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"Our primary purpose is to stay sober & to help others achieve sobriety."

Slippery When Wet

Treasure Valley Intergroup Newsletter

From the Editor's Desk

Dear friends,

Finally, Spring is here! It may still be snowing in the hills (and maybe even a little in town), but I read today that it's coyote denning season has arrived (side note: be careful with your off-leash dogs) and I am confident that soon the sun will emerge victorious! Spring shouts "WELCOME NEW LIFE!" It's a time to clear away the cobwebs and let in the fresh air. In celebration, I'd like to try something new for the newsletter—a letters to the editor column.

What do you think? I'll post a topic here, and you can just shoot me an email with your thoughts. Let me know, too, if you prefer to have your first name and last initial included or to remain anonymous. For the April/May issue, the topic is working with others. Of course I'm always happy to receive other submissions, too!

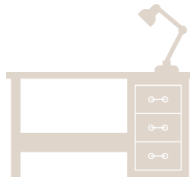
Speaking of working with others, I'd like to point out some service opportunities. TAC (Treatment, Accessibility & Corrections) is looking for an Accessibility Chair—see page 14 for more information. Also, check out the *Bridging the Gap* temporary contact program info starting on page 15.

As always, there are tons of fun activities coming up this Spring and Summer! I can't wait to see you all!

Yours in service,



Ellie D.
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Notes from the Office

Today is St Patrick's Day and as Promised we just drew the winner for our basket. Out of 59 entrants Charlie was chosen. Will call her tonight. Congratulations!

TVICO has received a bonus in Group Contributions and individual Donations this month since the last Slippery When Wet publication with our yearly statement of accounts included. We are so grateful and encouraged for the response of the fellowship. Thank you for your continuing support of your Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office. The financial Statements continue to be published in the Slippery When Wet Newsletter monthly. Copies free at the Central Office, e-mail copies available upon request when you send your e-mail to the Editor of the Newsletter. See TVICO page in Newsletter for further information.

One more important date coming up for TVICO. **Monday, April 3rd, 2023.** The cost of all GSO material will be raised. We have ordered extra stock to sell before the increase but only if purchased **before the 3rd. That is Saturday, April 1, 2023.**

Special mention to our February Volunteers who donated 66 hours of work in service to the fellowship.

*We so appreciate all the heavy toting of barges and lifting of bales and boxes-you big strong people! And painting of doors and such.

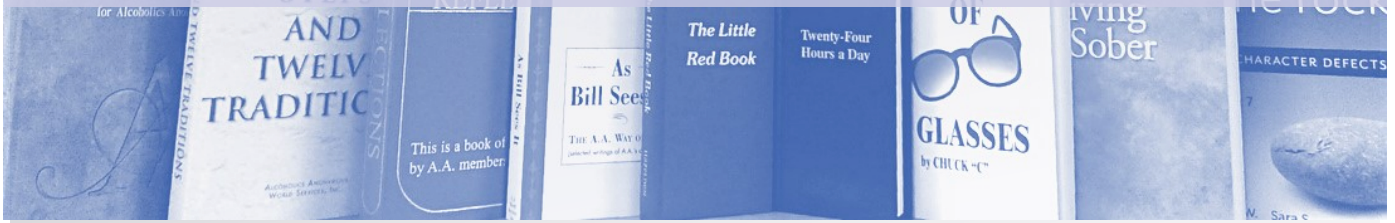
Your TVICO Sales Associates: Janet, Patty, Marti.

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Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

“Serving the Greater Treasure Valley Area AA Groups and Fellowship!”



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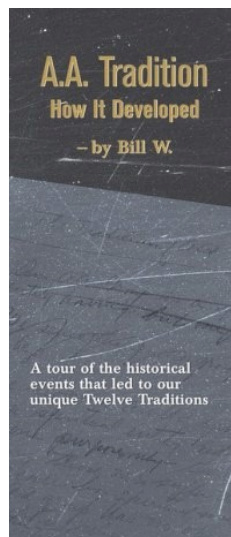
If your group has a meeting change,
please complete this form so that Cen-
tral Office can update the schedules.

<https://tvico.net/aameetingnews>

We'd love to hear from you!

I'd really love to hear from you, and so would your AA fellowship. Your suggestions, letters, visual or written works are welcome. Find a wonderful AA event or resource? Want to suggest a topic? You know where to find me!

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important!



Umbrella image courtesy of the AAGrapevine: aagrapevine.org

Treasure Valley Intergroup Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2023 6:00 pm | Zoom

