

The High & Dry

MAY 2017



MAY IN OUR HISTORY

- May 21, 1922 Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick delivered his famous sermon *Shall the Fundamentalists Win?* at the First Presbyterian Church, in New York City.
- May 11, 1935 Bill W, in poor spirits, and tempted to enter the Mayflower Hotel bar, realized he needed another alcoholic. He telephoned members of the clergy listed on the lobby directory. He reached the Rev Walter Tunks who referred him to Norman Sheppard who then referred him to Henrietta Sieberling (47 years old and an Oxford Group adherent). Bill introduced himself as "a member of the OG and a rum hound from NY." Henrietta met with Bill at her gatehouse on the Sieberling estate. She arranged a dinner meeting the next day with Dr Bob and Anne.
- May 12, 1935 On Mother's Day, Bill W met Dr Bob, Anne and their young son Bob at Henrietta Sieberling's gatehouse at 5PM. Dr Bob planned to stay only 15 minutes. Privately, in the library, Bill told Bob of his alcoholism experience in the manner suggested by Dr. Silkworth. Bob opened up and he and Bill talked until after 11PM.
- May 20, 1938 Beginning of the writing of the Big Book at Hank P's office. Bill W wrote, edited and rewrote manuscripts at home on legal pads then dictated chapters to Ruth Hock. Most of the early hand-written Big Book manuscript documents were lost during a later move from Newark to NYC.
- May 22, 1940 Works Publishing Co. was incorporated. Bill W and Hank P gave up their stock with the stipulation that Dr Bob and Anne would receive 10% royalties on the Big Book for life. Hank was persuaded to relinquish his shares in exchange for a \$200 payment for office furniture he claimed belonged to him.
- May 8, 1941 Ethel M (From Farm To City) was the first woman member in Akron, OH to sober up.
- Mar 3, 1947 Nell Wing started work at the Alcoholic Foundation, 415 Lexington Ave, NYC. Starting as a typist earning \$32 a week and she stayed for 36 years.

May, 1954

Bill W engaged in a series of correspondence with notorious murderer Caryl Chessman who was on San Quentin prison's death row.

FUTURE TRIPPING

MAY

5-7th MEN'S RETREAT MIRACLE RETREAT CENTER, 15999 Sidney Road SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367.

Weekend theme: Being Present. \$125 covers all food & lodging. Boating, fishing, volley/basket/bocce ball, and more!

5-7th ROGUE ROUNDUP, Josephine County Fairgrounds, Grants Pass, OR. www.rogueroundup.com

6th WWA72 ARCHIVES QUARTERLY, First United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Avenue, Centralia WA. Business starts at 10am.

7th SEATTLE SOBRIETY LUNCHEON, the Museum of Flight View Lounge, 9404 E Marginal Way S, 98108.

11am registration, Noon seated lunch and sharing.

12-14th 37TH INLAND EMPIRE ROUNDUP, Red Lion Hotel Pasco, 2525 N 20th Ave, Pasco 99301.

www.inlandempireroundup.org.

13th PI/CPC QUARTERLY, business starts at 10am. First Christian Church, 701 Franklin St SE, Olympia 98501.

Potluck breakfast items, potluck sides for lunch.

16th GSIG SPRING ASSEMBLY, Wood grilled chicken, burgers and a baked potato bar @ 5:30, Board meeting starts at 7pm.

19-21st OLYMPIC ROUNDUP, Vern Burton Convention Center, 308 E 4th St., Port Angeles, WA.

www.olympicroundup.org

20th DR. BOB'S HOUSE FUNDRAISER, 5pm-10pm. LaQuinta Inn, 1425 E 27th St, 98421. Dinner, speaker, presentation and raffle \$50 each.

20th THE HOMEGROUP WHERE THE HEART OF AA IS FOUND, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front Street, 98027.

21st WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Billy Baroo's Grill at Foster Golf Links, 13500 Interurban Ave S., 98168. Noon – 3pm. Plenty of free parking

25-28th COEUR D'ALENE CONVENTION, www.cdaconvention@gmail.com

JUNE

1-4th MAUIFEST XIII, Royal Lahaina Resort, Lahaina, HI 96761. www.mauifest.org

2-4th MANASTASH MEN'S RETREAT, at the Lazy F Camp & Retreat. Lodging is dorm style, bring sleeping bag, pillow, towel, etc., (3) squares provided. Thursday, June 1st work party is mandatory. Call Seattle Intergroup for more info.

2-4th NW WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT, presented by Sister B. Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood. Call Seattle Intergroup for more info.

9-11th CAPITOL JAMBOREE, spkrs, workshops, panels and fellowship. www.capitoljamboree.org

9-11th FOUNDERS' DAY HERALD, www.akronaa.org Akron, OH.

