

The High & Dry

November 2017



NOVEMBER IN OUR HISTORY

- November 19, 1840** Washingtonians held their first public meeting.
- November 26, 1895** William (Bill) Griffith Wilson was born in a small room behind a bar in East Dorsett, VT., to Gilman and Emily Wilson.
- November 11, 1918** Bill W. visits Winchester Cathedral and is stirred by a “tremendous sense of presence.” He reads the epitaph on headstone of a “Hampshire Grenadier.”
- November 23, 1941** The Seattle Group has 3 members: Dale A., Bob E., and Lindsay M.
- November 17, 1943** The first meeting of the Alcoholic Foundation is held.
- November 16, 1950** Dr. Bob dies. First International Convention of A.A. is held in Cleveland, Ohio. The Twelve Traditions are adopted.
- November 1968** 12-Step calls were dispatched from the Intergroup Office.
- November 1971** Steel Lake Women’s Group starts. They meet every Tuesday at 8pm in Federal Way, WA.
- November 1989** Fremonsterettes women only meeting starts. They meet at Baranoff’s Restaurant on Greenwood Avenue.
- November 22, 1997** GSIG presents Archives Open House with special guests “Dugout” Doug R. entertainer and comedian at 97 years old and 48 years sobriety and Mary B., dancer and entertainer with 45 years sobriety.

FUTURE TRIPPING

NOVEMBER

4 th DISTRICT 15/40 GRATITUDE BANQUET, 4:00pm – 7:30pm. Dinner @ 5pm, speakers at 6:15. Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122. Potluck sides/desserts. 7 th Tradition will be observed.

4 th DISTRICT 36 GRATITUDE DINNER, Si View Community Center, 400 SE Orchard Drive in North Bend. Potluck sides-ready to serve. Doors open at 5pm. Suggested donation \$5.

4 th WWA72 ARCHIVES QTRLY, Community of Christ Church, 2915 92nd St E, 98445. Pulled pork sandwiches provided, potluck sides, 10am – 3pm.

10-12 th NATIONAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE, St. Louis, MO.
www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org

10-12 th SERENITY AT THE SHORES, Ocean Shores Convention Center,
www.oceanshoresjamboree.com

11 th A NEW BEGINNING GRATITUDE BANQUET, 15403 Ambaum Blvd SW, 98166. 5pm. Potluck dinner, speakers, fun and fellowship!

11 th DISTRICT 38 GRATITUDE DINNER, 5pm doors open. Potluck sides. \$8 ticket. Eastside Foursquare Church, 14520 100 th Ave NE, 98011.

18 th DISTRICT 35 AA GRATITUDE DINNER, 5:30pm. Doors open 5:30pm. Pine Lake Covenant Church, 1715 228 th Ave SE, Sammamish 98075

18 th DISTRICT 39 GRATITUDE DINNER, 6-9pm, Eastside Foursquare Church, 14520 100 th Ave NE, 98011. \$5 ticket.

19 th SNO-KING INTERGROUP'S 26 TH BIRTHDAY, 22617 76 th Ave W, Suite 203. 1-5pm. Potluck.

DECEMBER

1-3 rd SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH THE PROGRAM OF RECOVERY, Seabeck Conference Center, \$235 for a single room, \$185 per person for double.

9 th TRADITIONS WORKSHOP 2017, 10am-3pm, lunch at noon. Main dish provided, please bring side dish to share. Westminster Presbyterian, 5236 E B St, 98404.

18 th THE BELLEVUE GROUP, potluck starts at 6:30pm. St Thomas Episcopal Church, 8398 NE 12 th St, 98039.

NEW MEETINGS

TUE & THU 6:00am O VASHON ON AWAKENING, Vashon Presbyterian (in Belfry), 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070. 1-hr mtg.

CHANGES

MON 6:30pm C LYNNWOOD MEN'S GROUP, Cliffhangers, 17525 Hwy 99, 98037
(new restaurant name)

MON 7:30 O BALLARD BIG BOOK, St Alphonsus Catholic, 5816 15 th Ave NW, McGrath Library, 98107. 1-hr mtg

MON 8:00pm O BALLARD, Our Redeemer Lutheran, 2400 NW 85 th St, 98117. 75 min mtg.

MON 8:00pm O TONS OF GRACE, Washington Cathedral, 12300 Woodinville-Redmond Rd NE, 98052 with childcare. (New location)

THU 7:00PM C THURSDAY LADIES CREW, Lynnwood Alano Club, 4001 198 th St Sw, 98036. No longer has childcare.

SAT 10:00am O WOMEN'S SATURDAY SOUL SEARCHERS, St Luke's Episcopal, 5710 22 nd Ave NW 98107. No longer has childcare, but is very child friendly!

SAT 9:00am C SATURDAY PROMISES, Park Shore 1630 43 rd Ave E, C Level, 98112. Women only / no longer ASL interpreted.

DEFUNCT

MON 7:30pm O STEP XI, Glendale Lutheran, 13455 2 nd Ave SW 98146.

TUE 7:00pm O BEYOND BELIEF THERE'S RELIEF, Seattle Area Support Groups, 115 15 th Ave E, Ste 201 98112

FRI 7:00pm C WHAT ABOUT THE REAL ALCOHOLIC, Bethesda Lutheran, 23406 56 th Ave W 98043.

