

The High & Dry

September 2018



SEPTEMBER IN OUR HISTORY

- September 12, 2001** AA trusted servants in NYC organized AA meetings 24 hours around the clock near Ground Zero for the AA members engaged in rescue and emergency work at the World Trade Center tragedy.
- September 1990** First printing of the Daily Reflections goes to print.
- September 8, 1974** The Seattle Intergroup picnic is held at Vasa Park Resort.
- September 17, 1954** Bill D., (AA #3) died.
- September 18, 1953** AA in Seattle turns 12 years old. Dale A., one of the original quartet of hopeless alcoholics who lit the spark of AA in Seattle is chairman of the Anniversary meeting. Event is held at 915 East Pine Street in Seattle.
- September 28, 1951** George D. Eastman, Chief of Seattle Police Department was the guest speaker at the Friday Night Big Meeting at the Big Hall in Seattle.
- September 22, 1950** The Alano Club Twelve Steppers Band observed their first anniversary at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium in Seattle.
- September 30, 1939** Liberty Magazine, headed by Fulton Oursler, carried a piece titled Alcoholics and God by Morris Markey (who was influenced to write the article by Charles Towns). It generated about 800 inquiries from around the nation. Oursler (author of The Greatest Story Ever Told) became good friends with Bill W and later served as a Trustee and member of the Grapevine Editorial Board.
- September 17, 1934** Bill W's third admission to Towns Hospital (again paid by Dr. Leonard V. Strong). Dr. Silkworth pronounced Bill a hopeless drunk and informed Lois that Bill would likely have to be committed. Bill left the hospital a deeply frightened man and sheer terror kept him sober. He found a little work on Wall St, which began to restore his badly shattered confidence.
- September 3, 1930** Bill W. wrote his last promise to stop drinking in the family Bible: "Finally and for a lifetime, thank God for your love." After that, he gave up making promises in despair.

FUTURE TRIPPING

SEPTEMBER

7-9th PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM, DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose, 2050 Gateway Pl, San Jose 95110. Preregistration at www.aa.org.

8th WWA72 GV&LIT QTRLY, 10am -2:30pm Activity Building, 1025 Tacoma Ave., Port Orchard, 98366.

8th ESIG at the Seattle Mariners night! 6:10pm first pitch. Reserve your spot by calling ESIG directly at 425 454 9192.

8th SERENITY SEEKERS 911 RECOVERY CONFERENCE, 1-4pm. 2100 Building, The TreeHouse, 2100 24th Ave S, 98144. \$5, bake sale, T-shirts, photo books, ask it panel.

8th DISTRICT 42 PICNIC, 11am-4pm. Potluck, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, lower shelter. All are invited!

9th DISTRICT 14 SUMMER BBQ, 10am – 2pm. Lincoln Park Shelter 3. On the beach below the south parking lot. Potluck side dishes. Don't forget a pie for the auction!

14-16th NATIONAL AA TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP, Wyndham Round Rock Hotel, Round Rock, TX. www.naatw.org

14-16th LI-LO-LA CELEBRATES 20 YEARS Women's Campout & Spiritual Retreat, Camp White on the Spokane River in Post Falls, ID. Free event!

15th DISTRICT 19 PI COMMITTEE SPEAKING AT NON-AA MEETINGS WORKSHOP, 9am-3pm. Potluck at Noon. Zion Lutheran Church, 4634 Alger Ave, 98203.

15th AUTUMN GATHERING 9am – Midnight. West Sound Improvement Club, 4109 E St Bremerton, WA 98312. \$10 for dinner & dance.

15th Pierce County Accessibility Cmte Annual Workshop, 3875 S 66th St, Tacoma 98409. Workshop 10am – Noon. Dessert potluck/competition!

21-23 WENATCHEE VALLEY ROUNDUP, Red Lion Hotel. www.wenatcheevalleyroundup.org

22nd FREMONSTER ROUNDUP & CELEBRATION, 11am until closing. \$5 breakfast donation. AA meetings all day starting with For This Day at noon. Dinner 5:30 \$5 spaghetti. Games start at 10pm.

28-30th NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP, "Principles Before Personalities: Handle With Care!! The Westin Hotel Lombard Yorktown Center. www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com

29th 5th ANNUAL SEATTLE FALL CONFERENCE, Noon – 9pm. United Evangelical Free Church, 1420 NW 80th St, 98117. Workshops, dinner and speakers! www.seattlefallconference.com

30th DISTRICT 44 CONCEPT STUDY, Noon – 1pm. Central Service Office, 3640 S Cedar St, 98408

OCTOBER

5-7th WWA72 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway, 98402. www.area72aa.org

13th ASL FUNdraiser Fall Harvest Game Night, GSIG 5507 6th Ave S, 98108. Spooky Bingo w/prizes 2-4pm, Zombie Cake Walk 4-5pm, Costume Contest for ALL 5-6pm. Kids Club, Haunted Meeting Room and Candy Apple Creation Station. ASL interpreted. Food and refreshments available for donation.