1. Meeting opened at 6pm. Moment of Silence...Serenity Prayer
2. Twelve Traditions... Lonnie B.
3. Declaration of Unity... Brandi G.
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 on our lives and the lives of those to come.
4. Intergroup Statement of Purpose ... Ellie D.
Fostering and encouraging AA unity and cooperation among Idaho Area 18 AA Groups to raise funds to provide for the viability of a Central Office.
Guiding the operation of TVICO through its subcommittee known as the TVICO Steering Committee.
Furthering the AA program in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Providing a 24-hour hotline Answering Service.
Publishing a monthly Newsletter.
Maintaining a list to volunteers to accept 12-Step calls.
5. Birthdays...n/a
6. Roll Call ... Stan N. Chair, Bitty C. IGR On the Rocks, Scott T. IGR DPMG/Intergroup Sec., Lonnie B. IGR There is a Solution, Lisa C. Mountain Home Group, Randy C. Intergroup Treasurer/IGR Dist. 4, Ellie D. Newsletter Editor/IGR 7am Zoomers, Cary N. Midtown Meeting IGR, Lonnie B. IGR There is a Solution, Brian T IGR Primary Purpose, Brandi G. IGR w/ Rule 62, Brian T. IGR Primary Purpose Group, Sherepta M. Co-Chair of Intergroup, Friday Night Newcomer Mtg, Brenda M. observing Avalon K. Area 18 Archive, Carly D. IGR for Happy Hour. Brenda M. and DJ H. observing
7. Secretary ... Scott T. Sec Report (see attached report) Randy C. motions to approve Cary N. 2nd. Report was approved.
8. Treasurer Report ...Randy C. (see report). Lonnie B. motions to approve, Bitty C. 2nd and report was approved.
9. Elections for Intergroup and/or Steering Committee ...n/a
10. Intergroup Chair / Entertainment Chair...(see report) Stan N. noted that they will be taking applications for new employee position at the TVICO store. Sherepta M. needs all the flyers from groups for distribution to everyone. Also there are some bylaw amendments that are sent for groups to review and make suggestions for approval.
11. Newsletter Editor...Ellie D. slipperywhenwet@gmail.com looking for submissions always. If you need a newsletter, my email address is ellie.dworak@gmail.com
12. Hotline Answering Service... Dave F. always looking for volunteers so service opportunity
13. TAC Representative... Kimmie P. not available
14. CPC/PI Representative...n/a still in need of service position.
15. Central Office Financial Report... Randy C. (see report) now that end of year inventory completed both Dec. and Jan reports are available. Please to keep the group donations coming to stay in the black.
16. Steering Committee Chair...Capella I. was out and report was reviewed by Stan N. (see report) capellaiko-la@outlook.com for questions.
17. Web master for TVICO Dave H. will fine tune survey questions. dev.tvico.net is the website address and will be taking survey suggestions for any changes. david112218@outlook.com. 208-250-3359
18. Group Representatives... Capella I. in McCall is the Back to Basics group meets @ 506 Pine St. Sun-Thurs at 5:15 and Fri-Sat at 7pm, and the Sunrise Group meets at St. Andrews Episcopal Church meets 7 day a week at 7am. Brenda M. w/ Seekers Immanuel Lutheran Church 706 W Fort Street Boise M-F @ noon. Bitty, On the Rocks, meets 6 nights a week @ Church of Christ in Caldwell and on the 1st Saturday of the month hosts a dinner. Lonnie B. There is a Solution looking new location @ Eagle Hills Church and meets Mon-Fri. from 12-1pm. Brian T. Primary Purpose and meet Tue & Thur. 8pm. Sherepta M. IGR Friday Night Newcomers meeting at Salvation Army in Nampa @ 7pm. Randy C. IGR for Dist. 4 w/ Business Mtg 2nd Saturday of the month 619 S. 12th Ave, Lisa w/ Mountain Home Group meets Mon thru Sat. @ St. James Episcopal Church. Scott T. DPMG meets every Sun at 7pm @ The Alano Club - 3820 Cassia St. Boise. Brandi with Rule 62 meets in Middleton @ Canyon Springs Church on Monday and New Creations Church on Mon, Tues & Thurs @ 7:30. Ellie D. 7am Zoomers online Cary N. IGR Midtown Meeting Join us at Midtown Group Sundays at 7pm. Big Book Meeting at 5:30pm. River Valley Community Church 1115 North Garden Street Boise, ID Avalon K. promoting the Spring

Treasure Valley Intergroup Meeting Minutes Continued

Assembly Lisa C. Mountain Home Group Mon thru Sun @ Saint James Church in the evenings. Carly D. with Happy Hour meeting 7 days a week

19. Unfinished Business... n/a

20. New Business... Annual review of bylaws, prudent reserves, and policies & procedures. Sherepta is making some amendments to the bylaws for groups to review (see amendments for review) Any other bylaws that you think should be changed please send it to tvintergroupsec@gmail.com

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

3-9-23

Intergroup chair report

1. Attended the TVICO steering committee meeting Tuesday.
2. We are in talks with Area 18 concerning archive rent, liability, security and making a lease agreement. Looking for someone who has experience with lease agreements to put something together. Area is budgeting for the rent increase we have requested. The archive rent has been \$267.30 for several years. We have requested it be \$330.00 and increased 3% yearly as the store rent does. However any money matters must be approved by the area committee.
3. As directed in by-law 5.3 we are reviewing By-laws, financials, and other issues affecting intergroup tonight in old business. Sherepta has some by-law changes she will be talking about in old business.
4. Encourage our people to volunteer at the store and if interested possible employment.
5. Dist. 5 representative?

Stan N.

Intergroup Chair

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INTERGROUP TREASURERS REPORT

January 2023		
Balance Forward 01/01/2023		\$506.99
INCOME		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
None		
EXPENSE		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
None		
ENDING CASH BALANCE 01/31/2023		506.99

Steering Committee for Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office of A.A. Inc.
February 7th, 2023, Business Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting at 6:00PM
Meeting ID: 882 5863 0483 Passcode: TVICO

Open Meeting – Capella I. opened the meeting at 6 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity – This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

Introductions:

Those in attendance were Capella I., Chairperson and District 9 representative, Marya B., Co-Chairperson and District 8 representative, ~~Chuck C.~~, Secretary and District 5 representative; Stan N., Intergroup Chairperson; Randy C., Intergroup Treasurer, Teri K., Central Office Accountant, Doug P., District 4 representative, Sherepta M., Intergroup Co-chairperson / activity chairperson, ~~and Guest attendee, Jen L.~~ District 5.

Officers Election: Doug P. District 4 representative was nominated and elected as TVICO Steering Committee Secretary. The steering committee expressed gratitude to Chuck C. for his dedicated service.

- **Secretary Report:** Chuck C. read the minutes from the January 10th, 2023 meeting. Capella I. suggested a change regarding record of the "Emergency Meeting" rather than Executive Session of this Steering Committee called on December 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM. An additional amendment, identified by Chuck C. for clarifying that Marya B. volunteered to create a document outlining the Steering Committee responsibilities. Marya B. moved to accept the minutes, as amended. Randy C, seconded. The motion was approved.

Reports:

Financial – Teri K. – Teri provided the TVICO financial reports: December 2022, Year-end 2022, and January 2023. On the January Financial Report, Amounts due from Customers, should reflect \$421.31. Stan N. moved to accept the Financial Reports, seconded by Chuck C. Motion was passed.

Intergroup Treasurer – Randy C. – Randy C. will distribute the bank statement when received, he reported no account activity. Balance \$506.99.

Intergroup chair – Stan N. – Report was distributed with the meeting agenda.

Intergroup co-chair- Sherepta -- Newly appointed to position no current report.

Store Report - Marya B. – Report was distributed with meeting agenda. Steering Committee Store Inventory was completed. Future inventories, next due end of May 2023, will include sales associates to ensure location of any backstock is identified for inventory accuracy.

Store technology concerns to be discussed in New Business.

