

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

Slippery When Wet

Treasure Valley Intergroup Newsletter



Giving Thanks



Bill's Last Message

My dear friends,

Recently an A.A. member sent me an unusual greeting which I would like to extend to you. He told me it was an ancient Arabian salutation. Perhaps we have no Arabian groups, but it still seems a fitting expression of how I feel for each of you. It says, "I salute you and thank you for your life."

My thoughts are much occupied these days with gratitude to our Fellowship and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God's Grace.

If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, the "Concept of Anonymity." Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical. On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.

A.A. must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we, turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity we will continue to receive God's Grace.

And so—once more, I salute you in that spirit and again I thank you *for your lives*.

May God bless us all now, and forever.

-Ever Yours, Bill W.



Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk

My good friends in A.A. and of A.A.,

... I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing I did a number of years ago played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief.

There are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual A.A. work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us.

Thank you very much. Dr. Bob

Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

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



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

If you have a meeting change, please fill out this form to keep our Meeting
List up to date: <https://tvico.net/aa-meeting-news/> Thank you!



Gratitude for UNITY in the 12x12... pgs 129-131...

THE unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, "What a great thing A.A. might have been!" "Does this mean," some will anxiously ask, "that in A.A. the individual doesn't count for much? Is he to be dominated by his group and swallowed up in it?" We may certainly answer this question with a loud "No!" We believe there isn't a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members; surely there is none which more jealously guards the individual's right to think, talk, and act as he wishes. No A.A. can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled. Our Twelve Steps to recovery are suggestions; the Twelve Traditions which guarantee A.A.'s unity contain not a single "Don't." They repeatedly say "We ought . . ." but never "You must!" To many minds all this liberty for the individual spells sheer anarchy. Every newcomer, every friend who looks at A.A. for the first time is greatly puzzled. They see liberty verging on license, yet they recognize at once that A.A. has an irresistible strength of purpose and action. "How," they ask, "can such a crowd of anarchists function at all? How can they possibly place their common welfare first? What in Heaven's name holds them together?" Those who look closely soon have the key to this strange paradox.

The A.A. member has to conform to the principles of recovery. His life actually depends upon obedience to spiritual principles. If he deviates too far, the penalty is sure and swift; he sickens and dies. At first he goes along because he must, but later he discovers a way of life he really wants to live. Moreover, he finds he cannot keep this priceless gift unless he gives it away. Neither he nor anybody else can survive unless he carries the A.A. message. The moment this Twelfth Step work forms a group, another discovery is made—that most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group. Realization dawns that he is but a small part of a great whole; that no personal sacrifice is too great for preservation of the Fellowship. He learns that the clamor of desires and ambitions within him must be silenced whenever these could damage the group. It becomes plain that the group must survive or the individual will not. So at the outset, how best to live and work together as groups became the prime question.

In the world about us we saw personalities destroying whole peoples. The struggle for wealth, power, and prestige was tearing humanity apart as never before. If strong people were stalemated in the search for peace and harmony, what was to become of our erratic band of alcoholics? As we had once struggled and prayed for individual recovery, just so earnestly did we commence to quest for the principles through which A.A. itself might survive. On anvils of experience, the structure of our Society was hammered out. Countless times, in as many cities and hamlets, we reenacted the story of Eddie Rickenbacker and his courageous company when their plane crashed in the Pacific. Like us, they had suddenly found themselves saved from death, but still floating upon a perilous sea. How well they saw that their common welfare came first. None might become selfish of water or bread. Each needed to consider the others, and in abiding faith they knew they must find their real strength. And this they did find, in measure to transcend all the defects of their frail craft, every test of uncertainty, pain, fear, and despair, and even the death of one. Thus has it been with A.A. By faith and by works we have been able to build upon the lessons of an incredible experience. They live today in the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, which—God willing—shall sustain us in unity for so long as He may need us.

Tradition One Long Form - Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.



Remember our Gratitude Dinners?
Let's close our eyes and know we are a
"Fellowship of the Spirit"!