NEEDS SUPPORT

THU 2:00pm C LIVING THE SOLUTION, The Solution Bookstore, 207 SW 153 Rd , 98166

FRI Noon O RECOVERY AT NOON, The Josephinum 1902 2nd Ave (in main lobby) 98101

MEET THE MEETING:

EMPIRE WAY

In compiling this history of Washington A.A., we constantly find Groups who have been especially active in the overall work of the Fellowship. Over the years, there has been one such Group who, through active and hard-working members, has contributed much to the good of the whole. This was the case of the Empire Way Group which was started in 1947. Several of the early members of the Group have contributed the following:

“The Empire Way Group was started in 1947 by six people – John R., Bob E., John G., Cliff D., Dave S., and “Smitty.” The first meeting place of the Group was in the Administration Building of the Rainier Vista Housing project on Empire Way. These people had originally belonged to Group One where they found A.A. and how it worked. Of these six men, “Smitty” is the only one who still attends regularly and he seldom misses a meeting. Dave S. is less active, but shows up at special functions, continues to carry the message and continues his sobriety. Ray P. was one of the early Empire Way members and the Gavel he made, and presented to the Group in those early days, is still in use. On Thanksgiving Day – 1947, the Group had a big dinner at Rainier Vista and about 80 people took part in the in feed. In 1948, and in 1949, the Evergreen Group in Everett and the Renton Group were both launched with the help of Empire Way. It became a real source of joy to share visits back and forth. Probably, the most memorable visit came in the winter of 1948-1949, after the Group had moved to larger quarters in the clubhouse of the Empire Way Community Club. This facility was not in first class shape and the roof was badly in need of repair. It was a rainy, windy night when the Evergreen Group came to visit and put on the meeting. Every pot, pan, and pail was pressed into service to catch the rain and permeated through the alleged roof. It was a memorable meeting and a fabulous first for these Groups.”

Meeting exchanges occurred frequently and the Group grew and flourished. Good men and women came and went, but when they went – they went out to help and sometimes, to start other Groups. The Groups in Alaska, particularly the one in Anchorage, were helped as members from Empire Way moved North, as did Matty and Betty M in early 1952. It was a letter from members of the Empire Way Group that

promoted Eugene "Irish" C., to leave Sitka, Alaska, and go to the nearest AA Group at Anchorage for help. That was over 17 years ago and "Irish" has played a leading role, both in Alaska and Seattle A.A. ever since.

"Empire Way was known up and down the coast as a good Group to visit. Oftentimes, special meetings brought out big crowds. Such a meeting was held in 1956 when Judge Roy DeGrief, a non-alcoholic and a jurist in Seattle Traffic Court, came to make a speech on alcoholism and his experiences in his Traffic Court. The Group was primed and Charlie B., Don M., and Eric B., gave A.A. talks – first to emphasize what they knew about the illness, its progressiveness, with emphasis on the fact that there is no cure.

The Judge then explained how his method of sentencing the drinking drivers effected many cures. The hall was jammed to capacity with many standing as there were not enough chairs to accommodate the 150 in attendance. Jay R., Henry "Rosie" R., Jim G., Rhoda S., Carl M., Al S., Dee D., Dick S., and Vi H., were around in those early days too. Vi would come to the meetings with her husband, "Red," a non-A.A. member. Vi was the nice lady-type, and "Red" was endowed with a certain redness around the nose. This led many to believe that "Red" was the alcoholic and oftentimes, he would be called upon to speak at the open meetings where he would have to explain, "Vi's the member, not me!"

As time went on, additional workers as Ethel M., Father Jim G., Warren and Jean S., Ralph B., Harold W., Shell F., Al and Jennie S., Dee B., Bill B., and Merritt C. came into the Group. Many Chairmen and Officers and workers in the Seattle Intergroup came from Empire Way during the years. Two of the members, Eric B. and Ralph B. have been active, not only in their Group, but also in Intergroup and the Washington Assembly of A.A. Ralph served for a number of years as Chairman and Alternate Delegate of the State Assembly, and Eric has served as Delegate to the General Service Conference in New York. Both men have also been active in cooperating with both State and City agencies dealing with the problems of alcoholism. "In 1957, The Community Club renovated their premises and raised the rent so high that it was no longer practical to stay. The Group moved to All Saints Episcopal Church on Cloverdale St., and then to the Rainier Beach Methodist Church. During this time, there were two controversies that unsettled the Group. We survived the first, but lost many members in the second. Coupled with the controversies, all the moves were not too good for the health of the

Group. Many left, but there still was a good solid remnant. The Group moved back to All Saints Episcopal Church in 1962 and have continued there ever since. Our Group is small, but steady. We continue to hold two meetings per week and we continue to be supported by visits from other Groups. Empire Way has always supported the services of the Seattle Intergroup, The Washington State Assembly of A.A., and the General Service Office in New York. Empire Way has been, and is dedicated to the premise that Unity is all important and that all Groups must strive to work together in harmony that we all might better carry the message to the alcoholic who is seeking help.”