Marya B. intends to send written clarification to Central Office Sales Associates regarding:

1. the requirement to present special event proposals to this committee for review, budgeting, and approval prior to announcements of these events to the fellowship.
2. Reiterate the pre-established policy that this Steering Committee preapprove expenditures over \$200.00.

Steering Committee District Representatives Reports:

District 3 Committee Member – Vacant

District 4 Committee Member – Doug P. Attended District 4 Business meeting Jan 2023 and was elected to represent the district on this Steering Committee.

District 5 Committee Member – Chuck C. – Attended District 5 business meeting 5 FEB, District contributions are down, and some concern in the district about the district treasurer distributing existing funds. Also issue regarding the number of service activities the district can support. Larger concern is District 5 attendance and participation. Potential Steering Committee Member, Jen L. working with district to receive nomination, and election to replace Chuck C. in accordance with existing bylaws.

District 8 Committee Member – Marya B. –The When Chocolate Doesn't Work Anymore Workshop will be held February 11th at the First Presbyterian Church at 9th and State, from 9 to 1. Father Tom Weston will conduct a Steps Come Alive Workshop at the Vertical Church on April 14 and 15. In person attendance is sold out there may be an online option available, more details to follow. March 3-5 is PRASSA. May 12-14 is Spring Assembly in Nampa.

District 9 Committee Member – Capella I. – Next District 9 meeting will be 18 February 2023. No other report.

Old Business:

- **INTERGROUP OFFICE SURVEY REPORT-** Survey results in, two responses lost due to technical issues.

Survey Results are attached to this agenda. Steering Committee members are to review survey results with attention to solutions to any of the expressed TVICO shortfalls. TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING. Sherepta M. has met with Area 18 and TVICO web servants to combine all input into one delivery location (Email) to ensure fellowship event information more effectively communicated. Marya B will share survey results with TVICO staff.

- Stan N. Read the draft communication intended to propose a rent increase and ongoing agreement for Area 18 Archives at TVICO.
- Marya B created a document outlining the Steering Committee responsibilities. Distributed with this meeting agenda and gathered more information in discussion. Further document review tabled until March 2023 Steering Committee meeting.

New Business:

- Northwind (Office Technology) has recommended a new project. Regarding a change to the "Log Me In" procedure. Teri K. looked more directly into the proposed change and determined that it precludes simultaneous sessions for her and sales associates. Not going to work for us no action required.
- **PURCHASE REQUEST** Spring Assembly Committee Chair inquired about TVICO making wholesale purchase of cups for the upcoming assembly. After discussion Stan N. moved to make the purchase, Randy C. seconded. Motion passed for TVICO to make purchase of cups for the spring assembly for resale to assembly committee.
- **TVICO Open House Events**, Initial discussion, related to St. Patrick's Day potential corned beef and cabbage meal. After discussion Committee disapproved St. Patrick's Day open house. Future events to be evaluated later in the year.

- **Gem State Round Up** Setting up TVICO merchandise and staffing the Round Up AUG or SEP 2023. Randy C. moved to table the decision on staffing the Roundup. Sherepta Seconded. Motion passed.
- **High and Low Sales items**: Re-order point for product based upon on hand inventory. Should a schedule be established or directed. Committee requested Teri evaluate product re-order timing based upon on hand inventory. Marya B Moved to table the discussion until Teri can provide a report and recommendation. Chuck C. seconded. Motion to table passed.
- **Added New Business. TVICO Gift Certificates**: Gift Certificates Randy C. proposed TVICO provide gift certificates, specifically for Area 18 Spring Assembly gift basket competition prizes. This item will be added to March 2023 meeting New Business.
- **Added New Business. Steering Committee Tenure** (term lengths, interim appointment, follow on service on this committee) Chuck C. recommended a review with potential change to Intergroup By-laws to evaluate term length based upon actual start date of committee membership rather than existing calendar based term rotations. Being an Intergroup bylaws directive, Stan N. expressed intention to take this business item to the Intergroup business meeting scheduled for 9 FEB 2023.

Steering Committee Adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Executive Session: The Steering Committee held an Executive Session. All issues brought up in the executive session were resolved and/or implemented.

TVICO Steering Committee Chairperson Report
From Meeting on February 7, 2023
To Treasure Valley Intergroup

We are so very grateful to Doup P, who has joined the Steering Committee as the Representative for District 4. We promptly elected him our new secretary.

December 2022, 2022 Year End and January 2023 Financials were presented by Teri and approved. Notable details on the Year End Report:

From 12/31/2021 to 12/31/2022:

Group Donations	- 25.70%
Merchandise Sales	+ 4.80%
Gross Profit	- 14.50%
Gross Expenses	+ 36.90%
Net Income	-164.90%
Net Income 12/31/2021	+ \$23,426.18
Net Income 12/31/2022	- \$15,198.45

January 2023 the store made a profit of \$527.68. This is the first profitable month in quite awhile.

Randy C gave the Intergroup Treasurer's report

Stan N gave his Intergroup Chair report

Sherepta gave a brief report on her goals as the new Co-Chair for Intergroup

Marya B's Store Report included things are running smoothly

We still have no Representative from District 3 on the Steering Committee.

Doug P is our new District 4 Rep

Chuck C has officially resigned as the District 5 Rep, as he moved to Florida and has stayed to help us out until we have more participation on the commieet6t. Jen P attended as a guest and has expressed interest in serving as the District 5 Rep. pending her district approval.

Marya B, District 8, reported that the "When Chocolate Doesn't Work Anymover" workshop is this coming Saturday. The Father Tom workshop is sold out, but they are trying to make it available on line.

Capella I, District 9, no report as the next District meeting is Saturday, Feb. 18.

Chuck C reported on the initial TVICO survey results. We will share those results after the committee has had time to evaluate them.

Stan N has initiated contact with Area 18 to develop a written agreement for the Archives presence at TVICO, which we very much want to continue.

