

# DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

## August 2017



SERVING LYNNWOOD, EDMONDS and MOUNTLAKE TERRACE.

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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.

### RESPONSIBILITY 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.

Final day for submissions is August 31 for the printing of the September 6, 2017 Newsletter.

District 24 Business Meeting Agenda  
August 02, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Mountlake Terrace Senior Center  
23000 Lakeview Drive, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043  
*Next Meeting: September 06, 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 8:
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: August
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
  - *Registrar* – Peg
  - *Treasurer* – Virgil O. – \*motion to approve Treasurer's report.
  - *Alt Treasurer* - Claire
  - *Newsletter* – Robert
  - *Corrections* - Lachlan
  - *Accessibilities* - Jacob
  - *Treatment* – Rob
  - *Web* - Ron
  - *Schedules* – Mike B
  - *Sno-King Intergroup* – John H
  - *Greater Seattle Zone Rep* – Kelly
  - *3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy chair*- Carol
  - *Alternate DCM* – Jerry
  - *DCM* – Tari
7. Old Business: Meeting place
8. New Business: Kristi – Delegates report, Pre-Assembly meetings and Info, Volunteer to present? Roberts rules of order
9. Next Months reports: Archives, PI/CPC, Web Steering Committee

New Business...Contact [dcm24@area72aa.org](mailto:dcm24@area72aa.org) if you want to add new agenda items to this list

**Unity Declaration:**  
**“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.”**

## District 24 Business Meeting Minutes 7/5/17

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

**In Attendance:** **Claire**, Alt Treasurer, WOTS; **Chrissy**, Secretary for Dist 24; **Tari**, DCM and Sisters in Recovery; **Mike**, Schedules Chair, Our primary purpose; **Peg**, Registrar Chair, TUG, A New Experience; **Jerry**, Alt DCM, Tug; **Kelly**, GSIG Rep, GSR Coffee Cup; **John**, GSR Lynnwood Study; **Paula**, Alt GSR WOTS; **John**, GSR AMAA; **Kristy**, GSR WOTS; **Rita**, Alt Archives Chair, Coffee Cup; **Mark**, GSR Patience Group; **Todd**, Alt GSR Edmonds Group; **Dara**, GSR Edmonds Group; **Guy**, GSR Continental Breakfast Group; **Lachlan**, GSR Gunny Sack Hill Group at LAC; **Mick**, CPC Chair, TUG; **Fin**, GSR On Awakening, 4<sup>th</sup> Step Writers; **Pam**, GSR Celebrate Life; **Tracy**, GSR Sunday Morning Breakfast Group; **Ed**, Saint Judes, Bridging the Gap; **Ron**, Web. Chair, TUG and Edmonds Group; **John**, SKIG, web support; **Laurie**, Sisters in Recovery; **Robert**, Newsletter chair, GSR Graceland Group and the DAMM Group; **John**, PI Chair, We are Not Saints; **Carol**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Chair, Sisters in Recovery; **Mark**, GSR Wednesday at MtLk Terrace; **Wes**, Foro Loco; **Paco**, Foro Loco; **Rob**, Treatment Chair; **Adie**, Friday Night Big Book Study; **Jules**, GSR The Great Fact, Web Committee.

Concept 7 was read by: Tari

### **Birthdays for July: Guy 2 month on June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Guest: Foro Loco** Paco is looking for volunteers to help organize the event. They need help in setting up and other such activities. Spanish speaking is preferred but not required. Wes mentioned that people who are familiar with the facility will be appreciated.

### **District Reports:**

**Secretary:** Chrissy – Sign in sheet, please only add your email address if you are NOT currently receiving emails.

**Registrar:** Peg – Asked for new GSRs to get their packets, and she has the group numbers.

**Alt Treasurer:** Claire reporting for Vigil who is not feeling well tonight. Claire asked if we needed to wait to take a vote on the report because Virgil is not present to explain the report at length. Kelly mentioned there were two checks that had not been submitted and Tari gave permission to Claire to cut those checks tonight. \$200 to the PI booth for the Evergreen State Fair, \$600.00 to Saint Pius Church donation. There was a correct on the budget report that the “budget” for the district 24 picnic was raised from \$625 to \$1000. The report was approved in lieu of the corrections above. In the newsletter there is a list of entities where you can donate.

**PI:** not on agenda

**CPC** not on agenda

**Alt CPC:** not on agenda

**Treatment and Bridging the Gap:** not on agenda.

**Newsletter:** not on agenda.

**Web:** not on agenda

**Archives:** not on agenda

**Alt archives :** not on agenda

**Grapevine: Joyce** there is a report in the newsletter

**Schedules:** not on agenda

**SKIG:** Doug he will be taking over the literature chair position. Chirssy nominated John H to be the new SKIG rep. Approved. There was a mention from two different people tried to go to SKIG and buy literature and there wasn't any literature available. Peg suggested SKIG take orders for literature and bringing them to the meeting.