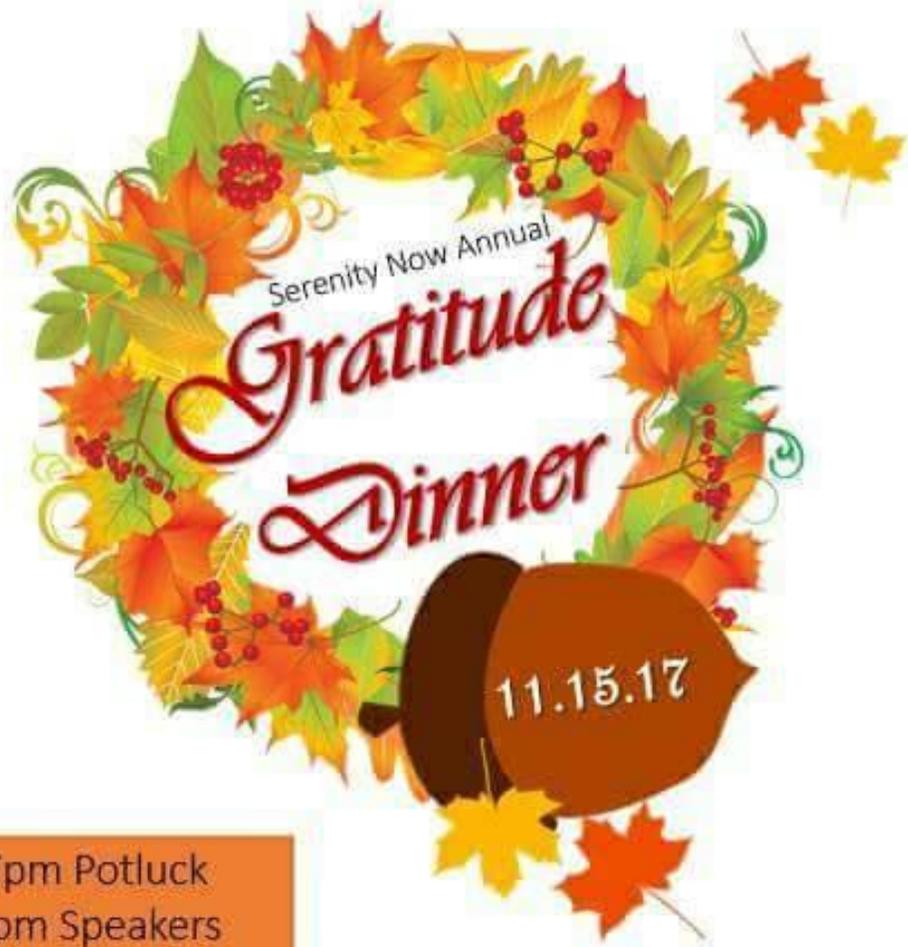
Father Jim G. moved back to the San Francisco Bay area several years ago and is active in the work of the Fellowship there.

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.

Contact GSIG for more information or to sign up for an open shift: info@seattleaa.org or (206) 587-2838



7pm Potluck
8pm Speakers

VFW Hall
3601 SW Alaska St, Seattle



Bring a dish to share!
A-G: Salad / **H-O:** Hot Side Dish / **P-Z:** Dessert



Renton Group is celebrating 69 years!!! Please bring Main Dishes, Sides, Salads, or Desserts.

Speakers:

Lisa S. from Parkland, WA

JR G. from Renton, WA

Lakeridge Lutheran Church

7465 S 112th St

Seattle, WA 98178

Renton Group Gratitude Dinner

Sunday Nov. 19, 2017

Doors open @ 5:00 PM

We eat @ 6:00 pm

Speaker @ 7:00 PM

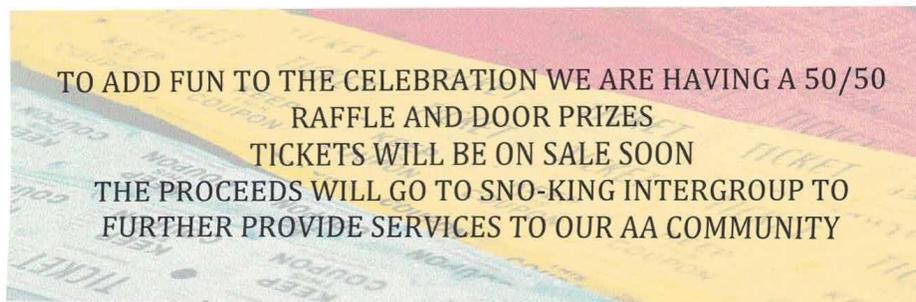
**Call Randy: 253-882-9499
if you have any questions**



**IT'S SNO-KING INTERGROUP'S
26TH BIRTHDAY
AND WE ARE HAVING A POTLUCK TO
CELEBRATE
AT 22617 76TH AVE W., SUITE 203
EDMONDS, WA.**



**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
1:00PM TO 5:00PM**



**TO ADD FUN TO THE CELEBRATION WE ARE HAVING A 50/50
RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE SOON
THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SNO-KING INTERGROUP TO
FURTHER PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR AA COMMUNITY**

**THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE 50/50 RAFFLE WILL BE NOTIFIED
DURING SNO-KING INTERGROUP'S CELEBRATION**



The Bellevue Group



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

December 18th

Potluck begins at 6:30 PM

Join us for
Fellowship and Fun
at our Annual
Holiday Pot-Luck
Celebration. Bring
your favorite dish.



