

"Our primary purpose it to stay sober and to help  
Others achieve sobriety."

# *Slippery When Wet*

## *Treasure Valley Intergroup Newsletter*

Finding the Treasures of AA  
Through Turning Left!  
By Barbara B.

Time to sit down, take a breath and tell a tale. Recovery: where would I be without it? Ten years ago this month I heard the message of AA from a mental ward in Caldwell, Idaho... I was so very, very sick. I hit my bottom and I was ready to leave the planet. Now mind you, I had been in Adult Children of Alcoholics at it's earliest inception in the early 80's. It was easy to say I was an adult child of an alcoholic, of that I was sure. Ingrained in my DNA are the traits I learned while dissociating from my family trauma of growing up in a war zone called the alcoholic home. I learned to not trust, not believe what I know I saw, how to rise to the top in a crisis and of course never ever talk about what happened or how it made you feel.... And, by God, you better look good when you left the house to present a good fake front. Survival skills that I have honed and utilized my entire life.

So, coming into AA late in my life I had an awful lot to learn. I was grateful that the compulsion to drink had been removed and that I found another woman that would give her experience strength and hope to me for fun and for free. Of course... that was after I fired several sponsors... because... well, they pissed me off. I was so angry and sad when I got to AA. All I did was spit nails and cry... for years. It wasn't until I completed the steps... you know, all the way through... that my life began to change. Some of us are sicker than others and I am one of those folks. So I have taken full advantage of our sister programs that are helping me immensely. There is no way I could have done any of our sister programs without AA first. I had to put the plug in the jug and get real with myself. No easy task. How the women in my recovery ever put up with me I will never know. But, I would get invited to backyards, picnics and then someone asked me to make coffee for the meeting. AA included me before I included myself in the program. I will be forever grateful for being allowed to be real and release years of pent up anger and self-hatred that kept me drunk for over 50 years.

We all have our experience and we all heal at different time speeds. The miracle is that I lived to tell this story.

So many things I would have missed had my initial plan worked. Spirit is intricately woven in my DNA as well. My connection to my higher power has morphed over the last 10 years to something I can not even put into words, so I will not even try. Spirit is or isn't. Choose wisely.

We have all had our experience with the covid dread... zoom... masks... etc. I am so happy I was able to go to a live meeting and see a new face walk in the room. She was down and shared that she was down. After the meeting I approached her and we went to lunch. I was giddy with joy at being able to meet a  
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new face and talk face-to-face with another alcoholic!!!! A little needy for a friend myself and human contact... you don't get that on zoom. For, what I have learned in recovery is: the only help I can give is to another alcoholic who is willing. Period. ...and guess what? It helps me as well.

My new friend and I attended the District 10 campout last weekend at Elk Flat campground. Now I have been back and forth to Pocatello and Boise a bazillion times... but I have never turned left at Mountain Home for any reason except for a pit stop at the gas station. So my new friend and I were off to unknown areas of Idaho... are you laughing yet? Anderson reservoir is no secret in this valley... but to me it was a great adventure. We found the campsite... it was late when we pulled in. Set up my tent and my friend had her truck. In the morning we saw that the site we were in was reserved for someone other than the District 10 campout. We were welcomed by the folks in AA bright and early in the morning and they told us they would help us move our campsite if the other folks showed up. Just like that... go into unknown regions... meet new folks in recovery and you have instant friends who are willing to help you break camp. We had a great time... the river is right there... and Trinity Hot Springs... oh my what a find!!! Great food, great conversations and lots and lots of full belly laughs. I have discovered I need a taller tent... no more crawling in for this old girl and I will never be able to afford an RV... so tent camping it is. I don't even have to put on a fake front... no make up allowed in camping... just walk out the door and be accepted just like that. Come as you are and you might learn a thing or two. Who knew that if you took a chance and turned left, instead of doing what you always did over and over and over, with a new friend at the wheel... both willing to go the distance in the dark to the light and the left... what treasures were waiting for you! A new life with a whole new outlook on absolutely everything! So very grateful for the journey and all the folks I have met along the way!