Yours in Service

Capella I, Chairperson

TVICO Steering Committee

Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

Cash Flow

JANUARY 2023

INFLOWS

Archives	\$	-
TAC	\$	100.00

Gross Sales

GSO Sales	\$	3,436.68
Non-GSO Sales	\$	4,209.95
Meeting Schedules & NCP	\$	-
In House Merchandise	\$	-
Gift Certificates	\$	-
Refunds	\$	-

TOTAL Gross Sales	\$	7,646.63
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7th Traditions:

Home Groups	\$	4,889.25
Individuals	\$	131.41
Districts	\$	-
Others	\$	-
Donations	\$	-

TOTAL Donations	\$	5,020.66
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Miscellaneous Revenue

Interest Income	\$	5.50
Shipping & Handling	\$	23.43
Printing	\$	27.10
	\$	-

TOTAL Misc. Revenue	\$	56.03
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TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	12,823.32
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Cash on Hand \$ 21,133.38

Less Liabilities Owing \$ (5,946.51) ²

Cash Available for Operations \$ 15,186.87

Cash Drawer \$ 150.00

Prudent Reserves:

Operations Prudent Reserve	\$	20,104.56
Literature Prudent Reserve	\$	11,000.00

Inventory on Hand \$ 26,991.05

Amounts due from Customers \$ 821.78

OUTFLOWS

Cost of Goods Sold	\$	4,890.81
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Office Expenses

Assembly Expense	\$	-
Bank & Merchant Serv Fees	\$	157.53
Building Maint-Painting/Carpet	\$	-
Computer/Website Maint.	\$	372.50
Copy Machine Lease	\$	339.00 ³
Coffee, Candy, Water, Etc	\$	23.05
Donations from TVICO	\$	0.35
Insurance: D&O	\$	-
Office Supplies	\$	37.61
Open House Expenses	\$	-
Over-Under	\$	49.30
Phone/Internet Service	\$	149.12
Postage & Delivery	\$	9.63
Printing & Reproduction	\$	33.15
Professional Fees	\$	999.35 ¹
Rent	\$	1,298.00
Store Supplies	\$	-

TOTAL Office Expense	\$	3,468.59
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Payroll Expense

Includes Employer Taxes	\$	3,936.24 ⁴
Work Comp Insurance	\$	-

TOTAL Payroll Expense	\$	3,936.24
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	12,295.64
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NET CASH +/-	\$	527.68
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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 Annual 990-EX Tax Return, & Enhanced Payroll & LogMeIn Subscripti

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

³Includes Property Taxes on Leased Equipment

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

**T.V.I.C.O.
GROUP 7th TRADITIONS
JANUARY 2023**

Date	Group Name	Amount
01/03/2023	Women in Fellowship	40.00
01/03/2023	How It Works - Nampa	183.88
01/03/2023	Rule 62	68.55
01/10/2023	Saturday Night Live	20.00
01/10/2023	Noon Awakenings	350.00
01/10/2023	Sunday Night Lifesavers	150.00
01/10/2023	Sobriety Seekers	400.00
01/10/2023	McCall Back to Basics	300.00
01/11/2023	Seekers	217.20
01/11/2023	The Life Ahead	500.00
01/12/2023	Group One	318.98
01/16/2023	Attitude Adjustment	500.00
01/21/2023	Meridian Sunrise	342.45
01/24/2023	Wednesday Night's Men's Solutions	50.00
01/25/2023	Speak Easy Group	185.00
01/27/2023	There is a Solution	366.87
01/30/2023	Serenity Seekers	418.00
01/31/2023	How It Works - Nampa	251.50
01/31/2023	As Bill Sees It	226.82
Total Group Donations		\$ 4,889.25

**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!

Monthly report from Intergroup co-chair and entertainment coordinator 3/23

As Co-chair, I have nothing to report.

My report as entertainment chair...

During the month of February I have heard about 2 training workshops; one for Sponsorship and one for General Service Representative. These workshops have been held at a District level, I have discussed a relationship with district 8 about the GSR workshop and plan to offer a relationship with District 5 for the Sponsorship workshop. I would like to see these types of workshops be offered at an Area level.

I know our ADCM is responsible for 2 workshops a year. I wonder if all ADCM have the same expectation. I would like to suggest to all ADCM that they maybe we can do 4-6 area workshops per year. I think this would better serve the Area.

There was no support for the GSR workshop on the District level so that will be an easy transition. I have not met with District 5 nor did I see the initial email that prompted Doug to suggest Central Office create a "go box" with information. It appears District 5 may be requesting our assistance. This goes along with my desire to have these workshops at an area level.

I am also working on finalizing plans for the Founder's Day event. I am making some huge changes in the plan. Intergroup will review my ideas this month.

I continue to work on the method to send event info to our webmasters. There are many different levels to this, so it is a slow process.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sherepta

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT

Sherepta McLeod

I am making progress on my calendar goal. I find that Area 18 has some information, each district has some information, and meetings have some information. I am hoping to get all the information gathered and then send it out to the Area 18 webmaster, Eastern Idaho Intergroup, and, of course, our own webmaster.

I have created an email so anything about activities can be easily sent to me. Please send any flyers or activity information to TVICOactivities@gmail.com. I want to help you get the word out.

I am also looking for people who would like to be on the TVICO activities committee. It is not a huge commitment. The committee members might assist with an event, reach out to their local groups for information, attend a district's business meeting for information gathering and disseminating, or whatever it takes to spread the word on fellowship.

I would like to have people from every district on my committee. Most of our communication will be by text or email. We will not have regular meetings. I hope to find people who want to see more participation and camaraderie in our fellowship.

I am working on Founders Day. It will be a potluck BBQ. Watch for more information as the date and venue may change.

I am trying to attend the business meetings of each district to introduce myself. Each visit is an eye-opening experience. There are so many activities held by each district, a person could be very busy.

That's it for now.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sherepta

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAC Committee Position

Hello All!! TAC (Treatment, Accessibilities & Corrections) is the group responsible for taking meetings and literature into jails, prisons, and rehabilitation facilities. We currently have the Accessibilities chair position open, which has the following requirements:

Accessibilities Chair: Responsible for public relations with facility administrators in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living and retirement centers.

Assures that facility meetings have accessibility features including entrance, meeting rooms, hallways and restrooms. Maintains contact with caseworkers, family members and facility personnel as requested. Maintains a list of ASL signers for meetings as requested. Works with Area 18 PI/CPC Committee West to provide accessibility literature and contact information for public functions. Recommended to have at least three (3) years of continuous sobriety and at least one (1) year of concurrent active TAC committee experience.