SPEAKERS

AA: Perry H.- Issaquah
Alanon: Debby H.- West Seattle



Free
Admission

8398 NE 12th Street | Medina, Washington 98039

Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2017

Submitted by Amy G. (Recording Secretary)

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. 10th Tradition read by Aaron C. and 10th Concept read by Matt T.

AA Birthdays

Teresa S 34 Years

Roll Call

Active zones present: **11**; 112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132, 133, 141, 142

Active zones absent: **1**; 114,

Inactive zones: **8**; 101, 108, 113, 134, 135, 138, 139, 140

Reports

Chair: Hello Greater Seattle AA, Dawna H., here again, privileged to be serving as Chair of your Greater Seattle Intergroup.

Established in the mid-1940s, Greater Seattle Intergroup exists in order to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Each month we report to you about ongoing work by each of our committees (Accessibility, Archives, Corrections, CPC & PI and Hospital & Treatment) as well as the work of our two paid staff and our many daytime and nighttime office and phone volunteers. All this great work being done, and the building and equipment that are used for doing this work, is paid for in two ways--member donations and literature sales. Due to the availability of literature on line, sales are down nationwide, and GSIG is not alone in its experience of a decrease in bookstore income, down 26% over the past four years. In October, we cashed in a CD that will leave us operating below our prudent reserve, by \$6,000. We have not faced a financial situation like this since late 2012, and, when alerted, the groups responded.

We are grateful to the groups, clubs, and individuals who have made special efforts to have fundraisers and other special events to raise additional funds: Picnic, Car Show, Birthday Club etc. We have cut expenses every place that we are able without profoundly changing the services we provide and are submitting a prudent budget to the groups at our board meeting this evening. In our research, we have learned that all intergroups and central offices are experiencing similar obstacles. We are continuing to look for ways to communicate to the groups the value of the work done by your office. We have a special committee looking for creative solutions. But we are asking the groups for both participation on our committees and to consider increasing their contributions. If every group served by GSIG contributed \$242 dollars per year we would have a balanced budget, not relying at all on literature sales, but at the moment our numbers are similar to those of GSO, with only one-third of our groups contribute.

We encourage you to come to our committee meetings to see first-hand what we are doing. Our next Board meeting will be the Fall Assembly and all members from greater Seattle area aa are welcome to attend, participate in discussion about the budget, the future of our office and even

have a vote. Dates and times can be found at SEATTLEAA.ORG

It is truly a pleasure to serve you, love and service, Dawna H chair@seattleaa.org *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

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 133) and **seconded** (Zone 132) to approve the September 2017 meeting minutes. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

Treasurer (Mike M.): **GSIG October 2017 Treasurer Report** Prepared by: Mike M, Treasurer

Year to Date (YTD) September 2017 GSIG Financials:

The following is a high-level summary (amounts rounded in thousands) for recent years' key financial metrics:

Year	Actual Net Income (Loss)	Budgeted Net Income (Loss)	Actual Group Contributions	Budgeted Group Contributions	Total Cash
FY2014	(\$13K)	(\$3K)	\$107K	\$120K	\$98K
FY2015	(\$11K)	(\$20K)	\$110K	\$108K	\$87K
FY2016	(\$11K)	(\$17K)	\$105K	\$114K	\$79K
YTD Sep 2017	(\$7.9K)	\$2.9K	\$78.8K	\$97.0K	\$59.4K

Significant items YTD September 2017

- YTD Group Contributions are lower by \$18.2K than needed for GSIG so cover its expenses, however the GOOD NEWS is that it is being offset by \$6K in favorable variances for increased income from the following;
 - Misc. Contributions (primarily individuals) are \$2.3K higher than budget
 - Income from AA meeting schedules about \$2K YTD higher than budget
 - Meeting room rent income about \$0.7K YTD higher than budget
 - GSIG birthday envelope donations about \$0.9K YTD higher than budget
- If you take the net loss of \$7.8K for the first 9 months of 2017 and project to Dec 31, 2017 the estimated net loss for 2017 is expected to be about \$10.4K

Prudent Reserve and Declining Cash:

- Savings/CDs were about \$51K at Sep 30 2017. This represents GSIG's Prudent Reserve. According to the Bylaws the Prudent Reserve, excluding the cash held in checking account for monthly operations, is about \$46K (3 months average operating expenses).

- On Oct 15, 2017, 1 of the 5 CDs matured and the balance was rolled into the checking account. This was due to the declining checking account for monthly operations and in addition Access and Corrections earmarked funds liabilities are about \$10K i.e. these Committees cash is being held by GSIG but is not usable by GSIG
- What this means is that as of Oct 16 2017, GSIG **is now \$5K under its prudent reserve** of about \$46K

Other Items

- Attended Office Committee meeting
- Attended Finance Committee meeting
- Reviewed 2018 draft budget with Norm and Office Committee
- **Fall Assembly potential topics**
 - Approval of 2018 final budget
 - after hours phones declining interest i.e. there are many open days about 8 or 20%
 - GSIG fund raising / capital campaign
 - Earmarked funds
 - other topics from the GSIG Board

Prepared by, Mike M, Treasurer. *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report

It was **moved** (Zone 116) and **seconded** (Zone 112) to approve the Treasurer's Report **Motion adopted unanimously.**

Zone 114 (Freda T.): We discussed the assembly and motions at our October 10th meeting; DCM Roger C. thanked GSRs for their participation at assembly (at least 12 attended). Several groups in the district have scheduled inventories, and gratitude dinners. District 14 inventory is scheduled for February 13th. Ceair, Accessibility, will be our guest speaker in November and we will hold our holiday potluck on December 12th, 7-8:30 pm at Tibbets. Grateful to be in service, *Written report submitted 10/17/17*

Zone 115 (Vanessa A): District 15s business meeting was last Tuesday October 10th, 2017. There were roughly 18 in attendance, 8 of those GSRs.