13th TWELVE STEP SERVICE COMMITTEE, 11am – 1pm. OPEN HOUSE Puget Sound Central Service Office, 3640 S Cedar St, Ste S, 98409. Pizza & refreshments will be served.

20th WWA72 ACCESSIBILITY QTRLY, GSIG 5507 6th Ave S, 98108. Business starts @ 10am. Pizza provided, potluck sides. 7th Tradition will be observed.

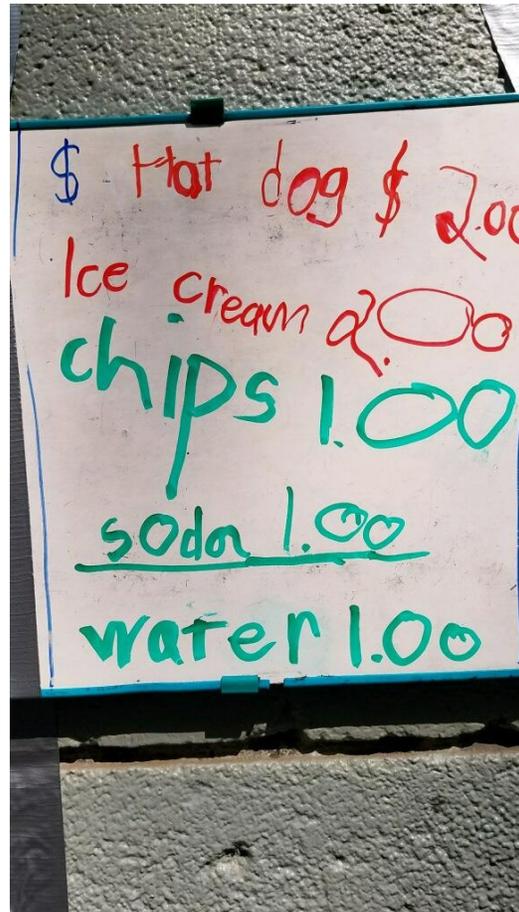
20th SATURDAY SPEAKER'S GROUP FALL BANQUET, First Presbyterian Church, 20 Tacoma Ave S, 98402. 6pm – 9:30pm. \$10 sweet potato crusted cod w/sautéed greens. Potluck dessert.

30th FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT FALL BANQUET, St Mark's 6730 N 17th St, Tacoma 98406. 5:30pm dinner, 6:30 speakers, 7:30 birthday coins.

Thanks for attending the
**19th ANNUAL SEATTLE
INTERGROUP PICNIC!**

The winning picnic button is
#0605

The prize – Full Registration Package for (2) to the Northcoast Roundup in Seaside, Oregon including lodging has been claimed. The winner received the button for her AA birthday!



ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE STEPS AND TRADITIONS AND SERENTIY PRAYER DISPLAY IN THE GREATER SEATTLE INTERGROUP BOARDROOM

According to Angus L., based on Stig J.'s recollection, these are the signs originally displayed in the Big Hall in the 1940's, prior to the writing and adoption of the Twelve Traditions.

They were displayed at the Intergroup Office when it was located on Capitol Hill, but they were not moved the Queen Anne office due to wall space considerations. Instead, they were left in the basement of the Capitol Hill office.

In 1990, Stig was the literature rep for Bellevue's Hilltop Fellowship Hall. He was looking for an alternative to the traditional window shade treatment for the Steps and Traditions. Angus reported that, if we wanted something different, it would have to be a custom job, but that it was possible that the original signs still existed.

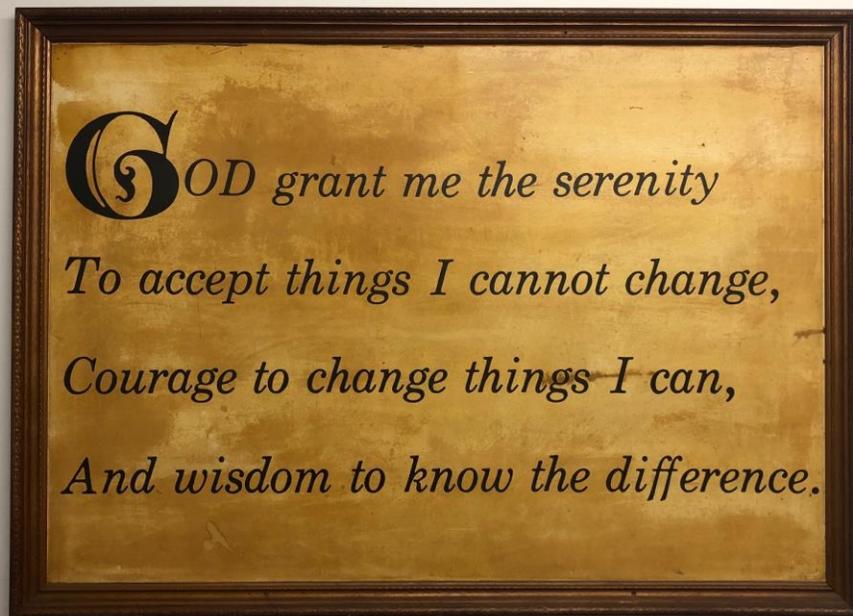
Angus indicated Stig should return to the Capitol Hill location and gain access to the basement to see if they were, by chance, still there. Stig went there, to a vacant and boarded up building. He went to the lower parking lot area and discovered a plywood opening which was ajar and entered the basement. Winos had taken up residence in the basement, which was now littered with mattresses, wine bottles and other debris. He used a flashlight to cross the dark basement thinking how utterly ironic this was: that alcoholics had been sleeping right in front of the solution.