If you are interested in stepping up to fill this need, TAC meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. We meet in person at the Boise Alano Club (3820 Cassia St, Boise, ID 83705) and on Zoom (meeting ID 836 4495 5858; no password required).

Please come and be a part of this great group that provides an invaluable service in our area.

Payette Noonan Meeting

The Payette Noonan meeting is now held on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church—502 North 11th Street, Payette Idaho. For more information, call George: (208) 794-2531

BTG VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Contact the Inside AA Member by letter within two weeks of your notification by the Bridge The Gap Coordinator. Remain in written communication until date of release.
2. Take the newly released Inside AA Member to an AA meeting within 48 hours of their return to the community.
3. It is suggested that the first meeting with the released AA member be viewed as a 12 Step Call and that you take another AA member with you. Use the same guidelines as you would when meeting a newcomer, although you are meeting a member that may have considerable long term sobriety.
4. Review the BTG Program with the newly released AA member so there are no misunderstandings as to what this Program does and does not offer. Use this pamphlet as your reference.
5. Remind the newly released AA member that you are but a temporary "Bridge" to the local AA community.
6. Remember that your job is usually limited to taking the newly released AA member to 3 to 6 meetings, or to end as soon as a sponsor (Not You) has been found. Do your best to encourage that relationship.
7. Make sure that they receive meeting schedules, phone numbers, AA literature, and their own Big Book.
8. Encourage them to attend AA meetings as often as possible, find a Home Group, and, most important, to get a Sponsor as soon as possible. Even a temporary Sponsor who has time for them NOW would be acceptable. Also encourage them to become involved with the AA fellowship.
9. Share your experience, strength, and hope as you would any other AA member new to your community.
10. Upon completion of these responsibilities, contact the BTG Volunteer Coordinator and provide information on how this contact has worked out.

SUGGESTED Guidelines for BTG Volunteers

- DO take the Member to an AA meeting within 48 hours.
- DO carry the AA message with your experience.
- DO take the Member to 3-6 AA meetings.
- DO provide AA meeting schedules and phone numbers.
- DO practice your recovery and solutions.
- DO discuss BTG questions and problems with a Sponsor.
- DON'T sponsor the Member, even temporarily. It is important that they build relationships on their own.
- DON'T loan money, housing, food, car, or be a taxi.
- DON'T be involved in reports to the Justice System. Tradition Twelve is VITAL!
- DON'T exceed the 6 meetings with the member.
- DON'T become emotionally or romantically involved.
- DON'T be responsible for the Member's actions or attitudes in or out of the meetings.

Bridge the Gap / Temporary Contact

PO Box 143 Meridian, ID 83680-0143 (208) 906-2745

VOLUNTEER' S APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer to be an AA Contact to provide a " Bridge" for someone who is to be released back into my

NAME: _____ YEAR OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: M / F

Email: _____ Sobriety Date: _____

HOME GROUP _____ PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

Community where you will be able to bridge to meetings.

I understand that the Bridge the Gap / Temporary Contact Program is not AA Sponsorship, even temporarily.

SIGNATURE : _____

DATE: _____

THE AA TEMPORARY CONTACT PERSON PROGRAM

BRIDGING THE GAP



AN AA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY CONNECTING INSIDE AA MEMBERS TO THE AA COMMUNITY



Address: BRIDGE THE
GAP-TCP PO BOX 143
Meridian, ID 83680-0143
(208) 906-2745

TO THE OUTSIDE AA MEMBER:

The purpose of the AA Bridging The Gap Program is to connect the Inside Member with AA in their community upon their release. You are being asked to be that AA Bridging The Gap Volunteer. When a soon to be released Inside AA Member contacts us, we match them to an AA Bridge Volunteer in their community.

We will call, get the okay, and then send information along to you. Your job is simple. You contact the Inside AA member and arrange to take them to an AA meeting within 48 hours of their release. You are to take them to a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 meetings. You help them to get acquainted, get phone numbers and perhaps locate a Sponsor or Home Group. It is NOT intended that you become their Sponsor, even temporarily. It would be best if the word Sponsor is not used in any way to describe your service. Bridge The Gap Volunteers are "Bridges" to the local AA community. You introduce them to AA members so they have a broad, healthy base of members to call upon. Once this is done, you are then available to "Bridge" again. Lastly, we suggest Bridge Volunteers be active in AA and have a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety. If you are willing to be the hand of AA when an Inside Member reaches out for help, complete the application and mail it. Keep the rest of this pamphlet as reference.

TO THE INSIDE AA MEMBER:

Alcoholics Anonymous has a transition program in this area called Bridging The Gap. You may sign up to be matched with an AA volunteer in your home community upon release. The Bridging The Gap Volunteer has agreed to take you to some meetings, introduce you around, and help you get acquainted and comfortable among new friends in AA. During this time, you will learn about Home Groups, sponsors, working the steps, and service work. They won't follow you around or control your activities, nor will they provide jobs, money, housing, food, clothing, or any other such service. You will probably hear the five basic suggestions for sobriety the fellowship shares with all members! ... Don't Drink, Go to Meetings, Read the Big Book, Call Your Sponsor, and Work the Steps.

Past experience has shown that attending an AA meeting on the outside as soon after release as possible is one of the most effective tools in making a sober transition into the free world. Many of us have been where you are now and know what the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and its fellowship can do for you, by what it has done for us and countless others.

Please complete the attached "Bridge The Gap/Temporary Contact Form" and mail it to the address on the form. Keep the rest of this pamphlet for future reference. Try and have this application submitted as soon as possible prior to your release date. You should be contacted by mail by the Outside Volunteer.

That person will contact you through the mail with information on how to contact him/her once you are released. If you don't hear from a volunteer, please write to the Bridge The Gap Coordinator. Provide the Bridge Coordinator with information on your release date, address and telephone number where you will be living and how the Volunteer can reach you to arrange to go to AA meetings.

Our hope is that you will find this service helpful in your continued recovery.

