had the opportunity to listen to the talks given at the last International AA Convention on "AA in the Armed Forces" and were moved. Listening to those talks showed the great lengths our service men and women go through Just to FIND AA.
- Over the past few months (Since the International Convention in Atlanta) members of our Ad Hoc Committee, which included military service veterans have attempted to investigate, by networking within the fellowship in Area 57, how veterans with alcohol problems are being served by AA. We used our pamphlet "AA and the Armed Forces" as an information and bonding item as we approached veterans and VA personnel in order to determine some of the needs, the shortcomings and the questions veterans have. We found:
  - That many local AA groups are taking meetings into VA Hospitals;
  - That many of those meetings are not included in meeting directories;
  - That if there are any ·specialty" meetings for AA members with posttraumatic stress, they are very difficult to find;
  - That some veterans do not want to be seen as different or special, but some would very much like to see more groups focused on their needs;
  - That many veterans are VERY open to AA. and appreciative of any help provided by AA brothers and sisters connected to them by our Armed Forces.

- 1. Is there a way to better share our experience, strength and hope with each other so we are more aware of what other Areas, Districts and Groups are doing?
  - a. If so what can be done?
  - b. If not, why not?

# III. CORRECTIONS

# B. Discuss carrying the AA message to incarcerated Native American/First Nations/Inuit People.

# **BACKGROUND**

# **NOTES**

This topic began as a discussion about the challenges of carrying the message to correctional facilities within what the U.S. government terms "Indian country." This includes all lands within an Indian reservation, dependent Indian communities, and Indian trust allotments. U.S. Tribal law enforcement agencies act as first responders to both felony and misdemeanor crimes. Tribal authority to imprison American Indian offenders was expanded in 2010 to up to 3 years in Indian country correctional facilities.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics 2014 Survey of Jails in Indian Country, at midyear 2014, a total of 2,380 inmates were confined in Indian country jails. For the 79 facilities, the average length of stay was about 6 days. While males made up 75% of Indian country jail inmates, the percentage of female inmates increased from 20% to 25% between 2000 and 2014. During that same period, the juvenile population declined – down from 16% to 8%. About 20% of inmates were held for public intoxication and 9% were held for driving while intoxicated (DWI).

States with the largest number of these facilities are: Arizona (19), New Mexico (10), South Dakota (10), Montana (10), **Washington (7)**, North Dakota (5), and Colorado (3). States with 1-2 facilities are: Alaska, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

At the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in July 2016 there was also a discussion about the disproportionately large number of First Nations People in Federal and Provincial Facilities in Canada and the need to establish more trust between the AA community and incarcerated First Nations People.

# JANUARY 2017 MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES' COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

The committee discussed improving access to meetings in facilities run by Tribal Authorities as well as the more general question of how to more effectively carry the AA message of recovery to incarcerated Native Americans/First Nations/Inuit People. The committee agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference Committee on Corrections the discussion topic listed above.

- 1. Are we willing and able to carry the message to incarcerated Native American/First Nations/Inuit People at correctional facilities in Western Washington?
- 2. If not, why not?

# VI. LITERATURE

# B. Consider request to retire the pamphlet "Too Young."

# **BACKGROUND**

Reasons given to support retiring the pamphlet:

- 1. It no longer speaks to the intended demographic.
- 2. Young people want to be treated like adults.
- 3. It is pushing young alcoholics away from AA.
- 4. 2014 production (45,000 pamphlets) expends valuable resources.
- 5. It delivers little to no returns.

Reasons given to produce for "cartoon/illustrated" pamphlets:

- 1. "... the comic-book pamphlet is a first step in trying to reach those
- 2. who for some reason read little or not at all that this might be
- 3. a way of reaching those who with few of the advantages of life
- 4. have been relatively unsuccessful in AA." (17<sup>th</sup> FCR 1967, page 8)
- 5. Distribution over the years has fallen between 40 and 90 thousand copies per year.
- 6. The Literature Committee recommended preparation of an illustrated pamphlet (such as "It Happened to Alice" and "What Happened to Joe") to reach teen-age and pre-teenage alcoholics. (25<sup>th</sup> FCR 1975)
- 7. The Literature Committee recommended that the Publications Dept. rewrite the pamphlet "Too Young?" targeting ages 11-17. (54<sup>th</sup> FCR 2004)

- 1. Should we retire the "Pamphlet Too Young?"
  - a. Why?
  - b. Why not?