10th WWA72 GV & LITERATURE QTRLY, Greater Seattle Intergroup, 5507 6th Ave S, 98108. Business starts at 10am. Potluck sides and desserts.

15-18th ALTA LAKE CAMPOUT 2017, Alta Lake State Park, Pateros, WA. www.psypc.org

23-25th PNC 2017, Elks Lodge #2362, Oak Harbor, WA. The host hotel is Coachman Inn & Suites.

www.pnc1948.org

JULY

21-23rd LOCAL FORUM, St Pius X Catholic Church, 2301 58TH Ave W, Mountlake Terrace 98043. Pacific Regional Trustee Joel C. and a staff member of the La Vina.

Free event, however please preregister at www.forolocal.org to help with food estimates.

NEW MEETINGS

SAT 7:30am O RECOVERY THROUGH HONESTY, Issaquah Fish Hatchery, 125 W Sunset Way, 98027. 1-hr wheelchair accessible mtg.

CHANGES

SUN 8am BELLEVUE BREAKFAST GROUP, Kenmore Senior Center, 6910 NE 170th St, Kenmore. (No longer serving breakfast).

TUE 7pm O PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES, Seattle Open Door Church, 625 SW 149th St, 98116. 1hr wheelchair accessible mtg. (new location)

DEFUNCT

MON 8pm O PACIFIC GROUP, New Hope Church, 98047.

THU 7:30pm O UNBRIDLED, Lake WA Methodist, 7525 132nd Ave NE, 98033.

FRI 7pm C COMPASS TO RECOVERY, Church of Steadfast Love, 98104.

NEEDS SUPPORT

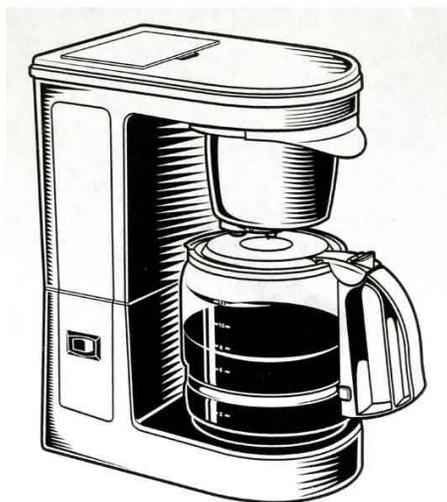
TUE 6:30pm O LAST CALL GIRLS, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 19030 8th Ave S, 98148. 1-hr women only mtg.

MEET THE MEETING

Principles Before Personalities

The group's first meeting was held on July 4, 2000 with the following attendance: Beth J., Kathy D., Alan E., Christine S. and Sandra E. A member reported:

We did not start out with resentments, but we did have donated coffee pots. We were five people who wanted to be a part of a good, straightforward A.A. meeting. We are growing rapidly, and the meetings before and after the meeting are going great too.



From Our Stories Disclose second edition

Intergroup Phone Shifts Available



A great home group service opportunity! This is an important function of GSIG, to be available to be of service to other alcoholics by phone. When the phones are not ringing many groups use the time together to play games, meet with sponsees, talk about home group business, watch a movie, or share a meal.

Available Shifts

1st Sunday of the month 6-10pm

2nd Sunday of the month 2-6pm

3rd Sunday of the month 10-2pm

5th Saturday of the month 6-10pm

**Contact GSIG for more information or to sign up for one of these open shifts.
info@seattleaa.org or (206) 587-2838**

Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017

Submitted by Amy G. (Recording Secretary)

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. The Twelve Traditions were read by Ceair and Concept Four was read by Dan.

AA birthdays

Bob 28Years

John 23Years

Roll Call

Active zones present: **8**; 112, 117, 118, 131, 132, 133, 141, 142

Active zones absent: **5**; 114, 115, 116, 124, 140,

Inactive zones: **7**; 101, 108, 113, 134, 135, 138, 139

Reports

Chair (Dawna H.): The new rotation is off to a great start! GSIG hosted a DCM Open House on February 19 so that the incoming DCM's for the districts we serve—14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 31, 32, 33—got a tour of the facility, lunch, and a presentation by our committee chairs about our ongoing and new activities to carry the message. It was a well-attended meeting, and we hope to keep up the good communication with the area service structure.

GSIG's Corrections Committee was host for the Area Corrections Quarterly on March 18.

Our Nightwatch Committee—chair and 3 daily coordinators—met with the office staff on March 11 to discuss better documentation and volunteer training issues. We've been grateful that, for the most part, our Nightwatch calendar is full, with 80 volunteers filling over 100 four hour phone answering positions each month. Please consider being a Nightwatch volunteer, answering A.A. in Seattle's phone 24/7 from the comfort of your own home. E-mail nightwatch@seattleaa.org.