BRIDGE PROCEDURE:

1. Inside AA Members are eligible for this program if they have less than six months to serve and have been attending Inside AA meetings on a regular basis.
2. Inside AA Member fills out and mails the application to the BTW/TCP Committee, which is responsible for coordinating all "Bridges."
3. The Bridge Coordinator matches the Inside Member with a Bridge Volunteer.
4. Bridge Volunteer writes the Inside AA Member within two weeks to confirm contact and willingness to "Bridge." If a Bridge Volunteer does not wish to use their mailing address, they may use the BTW/TCP address. If a Bridge Volunteer has not contacted the Inside AA Member within two weeks, notify the Bridge Coordinator.
5. Inside AA Member will then inform the Bridge Volunteer of all pertinent information as to the date of release, local address, and telephone number.
6. Bridge Volunteer will meet the released Inside AA Member at the time, date and place agreed upon, and attend his/her first few local AA meetings.
7. After six (6) meetings, the Volunteer is asked to "Let Go and Let God," so they can act as a "Bridge" for the next Inside AA Member.

SUGGESTED READING:

Where Do I Go From Here?
Alcoholics Anonymous
Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
AA Intreatment Facilities
Problems Other Than Alcohol
Questions and Answers on Sponsorship
Getting Started in AA

Bridge the Gap / Temporary Contact

PO Box 143 Meridian, ID 83680-0143 (208) 906-2745

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

I am within six months of my release date. I am requesting an AA Contact who will provide a " Bridge" for me to the AA Community through transportation to meetings and introductions to other AA members in my area.

NAME: _____ YEAR OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: M / F
FACILITY: _____ INMATE NUMBER: _____
FACILITY ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
ADDRESS AFTER RELEASE: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE NUMBER: () Release Date _____

I would like to make a commitment to attend an AA meeting within 48 hours of my release.

I understand that the AA Contact is not an AA Sponsor, even temporarily.

SIGNATURE : _____ DATE: _____



Rule 62

Speaker & Potluck Meeting

Michael T. (10-28-1996]

New Creations Church

3 W Concord St. Middleton, ID 83644

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Dinner @ 6:30pm *(New Time)*

Milestone Chips @ 7:00pm *(New Time)*

Speaker Meeting @ 7:30pm



Join us for a Luau Potluck!



Feel free to bring a fav Hawaiian Dish *(not required)*

Come surfin with us for some Fellowship &
a 'lil bit of Experience Strength & Hope!

Area Committee Business Meetings

- **TAC** (Treatment—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 TAC** 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, Suite 180, Boise, ID (Central Office)

April 21-23, 2023

Quaker Hill Lodge | McCall, Idaho

A stylized graphic featuring a rainbow with red, orange, and yellow bands, set against a dark blue background. Below the rainbow are white mountain peaks. The text "AA Sisters Mountain Retreat" is overlaid in a large, yellow, outlined font.

AA Sisters Mountain Retreat



- Join the women of AA for a rejuvenating mountain retreat filled with fellowship, recovery, and fun.
- Scan the QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/sherepta/aa-sisters-mountain-retreat> to “Save the Date” and receive payment information to secure your spot.
- Call Sherepta for registration questions at 208.830.4048 or Kelly for general questions at 541.297.3819.
- Cost for the 3-day/2-night retreat is \$82 and houses a maximum of 40 women. One meal will be provided, and the rest will be pot-luck style.