# VI. LITERATURE

# J. Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety.

# **BACKGROUND**

<u>Highlights of a Cover Memo from the trustees Literature</u>
Committee

At its October 2016 meeting, the trustees' Committee on Literature appointed a subcommittee to develop the framework for forwarding an agenda item regarding safety to the Conference Literature Committee.

The subcommittee reviewed all information that had been received from 2014 to date.

As part of the review, they noticed potential agenda items can be looked at either as 1) requests for new literature regarding safety or 2) suggestions for revisions of existing literature to include information about safety. Therefore, we have organized the background material into these two categories for your review.

Trustees reviewed with appreciation the service material1 created by AA World Services. and our General Service Office.

Service material consists of our experience, strength and hope gathered from A.A. groups—over a period of years, in many cases.

it truly represents the voice of all of us.

The trustees feel that this may be the strongest approach to answering the need that has been identified by so many areas and groups.

Meanwhile, the idea of revising existing literature to better communicate these concepts could be very effective.

The trustees' that we consider these reflections in your discussion and decisions.

- Does the service piece "Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare" satisfy the need for suggestions which ensure a safe meeting place?
- 2. If not, what else needs to be done?

# VII. POLICY/ADMISSIONS

J. Consider a request to add a "YPAA Subcommittee" to the service structure.

# **BACKGROUND**

YPAA service assembly would help us begin an experiment to determine how can AA's general service structure (designed by our founders to preserve AA's future, as it has into the 21st century) integrate with 21st century YPAA conference structure, (which is AA of the future). With the objective of better informing the General Service Conference with solutions from the YPAA perspective, while activating more YPAA GSRs at the group level.

Consider adding a Young People in AA (YPAA) subcommittee to one of the General Service Conference committees to:

- 1. Create mutual understanding and cooperation between the Fellowship and AAs future.
- 2. Coordinate with YPAA conference structure and activate YPAA General Service Representatives to gather actions and/or feedback for the General Service Conference to consider.

- 1. Should we create a YPAA subcommittee for one of the Conference Committees?
  - a. Why?
  - b. Why not?
- 2. As an alternative, should we create a service desk at GSO to handle matters of importance to YPAA members?
  - a. Why?
  - **b.** Why not?

# VIII. PUBLIC INFORMATION

# B.3 Discuss suggestion to update the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."

# **BACKGROUND**

At the January 28, 2017 meeting of the trustees' Committee on Public Information the committee agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference Committee on Public Information a suggestion to update the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" to consolidate the items covering Tradition Eleven and to more thoroughly include the Tradition Twelve principles of humility as they relate to anonymity.

If the Conference Committee on Public Information agrees to update the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity," it would be forwarded to the Publishing Department, along with any suggestions from the Conference Committee, for updating.

After review by the trustees' Committee on Public Information, a progress report or draft pamphlet would be forwarded to the 2018 Conference Committee on Public Information for review.

- 1. Is there a need to revise the pamphlet by consolidating coverage of Tradition Eleven and more thoroughly including the Tradition Twelve principles of humility as they relate to anonymity?
  - a. Why?
  - b. Why not?

# XII. ARCHIVES

A. Consider proposal for a new publication, *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks*, 1951 – 1970 (working title).

# **BACKGROUND**

From A.A.W.S. Publishing Committee report, June 17, 2016:

# **SUMMARY**

"The never-before-collected General Service Conference talks of Bill W. provide a fresh perspective on the history of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement and allow interested readers to read and appreciate more of his writing. The talks include important details of A.A.'s early history and the development of the General Service structure. Most of his talks (those that can be recovered and that are not wholly repetitive), as well as some key talks by important Class A trustees for historical context and perspective, are to be included in this unique collection – the first time ever in printed form."

# NOTE

"Discussion at the General Service Board and G.S.O. levels have led the G.S.O. Archives and Publishing Department to explore ideas for new book publications based on making archival materials available to the Fellowship. A proposed agenda item sent in for the 2016 General Service Conference suggested the possibility of selecting some past Conference presentations for publication. The General Service Conference recording project (indexing tapes of past Conferences) uncovered the fact that Bill W. had given numerous presentations to Conferences from 1951-1970. The general manager requested that a book proposal be developed."

