

August, 2023

## *Slippery When Wet*

### *Treasure Valley Intergroup Newsletter*

*"Our Primary Purpose is to Stay Sober and to Help Other Alcoholics Achieve Sobriety"*

#### **From the Editor's Desk:**

Greetings! What a great day to be sober! What have you done lately to increase the quality of your sobriety? Sobriety, for many, is simply abstaining from alcohol, and for many others it is about learning how to live a New Life filled with hope, happiness, and serenity. The big question is: what does hope, happiness and serenity FEEL Like? The AA Big Book, page 63 says, "...We became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. **As we felt new power flow in**, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully... we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were **reborn.**" As we grow in our sobriety, yes, we experience all things new, there is no going back. Because we no longer use alcohol to make us feel good, this is a big change, so to feel good we discover new ways to experience life. In Alcoholics Anonymous, this is what it's all about. Only an alcoholic can demonstrate to another alcoholic that there is a New Way. We need each other to demonstrate that this thing works. That's why Intergroup is here! We want to carry the message to alcoholics and show them that we can have fun without alcohol, we can laugh, we can dance (yes, even some of us, like Fred Astaire, WITHOUT the booze!) (Just go to an AA Dance and see, we got the moves!), we can love, we can give to the newcomer a hand and give an understanding that only we can, because we KNOW, we have been there. Each day, each moment we live sober, we not only save our lives, but are making ourselves available for the alcoholic who doesn't know what to do. We can share what we do. We can help. Listen. The heart of solid sobriety beats with serenity and peace in time, waiting, waiting, to be of service when the opportunity occurs.

In love and service,  
Brenda M.

#### **Notes from the Office**

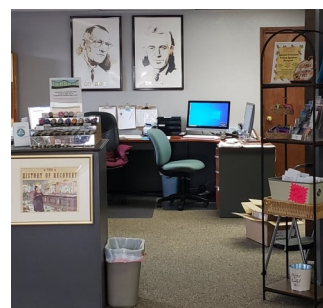
Summer is still here, and we are enjoying all the sunshine we have in the Treasure Valley. We have had another month full of assistance from our Volunteers and have seen the Archives busy at organization and visitors. Be sure to stop by the Archives when the store is open... it is educational and inspirational!

We want to congratulate JR D. on winning the July drawing. There were many entries, so thank you all who participated.

Special Thanks to Cindy H. for helping in the store this month, and a hearty welcome to Renee F. for joining our team!

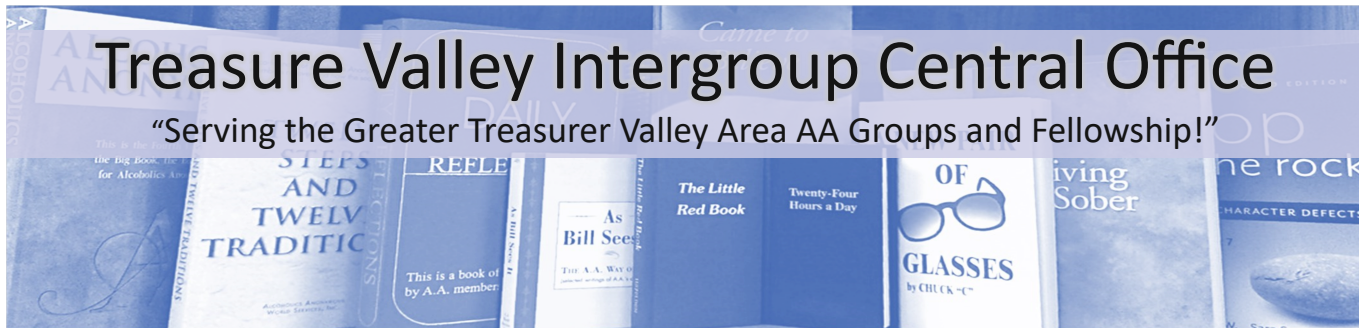
We wish you all the best of the last of summer season and are so thankful for your continued support! We look forward to seeing you, serving you, and Offering you a cup 'o joe while you shop for all your AA Recovery needs. Until Autumn...

Your Central Office Sales Associates  
Janet, Patty, Marti, and Renee



# Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

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



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## *Regular Office Hours*

Monday-Friday 10am to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 3pm

## AA Hotline

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(hotline chair)

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

<https://tvico.net/meeting-update-request/>

## How can You Help us Help You and Others?

- \*Have you heard a good AA Joke?
- \*Want to share your story?
- \*Have you written an AA Poem?
- \*Do have any AA Art to share?

Please.... Send in your submissions to: [swwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:swwnewsletter@gmail.com)

Also, please if you know of someone in AA who could find it useful to receive this newsletter, please suggest they send their email address to [swwnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:swwnewsletter@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the email subscription list! Finally, please ask your group to print copies of this newsletter for your meetings! It is a way to practice Tradition 5's Primary Purpose to Carry the Message! Thank you!!

June, 2023

To the AA Community:

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services - AAWS - has increased TVICO's cost for GSO Approved Literature by over 20%. We try keeping the cost down by purchasing in a higher quantity to receive a discounted price from GSO, however, we aren't able to purchase higher quantity on some of the GSO approved Literature. Our cost, for the Big Book (Hard Cover), has increased over \$2.00 per book, and the Big Book Softcover has increased over \$1.50 per book (even with the higher quantity discounted pricing). Even with the price increase being passed onto the customers and fellowship, we are still offering home groups and individuals discounts when they purchase 10 or more of the same GSO approved literature. Other vendors have increased our pricing, in the prior months, and we are trying to keep that price as minimal as possible, as well.