Sponsored by Women’s Fresh Start

IDAHO AREA 18 SPRING ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

MAY 12, 13, 14, 2023

Nampa Civic Center

311 3rd St. S., Nampa, ID 83651



Friday, May 12

1:00 pm– 9:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm - Alkathon begins

~~~~~**NEW EVENT**~~~~~

**4:00 pm—5:30 pm Sharing Session:**

“Literature and General Service Conference:  
God Conscience or Bad Decision” -Garren T.

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Call Up Meeting

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm Roundtables

### Saturday, May 13

7:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration

9:00 am—11:30 am Area Business Meeting

9:00 am -11:30 am Workshop Panels

11:30am—1:00pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Area Business Meeting

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Workshop Panels

Banquet/Speaker Meeting

Al-Anon and Alateen Speaker

**Speaker: Polly P., Florida**

9:00 pm—12:00 am **PROM DANCE**

### Sunday, May 14

7:00 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 11:30 am – Sunday Spiritual Breakfast

**Speaker: Steve T., California**

**Spanish Translation available for all Events!**

Registration Information Contact:  
Christine S. (208)629-6029

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

AA GSR \_\_\_ DCM \_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_ Past Delegate \_\_\_ Area Committee \_\_\_ Assembly Committee \_\_\_ Alanon \_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

ASL/Sign Language Needed \_\_\_\_\_

|                     | Early   | Late    |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Registration        | \$25.00 | \$30.00 |
| Banquet Dinner      | \$36.00 | \$41.00 |
| Vegetarian _____    |         |         |
| Spiritual Breakfast | \$25.00 | \$30.00 |
| Coffee Mug          |         | \$7.00  |
| Prom                |         | \$5.00  |

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Registration to:**  
**Spring Assembly**  
**P.O. Box 1408**  
**Caldwell, Idaho 83605**  
**Or**  
**Register Online at:**  
**<https://idahoarea18aa.org/>**

Hotel Res. Deadline: 4/12/23  
Early Reg. Deadline: 4/15/23

Hotel Reservations: [https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.13061.html?groupId=8T9WN8G1](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.13061.html?groupId=8T9WN8G1)



# **Idaho Area 18 Spring Assembly**

## **May 12, 13, and 14**

**Nampa Civic Center  
311 3rd St. S.  
Nampa, Idaho 83651**

### **List of Lodging Nearby**

**Best Western Peppertree Nampa  
205 3rd St S, Nampa, ID 83651  
Must book through the link \$139.99**

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.13061.html?groupId=8T9WN8G1](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.13061.html?groupId=8T9WN8G1)

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites Nampa  
4104 East Flamingo Ave, Nampa, ID  
(877) 963 6469**

**Super 8 by Windham  
624 Northside Blvd, Nampa, ID 83687  
(208) 936-2005**

**Shilo Inn and Suites Nampa  
1401 Shilo Dr., Nampa, ID 83687  
(208) 465-3250**



IDAHO AREA 18 AA  
2023 SPRING ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION  
Presents

# SATURDAY NIGHT PROM DANCE!



**May 13, 2023**

**9 PM to Midnight**

Nampa Civic Center  
311 3rd S. S., Nampa, Idaho 83651

\$5 At the Door (Convention Registration Not Required)  
Photo Booth Area Provided  
Formal Attire Suggested (Let's Dress-Up!)

Have a Favorite Song from Your Senior Year you want to Dance to?  
Send your requests for the Dance DJ to: [donnastraubdesign@gmail.com](mailto:donnastraubdesign@gmail.com)

**Join us for A Night of Fun and Fellowship!**

# TV TAC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

## Summer Picnic and Cookoff Contest

**Saturday June 3rd 11:00-1:00pm**

Veterans Park Under the Pavilion: 930 Veterans Memorial Pkwy Boise



### **GROUP EVENT- COOKOFF**

Do you make the best hamburger on the planet?

Is your secret potato recipe something delicious?

Are your desserts divine?

Then get together with your group and join the Cookoff Contest!

*One 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner for each category  
AND a People's Choice Award!*

**\$5 = general admission for hamburger/hotdogs and potluck**  
**Cookoff Sampler \$2 = 4 tickets** (first come, first served- sold at event)

- Potluck also- bring your favorite dish or beverage
- Under Pavilion- no rain on this party!
- 50/50 Raffle drawing and Basket Auction
- Kids games this year and playground for young fun
- Corn Hole for adults plus great social time
- Largest fundraiser for books and other supplies for Treatment, Accessibility & Corrections

*See reverse side for Group Cookoff and Auction Basket Information*  
*Contact Michelle 208-391-3512 [michelle@michelle-bain.com](mailto:michelle@michelle-bain.com) with questions*

## GROUP INFORMATION FOR COOKOFF

This is a new fun idea for 2023 and we really hope a lot of groups participate! It gives group members a chance to bond while showing off cooking/grilling skills!

### HOW IT WORKS:

- Each group signs up with Michelle or Andrew and states what category participating in.
- Group meets ahead of time to prep their submission and comes ready with final food.
- Group member participants can be 1+ people but the more who share in the fun, the better!
- Decorated tables and/or costumes get bonus points
- Picnic attendees drop a ticket into group can and then get a sampler. \$2= 4 sampler tickets
- One food judge for all three categories
- Tickets will be counted at the end also for "People's Choice" Award so make sure group members and friends come to the picnic to support you!
- Plates, forks, spoons, napkins, small "sampler" dishes trash bags will be provided by TAC
- When your submission food is gone, people will just have to move on! First come, first served

### CATEGORIES:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> place for **BEST BURGER**: tasty ingredients in the burger? Vegan? Special sauce or toppings?
  - Hamburgers are cut into 4 quarters and 1 ticket= 1 quarter
  - Plan about 15 hamburgers as of now 60 pcs- will update as general admission tickets sell
- 1<sup>st</sup> place for **BEST POTATO**: French fries with dip? Potato salad? Baked? Au Gratin?
  - There will be small sampler serving 1 ticket = 1 sampling
  - Plan for about 60 small sample servings- will update as general admission tickets sell
- 1<sup>st</sup> place for **BEST DESSERT**: pudding? Cake? Cookies? Bakes?
  - There will be small sampler serving 1 ticket = 1 sampling
  - Plan for about 60 small sample servings- will update as general admission tickets sell
- Peoples Choice Award- highest number of tickets in their can wins at the end!

### THINGS TO KNOW:

- Pick a lead person for your group so communication can happen with Picnic Committee
- Let Michelle or Andrew know category and main contact
- NOTE- Food tables are limited so if you can bring a table, let Andrew and Michell know also!!!!
- Food for submission is 100% sponsored by the group
- There is only 1 big grill which will be busy with generic hamburger/hotdogs (vs Group Specialty Submissions) and there is no electricity so groups should plan accordingly. Prep ahead, cook ahead, maybe even grill ahead or bring portable.
- Once your group signs up- we will shoot you over a one-sheet with some checklist ideas

Contact Michelle 208-391-3512 [michelle@michelle-bain.com](mailto:michelle@michelle-bain.com)  