- 1. Is it likely that your group would buy one or more books, if reasonably priced?
  - a. If so, approximately how many?
  - b. If not, why not?
- 2. Is it likely that members of the group would buy such a book?
  - a. If so, approximately how many altogether?
  - b. If not, why not?

# 2017 WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA 72 ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 6~8TH

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR WWA 72
LITTLE CREEK HOTEL & RESORT

91 WASHINGTON HWY 108 SHELTON, WA 98584

area72aa.org

HOSTED BY DIST. 8





# **GENERAL AGENDA**

FRIDAY - PANELS, ICE CREAM SOCIAL, ASK-IT BASKET, AA MTG.

SATURDAY - BUSINESS MEETING, LUNCH, DINNER

SUNDAY - SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: HOST COMMITTEE CHAIR, THOMAS L.

assembly-chair@aadistrict8.org OR

HEATHER C. - altchair@area72aa.org

HOTEL INFORMATION AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

REGISTRATION	MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9/1/17
FULL NAME:	
NAME FOR BAD	GE:
HOME GROUP:	
DISTRICT #:	
EMAIL:	
PHONE: ( )	
(_) VOLUNTEER	(DOES NOT REQ. \$30 REGISTRATION)
(_) <b>GSR</b>	(_) AREA OFFICER
(_) ALT. GSR	(_) PAST AREA OFFICER
(_) <b>DCM</b>	(_) PAST TRUSTED SERVANT
(_) ALT. DCM	(_) OTHER
SPECIAL ACCES	S REQUIREMENTS:
	ERPRETER BY 8/15/17)

() REGISTRATION	\$30-
( ) FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	\$35-
"SOUTHWESTERN BUFFET"	Ψ33
GLUTEN-FREE VEGETARIAN	
( ) ICE CREAM SOCIAL (FRI.)	\$14-
( ) SATURDAY BOXED LUNCH	\$20-
(PICK ONE OPTION)	
_PASTRAMI AND SWISS ON RYE	
_TURKEY ON WHOLE WHEAT	
_SALAMI ON FRENCH ROLL	
_Tuna on croissant	
_GLUTEN-FREE	
_VEGETARIAN	
( ) SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET DINNER	\$49-
(PICK ONE OPTION)	
BEEF BROCHETTE	
CHICKEN FLORENTINE	
GLUTEN-FREE	
VEGETARIAN	
( ) SUNDAY HOT-BREAKFAST BUFFET	\$24-
*FRI. NIGHT, SAT. NIGHT & SUN.	
MORNING MEALS INCL. COFFE OR TEA	
TOTAL ENGLOSED. ¢	
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$	
(TOTAL FOR REGISTRATION AND ALL MEALS IS \$1"	72.00)
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WWAA 2017	7

MAIL TO: WWAA 2017

700 SLEATER-KENNEY RD. SE

SUITE B-309, LACEY, WA 98503

<sup>\*</sup>REGISTRATION PAYS FOR RENT AND EXPENSES PER MOTION 90.2
PAYMENT OF THE \$30.00 REGISTRATIONS FEE IS VOLUNTARY.

# 2017 WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA ASSEMBLY

# DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO 2017 WWA 72 ASSEMBLY

# **DIRECTIONS FROM INTERSTATE 5 (NORTH AND SOUTH)**

TAKE EXIT 104 TO MERGE ON TO US-101 N.

GO 6 MILES AND VEER RIGHT OFF STATE HIGHWAY 8 TO SHELTON ON HWY 101.