Thank you -

Steering Committee

## DRUNKS

By Jack M.

We died of pneumonia in furnished rooms  
where they found us three days later  
when somebody complained about the smell  
we died against bridge abutments  
and nobody knew if it was suicide  
and we probably didn't know either  
except in the sense that it was always suicide  
we died in hospitals  
our stomachs huge, distended  
and there was nothing they could do  
we died in cells  
never knowing whether we were guilty or not.

We went to priests  
they gave us pledges  
they told us to pray  
they told us to go and sin no more, but go  
we tried and we died

we died of overdoses  
we died in bed (but usually not the Big Bed)  
we died in straitjackets  
in the DTs seeing God knows what  
creeping skittering slithering  
shuffling things

And you know what the worst thing was?  
The worst thing was that  
nobody ever believed how hard we tried

We went to doctors and they gave us stuff to  
take that would make us sick when we drank  
on the principle of so crazy, it just might work,  
I guess or maybe they just shook their heads  
and sent us places like Dropkick Murphy's  
and when we got out we were hooked on

Paraldehyde or maybe we lied to the doctors  
and they told us not to drink so much  
just drink like me  
and we tried  
and we died

We drowned in our own vomit  
or choked on it  
our broken jaws wired shut  
we died playing Russian roulette  
and people thought we'd lost  
but we knew better  
we died under the hoofs of horses  
under the wheels of vehicles  
under the knives and boot-heels of our brother  
drunks  
we died in shame

And you know what was even worse?  
was that we couldn't believe it ourselves  
that we had tried  
we figured we just thought we tried  
and we died believing that we hadn't tried  
believing that we didn't know what it meant to  
try

When we were desperate enough  
or hopeful or deluded or embattled enough to  
go for help  
we went to people with letters after their  
names  
and prayed that they might have read the right  
books that had the right words in them  
never suspecting the terrifying truth  
that the right words, as simple as they were  
had not been written yet

We died falling off girders on high buildings  
because of course ironworkers drink  
of course they do  
we died with a shotgun in our mouth  
or jumping off a bridge  
and everybody knew it was suicide  
we died under the Southeast Expressway  
with our hands tied behind us  
and a bullet in the back of our head  
because this time the people that we  
Disappointed were the wrong people  
we died in convulsions, or of "insult to the  
brain" we died incontinent, and in disgrace,  
abandoned  
if we were women, we died degraded,  
because women have so much more to live up  
to  
we tried and we died and nobody cried

And the very worst thing  
was that for every one of us that died  
there were another hundred of us, or another  
thousand  
who wished that we would die  
who went to sleep praying we would not have  
to wake up because what we were enduring  
was intolerable  
and we knew in our hearts  
it wasn't ever gonna change

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One day in a hospital room in New York City  
one of us had what the books call  
"a transforming spiritual experience"  
and he said to himself

I've got it  
(no you haven't you've only got part of it)

and I have to share it  
(now you've ALMOST got it)

And he kept trying to give it away  
but we couldn't hear it  
the transmission line wasn't open yet  
we tried to hear it  
we tried and we died

We died of one last cigarette  
the comfort of its glowing in the dark  
we passed out and the bed caught fire  
they said we suffocated before our body burned  
they said we never felt a thing  
that was the best way maybe that we died  
except sometimes we took our family with us

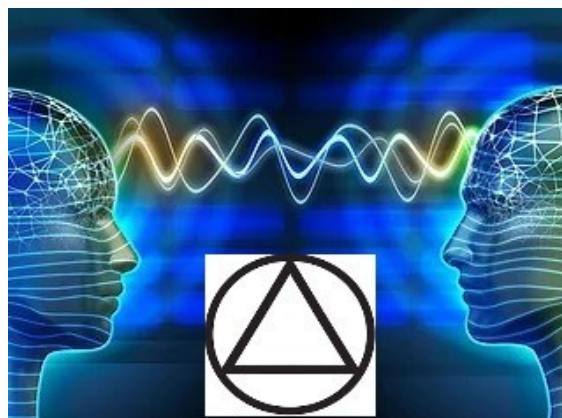
And the man in New York was so sure he had it  
he tried to love us into sobriety  
but that didn't work either, love confuses drunks  
and he tried and still we died  
one after another we got his hopes up  
and we broke his heart  
because that's what we do  
And the very worst thing of all was that every  
time we thought  
we knew what the worst thing was  
something happened that was even worse

Until a day came in a hotel lobby  
and it wasn't in Rome, or Jerusalem, or Mecca  
or even Dublin, or South Boston  
it was in Akron, Ohio, for Christ's sake

A day came when the man said I have to find a  
drunk because  
I need him as much as he needs me  
(NOW  
you've got it)

And the transmission line  
after all those years  
was open  
the transmission line was open

And now we don't go to priests and doctors  
and people with letters after their names  
we come to people who have been there  
we come to each other  
and we try  
and we don't have to die.