“... But we aren’t a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn’t want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life. ...When we see a man sinking into the mire that is alcoholism, we give him first aid and place what we have at his disposal. .... We think cheerfulness and laughter make for usefulness. Outsiders are sometimes shocked when we burst into merriment over a seemingly tragic experience out of the past. But why shouldn’t we laugh? We have recovered, and have been given the power to help others. .... We are sure God wants us to be happy, joyous, and free.”

-pgs 132-133 Big Book of AA

# Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

"Serving the Greater Treasure Valley Area AA Groups and Fellowship!"

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(Now accepting Recovery Stories, Poems, Jokes, and all things AA! Please Contribute!)

If your meeting has been canceled due to Coronavirus let us know and if you've set up a tele-conference meeting or a zoom video meeting we will post it here. Let us know by emailing [tvcentraloffice@gmail.com](mailto:tvcentraloffice@gmail.com).

Treasure Valley Intergroup  
Business Meeting Minutes  
7/8/2021

1. Open with Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. In attendance; Scott, Amelia, Stan, Kimmie, Margo Liz, Joanne, Lori, Melissa, Jordan, Rose, Mike, Cathy, Audrey, Brenda, and Bob.
3. Secretary – Secretary resigned, Scott H. filled in and Chuck C. is the new secretary.
4. June Minute's: Motion by Kimmie P., 2 nd by Lori W., vote unanimous
5. May Minute's: Motion by Kimmie P., 2 nd by Lori W., vote unanimous
6. Treasures report: Motion Melissa, 2 nd by Scott H., vote unanimous
7. Intergroup Co-Chair/Entertainment Chair – Nothing to report other than he has been extremely busy working on the minutes for these minutes.
8. Intergroup Chair – Joanne' has no Intergroup report but will report in the steering committee report.
9. Slippery When Wet Editor - Editor resigned and Brenda M. is the new editor.
10. Answering Service - Absent
11. TSNAC – Kimmie gave the report for TSNAC. See attached report
12. CPC/PI – Jordan does have a report but not with him. He will send it to the Intergroup Secretary.
13. Group Announcements. Information shared about IGR's home groups.
14. Central Office Financial Breakdown – Audrey present the TVICO financial report. See attached report.
15. Steering Committee –
  - 15.1 - Joanne said we do have a new employee and Margo will report more.
  - 15.2 – There are two different names on file with the Secretary of State regarding the Intergroup. The Steering Committee is working on getting this corrected. Seems to be an extra word in one of the names.
  - 15.3– Amelia asked if they inquired about the EIN numbers. Scott replied that there is one EIN for the Intergroup and one EIN for the Store.
16. Store Report –
  - 16.1 – Margo stressed the importance of notifying the Center Office when your groups are changing your meeting times, place, types (in person or zoom). This is to keep the meeting schedule as correct as possible.
  - 16.2 – The new employee is Paula H. She will be working a half day on Thursday plus all day Friday and Saturday. Once she is trained, in the next few weeks, they are planning old hours of operation.
17. New Business – The chair moved new business in front of old business.
  - 17.1 – After discussion a motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Kimmie to purchase two (2) new computers including accessories not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion passed.
18. Unfinished Business – We continued discussion regarding the Bylaws and State fillings from the past few months. Documentation was provided in the email notice for this meeting. After lengthy discussion Amelia will be submitting a formal request for Bylaw changes.



**Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office**  
**Cash Flow**  
**JULY 2021**

**INFLOWS**

Archives	\$	534.60
TSNAC	\$	50.00

**Gross Sales**

GSO Sales	\$	2,561.50
Non-GSO Sales	\$	2,203.89
Meeting Schedules & NCP	\$	25.50
In House Merchandise	\$	-
Gift Certificates	\$	-
Refunds	\$	-

<b>TOTAL Gross Sales</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,790.89</b>
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**Member Donations**

Group Donations	\$	2,130.96
Individual Donations	\$	237.53
Donation Can	\$	131.81
District 3	\$	425.86
	\$	-

<b>TOTAL Donations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,926.16</b>
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**Miscellaneous Revenue**

Interest Income	\$	10.28
Shipping & Handling	\$	34.50
Printing	\$	-
Restitution	\$	-

<b>TOTAL Misc. Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>44.78</b>
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<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,346.43</b>
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Cash on Hand	\$	39,026.26
Less Pre-Paid Accts Payable	\$	-
Less Liabilities Owing	\$	(3,264.35) <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cash Available for Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,761.91</b>
Cash Drawer	\$	150.00
<b>Prudent Reserves:</b>		
Operations Prudent Reserve	\$	16,087.83
Literature Prudent Reserve	\$	7,000.00
Inventory on Hand	\$	22,294.81
Amounts due from Customers	\$	(1,207.56)

**OUTFLOWS**

<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,913.98</b>
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**Office Expenses**

Assembly Expense	\$	-
Bank & Merchant Serv Fees	\$	112.89
Copy Machine	\$	219.16
Donations from TVICO	\$	-
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	-
Insurance (Liability)	\$	-
Mileage Expense	\$	17.33
Office Expense/Supplies	\$	7.83
Over-Under	\$	-
Phone/Internet Service	\$	153.03
Postage & Delivery	\$	15.90
Printing & Reproduction	\$	-
Professional Fees	\$	313.14 <sup>1</sup>
Rent	\$	1,224.00
Web Hosting	\$	-
	\$	-

<b>TOTAL Office Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,063.28</b>
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**Payroll Expense**

Includes Employer Taxes	\$	3,000.49
Work Comp Insurance	\$	-

<b>TOTAL Payroll Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,000.49</b>
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<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,977.75</b>
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<b>NET CASH +/-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>368.68</b>
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**NOTES:**

<sup>1</sup>Prof. Fees for include reconciling previous month bank statements, preparing payroll & making payroll tax deposits and/or reports, reporting & paying sales tax, review customer & vendor accounts, W2s, 1099s, annual reports, preparation & E-Filing of Annual 990-EZ Tax Return.

<sup>2</sup>Liabilities Owing Includes: Vendor Invoices, payroll liabilities, credit card balance, Idaho Sales Tax, and Gift Certificates

*Thank you for supporting Central Office, we couldn't do it without you!*

**T.V.I.C.O.  
GROUP DONATIONS  
JULY 2021**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Donation Amount</b>
07/02/2021	Wet Ones	20.00
07/06/2021	Sobriety Seekers	392.00
07/06/2021	Noon Awakenings	75.50
07/08/2021	As Bill Sees It	171.40
07/09/2021	God's Country	100.00
07/14/2021	Women's Heart	28.00
07/14/2021	Seekers	48.25
07/14/2021	Seekers	168.21
07/19/2021	Midtown	17.95
07/19/2021	AA Living Today	120.00
07/19/2021	Attitude Adjustment	250.00
07/23/2021	Wet Ones	20.00
07/26/2021	Linder Group	159.65
07/28/2021	Sunrise Meeting Meridian	560.00
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<b>Total Group Donations</b>		<b>\$ 2,130.96</b>

**Central Office would like to thank all the Groups, Individuals, and Districts for their donations last month.**

**We appreciate it so much !!!**

*Thank you for supporting Central Office, we couldn't do it without you!*



### **Area Committee Business Meetings**

- **TSNAC West Monthly Business Meeting (for district and group reps) – 3rd Saturday of the month – 10:00 am – On Zoom**
- **CPC/PI West Monthly Business Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm –**  
Tree City Church of the Nazarene, 3852 N. Eagle Road, (check in at desk) Meridian, ID
- **IFYPAA Business Meeting – 2nd Sunday of the month – 2:00 pm – 344 Park Ave.**  
(The Villa), Idaho Falls, ID
- **EMMYPAA Business Meeting – Sundays – 8:00 pm – Gem County Community Recovery Center,**  
199 S. McKinley Ave. Emmett, ID
- **BACYPAA – 1st, 3rd and 5th (when applicable)- Sunday of each month – 5:30 pm –**  
SNL, 5383 W. Franklin Street, Boise, ID
- **SCTI TSNAC Business Meeting – 4th Sunday of every month – 2:00 pm Shoshone Senior Center,**  
218 North Rail, Shoshone, Idaho