CONTINUE ON FOR 5 MILES AND EXIT TO STATE HWY 108

TURN LEFT ONTO ROUTE 108

# **DIRECTIONS FROM BREMERTON AREA**

TAKE WA ROUTE 3 SOUTH FROM BREMERTON FOR 40 MILES TO SHELTON

TURN LEFT ONTO N. FRONT ST/WA-3, TAKE THE 2ND RIGHT ONTO E. RAILROAD AVE/WA-3

TAKE THE 1ST LEFT ONTO S. 1ST ST/WA-3, MERGE WITH ROUTE 101 S, EXIT ROUTE 108

TURN RIGHT ONTO ROUTE 108

# HOST HOTEL: LITTLE CREEK RESORT HOTEL

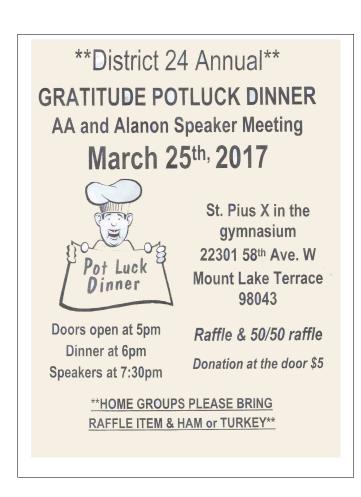
91 W. STATE ROUTE 108, SHELTON, WA 98584 800-667-7711 (RESERVATIONS), HTTP://WWW.LITTLE-CREEK.COM \$149 + TAX, FOR KING SINGLE, QUEEN SINGLE, AND DBL. QUEEN ROOMS

MENTION "WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA ASSEMBLY" VIA PHONE AND MAKE RESERVATIONS BY SEPT. 6TH TO GET GROUP RATES.

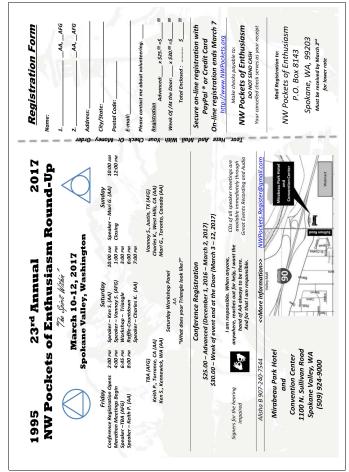
IF REGISTERING <u>Online</u>, Use Code 1710Wester\_001

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY BEFORE ROOMS SELL OUT.

\*RV HOOK-UPS ARE AVAILABLE







# **Area 72 Corrections Quarterly**

**Hosted By Greater Seattle Intergroup** 

Saturday, March,18th 2017 5507 6th Ave S

**Seattle, WA 98108** 

Fellowship 9:00 AM
Business 10:00 AM
Lunch 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM followed
by a speaker

# **Potluck Lunch**

Business will resume after the speaker if necessary.

7th Tradition Observed

Questions please contact:

corrections@area72aa.org

# Living in the Solution—with PANACHEI Sister B Retreat June 2-4, 2017

Non-Refundable, but Fully Transferable! REGISTRATION FORM

Please CIRCLE your choice: Due by May 5th, 2017

\$225 Lodge - \$235 Cabin - \$165 RV/C Checks Payable to & Mail to:

"Today let me turn away from complaining and believe in my life." ~Sally Coleman and Maria Porter

complaining. We will explore practical SOLUTIONS as outlined in the 12 steps. Furthermore, we will address ways of living life with ease, comfort ways. This retreat will examine some of the ways we get sidetracked in (and stay!) "stuck" when we encounter life's PROBLEMS in a variety of Keeping fit in recovery requires constant attention. It is easy to get our daily situations sometimes resorting to negativity, whining and

1122 Industry St. Bld A | Everett, WA 98203

Northwest Women's Spiritual Ret

c/o ATP Edie Smith

ase write with care in order to receive

tions and retreat information.

Rooms hold 3 or more, roo

equests MUST be marked on forn

"We are sure that God wants us to be happy, joyous and free!" (BB p.133) and PANACHEI

Keep This Pamphlet for Retreat Information

Detach and mail registration form and mail with payment, due May 5th, 2017

Checks Payable & mail to: Northwest Women's Spiritual Retreat | c/o ATP Edie Smith Your cancelled check is your confirmation. Non-Refundable, but Fully Transferable

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nie Reg ie Req Req Edie's Cell 425-239-5902 | edie@advancedtraffic.com

| 1122 Industry St. Bld A | Everett, WA 98203

# Warm Beach Christian Camps and Conference Center

# From the North

Northwest Women's

Big Book (optional) Self-sufficient toiletries (soap/

Alarm Clock

Rain Gear Flashlight Swimsuit

shampoo)

What You Will Need to Bring

Earplugs (if needed)

21st Annual

Spiritual Retreat

"Living in the

Solution ~

- Going South on I-5 take exit 212 (Stanwood/Camano Island).
- Turn right onto Hwy 532 and travel
- and go 1/4 mile to stop sign.
  Turn right onto Marine Drive and travel
- reeway and proceed approximately 2 1/4 niles to the story at --niles to the stop sign.