Stig found all three signs sandwiched up against a wall under the steps. To his amazement, they were still in good shape in spite of the moisture conditions and vandalism elsewhere. He removed them from the building and brought them back to Hilltop Fellowship Hall where they were displayed until the closing of that facility, approximately 1996.

Around 2002-03, Stig was informed that the signs were in someone's personal residence in Kent. The residence was about to be foreclosed and vacated, and the signs were abandoned there. Stig retrieved them and inquired if GSIG or Archives wanted them, to which he was assured that we did.

His intention was to get them here within a day or two, and he discovered that coincidentally it was Mary B.'s 50th AA birthday at Old Renton Group, so he brought them to Mary's party and displayed them, similar to a sketch of the Big Hall stage which can be found in *Our Stories Disclose*. When Mary B. went to the podium to share her experience, strength, and hope, she expressed a sense of déjà vu and familiarity with the signs. She launched into a hilarious Big Hall story involving her brassiere coming loose at a dance, which she said sparked the idea of Al-Anon meetings for the wives!

The very next day the signs were brought to Greater Seattle Intergroup, 6th and Lucile St.



MEET THE MEETING:
BALLARD GROUP
(part 2)

In 1956 Anne L. was the first woman to attend the Ballard Group. The group had been going just fine with only men since 1948. Several of them, headed by our beloved Pete P., questioned her right to be there. Fortunately, the Twelve Traditions prevailed in a group conscience vote. Anne L. was allowed to remain the rest of the evening and for each week thereafter for many years. In fact, it became her home group. Word spread. More women were attracted to Ballard. The first and most notable change came in the

cleaning up of the men's foul language (and the women's too!). Most cursing stopped; an atmosphere of cooperation was created among the men and women to "carry the message." Compassion, love and twelfth-step work flourished.

Women members grew to include Ethel H., Bernice J., Ardelle, Doris P., Harriet T., and Ruthie W., the "Gold Dust Twins," Bette F., Ruth F., Ruth M., Irene D., Joyce S., Dorothy, and Lynette J. One woman required five members "to restore her to sanity." She was a diabetic. Between comas from her neglect to take insulin and the ravages of booze, she needed lots of time, patience and teamwork amongst many of the Ballardites. After the deal of her terminally ill husband, her tired heart finally gave out, and she went "home" sober and grateful.

Ballard Group plunged into activities with other groups. They exchanged chairmen and chairwomen, speakers, potlucks and birthday meetings with groups in Lake City, Everett, Bothell, Tacoma, and Aberdeen. The group also participated in the Friday night meetings at the Big Hall. Talented vocalist, Bernice, sang at the Saturday night dances where Luther J. wooed and won her. She became and still is Mrs. Luther J.

The men in the Ballard Group were always will and helpful and cooperative. Who can ever forget Ernie L. with his unmatched wit and sense of humor? Whenever the chairman felt the meeting needed a lift he could always call on Ernie. Or "Rigor," whose real name was Roger, but was dubbed "Rigor" because he barely made it to A.A. ahead of rigor mortis! Others were Paul S., a gifted orator, Joe O., El S., Luther J., Eamon P., Tom M., Glen S., Johnny L., Carl S., and Tom O'B. Big Pete, always a Santa Clause at heart, would say "Well, just because I drove a beer truck didn't mean I had to drink the stuff." Then the chairman could call on Leonard, a very shy, retiring man, who would lean back and start his talk with, "Well, my name is Leonard, and I drive a garbage truck." When that sank in, we'd have a big laugh. And Bill E., who faithfully helped Anne L. as dishwasher and cleanup gal. "Could that be the reason they welcomed me to the group – honestly?" Perish the thought! And Frankie D., who railroaded Harriet into the secretary's job when she was only four months sober simply by handing her the magic satchel. When she asked for a key, he brought out a screwdriver to show her how to jimmy the lock to get into the church.

The list of members, male and female, and their contributions to the group goes on and on. There have been so many tears, so many laughs, lots and lots of togetherness and they're still going strong after nearly forty years.