Greater Seattle Intergroup was a co-host for the Burien Little Assembly, held this year at Brooklake Church, on March 25. Several of our committees had service tables there, soliciting service volunteers and explaining their committee work in jails, hospitals, and treatment facilities. It was a well-attended affair, with plenty of enthusiasm for service work in A.A.!

Our web and tech committee is engaged in a lengthy process to evaluate and structure improvements to the website. These will most likely including mapping, proximity meeting location, and a cleaner look.

Many A.A.'s inquire about Greater Seattle Intergroup finances. Our result for 2016 was a loss of just over \$11,000. This is consistent with results for 2014 and 2015. The loss was the result of a group contributions shortage. We continue to examine our expense structure to make sure we are operating as efficiently as possible. Our financial statements in more detail are posted to our website, www.seattleaa.org, in the January issue of the *High & Dry*. If you or your group has further questions, please e-mail norm@seattleaa.org or treasurer@seattleaa.org. Norm or Mike will get back to you promptly. Results for our first quarter show a small profit, excellent news, but the finance committee is forecasting that we could

be below our prudent reserve as soon as this spring or summer. Stay tuned, and please keep those contributions coming!

If you have questions for me, personally, Please do e-mail me at chair@seattleaa.org.

Love and service, *written report submitted 4/15/17.*

Vice Chair (Mark T.): Thank you Kelly M. for the invitation to visit District 24 in Mount Lake Terrace on April 5. Thank you Amy F. and Mark S. for the invitation to visit District 40 in Capitol Hill on April 11. Both District meetings enjoy strong leadership and a great blend of both “new” and “experienced” trusted servants. This kind of participation is a good sign that the district structure is healthy and functional.

During my District visits, I have been finding it worthwhile to begin with a review and discussion of AA's service structure. We examine the many similarities between General Service Structure and the Intergroup Service Structure – both of which serve and support our Home Groups.

This is followed by a highlight of some interesting “GSIG facts” wherein we explore how the intergroup office is staffed, funded, and how services are maintained. I conclude with a brief review of some recent service activities being performed by our devoted, motivated standing committees (Corrections, Hospital & Treatment, Accessibility, Public Information, etc.).

It is heartening to witness the groundswell of interest and enthusiasm that results when we gather in unity to fulfill our Primary Purpose. At every level of service, we ensure the “hand of AA will always be there” for the suffering alcoholics in Seattle. Participation in your intergroup office helps make that possible.

I wish to extend to all Seattle-area Districts and Zones my offer to visit you too. If you are interested in a brief outline of all the services supported by GSIG, I am at your service. Contact me at vicechair@seattleaa.org. *Written report submitted 4/17/17.*

Recording Secretary (Amy G.): During board meetings, I will assume everyone has sent (or will send) a written report. Deadline to submit written reports for inclusion into the minutes is 9am the Friday following the Board Meeting.

Review of past meeting minutes

It was **moved** (Zone 142) and **seconded** (Zone 112) to approve the March 2017 meeting minutes. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

Treasurer (Mike M.): **GSIG April 2017 Treasurer Report**

1) YTD March 2017 GSIG Financials:

The following is a high-level summary of recent years' key financial metrics for GSIG;

Year	Actual Net Income (Loss)	Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	Group Donations	Total Cash
FY2014	(\$13K)	(\$3K)	\$107K	\$98K
FY2015	(\$11K)	(\$20K)	\$110K	\$87K
FY2016	(\$11K)	(\$17K)	\$105K	\$79K

YTD Mar 2017	\$0.8K	\$2.2K	\$27.5K	\$71K (A)

(A) Prudent reserve accordingly to the bylaws is approximately \$70K to \$75K

Significant items **YTD March 2017**

- Gross Profit on Retail Sales of \$13.6K was slightly favorable to budget
- Group Contributions was unfavorable by \$5.3K lower than budget with actual of \$27.5K YTD. Note this was balancing line 2017 budget to break even for the year)
- Total Operating Expense was favorable by \$2.3K lower than budget with actual of \$44.8K YTD
- Net Income was unfavorable by \$1.4K lower than budget with actual of \$0.8K YTD
- Cash & CDs decreased by \$3.5K from the prior month primarily due the purchase of inventory, i.e. this decrease is primarily due to timing

Overall, I am cautiously optimistic that the net loss for 2017 will be lower than budgeted.

Norm provided a summary for groups contributing to GSIG, it was noted that for 2016 there appears to be a slight increase of about 1% from 2015 and 2014. It was noted that only about 36% of groups served by GSIG contribute any amount annually to GSIG, this is about 5% below the contribution % GSO in New York receives from the groups it serves.