or Andrew 208-807-8011 [apojeda88@gmail.com](mailto:apojeda88@gmail.com) to register or ask questions!

## GROUP INFORMATION FOR AUCTION BASKET

We will be auctioning off Group Donated Baskets this year too! Ready baskets can be delivered to TVICO up until **June 1** or can be brought directly to picnic.

TVICO: 111 S Orchard St #180 Boise, ID 83705



# Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



**July 3-6, 2025**



Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the convention webpage at [www.aa.org/international-convention](http://www.aa.org/international-convention) for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.



## **Let's celebrate sobriety together in Vancouver in 2025!**



# **MACKS CREEK CAMPOUT**

Boise, Idaho

**SAVE THE DATE**

Hosted by: Midtown Group

JUNE 8th - 11th 2023

This is the 10th annual for Macks Creek Campout.

Midtown has been hosting now for 4 years.

Come be with us.

Bring the family!!!!

More detailed flyer to follow

Contact

Mike B. (208) 713-9370

Rose (208)577-0303

# **FOUNDERS DAY POTLUCK BBQ**

**2023**

**Sunday, June 18  
4pm – 9pm**

## **Tully Park**

**2500 N Linder Rd, Meridian  
NEW VENUE**

**Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with  
the fixings will be provided.**

**You bring the sides, desserts,  
or drinks.**

**Donations will be accepted.**

## **FAMILY EVENT**

**THERE IS ROOM  
TO BRING YOUR  
CORNHOLE OR  
OTHER GAMES**

**LOCATED NEXT  
TO THE  
PLAYGROUND  
AND EXERCISE  
AREA**

**OFF STREET  
PARKING**

**SKATE PARK**

**SPEAKER  
MEETING AT  
8PM**

**BRING YOUR  
CHAIR**



SAVE  
THE  
DATE

# Gem State Round Up

DOWNTOWN BOISE ON  
THE GROVE

Sept

1-3

2023



THE GROVE HOTEL  
245 S. CAPITAL BLVD.  
BOISE, IDAHO 83702

# 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).



# box 459 BULLETIN BOARD

Items and Ideas on Area Gatherings for A.A.s — Via G.S.O.

Winter 2023

**NOTE:** Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, events may be canceled or moved to online formats. Please contact the event coordinators as listed before making your plans.

## Calendar of Events

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the General Service Office. Please note that we cannot attest to the accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, or completeness of information provided by any linked site. **For any additional information, please use the event contact information provided.**

### January 2023

- 6-8 — *Garden City, Kansas*. 52nd Annual Southwest Kansas Conference. Write: Ch., 105 S. Main St., Ulysses, KS 67880.
- 13-15 — *Bismarck, North Dakota*. Rule 62 Rendezvous Annual Woodstock of ND. Write: Ch., Box 263, Bismarck, ND 58504; Info: Rule62rendezvous.com.
- 20-22 — *Christchurch, New Zealand*. New Zealand 60th National Convention. Info: convention@aa.org.nz or www.aa.org.nz.
- 27-29 — *Boston, Massachusetts*. Freedom Trail Conference. Write: Ch., 15 Saint Paul St., Brookline, MA 02446.
- 27-29 — *South Padre Island, Texas*. Sober in the Sand. Write: Ch., 103 Madelyn Rose, Bayview, TX 78566; Info: dist27dcm@gmail.com.
- 27-29 — *Waxahachie, TX*. XXXVIII Reunion Zona Norte. Write: Ch., 3118 Dawes Dr., Dallas, TX 75211.

### February

- 3-5 — *Little Rock, Arkansas, Canada*. Winter Holiday. Write: Ch., Box 26135 Little Rock, AR 72221; Info: www.winterholidayconvention.com
- 3-5 — *Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada*. Mid Winter Round Up. Write: Ch., 742 Station A, Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5B4; Info: district5mwr@gmail.com
- 10-12 — *Kerala, India*. 15th International "Convention Near the Waves". Write: Ch., Trivandrum South IG, 14/2138(2) Mahalakshmy Building, Nalamchira, N Trivandrum, Kerala, India. 695015; Info: aakovalam@gmail.com

- 16-19 — *Addison, Texas*. 59th Annual International Women's Conference. Write: Ch., Box 293013, Lewisville, Texas 75029-3013; Info: https://internationalwomensconference.org.
- 17-19 — *Virginia Beach, Virginia*. Oceanfront Conference. Write: Registrar Oceanfront Conference, Box 66173, Virginia Beach, VA 23466; Info: www.oceanfrontconference.org
- 24-25 — *Indian Rocks Beach, Florida*. Steps to Sobriety. Write: Ch., 1615 1st street Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785; Info: https://www.stepstosobriety.com
- 24-26 — *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*. 2023 Western Region AA Service Assembly (WRAASA). Write: Ch., 5 Mathias Ave., Spruce Grove, Alberta T7X 2S3; Info: https://www.wraasa.org
- 24-26 — *Louisville, Kentucky*. 71st Kentucky State AA Convention. Write: Ch., Box 37137, Louisville, KY 40233; Info: https://www.2023KYAA.com
- 24-26 — *Pattaya, Thailand*. Thailand Roundup. Write: Ch., Moo 1, Na Jomtien 98/195 Building B, Chonburi, Sattahip Pattaya, Thailand 20250; Info: thailandaaroundup.com

### March

- 03-05 — *Houston, Texas*. 6to Foro Estatal Hispano de Oficinas Intergrupos del Estado de Texas. Write: Ch., 5412 Birdwood Rd., Suite "B" Houston, TX 77096; Info: www.aa6toforohouston2023.org
- 03-05 — *Los Angeles, California*. PRAASA 2023 (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly). Write: Ch., 710 S. Myrtle Ave., Suite #121, Monrovia, CA 91016; Info: PRAASA.ORG
- 03-05 — *Rochester, NY*. Flower City Fellowship Convention. Write: Ch., 1000 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; Email: office1@rochester-ny-aa.org
- 16-19 — *Ruston, Louisiana*. 30th Annual Upstate Convention. Write: Ch., Box 505 Ruston, LA 71273; Info: http://www.rustonaa.org/upstate2023.html
- 17-19 — *Ontario, Canada*. Ontario Regional Conference (ORC). Write: Ch., 234 Eglinton Ave., E #202, Toronto, Ontario M4P 1K5; Info: AAORC.ca

- 17-19 — *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*. Pre-Conference Weekend of Area 60 Western Pennsylvania. Write: Ch., 2869 Royer Mountain Rd., Williamsburg, PA 16693; Info: altdelegate@wpaarea60.org
- 24-26 — *Ames, Iowa*. Aim for Ames Roundup. Write: Ch., Box 2522 Ames, IA. 50010; Info: www.aimforames.org
- 24-26 — *Mount Pleasant, South Carolina*. 76th South Carolina State Convention. Write: Ch., Box 30189, Charleston, SC 29417; Info: chas.stateconvention@gmail.com
- 24-26 — *Tarrytown, New York*. 2023 SENY Convention. Write: convention@aasenry.org; Info: https://www.aasenry.org

### April

- 7-9 — *Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*. 51st Annual North Shore Round Up. Write: Ch., Box 91086, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3N3; Info: www.northshorroundup.com
- 21-23 — *Manchester Village, Vermont*. Area 70 Vermont 57th Annual Convention. Write: Ch., Area 70 Convention, Box 382, Arlington, VT 05250; Email: area70convention@gmail.com
- 21-23 — *Saint Louis, Missouri*. 15th Annual Spring Fling Convention. Write: Ch., Box 22002, St. Louis, MO 63126; Info: www.springflingstl.com

### May

- 4-7 — *Grants Pass, Oregon*. 47th Annual Rogue Roundup — "Banded Together". Write: Ch., Box 1741, Grants Pass, OR 97528-0148; Info: www.rogueroundup.com
- 5-7 — *Lake Jackson, Texas*. 27th Annual Mouth of the Brazos Conference. Write: Ch., Box 1641, Clute, TX 77531; Email: corey.c@aa-seta.org
- 19-21 — *Burns Lake, British Columbia, Canada*. Burns Lake Round Up. Write: Ch., 5040 Babine Lake Rd., Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0; Email: BLROUNDUP@outlook.com
- 19-21 — *Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*. Area 57 (OK) 2023 State Conference. Write: Ch., Box 18996, Oklahoma City, OK 73154; Info: conf\_chair@aaoklahoma.org