*From Our Stories Disclose Copyright 1987
Washington Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous*

THERE IS A SOLUTION

FIND A MEETING



For improved meeting search, events listings and more information, check out the *new* Greater Seattle Intergroup website

www.seattleaa.org



STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Greater Seattle Intergroup Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.) January-July 2018

Committee	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Hospital & Treatment</u>	<u>Accessibility</u>	<u>PI / CPC</u>	<u>Total Earmarked Funds</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,261.62	\$ -	\$ 2,333.52	\$ -	\$ 6,642.85
YTD Contributions	\$ 5,472.20	\$ 34.00	\$ 3,113.14	\$ -	\$ 8,619.34
YTD Use of Funds	\$ (3,346.51)	\$ -	\$ (1,297.85)	\$ -	\$ (4,644.36)
YTD Ending Balance	\$ 6,387.31	\$ 34.00	\$ 4,148.81	\$ -	\$ 10,570.12

Greater Seattle Intergroup Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets January-July 2018

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	\$ 209.44	\$ 1,288.88	\$ 687.97	\$ 1,065.89	\$ 3,252.18
Budget to Date	\$ 210.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 3,810.00
Budget -- Full Year	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,300.00

WHEN A DEAF ALCOHOLICS REACHES OUT FOR HELP... IT'S HARD AND COMPLICATED

They also must ask if the group will provide and pay for an ASL interpreter.

In May of this year, I attended the first ever Deaf Recovery Retreat, hosted by the San Diego Deaf recovering community. Thirty-seven Deaf recovering people came. They came from Texas, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington State and as far as Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The meetings, the fellowship, the workshops (one of which included members sharing their struggles in having ASL interpreted meetings in their home town) was such a moving spiritual experience for me. It was mostly silent, as everyone signed 24/7. We all want to do this again on an annual basis. Guess what? It will be in Washington State in 2019 and we need your help!

At the Camp meetings and fellowship and we had a session where we shared our strengths, hopes and experiences about access to meetings. Sadly, many struggle to have interpreted meetings. When the Deaf alcoholic ask for help such as interpreter, groups don't know what to do, and they don't know how to make their meetings "deaf friendly." It was sad to hear that most attendees do not have interpreted meetings more than once or twice a month. Usually it's one meeting (large Speaker meeting that can afford it) once a month in one location, and a different meeting once a month in another location. No opportunity to develop a home group, do 90 in 90, get a sponsor, do service. Being told to bring more Deaf people to the meeting (to make it worthwhile paying for interpreter), read the literature (English often is not their first language). It's an educational process repeatedly, challenging for a Deaf newcomer who is vulnerable, scared to ask for help. They shared how hungry they are for getting the message, wishing for that face to face experience with other alcoholics. They shared how this camp was such an amazing experience and wanted it to be an annual event. The recovering Deaf community is like a remote community. We are spread far apart, so there's never a "critical mass" in numbers of Deaf alcoholics in the same vicinity. But we're told, it takes only two people, and a coffee pot. This was what it was like for me when I first got sober in 1986.

I came away grateful that here in Seattle I have such strong support for the Deaf alcoholic. After years of asking for interpreters, I have a home group that is interpreted twice a week, I participate in service positions (such as secretary), business meetings and group inventories. Around 2004 I became GSR and my home group and our District paid the interpreters for me to vote at the Area Assembly. At the Area level, I (with help of others) educated the Area about accessibility and after three yearly motions, the Area now provides interpreters for Area events. I have the privilege to currently serve as DCM for District 41 and attend committee quarterlies, Conference, Delegate's report, Service Manual and Twelve Concept studies, and PRAASA. For that I am grateful.

To make the Deaf Recovery weekend (April 12-14 at Seabeck Conference Center) a spiritual weekend of AA meetings, we need financial support for scholarships and interpreters for the "signing impaired". We need people willing to help us organize and plan this retreat. To support our camp, or for questions, please send an email to:

DeafRC2@gmail.com

or send contributions to "Deaf Recovery Camp II"

6814 Linden Ave. N. Seattle, WA 98103

SEPTEMBER 2018 GSIG Snapshot

In an effort to foster greater communication with the Home Groups that are served by Greater Seattle Intergroup we have created a one page info sheet that can be quickly shared at your group's business meeting. For a detailed review of our Business Meeting please read our minutes in the High & Dry, GSIGs monthly newsletter can be found on our website under the Resources tab.