**GSIG:** Kelly S.– July 16<sup>th</sup> ASL game night fundraiser. Car Show on the 29<sup>th</sup>. August 27<sup>th</sup> is the Picnic. They always have lots of literature for sale at GSIG.

**Corrections:** Lachlan- Went to a quarterly. His report will be available at next month

**Accessibility:** not on agenda

**3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy chair:** not on agenda

**Alt DCM:** nothing to report.

**DCM:** Nothing to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

John K. – Picnic \$333.29 was what was taken in. It was a big success. Attendance was well over 100. The Hand Up Project came through with the cotton candy machine and the snow cone machine.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We may need to find a new place to meet monthly as the senior center won't be available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy meeting. Tari mentioned we should find a new location for the meeting as well. If anyone wants to ask the places their home group meets and see if a space is available to let her know.

Tari passed out the area quarterly agenda.

Motion 1 Multiple Assemblies: They put together an ad hoc committee on this motion. Whether or not to hold a second assembly to allow more time to get through all the motions. John A. mentioned that his group is not in favor of this motion. It is mostly about the expense of having to go to two assemblies. It was mentioned that the business should start on Friday night. Rita mentioned that years that are not election years move much faster. Robert asked if there is an outline and guideline. Tari provided the service manual. Paula asked if the GSRs are still timed. Answer is yes. Tari felt that our group conscious was NO we do not like the idea of two assemblies.

Motion 2 Amend Motion 6.3. We feel as a group that the area should not have to reimburse for poor advice. John K. mentioned whether it was advice or just a shared experience. Dara mentioned the IRS has very strong opinions on how AA conducts business. Mike mentioned the letter sounded like they are asking for help in paying the rent and phone bill. Dara mentioned that any group that has brought in more than \$5000 needs to claim it. Chrissy mentioned that the letter from the district seems like they are asking for help with \$1000. They were left in a "bind". The group conscious seems to be that they should have just asked for the money rather than placing blame and needing the money due to being misled by the area.

Meeting adjourned with the Unity Declaration at 8:26pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chrissy A.

Sorry for the type-o's I was typing as you spoke.

*John K. has made a correction in the minutes for July. Please note under the district 24 picnic notes: we spent \$1,117.79, we took in \$784.50 income from 50/50, bingo and raffle with our net expenses being \$333.29. These corrections will be noted in the minutes for August.*

*Thank you!  
Chrissy A.*

Hello District 24,

July has been a busy month! We kicked it off with the very successful District 24 picnic, thank you John K and committee for a fabulous time.

Next, Jerry and I attended the quarterly in Bellingham, we had a jam-packed agenda for the weekend, but thanks to the wonderful process of our AA business meetings all was handled in a timely fashion. So, the agenda is set and you will be getting tons of information at our district meeting. Be prepared to attend at least one pre-assembly, the schedule is in the newspaper, this is where you will get all your questions answered regarding the agenda for the October assembly at the Little Creek Casino and Resort in Shelton, WA. Remember to register early (now).

Several of us from the district attended the Delegates report in La Connor and I have asked Kristi R to give a report at the district meeting. Thank you, Kristi!

The Foro Local was amazing, it was the first local forum to be held in Western Washington. I have a new appreciation for accessibilities, translating from one language to another has so many challenges. I was happy to see a few familiar faces from our district. It was a very enlightening and filling weekend.

Yours in love and service,

Tari B

District 24 Web Report  
August, 2017

I attended the WWA72 Web Quarterly on Saturday July 22nd at the Broadview Public Library located in Greenwood. WWA72 Web Steering committee is investigating broadcasting our Area Quarterlies and Assemblies on the Web. The various District who attended reported on the status of their Web sites. Our WWA72 Web Chair, Eddie, recommended using the Area's Website as a template. The group reviewed "Best Practices" from a PDF document from Eddie. We also shared the Anonymity Pamphlet, MG-18, from GSO. Eddie reminded and recommended the districts to use the "12 Step Meeting List" to help manage our scheduled meetings on our Web sites. This is a free plugin available for WordPress which many of our Districts and Area Web sites utilize. Our District 24 already uses this plugin.

We reviewed several Web sites describing useful tools and aids available to help assist those with vision and hearing challenges. We found many helpful resources like alternative keyboards and switches, braille, scanning software, screen magnifiers, screen readers and videos, speech recognition, automatic tabbing, Web Accessibility Tutorials, and Presentations available for use. We also discussed Web design tips like fonts, images and animations, backgrounds, color, Web page organization, using hypertext links, and using graphs and charts. There was also a nice tool called Accessibility Checker that will scan your web site and recommend improvements for improving accessibility on your site.