The District 15/40 Gratitude Banquet is on Saturday November 4th at the Garfield Community Center at 4PM. [See attached flier]. Zan will be the announcer, Keith will be one speaker and we are waiting to hear about the second speaker.

The Veteran's Hospital meeting (Tuesday at Noon, Building 24) on Beacon Hill has joined district 15 after learning they are geographically within the District 15 area.

An alt Treatment chair and a new CPC chair were nominated and elected. These positions were both taken on by Desi. We still have Grapevine and Web positions available. *Written report submitted 10/17/17*

Zone 116 (Russ W): Grapevine, web, corrections, and CPC are open

Elected a young people's chair

Currently below prudent reserve. Also we had wscypaa hold their conference in our district overall very inspiring. Conference will be held in Tacoma next year.

Spiritual line will be holding a grapevine drawing.

Bottom feeders trying to move into smaller space, attendance is low needs support.

Wedgewood men doing good welcomes more young people.

Women coming home attendance is low need support would love to hear announcements of young people stuff.

P.I.chair will be checking up on libraries and centers. *Written report submitted 10/19/17.*

Zone 131 (Larry B): Our zone is working quite well for the moment.

Our committee chairs are busy attending quarterly's. Our Corrections chair remains an occupied, anyone interested in that position can attend our monthly meeting and qualify.

A situation of note:

At our September business meeting our web chair reported a new posting to the district webpage. Having been approached by a local Group of people in recovery calling themselves the Magic Works who asked that their newsletter and event fliers be posted on our webpage and not being aware of any potential complications this may create, the postings were added to the dist 31 website.

Following discussion regarding non-AA groups being represented with space on our website it was decided we should take these postings down.

It came to our attention during the October business meeting that these postings were still up on the website. The webmaster explained the decision was made to add a tab taking viewers to the non-AA affiliated information available to them on the district 31 website.

The same concerns that were expressed at the previous months business meeting regarding implied affiliation with groups other than AA were expressed in discussion. Several members cited examples of other AA publications that endorsed non AA approved groups. Mentioned were both the Western Washington area Newsletter and the high and dry. Further discussion followed and a vote was taken. The results of the vote was to leave the postings up on the district website until further discussion could be had.

I bring this to the attention of the board simply as information which may outline a situation that may be occurring on other district websites.

The zone can act with autonomy.

I support the group conscience and don't see a problem with this affecting as a whole.

Further discussion on this topic will be had I think. Our next meeting is November 8th.

In service, Larry "B" *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

Zone 132 (Matthew H.): YPAA election for liaison and chrmn for YPAA was postponed until next business meeting. Open offices are Accessibilities, Archives alt and YPAA Chair. At business meetings it was discussed to send out contributions to Intergroup, General Service Office and Area in the amount of \$100.00 each. Will be sending out split to Intergroup, General Service Office and Area when we get the budget for fiscal year 2018 next month and do split before year end *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

Zone 133 (Mark H): District 33 meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. There were about 25 GSRs and committee members this month. Open positions at our district include Treasurer, Archivist, Public Information and Bridge the Gap.

The Gratitude Banquet, hosted by the Districts Sweet Surrender Group will be held at the Lake Sawyer Christian Church on Saturday November 4 and starts at 4pm. This event is open to all AA members and their families. *Written report submitted 10/20/17.*

Zone 142 (Lyle C): District 42 will host the WWA72 Treatment Quarterly Saturday April 14, 2018 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, [6211 NE 182nd Street Kenmore, WA 98028](#).

We still have unfilled chair positions PI, CPC, and Corrections.

I explained the GSIG budget situation, and pointed out Dawna's report at WWA72 Assembly. But I also emphasized GSIG is very active in carrying the message through its standing committees. John Paul D. DCM, mentioned my previous month's announcement regarding the request for \$20 monthly contribution to GSIG Accessibility committee from districts. There was no motion for D42 to make such contribution at this time. There was discussion about contributing year end surplus District 42 funds to GSIG which D42 voted last year to discontinue. This may be re visited. I announced that my term is up for zone rep at the end of the year, since we are even numbered zone. Hopefully someone will step up. D42 presented Floor motion 1 at assembly which was move to Jan Quarterly. *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

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

District Outreach

We continue our outreach to Districts in the greater Seattle area to see if they can help with the ASL fund and to let them know that we're here, what we do and how we can help. It's a great opportunity to connect with the districts and GSRs and see how we can work together.

More Accessibility Issues

Norm received an email from a woman asking about the possibility of brining an AA meeting into her father at a nursing home. We are currently waiting to see if we hear back from the facility or family member to go forward.