No other items were noted of significance or that were unusual in monthly or year to date activity and ending balances of the financials and when compared to the prior month and budget.

2) **Other Items:**

- Participated in monthly Office Committee Meeting
- Participated in the month Finance Committee Meeting where we discussed draft a policy/language and pricing for the office staff to us when allowing **non-GSIG** groups to rent our room space at GSIG. Currently this is effectively by the groups passing a 7th tradition basket, however the Finance committee is envisioning recommending to the office committee a more fixed price per person per hour with different pricing for larger groups than smaller.

Prepared by, Mike M, Treasurer. *Written report submitted 4/17/17.*

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report

It was **moved** (Zone 112) and **seconded** (Zone 131) to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

Zone 112 (Tom F): No written report, verbal report given at the board meeting.

Zone 115 (Vanessa A): I attended the District 15 meeting on April 11th (2nd Tuesday) at 7PM at Intergroup. There were 16 people in attendance and 14 groups represented by GSRs.

We had a representative for the Evergreen state fair booth come to do a presentation and we decided to donate \$50 to them.

Hard in the Pain has decided to donate to accessibility at intergroup. And Dealer's choice reminded the

district that they have great child care availability at the meeting. By the Book implemented a safety statement before sponsorship announcement last week. Treasured Crockery has renamed their meeting Serenity Coven. The Scum Also Rises has had a surplus and donated money to the Burien Little Assembly and ASL. *Written report submitted 4/17/17*

Zone 116 (Russ W): Lake city young people going strong.
Reservoir group potluck April 30th
Tues night special interested in getting involved with h&l
Lake city group gratitude potluck April 24th 7 to 8pm
Bottom feeders attendance significantly low
Our district is distributing literature to community centers.
Having a panelist give talk on 4 different traditions at wscypas event may 20th 7:30 - 10:30 pm
Co-hodting delegate report may 20th searching for venue.
Thank you, *Written report submitted 4/21/17.*

Zone 117 (Carl G): District 17 meeting continues strong participation, about 12 groups. Believe we'll fill Archives next month leaving only Accessibility committee open.
Heartbreakers has approx. 60 people per meeting. They offer childcare. They have a "Fun Czar" and are doing a Mariners game, with some free tickets for those who can't pay. Jeremy C. passed away recently. There was discussion about how to diminish cross talk in meetings.
Another discussion topic was transgender person identifying as male come into a men's meeting. Conclusion AA is open to all so if a person identifies as male that person is welcome. If someone has an issue with transgender person being in the meeting it is that person's issue not one for the transgender person or group to have to resolve.
4th dimension could use more women coming to the meeting. They are taking a meeting to Lakeside in Kirkland Thursday nights.
WSCYPAA representative will be coming to talk to all the GSRs next month, so GSRs can learn more about that organization.
District 17 is doing a quarterly news letter and including fun facts about Ballard.
Written report submitted 4/17/17.

Zone 118 (Dave V): No written report, verbal report given at the board meeting
Zone 131 (Larry B): 9 GSRs and 5 Trusted serpents present giving reports at the Dist 31 Meeting on 04/12 at Cascade Behavioral Hospital.
- Reports include rent increases for OPP, PBP and Walk The Talk. These meetings are currently held at Lake Burien Church. PBP is in the process of relocating to the Open Door Church located just east of the Burien courthouse at 625 SW 149th street. Meeting times remain the same, Tuesdays at 7:00pm, one hour. OPP and Walk the Talk are discussing options.
- ANB request old timer support at the hall. Plenty of fresh faces that can be helped.
- Pink can placed at PIO but remains on literature table rather than being constantly passed around the hall tables.
- Alt DCM Jodi reports attendance at Concept study, Burien Little Assembly, preconference and Area Quarterly. Also 5 new 12th step calls from Highline were dispatched. Please contact her if a presentation at your group will help understanding as to what is suggested in being available for the call list.
- DCM Mike reports attendance at pre-conference (didn't see as many GSRs there as he had hoped) and the area quarterly. He also reports, as the past chair of the BLA planning committee, that attendance at BLA was approx 350 AAs and 50 Alanon and

guests. Event was self supporting and recovered last years financial loss. He thanks everyone for their help putting on a great event.

- This zone rep senses a disconnect regarding separation of district committee and GSIG committee efforts. Comments and ideas give an impression of the two different structures working separately- together-sometimes.