Minutes Treasure Valley Intergroup Meeting
10/14/2021

1. Open with Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. In attendance; Joanne E., Bob B., Marti H., Stan N., Kimmie P., Brian T., Liz W., Scott H., Audrey M., Brenda M., Jordan K., Alison S., Margo N., J.D. S., Scott T., Lonnie B., Avalon K., and Chuck C.
3. Birthdays: Ruth 18 years, J.D. 2 years, (There was one other person, but their speaker was very week, and I couldn't make out the name or time in AA.)
4. September minutes: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Audrey, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimous.
5. Intergroup Treasurer Report: Motion by Scott, 2nd by Kimmie to accept the Intergroup Treasurer report as presented. Motion passed unanimous.
6. Intergroup Co-Chair/Chair Entertainment Chair: No report, but there is a workshop coming up on the 23rd, check it out! The information is on the Center Office website.
7. Intergroup Chair – Joanne reported that Marti H. was selected to chair the adhoc committee reviewing the Intergroup Bylaws and two motions for inclusion.
8. Slippery When Wet Editor – There is 265 online subscribers and 11 that receive the newsletter by mail. The cost to mail the newsletter is \$4.00 per person.
9. Answering Service – Not present.
10. TSNAC Representative – See attached report.
11. CPC/PI Representative – See attached report.
12. Group Announcements – Information shared about IGR's home groups.
13. Central Office Financial Breakdown – Copy of report was sent with meeting invitation.
14. Steering Committee – The Central Office needs a new cell phone. The steering committee is requesting to buy a new cell phone for \$400 to be used by the Central Office. Stan N. made a motion for the expenditure not to exceed \$400 and Scott H. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
15. Store Report – See attached report. Additionally, Scott H. mentioned that the rent at the Central Office will be going up approximately \$60 a month starting next month.
16. Unfinished Business – **16.1** – Marti H. reported that the ~~adhoc~~ committee has been formed and will begin meetings in November. Marti also mentioned that she ask a non-AA member to be on the committee because of his extensive knowledge of Bylaw and 501c3 requirements. **16.2** – Elections for Intergroup Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasure and Secretary will take place along with some of the committee chairs. You can submit your resume to the central office or there will be nominations taken from the floor during the meeting.
17. New Business – **17.1** – Joanne, the current Intergroup Chairperson, announced that she was no longer a member of AA (but still sober) and was leaving the decision up to the members present what they wanted to do. Joanne left the meeting so the remaining attendees could discuss the situation. After a good discussion a motion was made by Brenda M. that we ask the Alternate Chairperson to fill the position of Chairperson for the remainder of the term. Alison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
18. Having no more business Brenda M. motioned to adjourn and Kimmie P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office
Cash Flow
OCTOBER 2021

INFLOWS

Archives	\$	801.90 ³
TSNAC	\$	50.00

Gross Sales

GSO Sales	\$	4,842.78
Non-GSO Sales	\$	2,105.08
Meeting Schedules & NCP	\$	40.00
In House Merchandise	\$	-
Gift Certificates	\$	-
Refunds	\$	-

TOTAL Gross Sales	\$	6,987.86
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Member Donations

Group Donations	\$	4,625.11
Individual Donations	\$	168.43
Donation Can	\$	-
District 3	\$	107.59
District 4	\$	300.00
Intergroup	\$	717.43

TOTAL Donations	\$	5,918.56
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Interest Income	\$	2.91
Shipping & Handling	\$	30.50
Printing	\$	-
Restitution	\$	-

TOTAL Misc. Revenue	\$	33.41
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TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	13,791.73
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Cash on Hand	\$	39,429.83
Less Pre-Paid Accts Payable	\$	-
Less Liabilities Owing	\$	(2,937.08) ²
Cash Available for Operations	\$	36,492.75
Cash Drawer	\$	150.00

Prudent Reserves:

Operations Prudent Reserve	\$	16,090.74
Literature Prudent Reserve	\$	7,000.00
Inventory on Hand	\$	17,856.33
Amounts due from Customers	\$	4,581.71

OUTFLOWS

Cost of Goods Sold	\$	4,642.19
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Office Expenses

Assembly Expense	\$	-
Bank & Merchant Serv Fees	\$	141.40
Computer Expense	\$	-
Copy Machine Lease	\$	201.37
Donations from TVICO	\$	-
Dues & Subscriptions	\$	-
Insurance (Liability)	\$	-
Mileage Expense	\$	20.35
Office Expense/Supplies	\$	231.23
Over-Under	\$	(0.04)
Phone/Internet Service	\$	152.24
Postage & Delivery	\$	-
Printing & Reproduction	\$	-
Professional Fees	\$	396.27 ¹
Rent	\$	1,224.00
Web Site Hosting/Maintenance	\$	199.99

TOTAL Office Expense	\$	2,566.81
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Payroll Expense

Includes Employer Taxes	\$	3,663.48
Work Comp Insurance	\$	-

TOTAL Payroll Expense	\$	3,663.48
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	10,872.48
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NET CASH +/-	\$	2,919.25
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NOTES:

¹Prof. 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-EX Tax Return.