- The new improved GSIG Website is Live! Check out all the great new functionality with maps and lots of ways to search for meetings.
- 4-hour Group phone-answering shifts are available. Traditionally Groups came to the Intergroup Office to answer phones, but with new technology that is no longer a requirement but is still an option. Ask your group if they are interested in this type of service work. If you can help, please contact Anita: 206-587-2838: Shifts are 2pm-6pm or 6pm-10pm.
- The Service Committees at GSIG are doing some important work, if you are interested in service work please contact a committee chair to see how you can get involved: Accessibility needs Russian speakers and is planning an October Event to raise funds for ASL interpretation for the 2019 BLA.
- PI/CPC is working with Dist 18 to provide schedule books to Police and Fire in South King Co. and is looking for 12 step volunteers.
- H&T needs people interested in taking AA panels into Treatment Facilities.
- Corrections Committee needs people willing to bridge for exiting inmates.
- 2020 Committee has proposed a change to the Intergroup Zone system and the Greater Seattle Intergroup Board is seeking input from the groups. Please get your comments to us for discussion at the September 18th Board meeting. Does your group have a Zone Rep AND a GSR? Does your group have representation at the District AND the Zone? Or does your District combine the 2 meetings into one? Would direct representation by the groups at the GSIG Board Meeting facilitate the 2 way exchange of information?
- The Special Events Committee needs you! Please call Intergroup if you are interested in helping to plan our fun Fall Events! 206-587-2838





October 12th – 14th, 2018

Holiday Inn Portland South (HIPS)

25425 SW 95th Ave.

Wilsonville, OR 97070

503-682-2211

Book your room from our website @

<https://www.rosecitygirlstock.com>

(EVENT CODE RCG) or call the hotel directly

Join us for a weekend journey through the
12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous:
**Bringing women together through love,
 laughter and service.**

"The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it."

Page 83, Alcoholics Anonymous

- Nancy C. (Beaverton, OR)
- Peggy O. (Portland, OR)
- Claudia F. (Springfield, OR)
- Amy Beth J. (Tualatin, OR)
- Karla B. (Springfield, OR)
- Patti O. (Mission Viejo, CA)
- Joy R. (Tigard, OR)
- Bridget S. (Ferndale, WA)

Go to www.rosecitygirlstock.com for online registration!

\$109: Special Room Rates for the HIPS (per night plus tax) for single or double beds. *Offer expires September 22, 2018*

\$60: Registration Only / **\$70:** October 1

\$120: Registration + Meals / **\$130:** October 1
 (Saturday Night Dinner, Sunday Morning Breakfast)
Vegetarian and Vegan Options will be provided

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Mail in registrations are due by September 30, 2018

Registration Chair: Jane S. 503-523-9771

RCGS Chair: Dylan C. 818-679-4764

Email: rosecitygirlstock@gmail.com

RCGS 2018 Mailing Address:

20600 SW Windflower Ave.

Sherwood, OR 97140

Rose City Girlstock is a paid event which is self-supporting through your registrations. You must be registered in order to attend. No Seventh Tradition baskets are passed at any time during the event.

FREE COFFEE - REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 300 – REGISTER EARLY!!! - ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME:		PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		EMAIL:	
CITY, STATE ZIP:		HOMEGROUP:	
SPECIAL NEEDS (OTHER THAN DIETARY):		HEARING IMPAIRED? Please circle YES or NO	
		REGISTRATION ONLY	\$60.00
Name as it appears on card:		REGISTRATION + MEALS	\$120.00
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Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

August 21th, 2018

Submitted by Amy G. (Recording Secretary)

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm. Concept Eight was read by Jack, Tradition Eight was read by Vito.

AA birthdays

Gary 19 Years

Mark 19 Years

Roll Call

Active zones present: **6**; 114, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132,

Active zones absent: **4**; 115, 116, 133, 142

Inactive zones: **10**; 101, 108, 112, 113, 134, 135, 138, 139, 140, 141

Reports

Vice Chair (Mark T.): This month I was pleased to visit District 16. We had a great discussion about the intergroup facilities, meeting spaces, archives, standing committees, literature and the many services provided by our staff and volunteers. I always welcome invitations from districts, zones and home groups. I feel certain that the more people know about Greater Seattle Intergroup, the more they will want to support us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. *Written report submitted 8/21/18.*

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 the Friday following the Board Meeting. Minutes for July Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer (Mike M.): **GSIG August 2018 Treasurer Report**

Prepared by: Mike M, Treasurer

Overview:

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

Year	Net Income (Loss)	Group Contributions	Other Contributions	Cash & CDs
FY2014	(\$13k)	\$107k	\$17k	\$98k
FY2015	(\$11k)	\$110k	\$18k	\$87k
FY2016	(\$11k)	\$105k	\$19k	\$79k
FY2017	(\$4k)	\$106k	\$35k	\$73k
YTD Jul 2018	\$7k	\$74k	\$11k	\$78k

Month Only - Jul 2018:

- 1) Group Contributions for the month was of \$9k about **\$3k lower than budget and \$1k less than prior month**
- 2) Total Expenses for the month were about \$14k actual about **\$2k less budget**, primarily due to lower staff costs
- 3) Net Income of about \$2k for the month primarily due to lower Expenses

YTD - Jul 2018:

- 1) Group Contribution income was \$74k which is same as budgeted (budget was for break-even)
- 2) Individual Contributions Room Rent and Birthday Club income was \$11k about **\$2k more than budgeted**
- 3) Total Expenses were about \$109k actual and about **\$4k less budgeted**

If GSIG continues to receive the generous support both in terms of money and time from the Groups and individuals throughout the rest of the year, I expect for the first time in about 5 years your Seattle Intergroup will be close to break-even or a small net profit.