- Humbly offered In service *Written report submitted 4/14/17.*

Zone 132 (Matthew H) Dale M was removed from his service position Zone 13 representative for 1 year effective April 17, 2017 for violations of General Service Office --- Safety and A.A.:Our Common Welfare tradition one by the vote of attending GSR's at Business meeting for District 32 on April 17, 2017. They voted Matthew Hofer as the new zone rep for Zone 132 on April 17, 2017 effective immediately. Matt H was the District 32 Liaison. I can be contacted at (206)240-4265 or email matthecruiser@att.net. . I plan on attending the Intergroup business meeting on April 18, 2017 at 7pm. My report includes our district waiting another month to see if Just4Today speakers should to posted on with full names on the District 32 website with Written signatures from speakers allowing this..District 32 Annual Picnic is scheduled for July 23, 2017 11 to 3pm at Steel Lake Park at 2410 S 312th St Federal Way, We need a Chair and committee. By vote of GSR's on April 17, 2017 brought Intergroup Zone 132 back into District 32. *Written report submitted 4/18/17.*

Zone 133 (Mark H): No written report, verbal report given at the board meeting.

Zone 141 (Dan G): No attendees at the GSR school this past Saturday.

PI chair Dustin demonstrated PI information racks, feedback was that they were quite a bit smaller than everyone imagined. The group requested a 15 minute presentation by Intergroup. *Written report submitted 4/18/17.*

Zone 142 (Lyle C): ZONE 142 is Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, part of North Seattle.

District 42 meeting is held 2nd Thursday at the Phoenix Club, we have a potluck hosted by different group each month. Also each month a different GSR or other trusted servant from the district presents a talk on the Concept corresponding to the month.

We have open Chair positions for: CPC, Corrections, Archives, Sno King Inter group Liaison. Also Third Legacy, and Registrar have become open.

WWA 72 Delegate report for District 42 will be May 20th and Pre Conference will be August 27 both locations and time to be determined.

Our District 42 picnic will be September 23 at Richmond Beach Park lower shelter.

The P I committee chair, Kendal has been getting several groups to sponsor PI racks.

I announced that the High and Dry will be forwarded to our district list.

We take a women's meeting on Monday evenings to Evergreen recovery.

A few groups answer phones at intergroup, so I made announcements about the service as well as nightwatch. In service, *Written report submitted 4/17/17.*

Accessibility Committee (Ceair S., Chair): Our committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is May 3rd, 6pm at GSIG.

The Burien Little Assembly was last month, March 25th. It was a great event! Good turn out, amazing food, terrific panels and booths. Our committee had an informational booth and a panel on the topic, Diversity and the Deaf alcoholic. We are grateful for the support from intergroup at the panel. It went really well and there was a lot of audience participation. The panel was successful in introducing some of the barriers that Deaf and hard of hearing alcoholics have in accessing AA meetings, service and fellowship. It also created

a dialoged and greater understanding of how we, as alcoholics, can work together in getting the message out. Six Deaf alcoholics were in attendance from Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver areas. We are looking forward in participating at the Burien Little Assembly next year.

Our committee worked with our Area delegate, Steve C, in contacting GSO about a new translation of the Big Book and 12 x 12 into ASL. There is currently an old and outdated version of the Big Book and 12x12. GSO confirmed that they have been working on a new digital copy of the Big Book and 12x12 in ASL. This project was started in 2014 and they hope to have it completed within the next 5 years. It is a big job, and we are thankful that they are working on it.

Spring Area Accessibility Quarterly

April 15th, last Saturday. Area 72 is currently discussing the option of creating a new Area appointed officer position and steering committee for Language Translation and Interpretation. The Area 72 Accessibility Committee feels that language interpretation and translation is more a coordination problem than an accessibility issue. The Area Accessibility Committee has researched other areas in the Western Region and found that most do have this position of Language Translation and Interpretation. Creating this new position and steering committee will open up more time and focused energy for both of these entities. There will also be a separate budget, for each committee. The need for a new position at the Area shows that the need for interpretation and translation is growing, and the possibility to reach more alcoholics.

The GSIG Accessibility Committee shared our experience in collaborating with Deaf alcoholics and working to get more meetings interpreted. We shared our What to do if a Deaf/hard of hearing alcoholic comes to your meeting pamphlet and will make it available to the area and any district that would like copies.

Foro Local July 21, 22 and 23, 2017

Foro Local is the 1st Spanish Local Forum in the State. The event is being held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Mount Lake Terrace. This even will be in Spanish with interpretation for the English-speaking participants. Register at: www.forolocal.org
Please direct any questions to: accessibility@seattleaa.org
Written report submitted 4/20/17.

Archives Committee (Teresa S., Chair): Routine sorting, organizing and inventorying. Plan to attend Area 72 Archives Quarterly on May 6 and Old Timers Luncheon on May 7.
Written report submitted 4/18/17.