### **District Business Meetings**

- **District 1 – 2nd Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm – Friendship Club of Pocatello,**  
1st & Lovejoy, Pocatello, ID
- **District 2 – 1st Sunday of the month – 10:00 am – Hybrid, Alternating Locations,**  
Zoom ID: 634 518 5576 Passcode: 135791  
(Magic Valley Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls & Sun Club South In Hailey), ID
- **District 3 – 1st Tuesday of the month – 7:00 pm – Collister United Methodist Church,**  
4444 Taft, Boise, ID
- **District 4 – 2nd Saturday of the month – 4:00 pm – First Christian Church, 619 12th Av. S.,**  
Nampa, ID
- **District 5 – 1st Sunday of the month – 3:00 pm – 324 S Meridian Rd, Room 25 Meridian, ID**
- **District 6 – 1st Tuesday of each month – 7:00 pm – Serenity Hall (downstairs),**  
600 S. Blvd., Idaho Falls, ID
- **District 7 – (6 times a year) January, February, March, May, August and October – 3rd Sunday of the**  
month if there is not an Area meeting. If it lands on the same day it would be the following weekend  
which the 4th Sunday of the month, Rexburg, ID
- **District 8 – 4th Thursday of the month – 7:00 pm – First Presbyterian Church, 950 West State Street,**  
Boise, ID Currently meeting online: **Zoom ID: 828 3715 2976 Passcode: 887820**
- **District 9 – 3rd Saturday of the month (Quarterly Feb, May, Aug, Nov.) – 1:00 pm –**  
Rotating location
- **District 10 – 1st Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm (Potluck at Noon)- Jerome Library, Jerome, ID**
- **District 12 – Rotating meeting times and locations. For more information please**  
email [district12@idahoarea18aa.org](mailto:district12@idahoarea18aa.org)

### **Treasure Valley Intergroup Business Meetings**

- **Intergroup – 2nd Thursday of the month 6PM. 1111 S. Orchard Street, Suite 180,**  
Boise ID (Central Office) **Zoom ID: 833 3194 0106 Passcode: 164**
- **TVICO Steering Committee Tuesday prior to Intergroup meeting at 6pm. On Zoom**

# AA Service Fair

Hosted by District 4

**WHEN: Saturday, August 28th**

**9 am -1pm**

- Have you been to a job fair? District 4 invites you to attend a Service Fair that will be set up in that same way!
- This is not your regular workshop, we are set up with tables for each service position, and you can walk through at your own pace, asking questions, and picking up literature.
- Learn about positions from Coffee Maker to Delegate!
- Service positions are up for rotation this year, come see where you can be of service!
- District 4 Archives and Grapevine tables will be set up to browse!

**WHERE: Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall 1101 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, ID 83605**

**\*Coffee and snacks will be available!**



# 2021 Carry The Message Project

Want to Help Another Alcoholic?  
Grapevine and La Vina are Great Twelfth Step Tools!  
Look at these 3 Easy Ways!

**1. If you know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient:** Give a Gift Subscription to a friend, a sponsee, doctor's offices, or for giveaways at anniversaries or events at your homegroup, district, or area level.

**Follow these steps:**

Go to [store.aagrapevine.org](http://store.aagrapevine.org).

- Click on the Gift Subscriptions box.
- Click on the Red Gift Bag icon for the type of gift subscription you want to give.
- Click on "Go to the products page."
- Click on the number of Gift subscriptions you want to purchase (*1 gift or 2*).
- Enter your information, the recipient's information, and your payment information.
- Click on the Process Order button. You're done!