Presented by Sister B

edie@advancedtraffic.com

425-239-5902

June  $2 \sim 4,2017$ 

# 36 Spiritual Principles

2017 Men's Retreat

Seabeck Conference Center Seabeck, WA

# March 31st-April 2nd 2017

Members will share their experience and knowledge of The 12 Steps –The 12 Traditions—The 12 Concepts

Saturday Night AA Speaker Meeting

Cost \$150 per person (single occupancy \$200) Friday 5:00PM to Sunday 12:00PM

Includes 2 nights lodging, dinner on Friday night, 3 meals Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday

Questions contact:
Mark S. Registration Chair at 425-233-9137 markstraley@comcast.net Please make checks payable to 36 Spiritual Principles and mail to: 36 Spiritual Principles 14928 210th Ave NE Woodinville, WA 98077 We will send an email confirmation and list of things to bring

Mailing Address

Please submit one registration form per person

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
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# WARM BEACH MEN'S RETREAT

# Facilitated by: Steve L.- Brentwood, TN

Join us for a weekend retreat in a beautiful setting in the Pacific Northwest at Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center. <u>This is a retreat you must not miss.</u> It will be a great gathering of men who share a common vision in recovery as outlined in the Big Book. We'll have plenty of opportunity to relax and retreat, sharing our stories, having some good belly laughs, making new life-long friends, and especially having a new experience with the program of spiritual action... if you are willing. We'll be focused on the program of spiritual action as outlined in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, during the session times, with a great retreat leader!

When:	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup> - Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Cost:	\$125, includes all meals & lodging. Nonrefundable.
Where:	Warm Beach Camp 20800 Marine Dr. NW Stanwood, WA 98292	Lodging:	Mountain Cabins, 12 people/rm. See website for more info: http://sosmen.us
	Questions? Contact . Doug E	(206)607-9476	or sosretreat@gmail.com

# REGISTER ONLINE at http://sosmen.us OR

First Name:	Last Name:	Last Name:	
Mailing Address:	-		
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone:	Day Phone:		
Sobriety Date:	Name For Badge:		
Email Address:	Scholarship		
	Donations:		

20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292

approximately 5 1/4 miles west to Stanwood. Turn left at the 4rd light onto 88th Ave NW

Appropriate Foot Wear for Rain

Anything that provides comfort in the unpredictable Snacks & Beverages for your

NW weather

South for approximately 4 miles to Camp entrance on the right.

From the South:

With PANACHE!"

Turn left onto 172nd St NE, cross Going North on I-5 take exit 206

lodge hospitality table

Label Everything

Road) and travel approximately 6 miles to the stop sign at Marine Drive.

Turn right onto Marine Drive and go ap-Turn right onto Hwy 531 (Lakewood

Please bring a NEW item to donate to the raffle or auction.

Saturday Night Raffle and Auction

proximately 1 1/4 miles to Camp entrance on the left. PLEASE ...

NO EARLY ARRIVALS Friday check-in 4:30 pm



# 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Burien Little Assembly Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

"Supporting Our Future: Growth, Participation, Contributions"

### Location

Brooklake Church 629 S 356th Street Federal Way, WA 98003

From Seattle:
Take I-5 to WA-18 W (exit 1428)
Take Pacific Hwy S to S 356<sup>th</sup> Street
Church will be 1.1 miles away

## **Event Schedule**

Registration opens at 10am

A<mark>nnouncements</mark> and fellowship begin at 11am

Workshops and panels at 12:30pm, 2pm, and 3:30pm

AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen speakers starting at 6pm

### Food

Please bring your favorite potluck foods for both lunch and hospitality.

> Hosted dinner served 5pm to 5:45pm only

Vegetarian option available by reques (send request to email address below,

Coffee / tea / sodas available all day

### Other Activities and Assembly Sponsors

Area, District, and BLA archives available for viewing 10am to 3pm

Hospitality room and AA videos all day!