Corrections Committee (Bob R., Chair): Good evening I am the chairman of the Corrections committee and I thank you for the opportunity to serve. As I reported earlier we hosted the area Corrections quarterly and contributed \$127 to the GSIG. It was well attended and informative. We also had a table at the Burien Little assembly at Brookelake. Diane L and Pete K as well as myself manned the table and explain the volunteer responsibilities and opportunities. My learning experience was that even though you may lack time to serve at a facility you can collect grapevines and utilize the pink cans at your home group. I wish to thank Diane L. for her insight. I also would like to point out that we now have a full board complementing our committee . Pete K. has agreed to step up as alternate chair and Junior is the new Literature person . All is seemingly well with the committee and we are all grateful to be of service.
Written report submitted 4/17/17.

CPC & PI Committee (John D.): Hospitals – Auburn Multicare 12th Step program should be running soon.

D32 Federal Way/Auburn servant team will dispatch AA servants when requested. Next – Puyallup.

Cooperating and sharing info on AA:

Our team shared service opportunities at the Burien Little Assembly.

We're cooperating with Seattle AA Districts on information tables during Pride Weekend in June. Thanks Dustin at D41 for proposing, planning, and coordinating volunteers!

New literature rack adoptions happening all across the service area! AA schedules and literature making its way into the community. Who needs to know about AA where you live and work? How can we help?!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Panelists are needed for schools. Servants needed to refill AA literature racks requested by community centers, clinics, and shelters. Committee service positions are available. Please contact Intergroup, or CPC@SEATTLEAA.ORG

Upcoming events:

May 13 – Area PICPC Quarterly - Olympia

June 24 – Rainbow Health Fair – AA information table – Capitol Hill

June 25 – Pridefest – AA information table - Seattle Center

Written report submitted 4/18/17.

Finance Committee (Carl G): April financial statements reviewed. We are still at a small positive income for the first quarter. It is too early to tell how the year will go, however, group contributions are about the same as last year for the same quarter. With continued group awareness and other fund raising activities planned, we are cautiously optimistic that the deficit may be less than last year.

Discussed getting data for approximate cost to GSIG of the meeting rooms.

Also getting the message out that GSIG meeting spaces are available for meetings.

As we look at the issue of the new rental agreement it will be important to know how much importance groups have for GSIG to have this meeting space.

The Committee still continues to seek and recruit new members. If you are interested in being of service, please email the Finance Committee chair at financecomchair@seattleaa.org. Meetings are held monthly through a video conference so the only requirement besides willingness is a computer with a camera and speakers. *Written report submitted 4/17/17.*

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Jack J): H&T committee meets first Saturday of the month at GSIG, 10 am.

Most recent meeting, representatives from five districts showed up and two more sent in electronic reports.

24 Bridges [Bridging the Gap] have come through this month from GSIG office or directly from meetings.

Attended Burien Little Assembly with D15 Tx rep and a sponsee: very useful and rewarding, a spiritual experience being useful.

Met D32 treatment rep and help introduce her to the work; met Tx rep for

Evergreen Women's group in D42, through Lyle. Talked with Delegate Steve on printed material issues.

Continued coordination of meeting in private treatment settings. Coordination through GSIG helpful to

facilities to not have to deal with multiple AA representatives.

Working to expand opportunities, hearing from transplants of how other districts "do" treatment; checking out their websites and getting ideas for GSIG H&T.

Attending this weekend, April 22, Area 72 Treatment Quarterly. Pierce Co CSO presenting, hope to follow up with them to see if any change to Bridging the Gap, very few coming our way from Pierce Co comparatively.

Written report submitted 4/19/17.

Office Committee (Aaron C): The Office Committee now meeting on the second Wednesday at 6:30pm, convened and went through our standard agenda items; Office Managers report, Assistant Office managers report, and Treasurers report.

Anita announce that the newly annual car show will be held on July 29 (last Saturday in July) and the Spring Assembly will be on Tues. May 16. Dinner 5:30 (burgers, dogs, chicken, baked potatoes), business at 7.

It appears the percentage of groups donating appears to be increasing. May be because number of groups is down (due to clearing out defunct meetings from schedule, etc.), but it does also seem that slightly more groups are donating! On the topic of room reservation suggested donations we have placed sign. Seems to have increased donations. *Written report submitted 4/18/17.*

Office Manager (Norm S.): I am pleased and grateful to submit this Office Manager Report for March 2017. Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate. Even though the PI/CPC acrylic 3-tier displays are not considered an inventory item, we have restocked 50 of these for future use. This expense, as well as reprinting the local Seattle schedule and bookmarks, caused the CPC committee to be over budget in March and for the first quarter. This will likely self-correct as the year progresses.