In the meantime, our committee is looking into how we can be prepared if another request like this comes in. Jack, of Hospital and Treatment, has been really helpful with his experience and some of his connections, to see how other areas, like Pierce County, facilitate and organize getting meetings in nursing homes or to house bound alcoholics.

If any District, group or individual in AA has an issue, concern or question relating to Accessibility to AA meetings, please contact our committee at: accessibility@seattleaa.org

Thank you! *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

Archives Committee (Teresa S.): Routine filing and sorting. Planning on attending the Area 72 Archives Quarterly on Nov. 4 in Tacoma *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

CPC & PI Committee (John D.): Report for the Record: I attended the Seattle Fall Conference, and was interviewed, in my capacity as an AA member and volunteer, by the UW Daily newspaper for an article on alcoholism and addiction. I sat in at the Area 72 Treatment Quarterly on Saturday

at Seattle Intergroup, and participated in another conference call with Santa Barbara California AA's regarding hospital outreach. They are making progress ...
The GSIG PICPC committee and its members are involved in outreach and carrying the message all across the service area. Many new literature and meeting schedule engagements. Come see what they're doing!

Cooperating and sharing info on AA: Nathan Hale High School AA panels scheduled for October 31, as part of their 9th grade health class addiction unit.

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:

October 21 – GSIG PICPC Committee – 10am @ Greater Seattle Intergroup

November 11 – Area 72 PICPC Quarterly – Anacortes

Written report submitted 10/17/17.

Finance Committee (Carl G): GSIG Finance Committee meeting October 11, 2017, Carl G, Chris W, Mike M. Treasurer

Reviewed Sept. 2017 financial statements. Expenses are being held in line.

Misc. Contributions, Meeting Room Collections, How Dry I Am Contributions, and Meeting Directory Sales continue to provide above budget amounts of revenue.

The majority of the meeting focused on review of the proposed budget for 2018. The Committee recommends: Group contributions amount based on history is one line and a second line be added to group contributions to make the income balance the expenses. This second line will be collapsed into one line "Group Contributions" for ongoing reporting. This split is to provide additional clarity to individuals and groups prior to the approval of the 2018 budget.

The suggested addition of this line is to bring into greater clarity the amount of money needed to come from groups or other members to stop the loss of funds in the prudent reserve and balance the budget.

We expect to keep the CD that comes due October 15th as cash in the bank to assist with cash flow. *Written report submitted 10/17/17.*

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Jack J): Committee meets first Saturday of each month, 10 AM, at GSIG

Hosted orientation, Oct. 7th, for new servants rotating into service at current treatment facilities

Hosted Area 72 Treatment Quarterly, Oct. 14th, with Districts 14 & 15. 35+ AAs in attendance, self-supporting through 7th Tradition: contributed full rent for GSIG space, returned money to districts, and contributed remainder to GSIG. Passed two motions: 1) eliminate personal information (home address) from Bridge the Gaps forms to keep in alignment with GSO material, and 2) approve Area Treatment chair to take to Area finance, sending Area BTG chair to yearly conference. Submitted committee content to web & tech committee. Coordinating approx 20 Bridging the Gap connections, with treatment servants directly, forms received through GSIG office, hospitalandtreatment@seattleaa.org email and through the Area Treatment chair. *Written report submitted 10/19/17.*

Office Committee (Aaron C): The Office Committee convened and went through our standard agenda items; Office Managers report, Assistant Office managers report, and Treasurers report.

Phone shifts for the 6pm to 10pm slot are being missed on a regular basis. When this happens, Anita is taking the phones. This happened 9 times in September so this has understandably had an impact on Anita's other non-AA responsibilities. Ideas were discussed to resolve this issue and it was decided that at the board meeting we will ask zone reps to be in charge of a specific day of the week. They will find people to cover each day as a fall back for empty shifts/no show groups.

The \$12.01 on 12/01/2017 campaign has kicked off. If AA's served by GSIG gave \$12.01 once a year the budget for the year would be covered! Please consider giving.

The committee reviewed the 2018 budget in detail and suggested very few changes. We were happy with the product and look forward to its presentation to the board.

Written report submitted 10/17/17.

Office Manager (Norm S.): I am pleased and grateful to submit this Office Manager Report for September 2017.

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate.

Process/Organization—

Office/phone weekday coverage: We have openings Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-6 p.m.

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now several openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends: 1st Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 5th Sunday 10-2 p.m., 2nd Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and 2nd 3rd, 5th Thursdays, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., and 1st and 5th Saturdays, 6-10 p.m. Please communicate these group service opportunities to your groups!

Nightwatch shifts: When the October Nightwatch calendar was published, all positions were filled, but Len T. is taking 2 of them he would be willing to give up! Please e-mail nightwatch@seattleaa.org to express interest and for an updated list of openings.

Physical Plant: No current issues. Carpet and tile cleaning is scheduled for Veterans' Day weekend when our office is closed, November 11 and 12.