## What is Treasure Valley Intergroup Office of Alcoholics Anonymous Inc.?

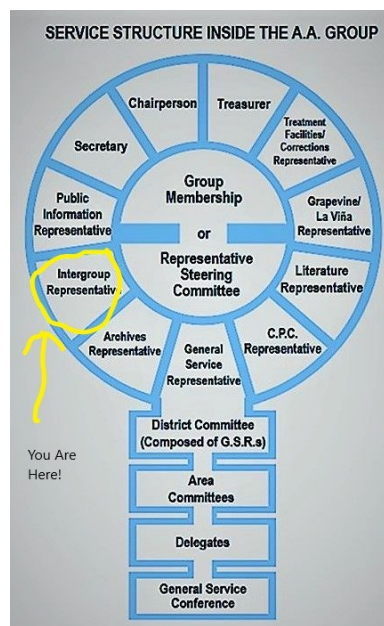
Treasure Valley Intergroup Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. was created as an Idaho Nonprofit Corporation on July 20th, 1979. For 42 years we have had an Intergroup and Central Office in operation, serving autonomous AA groups in the Treasure Valley keeping AA alive and well to carry the message to the alcoholic who suffers from the disease of alcoholism. For many, many years Intergroup has sponsored fellowship events including: Lefty Callahan Raft Race, New Year's Solution Party, Halloween Party, Founder's Day Picnic, Super Bowl Extravaganza, and the Mack's Creek Campout. These events were created to foster Unity within the A.A. community and also raised funds for the viability of the Central Office.

The past few years, since the onset of the COVID-19 virus such Unity activities have been halted for the safety of our fellowship. In 2023, things are beginning to change and Intergroup is in the process of planning fun fellowship events soon! Intergroup continues to have monthly meetings to keep our local Central Office viable and to continue to foster Unity and to carry the message via local Intergroup Representatives of local groups.

Many groups may ask why do we need an Intergroup Representative (IGR)? Because our local Treasure Valley Intergroup is here FOR YOU... the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous! Home groups are at the top of the pyramid structure of A.A., and this is WHY it is important for each registered group with the Central Office to have an I.G.R., to attend Intergroup monthly meetings so that Intergroup truly represents **as many groups as possible** when discussing events, the A.A. Hotline, Slippery When Wet Intergroup Newsletter, the Central Office operations, and the Intergroup website. Homegroups have their voice heard in all matters related to how Intergroup and the Central Office provide service to the fellowship, via the vote their I.G.R. carries at each Intergroup Monthly Meeting.

We invite you to please send your group's Intergroup Representative to the next Intergroup meeting. If your group does not have an IGR, elect one! This is a very fun position! **Our Intergroup Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday at 6pm, online, via Zoom. Zoom ID: 875 1921 8070 Passcode: Intergroup**

We bring new vitality, experience, strength, and hope to each and every day we stay sober and practice the program of Alcoholics Anonymous! As we give gratitude each day, and each moment for this gift of serenity we carry, may we honor this walk together with mutual respect and integrity, ready for next new-comer who walks into our rooms...



**Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office**  
**Cash Flow**  
**JULY 2023**

**INFLOWS**

Archives	\$	801.90
TAC	\$	50.00

**Gross Sales**

GSO Sales	\$	6,631.60
Non-GSO Sales	\$	3,112.83
Meeting Schedules & NCP	\$	-
In House Merchandise	\$	-
Gift Certificates	\$	-
Refunds	\$	-
<b>TOTAL Gross Sales</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,744.43</b>

**7th Traditions:**

Home Groups	\$	7,157.23
Individuals	\$	84.00
District #	\$	-
7th Tradition Can	\$	109.00
	\$	-
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL 7th Traditions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,350.23</b>

**Miscellaneous Revenue**

Interest Income	\$	7.33
Shipping & Handling Income	\$	14.72
Printing Income	\$	2.30
	\$	-
<b>TOTAL Misc. Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24.35</b>

<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,970.91</b>
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Cash on Hand	\$	31,835.67
Less Liabilities Owing	\$	(17,152.15) <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cash Available for Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,683.52</b>
Cash Drawer	\$	150.00

**Prudent Reserves:**

Operations Prudent Reserve	\$	20,116.19
Literature Prudent Reserve	\$	11,000.00
Inventory on Hand	\$	36,524.95
Amounts due from Customers	\$	6,793.27

**OUTFLOWS**

<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,084.36</b>
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**Office Expenses**

Assembly Expense	\$	-
Bank & Merchant Serv Fees	\$	126.41
Building Maint-Painting/Carpe	\$	-
Computer/Website Maint.	\$	110.00
Copy Machine Lease	\$	226.26
Coffee, Candy, Water, Etc	\$	202.40
Contributions from TVICO	\$	-
Insurance: Liability	\$	-
Office Supplies	\$	-
Open House Expenses	\$	-
Over-Under	\$	22.19
Phone/Internet Service	\$	149.07
Postage & Delivery	\$	-
Printing & Reproduction	\$	56.08
Professional Fees	\$	561.00 <sup>1</sup>
Rent	\$	1,298.00
Store Supplies	\$	-
<b>TOTAL Office Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,751.41</b>

**Payroll Expense**

Includes Employer Taxes	\$	3,257.42 <sup>3</sup>
Work Comp Insurance	\$	-
<b>TOTAL Payroll Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,257.42</b>

<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,093.19</b>
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<b>NET CASH +/-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,877.72</b>
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**NOTES:**

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

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

<sup>3</sup>There were three (3) payrolls in June 2023

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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
07/05/2023	How It Works - Nampa	162.90
07/05/2023	Treasure Valley Birthday Speakers	800.00
07/06/2023	Sobriety Seekers	400.00
07/06/2023	Rule 62	93.84
07/06/2023	Noon Awakenings	450.00
07/06/2023	Group #000084161 Jennifer D	125.00
07/07/2023	Bucks No Bull	807.37
07/08/2023	Seekers	266.00
07/14/2023	Wednesday Night Men's Solution	69.96
07/15/2023	Living Well	193.00
07/19/2023	Faith Forward	248.71
07/20/2023	Garden Valley Gods Country	150.00
07/24/2023	Attitude Adjustment	500.00
07/24/2023	As Bill Sees It	164.00
07/24/2023	As Bill Sees It	138.16
07/25/2023	Meridian Sunrise	477.75
07/25/2023	Meridian Night Group	250.00
07/25/2023	Women's Connection	644.70
07/26/2023	Boise Zoomers	254.95
07/31/2023	7am Zoomers	940.89
07/31/2023	Saturday Night Live	20.00
<b>Total Group 7th Traditions</b>		<b>\$ 7,157.23</b>

**Central Office would like to thank all the Groups, Individuals, and  
Districts for their 7th Traditions last month.  
We appreciate it so much !!!**



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## Long Timer's Interview

(To preserve the AA Message and Carry it to Alcoholics; to preserve local history; to educate and inspire)  
August 13, 2023

Name: Candice C.