Process/Organization—Office/phone weekday coverage: Sickness continues to plague our roster. We are hoping that Chryse, Mike, Tom, and Freda can get back to us very soon. In the meantime, since our bench strength is quite low, we are seeking volunteer replacements for Tuesday afternoons 2-6 pm, Wednesday afternoons 2-6 pm, and Friday afternoons 2-6 pm. There are two year sobriety, reliability, and love of A.A. requirements.

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now four openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends: 5th Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., 5th Saturday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on the 1st Sunday- 6 p.m.-10 p.m., and 2nd Sunday 2 p.m. -6 p.m. We are pleased to welcome Upon Awakening for the 3rd Sunday, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. shift and Serenity Now, taking a vacancy created by the Renton Group. We thank them all for their service to Alcoholics Anonymous!

Nightwatch shifts: When the April nightwatch calendar was published, all positions were filled! Please e-mail nightwatch@seattleaa.org for the current list of openings.

Physical Plant: No issues to report.

Financial Statements—Financial statements for March are available for your review. Group contributions were \$1,400 less than budget for the month (\$9,200 vs. \$10,600), and total retail sales also lagged budget (\$9,400 vs. \$13,300). Gross profit, the sole way we cover the fixed costs of our office, was short of budget by only \$300 (\$15,800 vs. \$16,100) due mainly to gratifying personal contributions ahead of budget by \$1,400. Total expenses of \$15,600 were lower than budget of \$15,700 so overall we eked out a profit of \$200 vs. our budgeted profit of \$300. For the first quarter of the year then, both group contributions and total retail sales are short of budget, leading to a gross profit short of budget, by \$3,700. But expenses are also under budget for the three months, by \$2,400 (\$44,800 vs \$47,200). So, we are still in the black for net income (\$800 vs. budget of \$2,200). Our first quarter is historically a strong quarter, as is the third quarter. Since the 4th quarter is usually dismal, we're hoping a good second quarter will set a likewise good tone for the year.

Personnel—Both Anita and I attended the Burien Little Assembly at Brooklake Church in Federal Way. Dawna attended the Area Quarterly in Bothell. Respectfully submitted. *Written report submitted 4/17/17*

Assistant Office Manager (Anita S.): No written report, verbal report given at the board meeting.

Special Events Committee (Matt T.): No written report, verbal report given at the board meeting.

Web & Technology Committee (Gail T. Chair): We changed our meeting time to the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 am in this room beginning in May due to a conflict with the Treatment Committee meeting. Our committee is moving forward with the redesign of the website and printed meeting schedule. We're researching the best web hosting service so we can begin building our test environment.

We are evaluating the content on the current site to determine which content will be kept for the redesign. We are simultaneously gathering the requirements for the printed meeting schedule redesign. We will hopefully begin soliciting design samples from 4-5 designers, which we will then test with users in the upcoming months.

We continue addressing usability issues that were revealed with the current website.

Thanks everyone for your support. We've recently been contact by a few volunteers that have been referred by members of this committee. Keep 'em coming! One person has volunteered to attend EVERY meeting to confirm the existence and location of all our meetings so we aren't sending newcomers to dark meetings.

We are always looking for anyone with experience or expertise in the following areas, please send them our way...

- Content strategy
- Publishing - digital and print
- Social media
- Writers, bloggers, podcasters, and photographers

Thanks for this opportunity to serve. *Written report submitted 4/19/17.*

Old Business

Use of GSIG meeting rooms: Tabled

Passing Basket: Tabled

Closing

It was **moved** (zone 112) and **seconded** (zone 132) to adjourn the meeting. **Motion adopted unanimously.** The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:50 pm.

Next GSIG Board meeting: Spring Assembly is May 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM at GSIG Office. Burgers, Hot Dogs and Chicken with Baked Potato Bar. Please bring a side, or baked potato toppings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MAY CELEBRANTS IN THE HOW DRY I AM CLUB

Laurel W	Abigail's Ghost	12/25/1986	30 years
Tersh W	Greenlake Group	3/18/1986	31 years
Robert M	Counterpoint		39 years
Judy C	Lucky Ladies		22 years
B N		4/16/1988	29 years
Keri S	For This Day		18 years
VW John	Coffee Cup		31 years
Felix M	Fellowship of the Spirit	3/2/1987	30 years
Mike B	Principles Before Personalities		17 years
Dale L	May Valley		24 years

If you would like to join the **How Dry I Am Club** and support GSIG Please fill out this form and send along with the suggested donation of \$1 per year of sobriety!