**Note:** First renewal notices will be sent to you and if there is no response, the last ones will be sent to the recipient.

**2. If you do not know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient and want Grapevine to select an alcoholic in need from the requests we have received:** Give a Carry the Message Gift Certificate to someone you do not know (*such as an alcoholic in prison.*)

**Follow these steps:**

Go to [store.aagrapevine.org](http://store.aagrapevine.org).

- Click on the Gift Certificate box.
- Click the Buy button of the appropriate Carry the Message Gift Certificate option and you will be taken to a page showing our quantity discounts (*at the bottom*).
- Enter the number of gift certificates that you want and click the Buy button. (*For multiple gift certificates, the discount will automatically be applied*).
- Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
- When you click the Confirm button, you will get an order confirmation email and the gift certificate will be sent to you as an individual email. Forward the gift certificate to [Sonia Dominguez](mailto:sdominguez@aagrapevine.org) at [sdominguez@aagrapevine.org](mailto:sdominguez@aagrapevine.org) and we will redeem it for someone who has requested a subscription but can't afford one. (*If you have purchased multiple gift certificates, select all of them and use the Forward as Attachment option, so you only have to send us one email*).

**Note:** Your information will not be connected to the subscription record and all renewal notices will be sent directly to the recipient.

**3. If you do not know the full name and the mailing address of the recipient and would like to give them a gift certificate for them to redeem themselves for a subscription (example: A newcomer in your group.) :**  
Give a Carry the Message Gift Certificate to a newcomer or someone in your group.

**Follow these steps:**

Go to [store.aagrapevine.org](http://store.aagrapevine.org).

- Click on the Gift Certificate box.
- Click the Buy button of the appropriate Carry the Message Gift Certificate option and you will be taken to a page showing our quantity discounts (*at the bottom*).
- Enter the number of gift certificates that you want and click the Buy button. (*For multiple gift certificates, the discount will automatically be applied*).
- Click Checkout and enter your order and payment information.
- When you click the Confirm button, you will get an order confirmation email and the gift certificate will be sent to you as an individual email. Print and hand the Gift Certificate or email the Gift Certificate to the individual(s) you wish to donate a subscription to and they will be able to redeem the gift certificate code and enter their information themselves on the store: [store.aagrapevine.org/to-redeem-your-gift-certificate](http://store.aagrapevine.org/to-redeem-your-gift-certificate).

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual FUN at Shoshone City Park

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 1pm-4pm

South Central Idaho  
TSNAC Awareness  
Picnic/Potluck

Join Us:

Speakers, Music by Up a Creek, fellowship, 50/50 raffle,  
Dinner ticket enters you into a \$100 door prize!  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Fajitas, and Water Provided

Suggested Donations: \$5.00

Please bring a potluck or raffle item along with a blanket or chair to sit on.

Just a Reminder:

Shoshone City Regulations PROHIBIT dogs.

**I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible.**

Any questions please call:  
Mark N. at 208-280-0785  
Mary M. at 360-303-7384



# CC + H<sub>2</sub>O

(Conscious Contact and Water)  
28th Annual

## Men's Spiritual Retreat Lava Hot Springs, ID September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - 2021

*The practical nature of spirituality*  
*In Alcoholics Anonymous*

Featuring  
**Bill C - Naples, Florida**

*Fellowship · Meetings · Meditation · Hot-Pools · Potluck Banquet on Saturday*

Ben S (801)-913-5310  
James B (801)-747-9015

[chronicbeard@gmail.com](mailto:chronicbeard@gmail.com)  
[joheeb@gmail.com](mailto:joheeb@gmail.com)

(2021 Treasurer)  
(2021 Chair)

Cost \$30 early \$40 day of - Please Pre-Register

VENMO: @chronicbeard - Include name(s) and a phone number

CHECK: Make out to "CC + H<sub>2</sub>O" 131 J Street SLC, UT 84103

Housing - Limited beds available - first come first serve - Text Ben S at 801-913-5360  
Queen \$200.00 / Twin \$75.00 / Bring your own Bag and pad \$25.00

You can also reserve lodging at the Aura Soma Lava at (208) 776-5800. 15% discount available.