Sobriety Date: 9/3/92

Homegroup: Chubbuck Sunday Night Group in Chubbuck

BEFORE A.A., a little about yourself:

Birthdate: 1976

Birthplace: Utah

When did you start Drinking? Age 12

How did you decide you were an alcoholic? I admitted I was alcoholic when I understood I had no control over my drinking.

How did you hit bottom? When I woke up in a hospital after an intentional overdose and saw my mother crying in the corner, that was my bottom.

What was your life like? I was young because I was 16 years old living in my mother's house in Rexburg.

RECOVERY:

How did you discover Alcoholics Anonymous? A crush of mine went to treatment and came back telling me I should go to an AA meeting with him.

How old were you when you entered the rooms for the first time? 16

Where did you attend your first meeting? Rexburg, ID

Were there a lot of meetings in your town? No just one per week

Did you get a sponsor right away? No there were no women who had worked the steps available to me

Have you had the same sponsor throughout your sobriety or have you had different ones?

I've had different sponsors

Were there many minorities at AA meetings? Nope. It was pretty male, pale, and stale.

Were meetings attended mostly by men Or were they equally attended by women? Men

Was there a particular time when there was an increase in women who attended AA meetings that you can remember? I don't recall really

Have you ever held a general service position? yes If so, what was your first service position? GSR How many years sober were you? 4 years

What was your first impression of Trusted Servants, or the Idaho Area 18 Delegate back then?

My impression was that I knew very little and didn't understand what was going on. I thought general service was "politics" and didn't understand what a Delegate did.

How about AA Service in General, were you interested in how the AA General Service Structure worked and the role your home group played? It wasn't until I was later in my sobriety that I began to understand the service structure and how our 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy worked.

Did you attend Area Assemblies? I attended Area Convention, but not assemblies.

I didn't attend assemblies until I was a GSR at 4 and 5 years of sobriety.

Were Group Business Meetings, or District Meetings different than they are today? District meetings in Pocatello are much more structured than they were back when I was a GSR. Robert's Rules of order are observed and we have standard reporting.

What is the most conflict you have seen at an AA business meeting? Any throwing of chairs?

I've never seen chairs thrown. I have however seen a nose to nose confrontation with a finger in the chest. It was an example of what I don't want to be in service.

What kinds of advice would you give a new GSR today? Be present. Don't try to be perfect. Accept that service is about learning new things and is not black and white. Being of service can be ambiguous and that's ok.



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What kinds of advice would you give a new GSR today? **Be present. Don't try to be perfect. Accept that service is about learning new things and is not black and white. Being of service can be ambiguous and that's ok.**

In your sobriety, have you ever seen new groups form because of a resentment and a coffee pot? Do you know any of the history of Idaho Area 18 AA and about how certain different groups were formed? **I helped start the Young People's meeting in Pocatello. It wasn't quite formed with a resentment, but certainly with an attitude of "we can do it better than you". Many times new groups are formed because we are creating the Fellowship we crave.**

Have you always attended the same Home Group? **No. Throughout the years, changes in my life have necessitated changes in home groups.**

In your opinion, is it important to choose one home group to belong to? **Yes**

What do you think holds a home group together? **Adherence to Traditions.**

Do you sponsor people? **Yes**

Are you currently involved in AA General Service? If so, how? What is your favorite part of giving this service to the program of AA? **I currently serve as Panel 72 Delegate for Idaho Area 18. My favorite part of service is the relationships God allows me to cultivate and nurture.**

How important is service work? Over the years, have you witnessed a newcomer, or perhaps even a long-timer get and stay sober without participating in General Service at all? **General Service is not for everybody. Some of us are very good at doing behind-the-scenes service like making coffee and setting up the meeting room. Some excel at working with newcomers. Service looks different for everyone.**

In your early sobriety, were there many AA fellowship events? **I don't believe there were more events, but we did have more "meetings after the meeting"**

What kinds of things would you all do for fun? **In the summer we would go to local swimming holes. We would also go into the mountains and build fires. My favorite times were at the local coffee shop together.**

Was there really such a thing as "The meeting after a meeting"? What was that like? **For sure.**

**In Pocatello, we would go to JB's or Poppa Paul's and have dinner and coffee sometimes until 1:00am.**

Do you think that still happens today? **I don't see it happen so much today.**

Have you ever attended an International AA Convention? **San Antonio and Atlanta**

Have you ever attended PRAASA? **yes** What was one of your favorite times at PRAASA?

**At PRAASA in Hawaii we went to a local meeting and it was probably one of the best meetings I've ever been to. The group is called "The Black Experience". It was a ball.**

What has been the most difficult Life on Life's Terms event you have experienced in your Sobriety?

**Divorce and physical injury in 2015**

What has been your ultimate Spiritual Experience in AA?