Name	
Address	
City, Zip	
AA Anniversary and/or # of years	
Home Group	
Contribution enclosed	\$

Return this form to:

Greater Seattle Intergroup

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MONDAY
Morning Sharon B and Diane L
Afternoon Bill S and Freda T

TUESDAY
Morning Tom P and Gary H
Afternoon Marci W

WEDNESDAY
Morning Gerry L and Joe M
Afternoon Beth S

THURSDAY
Morning Cyndy G and Vito M
Afternoon Joe B

FRIDAY
Morning Linda P and Jon C
Afternoon Tom O and Bob F

SATURDAY
Morning Fred P

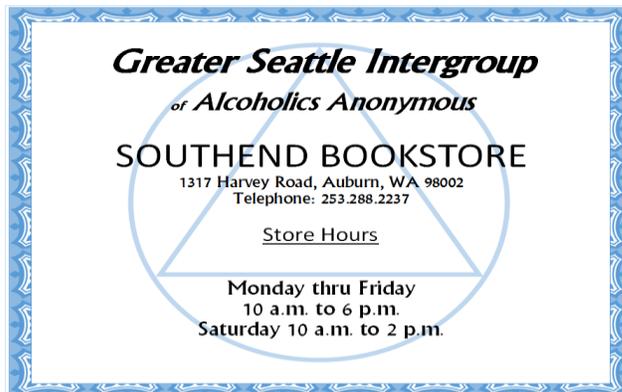
**GSIG THANKS OUR
AWESOME DAYTIME
VOLUNTEERS!**

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES: Tom P

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.

VOLUNTEERS: Carolyn B, Jim D., Rick L, Chuck G, Angie A, Bill R and Bob A

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER: 253 288 2237



03:15 PM
04/03/17
Accrual Basis

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Condensed Financial Statements
March 2017

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar-17	Mar Budget	YTD Jan-Mar 2017	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2016
Income					
Total Retail Sales	9,381	13,340	35,683	39,730	141,403
Total COGS	5,498	8,870	22,047	26,330	93,813
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,884	4,470	13,635	13,400	47,590
Gross Profit %	41.4%	33.5%	38.2%	33.7%	33.7%
Group Contributions	9,217	10,650	27,528	32,870	105,033
Personal and Other Contributions	1,859	420	2,612	1,400	7,956
Meeting Room Rent; High & Dry	718	320	1,638	1,090	4,728
Special Events Income	85	200	100	500	6,319
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	15,763	16,060	45,514	49,260	171,626
Expenses					
Expenses—Other	302	310	1,002	920	4,306
Paid Staff	8,040	8,190	23,627	24,570	95,762
Rent and Office	6,216	6,530	18,166	19,570	75,120
Standing Committees	1,013	690	1,999	2,110	8,145
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	15,571	15,720	44,795	47,170	183,333
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	191	340	719	2,090	(11,707)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	-	-	105	120	483
Net Income	191	340	825	2,210	(11,223)

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Mar 31, 17	Feb 28, 17	Dec 31, 16
Current Assets			
Checking	20,402	23,939	27,798
CD's—Prudent Reserve *	50,958	50,958	50,860
Accounts Receivable	917	3,183	1,132
Inventory and Other	40,479	36,169	36,444
Total Current Assets	112,756	114,248	116,233
Total Fixed Assets	1,502	1,542	964
TOTAL ASSETS	114,258	115,790	117,197
* Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. \$46,000.			
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(14)	1,368	1,678
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	2,576	2,574	3,570
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	5,564	5,908	6,643
Total Liabilities	8,126	9,850	11,890
Equity			
3001 - Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 - Retained Earnings	104,613	104,613	115,836
Net Income	825	633	(11,223)
Total Equity	106,131	105,940	105,307
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	114,258	115,790	117,197



STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Greater Seattle Intergroup
 Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)
 March 2017

Committee	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Hospital & Treatment</u>	<u>Accessibility</u>	<u>PI / CPC</u>	<u>Total Earmarked Funds</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,794.04	\$ -	\$ 2,848.81	\$ -	\$ 6,642.85
YTD Contributions	\$ 1,764.58	\$ 100.00	\$ 271.28	\$ -	\$ 2,135.86
YTD Use of Funds	\$ (2,134.74)	\$ -	\$ (1,080.00)	\$ -	\$ (3,214.74)
YTD Ending Balance	\$ 3,423.88	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,040.09	\$ -	\$ 5,563.97

Greater Seattle Intergroup
 Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets
 March 2017

Committee	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Hospital & Treatment</u>	<u>Accessibility</u>	<u>PI / CPC</u>	<u>Total Expenses Against Budget - Standing Committees</u>
Expenses to Date	\$ 66.54	\$ 568.67	\$ (115.00)	\$ 1,021.93	\$ 1,542.14
Budget to Date	\$ 120.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,720.00
Budget - Full Year	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,500.00

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H&D deadline is the 25th of each month. Send submissions to

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