**Take Exit #47 off I-15 to Lava/Soda Springs**

## **TSNAC\* Picnic & BBQ Fundraiser**

\*Treatment Special Needs Accessibilities Correction

**Sept. 25th**

**12:00—6:00 PM**

**Kleiner Park**

**A1 Pavilion**

**\$10**

**Ticket Donation**

**Includes food & raffle  
participation**

**Purchase online through the  
central office**

**[www.tvico.net](http://www.tvico.net)**

**1st Prize \$200 Visa Gift Card**

**2nd Prize \$100 Visa Gift Card**

**3rd Prize \$50 Visa Gift Card**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**For more Info contact**

**Bob: 208-870-2259 Janet: 208-713-8333**

# *AA POCATELLO 74<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

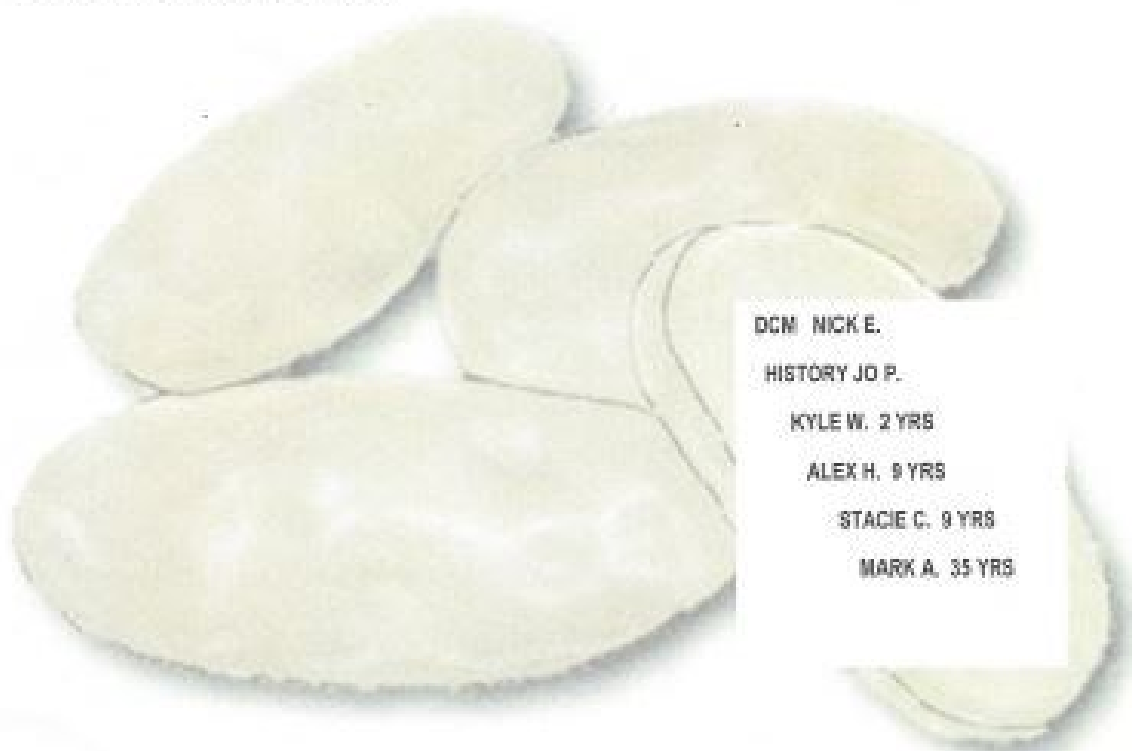
HOSTED BY DISTRICT 1

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 918 E. CENTER STREET (BASEMENT)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

BAKED POTATO BAR POTLUCK (BRING TOPPINGS, SALAD/DESSERT)

- 4 PM ROOM SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 5-6:30 PM POTATO BAR POTLUCK (BRING WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE ON YOUR POTATO)
- 5-7 PM VISIT GRAPEVINE AND ARCHIVES DISPLAY TABLES
- 7-8:15 PM SPEAKER MEETING
- 8:30 PM CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Special Events Chairman Geri E.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, let me know.