²Liabilities Owing Includes: Vendor invoices, payroll liabilities, credit card balances Idaho Sales Tax, and Gift Certificates

³Archives paid three months.

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

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

Date	Group Name	Amount
10/01/2021	7 am Zoomers	1,500.00
10/04/2021	How It Works - Nampa	86.00
10/04/2021	Ding-A-Ling Group	400.00
10/07/2021	PIP Emmett AA	120.00
10/07/2021	Bucks No Bull	86.10
10/11/2021	M3 Men's Meeting	150.00
10/13/2021	Meridian Night Group	300.00
10/13/2021	Twilight Zone	330.00
10/14/2021	Just Do It	20.00
10/14/2021	Saturday Night Live	20.00
10/14/2021	Eagle Noon Women's Meeting	80.00
10/14/2021	Noon Awakening	86.57
10/15/2021	Eastwind Group	54.00
10/15/2021	Midtown	21.23
10/18/2021	No Reservations	200.00
10/18/2021	Attitude Adjustment	250.00
10/19/2021	Sisters in Solution	25.80
10/19/2021	McCall Back to Basics	50.00
10/23/2021	As Bill Sees It	196.41
10/26/2021	Speak Easy Group	114.00
10/26/2021	Mountain Home Group	25.00
10/28/2021	Alive Again	60.00
10/28/2021	Treasure Valley Birthday Speaker	400.00
10/28/2021	Mountain Home Speaker Meeting	50.00
Total Group Donations		\$ 4,625.11

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

We appreciate it so much ! ! !

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Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



1 Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



2 Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



3 Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



4 Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5 Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



6 If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.



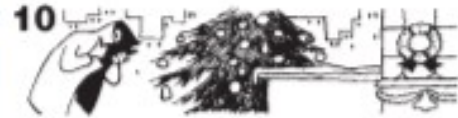
7 Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



8 Worship in your own way.



9 Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



10 Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."



11 Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



12 "Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.

The Set Aside Prayer:

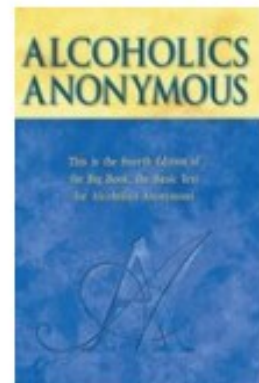
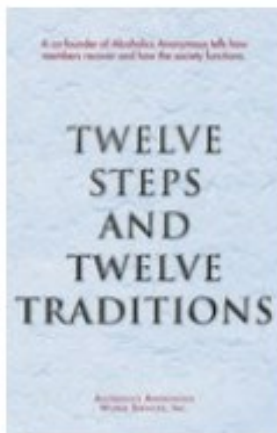
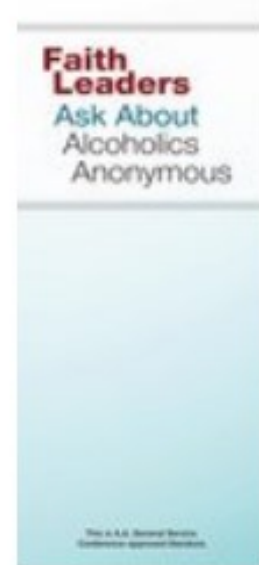
God, please help me set aside everything I think I know about myself, my disease, the 12 Steps, and especially you; So I may have an open mind and a new experience of all these things. Please help me see the Truth.



CARRY THE MESSAGE— LITERATURE EVENT FOR ALL AREA 18

The November event will
feature the Newly revised
pamphlet *Faith Leaders ask
About AA* and the classic
*A Member's Eye View of
Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Tuesday Nov. 26



**Monthly events—4th Tuesday of the month at
6:30PM via ZOOM.**

ZOOM Meeting ID 834 4239 4760 Password 164

Themed meetings ideal for:

- Those wanting to start literature centric meetings,
- Literature Reps to find out what 's new and what's in many of the AA publications,
- Anyone wanting to get more from their sobriety in service to others and Carry the Message

Area Committee Business Meetings

- **TSNAC (Treatment/Special Needs— Accessibility and Corrections) West Monthly Business Meeting (for district and group reps) – 3rd Saturday of the month – 10:00 am – Zoom Meeting ID 836-4495-5858**
- **CPC/PI West Monthly Business Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm – Zoom Meeting ID 913-045-768**
- **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**

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. 1111 S. Orchard St,**

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.