Web Site References;

W3C Web site: [www.w3.org](http://www.w3.org)

Web Accessibility Initiative Web sites: [www.WebAIM.org](http://www.WebAIM.org) and [www.cew.wisc.edu](http://www.cew.wisc.edu)

Our District 24 Web Committee did not meet in July and will plan to meet in August. We are working on updating the meeting schedules and considering other upgrades and enhancements to our site.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service! Ron A.

Alt. DCM Report (Jerry F.): July 27, 2017

Hi All,

I attended the July Quarterly in Bellingham and the July delegates report in LaConner. I learned lots of things but the two best things were:

- (1) Yellow Cards are available. AA has produced a "Safety in AA" card to be read, discussed and handed out at our regular meetings. This card helps answer requests from groups throughout the 93 areas for information about Safety and AA. The card is currently being ordered by Intergroups and Central Offices in our area. You should be able to get these cards from either GSIG or Sno-King Intergroup.
- (2) Meeting Guide. Get out your smart phone. Go to the "Play Store". Type in "Meeting Guide". Choose the one that was created by "Josh Reisner". Open the app and it will tell you when and where the closest meetings are starting.

I am also attaching three exhibits:

- (a) The Western Washington Newsletter is not just for business reports from the DCMs. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles.
- (b) Pre-Assembly Dates and Locations
- (c) Quick Reference Guide for the Motions to be on the Assembly.

Events:

August 20, 2017 Pre-Assembly, Districts 1,15,16,17,24,33,40,41,42 and 57, Central Seattle, WA

October 6-8, 2017 Area Assembly--Shelton



# Pre-Assembly

**Sunday August 20, 2017, 11:00am to 2:00pm**

At the **Loyal Heights** community center  
2101 NW 77th st, Seattle Wa.98177

## Potluck Lunch

Bring a dish to share

Get your questions asked and answered. Listen, learn, laugh.

**Co-hosted by the north central districts**

1,14,15, 16, 17, 24,31,33, 40,41, 42,57

### Pre-Assembly Dates and Locations

Districts	Location	Date	Time
Districts 18,32,33,34,35,36, 38 and 39	East Side Bellevue Location: Kirkland Congregational Church - Fellowship Hall Basement 106 - Fifth Avenue Kirkland, WA 98033	July 29, 2017	10-2 Snacks and coffee provided. Please bring something to share
Districts 8,9,21,29,44,45 and 54	Olympia 1st Christian Church	August 5, 2017	9-2pm  Breakfast potluck and lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> tradition observed
Districts 10,22,43,55 and 56	Pt. Orchard From 9am to 3pm Givens Activity Building 1025 Tacoma Street Port Orchard, WA 98366 Fellowship from	August 19, 2017	9am to 10am Meeting from 10am to 3pm Lunch will be provided with a snack assortment 7 <sup>th</sup> tradition observed
Districts 1,14,15,16,17,24,31,40,41,42 and 57	Central Seattle	August 20, 2017	11 AM
Districts 7,27,28 and 37	Longview	August 26, 2017	2-6pm
District 2,3,4,11,12,19 and 46	Mt. Vernon PUD	August 27, 2017	Doors open 10AM

			meeting starts at 11  Bring finger food to share.
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## **Why GSRS Should Attend?**

**This is where the motions and discussion topics are discussed in preparation for the Assembly in October. Motions will be discussed in “pros” and “cons” format.**

**The information obtained will give you plenty of information to share with your groups in order to get their thoughts and input.**

**We will also spend some time talking about what to expect at the assembly.**

**Also – feel free to attend more than one. You are NOT required to attend the one that your District has been assigned to go to. Feel free to branch out and explore.**

## Quick Reference

### Motion #1

“Move that Western Washington Area 72 of Alcoholics Anonymous replace the April Business Quarterly with an Area Assembly.”

### Motion #2:

“Move to amend motion 06.3 to read: Area elected and appointed trusted servants, steering committee members, and the Corrections Bridge and Literature coordinators will be reimbursed for travel costs required in the performance of the responsibility of their position. Said reimbursements to cover costs (mileage, travel fees, lodging, and meals).”

### Motion #3:

“Move that the web steering committee consist of Appointed Area Webmaster, Appointed Area Public Information Chair, Appointed Area Web Chair, Past Delegate, and at least two additional volunteers.”

### Motion #4:

“Create a New Area Appointed Officer Position and Steering Committee for Language Translation and Interpretation. The **Language Steering Committee** manages and coordinate all language translation and interpretation needs for the Area Committee. The Language Steering Committee is composed of the **Appointed Area Language Coordinator** and three volunteers with a demonstrated interest in the 12 Traditions, general service, and/or language translation and interpretation. Additional volunteers may be appointed for defined periods of time to assist with specific language projects.