**Attending the General Service Conference was an indescribable experience.**

How do you define Serenity? **Feeling comfortable in my own skin**

What do you think has been the most significant CHANGE in A.A. since the days you got sober?

**I don't know about the most significant change in AA, but I've changed significantly!**

What doesn't happen anymore, around A.A. these days, that you wish still did?

**Meetings after the meeting.**

What do you think of electronic/online AA Meetings?

**I think they are of great use for those who prefer/need them.**

How about electronic/online Assembly Conventions?

**Again, important for those who prefer or need them.**

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What message do you have for the newcomer? **You are welcome here.**

How were early AA Newcomers treated back in the day? **Newcomers were often treated gruffly and without much compassion. I'm grateful to see we've gained a little more compassion.**

In your opinion, how important is AA Literature or AA Guidelines and the AA Service Manual to a newcomer's recovery? **AA Literature can be lifesaving. However, it is not the end all and be all. Guidelines are meant to be flexible and the Service manual is ever changing. It is the human connection we make with newcomers that makes the most difference.**

What are some of the biggest AA controversies you have experienced in your sobriety?

**Smoking vs. non-smoking in meetings, "affiliation" with the court system and signing attendance cards, and the resignation of the General Service Board Chair.**

Is there anything you regret, during your sobriety, while involved with Alcoholics Anonymous?

**Not anymore. There's a step for that.**

What is the grandest Gift the program of Alcoholics Anonymous has given you?

**The Gift of a relationship with a Power greater than myself.**

As a long-timer, you have probably experienced the passing of many AA friends you have met along the way. What brings comfort, if any, in dealing with these experiences of loss as they occur?

**This is a great question. It's very complicated if one of those friends has passed as a result of this disease. It leaves a feeling of uneasiness as well as a complicated gratitude that I get to remain sober. For our friends who pass on to the big meeting in the sky, I'm grateful for the time I got to have with them and make sure to pass on to others what they passed on to me to honor their memory.**

What helps you most to keep coming back to AA, daily? **I wish I had some sage answer for this, but it's actually routine. I am in a healthy routine and have a life that I love as a result. That makes it easy to maintain.**

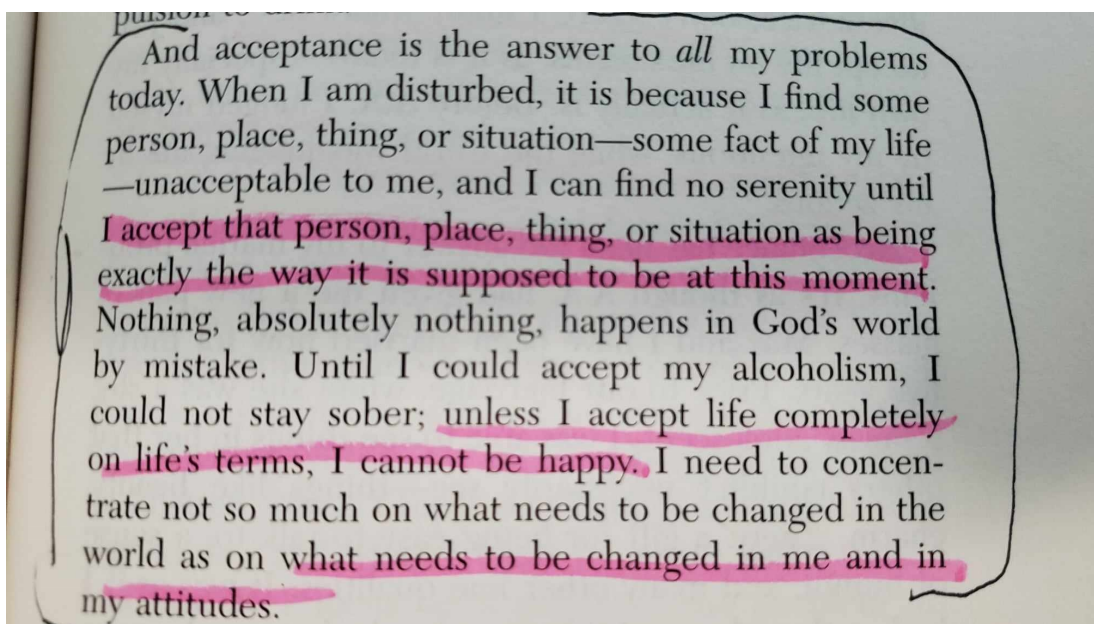
Do have any favorite AA Slogans you find useful? Why? **I love 'Easy Does It'. It's a great reminder to relax, pause when agitated, and connect with a Higher Power when in doubt.**

What are your wishes for Alcoholics Anonymous 200 years from now?

**I honestly don't know. I'll leave AA's future to God.**

Do you have anything you would like to add that has not been covered?

**Thank you for allowing me to be a part of!**



Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book, Page 417

Treasure Valley Intergroup Meeting  
July 13, 2023 6:00 pm  
Zoom ID: 875 1921 8070 Passcode: Intergroup

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 ...Kimmie P.

a. 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.

b. Guiding the operation of TVICO through its subcommittee known as the TVICO Steering Committee.

c. Furthering the AA program in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

d. Providing a 24-hour hotline Answering Service.

e. Publishing a monthly Newsletter.

f. Maintaining a list to volunteers to accept 12-Step calls.