Financial Statements—Financial statements for September are available for your review. Group contributions were \$1,600 less than budget for the month (\$8,300 vs. \$9,900). Total retail sales greatly exceeded budget by \$5,300 (\$15,300 vs. \$10,000), all due to a large drop-ship order to our single largest customer. Gross profit, the sole way we cover the fixed costs of our office, exceeded budget by \$1,200 (\$15,400 vs. \$14,200). Total expenses of \$15,400 were under budget by \$200. Overall, net loss of (\$100) for the month was \$1,400 better than the budgeted loss of (\$1,500). For the first nine months of the year then, both group contributions and total retail sales are short of budget, leading to a gross profit of \$131,400, also short of budget by \$16,200. But expenses are roughly 4% lower than budgeted for the nine months, \$139,600 vs \$145,100. April's large loss, then, continues to be the main reason our nine month performance is a loss of (\$7,900) compared to a budgeted nine-month profit of \$2,900, an unfavorable shortfall of \$10,800 against the balanced

budget.

Personnel—I attended the ICOAA (intergroup/central office) seminar outside Washington, D.C. October 5-8 and Anita attended the Western Washington Area 72 Assembly in Shelton. Upcoming events include the Halloween Dance at Intergroup on October 28 and the Long-timers' Luncheon November 5.

Respectfully submitted, Norm S. norm@seattleaa.org *Written report submitted 10/17/17*

Assistant Office Manager (Anita S.): 12.01 on 12-01 (See flyer)

Terri from Phoenix Club won the raffle for Sober in Seattle 1, 2, & 3. Congrats Terri!

Thank you Bill S. from The Solution Group for fixing my drawer.

Attended the Assembly in Shelton, WA.

Please let Norm or I know of any holiday events coming up. *Written report submitted 10/26/17*

Web & Technology Committee (Gail T. Chair): 1. The committee is continuing to work on the website redesign.

2. Reminder that the deadline for all of your content that you'd like on the website was October 4th.

3. We welcomed a new committee member, who is going to be spearheading the printed meeting schedule design efforts.

4. We are currently blocked by our current webmaster. He has been unable to share the event data from the current website so we can start working on the implementation of managing events in the new website.

5. Bob is working on a system to migrate the meeting data from the current website to the new website that will also easily export to the meeting schedule when the site goes live.

6. I received all the input last month on features and content for the new website. Thank you! There were some amazing ideas and we're evaluating what we can include in the site launch and what might take a little longer.

Other than the treatment committee, is there anyone else who would like a calendar on their webpage?

Written report submitted 10/18/17.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Fall Assembly Topics

2018 Budget Presentation

Closing

It was **moved** (zone 112) and **seconded** (zone 142) to adjourn the meeting. **Motion adopted unanimously.** The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:45 pm.

Next GSIG Board meeting: Fall Assembly November 21st, 2017 Dinner at 6PM, business at 7 GSIG Office. Bring your homegroup members for participation.

DID YOU KNOW?

MANY HALLS HAVE MORE MEETINGS ON HOLIDAYS

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

AND FELLOWSHIP HALLS

Alano Club Of The Eastside
12302 NE 8th, Bellevue 98005
425-455-5700

Ed-Lynn Fellowship Hall
19820 40th Ave W, Suite 114,
Lynnwood 98036

Fremont Fellowship Hall
8916 Aurora Ave N, Seattle 98103

Lynnwood Alano Club
4001 198th St SW, Lynnwood 98036

A New Beginning
15403 Ambaum Blvd SW, Burien 98166

The Phoenix Club
15011 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline 98133

Serenity Hall
12536 Renton Ave S, Renton 98178

South King Alano Club
1317 Harvey Rd, Auburn 98002
253-939-6541

Southend Fellowship
321 - 3rd Ave S, Kent 98032
253-852-9758

12 & 12 Fellowship
The Country Village, 23732 Bothell-Everett
Highway, Bothell 98021
(in back under the clock tower)

Cherry Fellowship
2701 E Cherry, Seattle 98122
206-325-4388

Greater Seattle Intergroup 12/01 Gratitude Day CHALLENGE December 1st, 2017

For 2017, Intergroup is budgeted to provide services to 16,000 A.A. members, in 725 groups, at a cost of \$193,000. That's \$12.01 per A.A. member for the whole year! If every member contributed \$12.01 one time, it would support all of Intergroup Services for one year.

Here's how the challenge works:

Groups pass a Special Basket or Can* in addition to the regular 7th Tradition. On or before December 1st, each member contributes \$12.01 .

\$12.01 on 12/01 — easy to remember!

On December 1st, each group treasurer collects the contents of the can or basket and writes a check (or money order) or online ** for the amount contributed.

***Greater Seattle Intergroup, with
your help, knows how to meet a
challenge!***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE Greater Seattle Intergroup BIRTHDAY CLUB

Charlie B	Simplicity Group	4-4-2007	10 years
Merry O'B	RSEW	11-14-1979	38 years
Elise v K	Docksiders	10/14/1979	38 years
Teresa S		10-12-1983	34 years
Catherine S		10-5-2001	
Ron E	Waterfront Group		25 years
Karen C	Whisky Rose		29 years
Teresa S	34 years	10-12-1983	
Jim H	Covington Group	12-12-1982	
Susan S	Water's Edge		
Tom K	Back to Basics	10-10-1966	
Happy Bill	Empire Way	10-25-1982	
Grant F	Real Alcoholics	6-8-2004	
Pam H	Last Chance	4-3-1987	30 years
Ann S	Early Birds	4-1-1994	
Matt H	Serenity After Hours	11-2-2013	4 years