Cash and Prudent Reserve:

Total Cash and CDs are about \$2k less than prior month but still sufficient for operations and reserve

GSIG is now back above our prudent reserve of about \$45k represented by the \$50k held in CDs

Banking relationship has been transferred from Banner Bank to US Bank and CDs are staged timing for maturity and earn higher interest

Other:

Attended the following;

- Office Committee
- Finance Committee monthly meeting

Written report submitted 8/21/18.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report

It was **moved** (Zone 114) and **seconded** (Zone 118) to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

Zone 114 (Freda): I attended the District 14 on 8/14/2018. 12 GSRs/ alt GSRs were present and were encouraged to attend one of the pre-assembly wrap-ups, in Tacoma 8/18 or Bellevue 8/25. Our Archivist has moved our archived records to safer storage. GSRs were reminded to get their group information to Intergroup for the updated website and for Our Stories Disclose. The Alki picnic, hosted by W Seattle groups, will be on 9/2 and the District 14 picnic, which includes a pie raffle, yum!, will be at lower Lincoln Park on 9/9. *Written report submitted 8/21/18.*

Zone 117 (Gary): We had a service BBQ and Speaker Meeting with Geene the Area 72 chair, Alan F and Keri S Area 72 Accessibility Chair.

Fremont Triangle will be stopping the Monday – Thursday meetings and keeping the Friday, Saturday and Sunday meetings. Closure due to low attendance.

North Seattle Group is having a picnic at Woodland Park from 12-3pm on the 25th August.

District 17 is attempting to put a budget together so that they can disperse any extra monies that go above the prudent reserve. *Written report submitted 8/21/18.*

Zone 118 (Dave V): We had a discussion as part of our past inventory and what we can do to get involved in service: Seek people that have done service to get back into it again. Go to groups that are not participating.

We are looking for as a district to create a 12 step list to give to police, fire etc. so if they run into anyone that is on the streets maybe needs a 12 step call they would have a list of people from the area. Looking for partnering with Intergroup on a 12 step list.

Looking for storage for district 18 archives anyone know? *Written report submitted 8/21/18.*

Zone 131 (Larry B): Zone 131/District 31 met last Wednesday.

Elections for all district positions will be at the September District Meeting on Wednesday, September 12. Anyone interested in district service is welcome to attend and qualify.

The district voted to raise its prudent reserve. Discussion was had on what to do with committee funds that are budgeted but not used.

Future financial discussion is assured for coming meetings.

In service, Larry B. *Written report submitted 8/21/18.*

Zone 142 (Lyle C.): I sold 10 picnic buttons and turned in money to office.

I gave the GSIG Board "Snapshot" to District 42. Thanked all groups who answer phones and nightwatch and contribute to GSIG in service, Lyle B. Cook *Written report submitted 8/28/18.*

Accessibility Committee (Ceair S., Chair): Our committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is September 5th, 6pm at GSIG.

Accessibility issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those difficulties are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual, or emotional

(From: G.S.O. AA Guidelines Accessibility for All Alcoholics)

In our committee, we are working on providing resources for groups, districts and individual members who have concerns or obstacles getting to or participating in AA meetings in the Greater Seattle Area.

Russian Speaking Meeting/Members Request

A request was made at the Snohomish County Central office for information on Russian speaking meetings. If anyone knows of Russian speaking meetings or AA members who speak Russian, please contact Snohomish County Central office at (425) 252-2525 or Greater Seattle Intergroup at (206) 587-2838 /accessibility@seattleaa.org

Area 72 Summer Accessibility Quarterly Report

The Summer Accessibility Quarterly was held in District 27, Longview, WA.

The Area 72 Accessibility Committee is discussing creating a central language interpretation fund to be used for any & all language interpretation in Area 72. The fund would be used for AA meetings and other events not covered under Area business. This fund would not be managed by the Area Treasurer, but by the Area Accessibility Committee. Funds would be donated by individuals, groups and districts in Area 72 or greater.

GSIG Picnic August 19th

Another great picnic for GSIG! The Accessibility Committee had a basket to raffle off. All proceeds go to the ASL fund for ASL interpreters at AA meetings. The raffle brought in \$156.00. Thanks to everyone for the support and great time.

ASL in AA

Duck Island meeting, Mondays at 6pm at Greenwood Christian - 8018 Fremont Ave N, Seattle 98103, has agreed to a trial run of ASL on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Thanks to the Duck Island group for the hospitality at their meeting!

Our committee is also working with a meeting in Auburn, to see if they would be willing to support ASL. There's a Deaf alcoholic attending the Muckleshoot treatment center, looking for ASL interpreted meetings in the south end.