- 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.

- 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 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.

- 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.

Thanksgiving Alc-a-thon Meetings

IDAHO FALLS

Intergroup will be hosting a marathon of meetings from

Wednesday, November 24th 9:00 PM

THROUGH THANKSGIVING

To Friday, November 26th 7:00 AM

HOURLY MEETINGS at Serenity Hall



"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."

~Thanksgiving Day~

Marathon Meetings and Food!



When:

Thanksgiving Day; November 26th, 2021

Time:

From 8am-8pm (with meetings every two hours)

Place:

The Meridian Bowling Lanes in the Friends of Bill Room

**If you are able to please go ahead and
bring your favorite desert or side to share!**

Hosted by

the Sobriety Seekers 12pm meeting

in conjunction with

the Serenity Seekers 6pm meeting and the Meridian Night Group 8pm meeting.



Save the Date

Spring Assembly/Convention
Idaho Area 18
May 6, 7, & 8, 2022
Red Lion Inn, Pocatello

AA Comes of Age 2.0

Unified in Love and Service



For more info contact: Terri N. 208.251.1710 or
Lisa J. 208.241.5895

DISTRICT 1 IS HOSTING THE 2022 IDAHO AREA 18 SPRING ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION IN POCATELLO!

May 6th – 8th, 2022

JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO BE OF SERVICE AND GET INVOLVED!

Planning meetings will be convened on a regular basis until the event!



**THERE ARE STILL COMMITTEE POSITIONS OPEN
OR OFFER TO VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT!**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Alkathon chairs: (chair a 1-hour AA meeting. Alkathon meetings go on 24 hours during the event)

Greeters: (greet attendees and give directions)

Staffing the Hospitality room: (take a shift making sure coffee is on, snacks available, etc.)

Helping at the registration table

And various other service opportunities available!

For more information, or to volunteer to serve,
Contact Joey P. 208-317-1317 or Nick E. 208-515-1668

From the Editor's Desk...

Intergroup Elections were held on November 11, 2021. The following positions were elected:

Chairperson: Janet H.; Co-Chair: Stan; Treasurer: Liz W. ; Secretary: Scott T.; and Newsletter: Ellie.

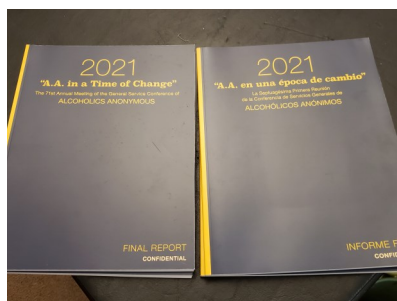
We still need Steering Committee members! Remember, each District may send a nominee to Intergroup to serve on the Steering Committee! The Steering Committee serves as a subcommittee to Intergroup and is responsible to Intergroup for the Operation of the Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office! It's a FUN service position! Please, anyone interested with 5 years of continuous sobriety, please let your GSR know you want in on the gig and attend your next District business meeting to be nominated. Then, District will send you to Intergroup to be considered for the position! We need you!!! Thank you!

The GSO Service material entitled: "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" has been updated to include, amongst other items, a section on "Diversity and Inclusion". To give a taste of the document, it states: "Keeping in the spirit of Tradition Three, A.A. celebrates its members by raising awareness of inclusion and respecting members with varying abilities, sexual identities, races, ethnicities, gender identities, religions, languages, neighborhoods, socioeconomic backgrounds and ages. As a Fellowship, we strive to support the well-being of members as we evolve toward greater diversity, equity and inclusivity. Race and privilege have been a topic of discussion as they relate to the spirit of Tradition Three, among members of local A.A. entities as well as members of A.A.'s corporate boards, including

the General Service Board. And particularly in light of this moment in time, when societal divisions and inequities along racial lines have been laid bare — some members are discussing this complex issue in tandem with A.A. Traditions — and recognize the need to look at our own disparities. Some members, who are people of color, have shared concerns that their life experiences as it relates to being an alcoholic person of color in A.A., have been viewed as an “outside issue” and therefore have felt unsafe in what they can and cannot share about their own experience. Membership does not include having to tolerate racism in A.A. or removing this life experience from one’s story. Many groups have found that providing a safe space to share this experience to be no more in contradiction of Tradition Ten (an “outside issue”) than the topic of safety and A.A. itself.