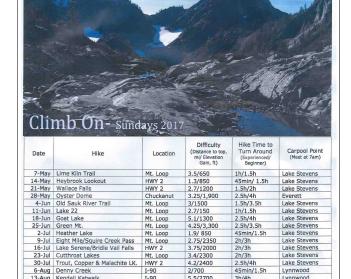
14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31, 32, 33, 54, Greater Seattle Intergroup, and the Just4Today Speakers Meeting

### In consideration of other participants: NO cameras and NO pets.

This event is fully self-supporting through contributions from our assembly sponsors listed above and through participant donations. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition will be observed.

You may also send donations to: Greater Seattle Intergroup (c/o BLA), 5507 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98108

Send questions to 2017blachair@gmail.com or visit www.burienlittleassembly.org.



 $\Delta$  This is an open meeting for anyone in recovery or supporting anyone in recovery: feel free to bring family and friends (2 or 4 legged). In case of poor weather, use the contact information below. A decision will be made regarding the meeting by 7pm the night before. For trailbead directions and more detailed like information: <a href="mailto:www.wdo.org/">www.wdo.org/</a>.

3h/4h 2.5/3.5h 3h/4h

Lynnwood Lake Stevens

△Newcomers Welcome!! 7am Carpool time!!

13-Aug Kendall Katwalk 20-Aug Lake Vahalla 27-Aug Mt. Dickerman

△ Carpool Points: Lynnwood: 164th Park and Ride • Everett: Holiday Inn, on Pacific • Lake Stevens: Starbucks Frontier Village

 $\Delta$  What to bring: suitable footwear, a personal supply of water sufficient for the trail difficulty and weather conditions, a personal snack.

△ Contacts: Camiya W. 425.314.2915, John H. 425.760.9696, Dan R. 425.239.4974

# **ROJI Call 2017**

For those of you who don't know – there is LIFE in Sobriety, there is FUN in Sobriety, and there is **SOFTBALL in sobriety!** Wanna Play???????

We are inviting you to check out Sober Softball. No experience necessary – any athletic ability is invited.

Dates of Roll Call: Sunday, March 12th, 2017

Time: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Place: Beaver Lake Park 2526 244th Ave SE Sammamish, WA 98075

Contact: Brent <u>bstach@gmail.com</u> 206-379-2078

Todd gutowt425@gmail.com 425-417-6767

Todd webgems@comcast.net 206-779-7428



\* The Clean and Sober Softball Association is a league dedicated to the support of any person in a recovery program, i.e. AA, Alanon, NA. You must qualify to play by either, being a person in recovery, or spouse/significant other of a person in recovery and program participant, a member of a 12 step program, and have 30 days of continuous sobriety.

www.leaguelineup.com/cleanandsobersoftball CSSA East Division \*Jazzology\*

February 25th, 2017
Saturday 7:00 to 10:00 PM



John Schwartz (Drums)

Walter Kerr (Keys

Lloyd Smith (Guitar)

Rill Butler (Sax)

# HOPE HALL

Clean + Sober... good times!



No Alcohol - No Drugs - Admission Free (Donations keep the doors open!)

# Everyone Welcome!

Near the River Bridge.... by the Harley Shop (Northwest Custom Cycles)
8305 Meadowbrook Way SE, Snoqualmie, WA 98065





# PNC ROCKS!

# Pacific Northwest Conference 2017 Friday, June 23rd through Sunday June 25th

Elks Lodge #2362 155 Ernst St Oak Harbor, Washington 98277

# SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE

detach here and send in PLEASE PRE-REGISTER - online registration available <<TBD>> : www.pnc1948.org Host Hotel: Coachman Inn and Suites Oak Harbor, WA (360) 675-0727 http://www.thecoachmaninn.com/ Promo Code: PNC2017 State: Zip Code: Name as you would like it to appear on the badge: Meal/Item\* QTY Price Total Area # \_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_ GSR/Alt \_\_\_ DCM/Alt \_\_\_\_ Area Chair\_\_\_ Registration x \$15.00 Past Trustee Area Delegate Past Delegate AA Member Friday Night Host Dini x \$20.00 Trustee Other

Sat. Lunch

Sat. Dinner

Sun. Breakfast

x \$15.00

x \$20.00

x \$12.50

\$82.50 Totals:

Please mail registration form and payment to:

If you have any accessibility needs, please indicate:

Wheelchair Access ASL Interpretation

Other (please describe):

Make checks payable to PNC1948 6824 19, St. W, PMB #304, University Place, WA 98466