5. Birthdays...Kimmie P. 13 Years! Stan N. 12 years! Ryan P. 3 years! You are all true miracles!

6. Roll Call ... Brandi G. IGR w/ Rule 62, Stan N. Chair for Intergroup, Scott T. IGR DPMG/Intergroup Sec., Ryan P. IGR Dingalings, Lonnie B. IGR There is a Solution, Kimmie P. IGR TAC, Lisa C. IGR Mountain Home Group, Brenda M. News Letter Editor, Cary N. IGR for Midtown Group, Capella I. Steering Committee Chair and IGR for Dist. 9, Sherepta M. Entertainment Coordinator of Intergroup IGR Friday Night New-comer Mtg, Randy C. Intergroup Treasurer/IGR Dist. 4, Brian T. IGR Primary Purpose Group, DJ H. Idaho Area 18 TAC West Chair

7. Secretary ... Scott T. Sec Report (see attached report) Kimmie P. motions to approve Brandi G. 2nd . Report was approved.

8. Treasurer Report ...Randy C. (see report). Scott T. motions to approve, Cary N. 2 nd and report was approved.

9. Elections for Intergroup and/or Steering Committee ...We are also STILL in need of a Co-Chair for Intergroup, so if you know anyone please have them join our next meeting in August. Thanks!

10. Intergroup Chair / Entertainment Chair...(see report) We will be bringing up new bylaw amendment that were sent for groups to review and make suggestions for approval for the next two meetings. Sherepta M. (please see report) if you have any fliers that need exposure please send them to tvicoactivities@gmail.com

11. Newsletter Editor...Brenda M. is always looking for submissions and is interviewing people with long term sobriety. This is the new email address for the newsletter: **[swnewsletters@gmail.com](mailto:swnewsletters@gmail.com)**

12. Hotline Answering Service... Dave F. always looking for volunteers so service opportunity and Dave has not been present due to his work but we will be obtaining a report from him monthly hopefully.

13. TAC Representative... Kimmie P. Lots of volunteers taking meetings into treatment centers and hospitals. Next volunteer training meeting will be in September, date and time TBD. The Prisons and Jails have more openings, with a small amount of volunteers taking meetings in. More volunteers are needed. The next IDOC training is on Aug 17th and Ada City Jail training is on Aug 3rd. Folks can go to this link (<https://tac.tvtac.com/corrections-training/>) which is on the new TVTAC website, to get more information on these trainings. There is a link that will take you right to the registration and signup site. **This is also the link for the new TAC website (<https://tac.tvtac.com/>).** Elections for next rotation will be in January of 2024, please announce at groups to raise awareness and interest. \$6035 profit was made at the TAC Picnic - which is awesome!!

(Intergroup July Minutes Continued)

14. CPC/PI Representative...n/a still in need of service position.
  15. Central Office Financial Report... Randy C. (see report) Please keep the group contributions coming to stay in the black.
  16. Steering Committee Chair...(see report) capellaikola@outlook.com for questions.
  17. Web master for TVICO Dave H. 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... Brandi with Rule 62 meets in Middleton @ United Methodist Church on Monday and New Creations Church on Mon, Tues & Thurs @ 7:30. Scott T. DPMG meets every Sun at 7pm @ The Alano Club - 3820 Cassia St. Boise. Ryan P. IGR Dingalings meets at the Boise New Hope Church on W. Overland Rd on Wednesday @ 8pm. Lonnie B. There is a Solution @ Eagle Hills Church and meets Mon-Fri. from 12-1pm. Kimmie P. for DT's and Beyond meets @ River Valley Church on Monday nights 7pm. Lisa w/ Mountain Home Group meets Mon thru Sat. @ St. James Episcopal Church. Brenda with Seekers meets Mon-Fri @ Noon at Emanuel Church on the corner of Fort and 8 the Boise. Cary N. IGR Midtown Meeting Join us at Midtown Group Sundays at 7pm. Big Book Meeting at 5:30pm. Randy C. IGR for Dist. 4 w/ Business Mtg 2 nd Saturday of the month 619 S. 12 th Ave and hosting Spring Assembly Convention May 12-14. 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.
  19. Unfinished Business... New By-Law Amendment (see attached) for splitting up service positions for Districts 3, 5, 9 to be rotated at the end of even years, and District 4, 8 to be rotated on odd years so that the steering committee always has experience members that have organizational knowledge helping the new members with better continuity of rotations. IGR's if you could please bring this back to your home groups and discuss this change, and then we will all discuss it at the next Intergroup meeting. The meeting after that we will be voting on this amendment. Everyone believes this good idea, and concerns that some districts may have to change their way of voting and/or amend their by-laws to accommodate this change for elections. Thanks
  20. New Business...We will be voting on the by-law changes next meeting.
- Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

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## INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

### July 2023

BALANCE FORWARD 07/01/2023 **\$434.17**

#### INCOME

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	None	

#### EXPENSE

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	None	

ENDING CASH BALANCE 07/31/2023 **\$434.17**



Business Meeting Minutes 11 July 2023  
Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM (MST)  
882 5863 0483 Password – TVICO

Open Meeting – Open at 6:00 PM 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.

Attendees – Capella I., Chairperson and District 9 representative, Marya B., Co-Chairperson and District 8 representative, Doug P., District 4 representative and secretary, Stan N., Intergroup Chairperson, Randy C., Intergroup Treasurer, and Teri K., Central Office Accountant.

Secretary Report: June Steering Committee Minutes reviewed and approved.

Reports –

Central Office Accountant –Teri K. (attached) Approved

Intergroup Treasurer – Randy C. (attached)

Intergroup Chair– Stan N. (attached)

Intergroup Co-Chair – Vacant

Store Report – Marya B. (attached)

Steering Committee District Representatives Reports –

District 3 Committee Member - Karen H

District 4 Committee Member - Doug P. Good participation in Area 18, District 4 overall, July Business Meeting and Birthday dinner was cancelled for the month.