Racism in A.A. is a safety issue.

Acknowledging that we all operate within some unearned privilege is key in understanding and acting upon where we can widen the circle of an accessible message and a feeling of inclusion. For example, if one can acknowledge that they have an unearned privilege over a non-native English speaker or a member who is d/Deaf, then one can better reflect on how to ensure that all have equal access to our life-saving message. While many members — including members who are transgender — identify as either male or female, some members do not identify within these two categories. People whose gender is not female or male often identify as nonbinary, gender nonconforming, genderqueer or genderfluid, among others. Keeping in mind Tradition Ten, a person is the gender they say they are. A.A. neither dictates nor has an opinion on any person’s gender or gender pronouns. A.A. membership is open to all genders and backgrounds. No matter one’s gender identity, some members have shared that they find it helpful to have a safe space to voluntarily share their pronouns with other members of the group, in order to help the group get to know them better. Some members have shared that they voluntarily share their pronouns at in-person or online meetings so that others may feel more comfortable, if they care to do so. Some members have also shared that being questioned about their gender identification has made them feel unsafe. Here are examples of just some of the pronouns of A.A. members in our Fellowship: they/them/theirs; she/her/hers; and he/him/his...” -SMF-209, REV:9-21



The 2021 General Service Conference Final Report is now available in print! Go to the Central Office at 1111 S. Orchard, Suite 180 to pick one up, or contact: Editor.slipperywhenwet@gmail.com and we will get one to you! It's a great read! Also, the new AA Service Manual is now online! It can be found at https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/en_bm-31.pdf



Happy Sober Turkey Day, everyone! Thank you.
In Service, Brenda M.

EAST CENTRAL

G.S.O. VIRTUAL REGIONAL FORUM

November 19-21, 2021

You are invited to the East Central Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and "open" to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A. Regional Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine. The East Central Regional Forum offers a virtual meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

PROGRAM

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the East Central Region to share their experience, strength, and hope. Over the weekend your Regional Trustee Cathi C. will moderate the event. You will also hear from:

- ▶ General Service Office General Manager
- ▶ General Service Board Trustees (including your GSB Chair and Treasurer)
- ▶ AA Grapevine, Inc. Publisher and Staff
- ▶ A.A. World Services, Inc. Director
- ▶ G.S.O. Staff
- ▶ Your Region's Delegates — presentations and workshops
- ▶ Past Trustees Sharing Session on Sunday morning

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Several sharing sessions will allow you to comment and ask questions of the Board and Staff. A sample program is posted on www.aa.org under the Regional Forums tab.

- ▶ Registration is free. That's right — **FREE!**
- ▶ Registration opens: October 25, 2021
- ▶ Registration will be available the same day as the event.
- ▶ You can register online at www.aa.org.
- ▶ Starting October 25, 2021, click on the "Regional Forums Information" on the main webpage, scroll down to the Schedule, and click on the "Registration is open" link.
- ▶ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.

For more information, please contact James H., Regional Forums Staff Coordinator, at regionalforums@aa.org or call (212) 870-3120.



Announcing Grapevine's New Podcast

The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour. Featuring AA members Don and Sam.

Starting on October 4, 2021 with a new episode each Monday.

Each week Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength and hope, in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner. Special features will enhance each episode.

A new podcast episode will be available in English every Monday.

To hear the podcasts go to aagrapevine.org/podcast

Empezará el 4 de octubre de 2021, con un episodio nuevo todos los lunes.

Cada semana, Don y Sam entrevistarán a un miembro diferente acerca de su experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza en una casual "reunión luego de la reunión". Cada episodio contará con participaciones especiales.

Todos los lunes habrá un nuevo episodio en inglés de podcast disponible.

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À partir du 4 octobre 2021 avec un nouvel épisode diffusé chaque lundi.

Chaque semaine, Don et Sam intervieweront un membre différent au sujet de leur expérience, de leur force et de leur espoir, d'une manière décontractée type « rencontre après la réunion ». Des caractéristiques spéciales amélioreront chaque épisode.

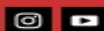
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