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

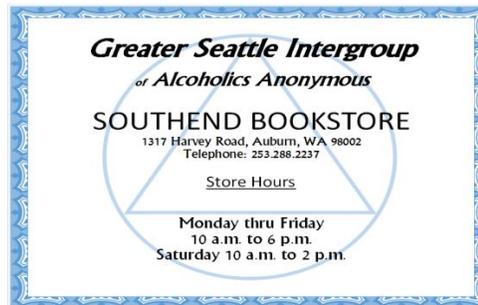
Name	
Address	
City, Zip	
AA Anniversary and/or # of	
Home Group	
Contribution enclosed	\$

Send to: Greater Seattle Intergroup 5507 6th Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98108

THANKS TO OUR AWESOME DAYTIME OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

MONDAY	Morning Afternoon	Sharon B and Diane L Bill S and Freda T
TUESDAY	Morning Afternoon	Gary H and Susan D Marci W and Edward T
WEDNESDAY	Morning Afternoon	Gerry L and Joe M Doug C
THURSDAY	Morning Afternoon	Vito M and Scott Joe B
FRIDAY	Morning Afternoon	Linda P and Jon C Tom O and Bob F
SATURDAY	Morning	Fred P

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.
VOLUNTEERS: Carolyn B, Chris G., Brad S., Rick L., Cliff M., and TJ
SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER: 253 288 2237



INTERGROUP THANKS OUR GENEROUS DONORS

From: Charlie B \$10, Merry O'B \$38, Elise v K \$38, Teresa S \$34, Catherine S \$16, Ron E \$25, Karen C \$29, Teresa S \$34, Anonymous \$35, Susan S \$18, Tom K \$51, Happy Bill \$35, Tom O'B \$39, Grant F \$20, Pam H \$30, Ann S \$20, Matt H \$4, Howard Z \$50, Katrina S \$18, Personal \$12.01, Personal \$6.15, Norm S \$25.01

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10/02/17
Accrual Basis

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Condensed Financial Statements
September 2017

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Sep-17	Sept Budget	YTD Jan-Sep 2017	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2016
Income					
Total Retail Sales	15,299	10,030	98,997	109,110	141,403
Total COGS	10,404	6,630	62,288	72,820	93,813
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	4,895	3,400	36,709	36,290	47,590
	Gross Profit %				
	32.0%	33.9%	37.1%	33.3%	33.7%
Group Contributions	8,290	9,930	78,747	98,980	105,033
Personal and Other Contributions	1,080	350	6,127	3,790	7,956
Meeting Room Rent; High & Dry	621	270	4,529	2,940	4,728
Special Events Income	475	200	5,303	7,600	6,319
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	15,361	14,150	131,415	147,600	171,828
Expenses					
Expenses—Other	363	280	3,439	3,020	4,306
Paid Staff	7,936	8,190	72,144	73,710	95,762
Rent and Office	5,917	6,530	55,903	58,750	75,120
Standing Committees	1,233	690	8,111	9,610	8,145
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	15,448	15,690	139,597	145,090	183,333
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(88)	(1,540)	(8,182)	2,510	(11,707)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	-	-	311	360	483
Net Income	(88)	(1,540)	(7,871)	2,870	(11,223)

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Sep 30, 17	Aug 31, 17	Dec 31, 16
Current Assets			
Checking	8,286	13,268	27,798
CD's—Prudent Reserve *	51,163	51,163	50,860
Accounts Receivable	1,019	2,064	1,132
Inventory and Other	45,782	40,789	36,444
Total Current Assets	106,249	107,284	116,233
Total Fixed Assets	2,010	2,080	964
TOTAL ASSETS	108,259	109,365	117,197
* Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. \$46,000.			
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(185)	4,656	1,678
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	1,196	926	3,570
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	9,812	6,258	6,643
Total Liabilities	10,823	11,841	11,890
Equity			
3001 - Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 - Retained Earnings	104,613	104,613	115,836
Net Income	(7,871)	(7,783)	(11,223)
Total Equity	97,436	97,523	105,307
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	108,259	109,365	117,197



STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)
September 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	\$ 7,771.81	\$ 189.40	\$ 2,445.58	\$ -	\$ 10,406.79
YTD Use of Funds	\$ (4,742.19)	\$ -	\$ (2,459.32)	\$ (36.21)	\$ (7,237.72)
YTD Ending Balance	\$ 6,823.66	\$ 189.40	\$ 2,835.07	\$ (36.21)	\$ 9,811.92

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets
September 2017

Committee	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Hospital & Treatment</u>	<u>Accessibility</u>	<u>PI / CPC</u>	<u>Total Expenses Against Bud --Standing Committees</u>
Expenses to Date	\$ 144.17	\$ 1,531.86	\$ 1,447.82	\$ 1,851.69	\$ 4,975.54
Budget to Date	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 4,960.00
Budget -- Full Year	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,500.00

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Do you have something you would like to submit to The High & Dry newsletter?

We would love to see your event flyers, letters, stories, photos, drawings, poetry, interviews, and whatever else you would like to share with other AAs in and around Seattle.

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

high_and_dry@seattleaa.org