District 5 Committee Member – Jen L.

District 8 Committee Member – Marya B. Distributed Steering Committee Roles Document to District 8 DCM. Notified District of upcoming Steering Committee Representative position to fill at Marya's rotation this coming December. Upcoming Fall workshop.

District 9 Committee Member – Capella I. District 9 Camp Out July 28-30, Cold Springs Campground, Lost Valley Reservoir.

Old Business –

Steering Committee Responsibilities Document: Attached to these minutes for District 3, 4, 5, 9, Steering Committee Reps distribution to Area 18 DCM's

Steering Committee Tenure (term lengths, interim appointment, follow on service on this committee) Stan N., Attached "Terms of Service" document to Intergroup Chair Report (April 2023)

By-Laws Amendment? Request Area 18 District By-Laws amendment.? Bylaws amendment form attached submitted on 08 June Intergroup meeting, Approved by Intergroup? Tabled to August Steering Committee Meeting

TVICO temporary employee sobriety length requirement: Tabled until August Steering Committee Meeting for Capella I. to reach out to GSO Central Office Management Guidance.

TVICO Sales Associates inquired about On-Line Store Tabled to July Steering Committee Meeting, evaluation for action after review and further discussion. Tabled for research; update at September Steering Committee Meeting

WEB Hosting aaboise.com, Committee confirmed \$11.03 annual cost. Approved expenditure.

Business handled via email between 07 June and 11 July 2023:

TVICO Draft Lease Agreement distributed; per email communication on 24 June, Area 18 may wish to relocate archives.

Closing TVICO for 3 July, 2023 (Holiday Observance)

New Business –

Sec Of State Filing Due July 31 Listing of Steering Committee names (Present on 11 July Meeting) By name on the Idaho Secretary of State Tax Filing. Committee Approved use of Steering Committee members by name, First and Last, in the Secretary of State Tax filing.

Held Executive Session

### **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
- **District 9** – 3rd Saturday of the month (Quarterly Feb, May, Aug, Nov.) – 1:00 pm – Rotating location
- **District 10** – 1st Sunday of the month – 1:00 pm (Potluck at Noon)- Jerome Library, Jerome, ID
- **District 12** – Rotating meeting times and locations. For more information please email [district12@idahoarea18aa.org](mailto:district12@idahoarea18aa.org)

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

- **Intergroup** – 2nd Thursday of the month 6PM. 1111 S. Orchard Street, Suite 180, Boise ID (Central Office) Zoom ID: 875 1921 8070 Passcode: Intergroup
- **TVICO** Steering Committee Tuesday prior to Intergroup meeting at 6pm. 1111 S. Orchard St, Suite 180, Boise, ID (Central Office)

## Where to send 7th Tradition Contributions

### General Service Office- 7th Tradition

General Service Office  
P.O. Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116

### Idaho Area 18

P.O. Box 10153  
Ketchum, ID 83340

### Treasure Valley Intergroup Central Office

1111 S. Orchard, Suite 180  
Boise, ID 83705

### District 1

P.O. Box 224  
Pocatello, ID 83202

### District 2

Attn: Manny  
P.O. Box 2360  
Hailey, ID 83333

### District 3

P.O. Box 7892  
Boise, ID 83707-7892

### District 4

P.O. Box 1408  
Caldwell ID, 83606

### District 5

P.O. Box 190754  
Boise, ID 83719

### District 6

P.O. Box 50443

### District 8

ATTN: TVICO  
1111 S. Orchard Street, Suite 180  
Boise, ID 83705  
Venmo 7th Tradition: [https://  
account.venmo.com/u/District-Eight](https://account.venmo.com/u/District-Eight)

### District 9

PO Box 963  
Emmett, ID 83717

### District 10

324 4th Avenue East  
Jerome, ID 83338

### District 12

165 E 1 N  
Preston, ID 83263



The Treasure Valley Public Information  
Committee invites you to  
“Adopt a Book Nook”.

If you find a Little Free Library  
book box in your neighborhood  
you can keep it stocked with a  
Big Book. We provide the Big  
Book - you provide the service.



It's easy and anonymous. Pick up your Big  
Book at Treasure Valley Central Office at  
1111 S. Orchard St. in Boise.

Contact the TV PI Committee at  
[tvcpcpi@gmail.com](mailto:tvcpcpi@gmail.com)

or

Linda N. 208-841-0617



# TETON CANYON CAMPOUT

AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>, AND 27<sup>TH</sup>  
REUNION FLATS CAMPGROUND SITE A  
TETON CANYON ROAD, ALTA, WY 83414

FRI. 25<sup>TH</sup>: SET UP CAMP. FEND FOR YOURSELF DINNER. WEEKEND WARRIOR GRILL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COOKING FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. CAMPFIRE MEETING AT 7PM.

SAT. 26<sup>TH</sup>: 9:00 AM MORNING MEETING (TOPIC TO BE DETERMINED)

5:00 PM RAFFLE AND SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

6:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER MEAT PROVIDED BY TVAA GROUP AND PREPARED BY THE WEEKEND WARRIORS OF IDAHO FALLS. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESERT. A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DRIGGS MEETING ROOM OR PLEASE CONTACT SHEILA FRANCISCO (208) 351-8909 FOR SUGGESTIONS.

AFTER DINNER SPEAKER MEETING (7:00 PM) FEATURING LENNY F. (GREAT NEWS GROUP IDAHO FALLS).

SUN. 27<sup>TH</sup>: POTLUCK BREAKFAST AND PACK UP AT WILL. MORNING MEETING AT 9:00 AM.