# ANNUAL CAMPOUT

Labor Day Weekend, nights of September 3-5, 2021

Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

hamburgers, hotdogs & fries

will be provided. Guest

Speaker. Bring your favorite

side dish to share🍴



Green Canyon Hot Springs  
Campground

RV Sites - \$25/nigh+.50 per person w/electric & water hookup

Tent sites - \$20.00 + 0.50 per person

CONTACT Green Canyon Hot Springs to reserve a spot

208-458-4454



**50/50      and      RAFFLE**  
**-Must be present to win-**



**Idaho Area 18 Fall Assembly and Convention**  
**October 1 – 3, 2021**  
***AA Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service***



Burley Inn and Convention Center  
Burley, Idaho - Reservations 208-678-3501

**Ask for Area 18 Fall Convention Rates**

**Discounted Room Rates:**

Burley Inn \$94.00/2 Queens or 1 King/Up to 4 guests

Budget Inn \$64.00/Up to 4 guests

**Hosted by District 2**  
**For Information:**

David F. 208-720-1205

Earl M. 208-309-1594

Steve B. 208-720-7498

**Register Online at: <https://idahoarea18aa.org/2021-fall-assembly-convention> OR send in this form:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

AA District: \_\_\_\_\_ Al-Anon District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Position:    ☐ GSR    ☐ DCM    ☐ Delegate    ☐ Past Delegate  
                             ☐ Area Committee    ☐ Al-Anon Member    ☐ AA Member

EVENT	EARLY	LATE
Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Banquet Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> \$34	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Sunday Breakfast Buffet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST DAY FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 31ST**  
**EARLY REGISTRATION FUNDS MUST BE RECEIVED**  
**BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST**

Please Mail Form and Payment To: Idaho Area 18, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6033, Twin Falls, ID 83303-6033



...From the Editor's Desk...

Many local AA Meetings have returned to In-Person venues.... Please go to TVICO.NET for the most current Meetings list, since changes may occur frequently, due to the increasing rise in Coronavirus cases in Idaho.... We have yet to see what awaits us the upcoming months with the Unknown at work! Meanwhile, it is official, the Fall 2021 Assembly will be held in person at the Burley Inn Convention Center, Burley, Idaho October 1-3. This is an "Election Assembly" and is sure to be full of fun and excitement! A registration flyer is included in this newsletter!

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At this year's General Service Conference (GSC), the Advisory Action, "The Equitable Distribution of Workload" was approved. What this means is: the new deadline for submitting agenda items to next year's GSC is September 15!! So if you have an idea to submit for consideration, please refer to page 16 of this newsletter for information on how to submit the Proposed Agenda Item form. This is your opportunity to participate fully, in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous!

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The 2025 International Convention will be held July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver, B.C.. Every AA member is invited to send in suggestions for a theme for the convention. The deadline to submit your ideas is October 15, 2021! Let your creative juices flow! Some themes of the past have been: "The Joy of Living", "Pass it On", "A Vision for you", and "Love and Tolerance is Our Code". When you come up with a nifty idea, send it to: International Conventions Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, or email to: 2025ictheme!aa.org! P.S., so exciting to have this grand event being held only a 10- hour drive or so for us Idaho folk! Let's carpool!