Fundraiser Planning Committee for ASL at BLA

Our committee is working with the Burien Little Assembly to ensure there is ASL interpretation at their Assembly in 2019. If you would like to help, please contact accessibility@seattleaa.org and we will get you involved!

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 8/23/18.*

Archives Committee (Teresa S., Chair): Attended Ara 72 Archives Quarterly in Poulsbo Aug. 4. Viewed District 10 Archives collection and it is impressive. Well organized and easily accessible in a special room. Otherwise, just continued filing and sorting of GSIG archives collection. *Written report submitted 8/21/18.*

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Jack J., Chair): committee meets first Saturday 10 am at Intergroup

- Hosted workshop for panels in treatment facilities at last committee meeting, approximate 12 new faces
- Met with District 18 for new Kent IOP facility in need of AA panel
- Coordinate with GSIG Corrections committee to set literature to DUI treatment in Kent
- Discussed 12th Step volunteer list for hospitals in addition to the volunteer list gathered by GSIG, (difference being hospital 12 Step requires rapid response and close proximity to hospital)
- Recruit support for AA in Burien Rehab facility with District 31
- Distribute approx 20 Bridging the Gap request

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. *Written report submitted 8/22/18.*

Office Committee (Aaron C., Chair): The Office Committee convened and went through our agenda items;

Office Managers report, Assistant Office managers report, and Treasurers report. We approved the glowing review the office manager provided to the assistant office manager.

There continues to be a lack of interest in group phone answering shifts and Night watch phone answering shifts. It was decided that Intergroup would operate a 24 hour phone shift so that when an alcoholic called day or night another alcoholic would answer. We would ask that You take this message back to your home groups and asked them to contact Nightwatch@seattleaa.org or email Anita@seattleaa.org for interest in

Nightwatch shifts or group phone answering shifts respectively. We rely on volunteers to take the shifts and unfortunately many of the shifts are going to only a few volunteers. Please reach out so that you can help Intergroup maintain a 24 hour hotline. Thank you all for your service. **Written report submitted 8/21/18.**

Office Manager (Norm S.): I am pleased and grateful to submit this Office Manager Report for July 2018.

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate.

Process/Organization—

Office/phone weekday coverage: We have openings Wednesday afternoons from 2-6 p.m., Thursday mornings from 10-2 p.m., and Friday mornings from 10-2 p.m.

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now several openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends—3rd Sundays, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., 3rd Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., 1st and 2nd Thursdays, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., 4th Fridays, 6-10 p.m. and 1st and 5th Saturdays, 6-10 p.m. Please communicate these group service opportunities to your groups!

Nightwatch shifts: When the August Nightwatch calendar was published, all positions were filled. Our chair, Len T., is taking 7 positions, to ensure coverage. I am sure he would be willing to give many of these for new volunteers. Please let your GSR's know that they should e-mail nightwatch@seattleaa.org to express interest and for an updated list of openings.

Physical Plant: Our carpeting and tile are once again looking a little ratty. Probably we will address this in August or September.

Financial Statements—The financial result for July was a profit of \$2,100 versus a budgeted profit of \$1,900. Group contributions of \$9,300 were under the budget of \$12,000. Retail sales also lagged budget by (\$3,700) but were offset by lower cost of sales. Gross profit of \$16,100 was therefore under the budgeted \$18,000. But . . . fixed costs \$14,100 were better than the budgeted \$16,100. This underspending resulted mainly from salaries and wages where hours worked were lower due to Anita's summer schedule. Year to date net income for the seven months was a positive \$7,000, still exceeding the budgeted \$2,000 by a substantial amount, and mainly for the same less-paid-hours reason. The bank transition to U.S. Bank has been completed. The old accounts at Banner Bank, all with \$0 balances, have been closed.

Personnel—I have completed Anita's performance evaluation and submitted that to the office committee, which reviewed it a week ago. Of course, she rated all 4's and 5's again, and WE GET HER BACK FULL TIME ON SEPTEMBER 1!

Respectfully submitted, Norm S. norm@seattleaa.org *Written report submitted 8/21/18*

Finance Committee (Carl G. Chair): Meeting: Aug. 15, 2018, Carl G, Chris W, Mike M
The committee reviewed the July financial statements. Finances continue to be in a positive position compared to previous years. The very large influx of contributions in January continues to make the difference.

Interested in learning about the Finance Committee contact Carl at financecomchair@seattleaa.org The committee meets by video conference (*no travel*) at 6pm on the Wednesday before the Intergroup Board Meeting (3rd Tue). *Written report submitted 8/22/18.*

Web & Technology Committee (Gail T. Chair): GSIG Website Migration to happen early next week. The ability to manage the website has increased and we hope to have a webmaster position in the future.
Written report submitted 8/21/18.

Old Business

A discussion regarding the work of the 2020 committee and their preliminary thoughts on our Board Structure in regard to the "Zone System" of representation at GSIG. Their suggestion that the Intergroup Board consider returning to Direct Representation of the groups at the Intergroup Board Meetings produced much discussion and it is hoped that our Zone Reps will take this information back to the groups for their feedback on the matter.