- LIMITED GROUP SITE CAMPING AVAILABLE (ABOUT 20 CAMPERS, 25 TENT SITES, OTHER CAMPSITES AND FOREST CAMPING) AVAILABLE AT WILL. Violet, 541 221-3417 or Sheila 208 351-8909

- FOR RAFFLE TICKETS AND/OR DONATIONS PLEASE CALL VIOLET (541) 221-3417 OR SHEILA (208) 351-8909

- WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!! COME SHARE AND PARTICIPATE THIS WONDERFUL LIFE, ONE DAY AT A TIME. HAPPY, JOYOUS, FREE, TRUDGING THE ROAD TO HAPPY DESTINY

# *Primary Purpose*

## *DINNER & A SPEAKER*

*Thursday: August 24th, 2023*

*Dinner 7:30 pm, Speaker 8:00 pm*

*SPEAKER Jay M*

*Join us for Lasagna and Garlic bread*

*Please bring a side dish if you wish*

*Saint Davids*

*1800 Arlington Ave*

*Caldwell, ID 83605*



**PIZZA  
PARTY**



# Rule 62



Speaker & Potluck Meeting

**Kelly S. [4/10/2020]**

New Creations Church  
3 W Concord St. Middleton, ID 83644

**Thursday, August 31, 2023**

Dinner @ 6:30pm

Milestone Chips @ 7:00pm

Speaker Meeting @ 7:30pm

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! 'Nuff said. Bring a pizza pie  
with your favorite toppings! *(not required)*

Get ready for some fellowship, laughter  
& Experience Strength & Hope!





# *AA ON THE ROCKS*

## *DINNER & A SPEAKER*

*Saturday: September 2nd, 2023*

*Dinner 5:00 pm, Speaker 6:00 pm*

## *SPEAKER Acie A*

*Home Group:*

*We provide the meal*

## *Sloppy Joes*

*... you provide the appetite.*

*(Come and join us - with or without potluck items) held*

*at 4012 S 10th Ave, Caldwell, Idaho*

*(Caldwell Church of Christ entrance in*

*back, use 10th St driveway)*





# IDAHO AREA 18



**OCT 6-7-8, 2023**

## FALL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

Name:

Homegroup:

Address:

Phone Number/ Email:

Status: GSR \_\_\_\_ DCM \_\_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_\_ Past Delegate \_\_\_\_

Area Committee \_\_\_\_ Assembly Committee \_\_\_\_ Alanon \_\_\_\_

Early Registration Deadline Sept 1st 2023

Contact Burley Best Western 208-678-3501

Mention you are with Idaho Area 18 for the special rate of  
\$104 + Taxes at Best Western or \$78 + Taxes at the Budget Inn

	EARLY	LATE
REGISTRATION	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00
BANQUET DINNER (SMOKEHOUSE BUFFET)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	
SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST (COUNTRY)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	
COFFEE CUP	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7.00	

**TOTAL**

\$

### Registration Info

Contact Cheri 208-329-0552

Register Online at

<https://idahoarea18aa.org>

Mail Registration to:

PO BOX 335

Jerome, Idaho 83338

## Speakers

Friday- Rocky R. Jerome

Saturday- Reilly K. Oregon

Sunday- Dennis G. Lewiston



Musical Chairs Ice Cream Social  
& BINGO  
Saturday at 9 PM

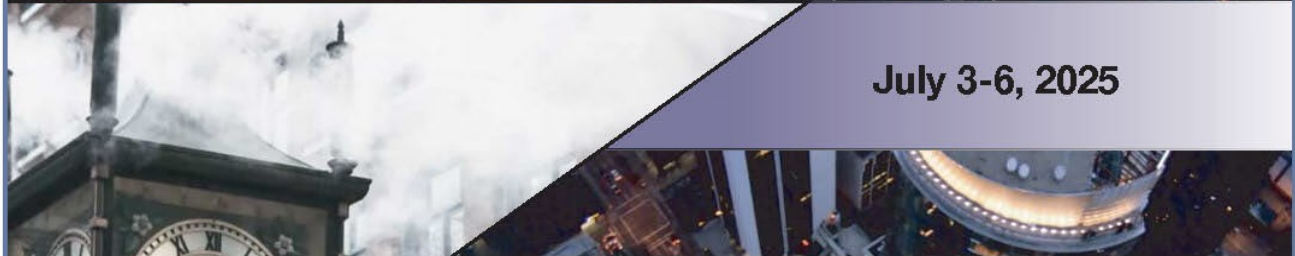


# Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

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!**

# 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).
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- ◆ 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).



## WHAT IS RULE #62?

In the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, under Tradition Four ( "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole"), there is a story about a group who took their autonomy too far by wanting to set up a fancy treatment center for alcoholics. It became so big that they adopted 61 Rules. Instead of serenity, however much confusion resulted, personalities surfaced, and finally the group exploded in frustration when they knew they could not manage such an endeavor. It was at this time, the head promoter of the idea realized he was wrong, was able to laugh at himself, and to keep the group together and with humility wrote a sentence on small card that said, "Rule #62: Don't take yourself too damn seriously".

Rule #62 is a way to remember to see life as fun, enjoyable and to approach each day with an ability to laugh at ourselves, to laugh with each other, keep it simple, and lighten-up!  
"We are not a Glum Lot", AA Big Book, page 132.



We never knew he was a drunk until he showed-up to work sober.

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My addiction to helium is out of control, but no one is taking my cries for help seriously.

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### ACTUAL PHOTO OF MY 4TH STEP