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The anonymity protected, 71st GSC Final Report has been released and posted at our Area Dropbox location. For the link and password, please email: editor.slipperywhenwet@gmail.com and ask for the report. There are many highlights in the report of actions approved, and also lots of good, factual tidbits! One that stands out is that in 2020 7th Tradition Contributions set an all time Record for the 2nd consecutive year in a row! 24,779 Groups contributed \$5,970,304 and Individuals contributed \$4,286,383 for a total of \$10.26 Million in 7th Tradition Contributions! Yay, us! This is a testament to our appreciation for this program that saves our lives! This is truly a business whose lights we want to keep on, so for that, General Service says: "Thank You!"

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Our Intergroup Entertainment has been at a stand-still since our last Intergroup event which was the Halloween Dance in 2019! (I still remember that dance!) It is unfortunate that we have not been able to hold In-Person events due to the pandemic. In the meantime, we continue to meet once a month on Zoom to review TVICO (Central Office) activities, we have an active 24-Hour Hotline service, maintain a list of volunteers for 12th Step calls, and we publish this Newsletter for our fellows to be informed of current area events and local Intergroup activities. We do this to continue to foster Unity and Cooperation amongst our fellowship! (Please see the flyers in this newsletter for camp-outs and workshops in nearby areas!)

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As September approaches, time to take a deep breath and bask in gratitude for this moment, this sobriety, and for this program of Alcoholics Anonymous that brings such Serenity to our lives! Oh, and yeah, it's important to laugh! "We are not a glum lot", so here is a joke: Jim is told by his sponsor that he needs to participate more in service work. So he applies for the position of treasurer. They hold a group conscience and ask him "What is nine multiplied by four?" He thinks quickly and says "Thirty-three." After the interview, he realizes his mistake. He's surprised when they inform he got the job, despite there being four other candidates. "But I got the wrong answer," he protests. "Yeah, we know. But you were closest."

In Service, Brenda M., Interim SWW Newsletter Editor



**General Service Conference (G.S.C.)  
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form**

***Annual deadline for submissions for a General Service Conference is **September 15**.***

What types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference "action" or "decision"?

Proposals that are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. The trustees, corporate directors and staff bring together years of experience in A.A. service in making decisions about the appropriate process or disposition of proposed Conference agenda items. Warrantly six reminds us "that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government..." The *A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* page 72.

The *A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* states on page S57 that:

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine. The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way — or, when the suggestion does not concern overall policy, for routing it to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

If a G.S.R. has an idea for an agenda item, chances are that he or she will want to discuss it first with the group, then at a district or area meeting, which can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. currently serving as Conference coordinator. An A.A. who is not part of the general service structure can give the idea to the group's G.S.R. or write directly to the Conference coordinator.

The following is from a process overview document "FAQs on Group Conscience Consideration for Proposed Conference Agenda Items."

Q. What happens when a proposed Conference agenda item arrives at the Conference Coordinator's desk?

A. The Conference Coordinator acknowledges receipt of the proposed agenda item and lets the sender know which of the following options is most appropriate and, if necessary, an explanation of why and how the proposed agenda item is being directed. Some of the possible routes are:

1. Forwarding to a Trustees' Committee via a G.S.O. Staff Member or Department Head.
2. Forwarding to G.S.O.'s Publications Director or Group Services Staff person.
3. Forwarding to A.A. World Services, Inc.
4. Forwarding to Chair of the General Service Board.
5. Forwarding to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board/AA Grapevine Publisher.

Q. What happens when it is unclear what committee should address a proposed item or where an item should be routed?

A. When it is unclear where a proposed item belongs, it is most frequently forwarded to the trustees' Committee on the Conference for direction.

If a proposed agenda item does not rise to the level of a Conference action the topic could be programmed during Conference in a different way like a presentation/discussion or workshop.

This overview is general and includes many but not necessarily all the possible routes a proposed agenda item follows in the trustee, G.S.O. and Grapevine review process. There is no "one size fits all" procedure and, on a case-by-case basis over time, there may occasionally be inconsistencies.

For the complete form, please go to

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/en\\_StandardizedGSC\\_ProposedAgendaItemSubmissionForm.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_StandardizedGSC_ProposedAgendaItemSubmissionForm.pdf)