Feedback from Solution Group was wondering if the proposed changes will be happening prior to the Lease ending November 30th 2020?

Discussion of the GSIG bylaws requirement of 2/3 of the groups voting for certain types of business could be a problem if we went back to group representation.

There are 4 fellowship halls that are their own zones, what would happen to those groups if we did away with the zone representation system?

Please bring feedback on this topic to next business meeting.

New Business

None

Closing

It was **moved** (zone 131) and **seconded** (zone 117) to adjourn the meeting. **Motion adopted unanimously.** The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:28pm.

Next GSIG Board meeting: Sept 18, 2018 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.

03:15 PM
08/01/18
Accrual Basis

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Condensed Financial Statements
July and YTD 2018

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jul-18	Jul Budget	Jan-Jul 2018	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2017
Income					
Total Retail Sales	7,366	11,040	80,179	81,140	121,697
Total COGS	3,907	6,810	52,307	50,550	82,463
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,459	4,230	27,872	30,590	39,235
	Gross Profit %				
	47.0%	38.3%	34.8%	37.3%	32.2%
Group Contributions	9,347	12,020	74,064	73,850	106,013
Personal and Other Contributions	294	780	5,882	4,900	22,526
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	783	640	5,304	4,050	6,903
Special Events Income	2,215	300	2,808	1,500	5,552
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	16,098	17,970	115,930	114,890	180,228
Expenses					
Expenses--Other	850	410	3,049	3,530	4,698
Paid Staff	6,770	8,340	53,035	58,380	95,526
Rent and Office	6,214	6,560	47,800	45,930	75,110
Standing Committees	294	810	5,189	5,360	9,433
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	14,128	16,120	109,073	113,200	184,767
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	1,969	1,850	6,857	1,690	(4,539)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	165	90	93	270	422
Net Income	2,135	1,940	6,950	1,960	(4,116)

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Jul 30, 18	Jun 30, 18	Dec 31, 17
Current Assets			
Checking	27,894	49,224	31,768
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	50,000	30,722	40,939
Accounts Receivable	714	178	151
Inventory and Other	38,168	33,299	33,081
Total Current Assets	116,776	113,423	105,938
Total Fixed Assets	1,340	1,480	1,830
TOTAL ASSETS	118,116	114,903	107,768
* Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. \$46,000.			
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	-	153	-
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	(654)	(747)	(17)
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	10,630	9,492	6,595
Total Liabilities	9,976	8,897	6,578
Equity			
3001 - Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 - Retained Earnings	100,496	100,496	104,613
Net Income	6,950	4,816	(4,116)
Total Equity	108,141	106,006	101,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	118,116	114,903	107,768

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE Greater Seattle Intergroup BIRTHDAY CLUB

Esther O	Brown Bag Bunch	7/8/1976 42 years
Ralph B	Empire Way	9/1/1956 62 years
Hoppy H	A New Beginning	8/18/1986 32 years
Jill C	Lucky Ladies	9/3/1998 20 years
Rebecca B	Spiritual Line	6/24/1986
Dorothy S	Lake City	7/8/1975 43 years
Lupita Y-M	Lake City Young People	12 years
Anonymous		31 years
Diane L	For This Day	8/8/1987
Roy H	Queen Anne Gay Group	37 years
Dori L	Daily Reprieve	9/11/2017 1 year!
Gary M	Heartbreakers 1	9 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 years	
Home Group	
Contribution enclosed	\$

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

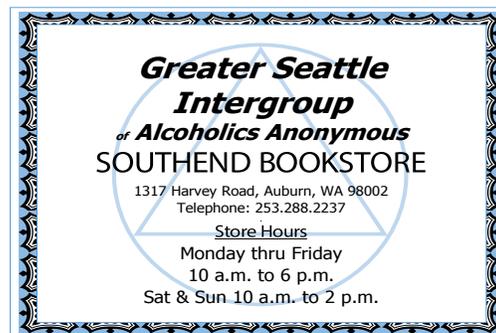
THANKS TO OUR AWESOME DAYTIME OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

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	Joe M and Gerry L Doug C
THURSDAY	Morning Afternoon	Vito M and Steve B Joe B and Dori L
FRIDAY	Morning Afternoon	Scott W Tom O and Bob F
SATURDAY	Morning	Fred P and Jon C

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES: Edward T

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE
VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.
VOLUNTEERS: Chuck G., Carolyn B.,
Rick L., Cliff M., & TJ M.

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE
NUMBER: 253 288 2237



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Mary M P \$5, Rebecca B \$50, Dorothy S \$43, Lupita Y-M \$12, Anonymous \$31,
Esther O \$42, Diane L \$31, Jill C \$20, Hoppy H \$32, Roy H \$37, Dori L \$5, Gary M
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