The Language Steering Committee would have an initial credit line of **\$10,000.00** to fund any translation and interpreter expenses not already covered by motions pertaining to translation and interpretation (07.2 and 09.1). The Language Steering Committee credit line to be reviewed annually by the Area Treasurer with adjustments reflected in the annual budget and approved by the Western Washington Area 72 Committee at the January quarterly meeting each year.

### Language Coordinator

- The Language Coordinator will be selected using the established process for Area Appointed Officers.
- Participates in the Area Assembly and Area Quarterly Meetings as an Appointed Officer.
- Coordinates and facilitates the Language Steering Committee meetings.

### Committee Responsibilities:

- Coordinate Spanish and ASL interpretation at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly (funded by Area treasury – Motion 09.1)

- Coordinate Spanish and ASL interpretation other Area events, such as pre-conferences, GSR schools, pre-assemblies, etc... (funded by language committee line of credit)
- Manage all language translation projects for the Area Committee. Projects may include (but are not limited to), the Area Committee minutes, appointed and elected officer reports, Area event agendas, the Area handbook, the GSR handbook, and other documents needed to provide Area Committee information to non-English speaking servants in the Area. (funded by language committee credit line)
- Manage language translation for four Area Newsletters per year with the minutes of the Area Quarterlies/Assembly (funded by the Area treasury - Motion 07.2)
- Maintain and distribute an ASL calendar for A.A. meetings in the area which provide ASL interpretation. (funded by language committee credit line)”

**Motion #5:**

“We move to amend motion 09.1 as follows: Approved requests for interpretation ~~and/or translation~~ at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly be funded by the Area treasury.”

**Motion #6**

“We move that the Treatment Committee Credit Line be \$550.00 and 25 Grapevine subscriptions per year.”

**Motion #7:**

“Move to authorize Area Sound System Servant to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase new or upgrade current equipment.”

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

1. How the Area conducts business? Are floor motions necessary? What is the best use of the Area Committee’s time when we gather? Is there a new or different way of conducting business?

*\*\*\*An ad hoc committee was formed, chaired by Beth R. (DCM8) to look at how business meetings are conducted, and how to improve business and stream line meetings.\*\*\**

2. YPAAs (Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Joining the Area in some capacity as either an Area Committee or participating in the same manner as intergroup and central offices.



## Area 72 Treasurer Report

Hi DCMs,

Prior to 2006 most tax-exempt organizations with less than \$25,000 in annual revenues were exempt from annual filing requirements. Now however, virtually all tax-exempt organizations must file annually. This includes A.A. groups and districts. The filing requirements depend on how much gross income the group or district has.

Please answer these 3 questions about your district:

1. Is your gross total income more than \$5,000 per year?
2. If yes, have you filed an application (Form 1023 or 1023-EZ) for tax exemption status under 501c(3)?
3. Are you filing a 990-N each year?

If you answered yes to all three questions, then you are in compliance with the law.

Here is the deal:

If your gross income (before expenses) is over \$5,000 per year, then you must file Form 1023 (or 1023-EZ) to obtain formal recognition as tax-exempt under section 501c(3). The application needs to be filed one time only and the fee range is \$275-\$400. After filing the 1023 application, you must file the notice 990-N every year thereafter. Form 990-N is very easy to complete. Failure to file the 990-N form can result in fines and penalties and after 3 years of not filing you will automatically lose your tax-exempt status.

If your district (or group) gross income is less than \$5,000, then you do not have to file for formal exemption (Form 1023 or 1023-EZ), but you must still file the 990-N form each year. This scenario probably applies to most all the groups in your district. I will provide more details on how to file 990-N soon.

At this point, I am just trying to get a scope of the problem in our Area. I am working on developing a sample completed Form 1023-EZ for districts to use as a reference. You can also hire a CPA to complete the 1023-EZ form for you.

If you have any questions, shoot me an email or call me @ [206-419-9349](tel:206-419-9349)

Please reply with answers to my 3 questions as soon as possible.

Warm Regards,

Josie S.  
Area 72 Treasurer



# THE WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA 72 NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR STORY!

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The Newsletter helps us stay connected with one another, and informed about what's going on in our Western Washington Area. In order for it to really rock, it needs input from our membership.

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- Share your Experience, Strength & Hope
  - Send in your group's flyers
  - Tell us your favorite piece of AA History
  - Let your creative juices flow!
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## **CHECK THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER FOR NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE AND TOPIC**

- Every group should be receiving a printed version of the newsletter. If you haven't seen one lately, check with your GSR. You can always find the online copies on the Area Website @ <https://area72aa.org/newsletters/>
  - Please submit your articles, ideas, comments to [newsletter@area72aa.org](mailto:newsletter@area72aa.org)
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