

The High & Dry

March 2017

Greater Seattle Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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March in Our History

- March 4, 1891** Lois W. was born.
- March 6, 1940** Magaret D. from Seattle receives a response from Alcoholic Foundation.
- March 16, 1940** Ruth Hock becomes AA's 1st National Secretary.
- March 1, 1941** Saturday Evening Post's article by Jack Alexander was published. A.A. membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 within one year.
- March 3, 1941** Dale A. from Seattle reads Jack Alexander's article and writes to the Alcoholic Foundation.
- March 7, 1941** Ruth Hock responds to Dale A., refers him to Dave W. and suggests the two men get together to start AA in Seattle.
- March 29, 1950** 2nd Saturday Evening Post article by Jack Alexander—"The Drunkard's Best"
- March 20, 1961** Bill W. replied to Dr. Carl Jung's letter.
- March 21, 1966** Ebby T (whom Bill called *his* sponsor) died.
- March, 1991** Distribution of Big Book hits 10 million mark.



Illustration for *The year's at the spring; an anthology of recent poetry* ([1920]) by Harry Clarke

FUTURE TRIPPING

Events and Meeting Announcements

MARCH

3-5th PRAASA, McClellan Conference Center, Sacramento

CA. www.praasa.org

10-12th NW POCKETS OF ENTHUSIASM ROUNDUP,

Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center, Spokane

Valley, WA. www.nwpockets.org

11th STEP 9 WORKSHOP, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front St, S., 98027. 1-4pm. A free AA workshop.

11th SPONSOR YOU SPONSOR'S DINNER, Steel Lake Presbyterian, 1829 S 308th St, Federal Way. 6pm, \$5.

18th GSR SCHOOL, 1-4pm, Kirkland Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall (basement), 106 5th Avenue, Kirkland 98033.

18th 10am-4pm. MANCHESTER MEN'S STAG GROUP SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP, Elim Lutheran, 5911 E Hillcrest Dr., Port Orchard. This is a closed workshop for alcoholic men only. Bring your Big Book, 12&12, sponsor and sponsees.

19th A RECOVERY SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST, 10am Oakview Grange 2715 N Pearl St., Centralia. \$5, this is a fundraiser to support the Cowlitz River Roundup.

24-26th WHAT'S THE POINT? Kennydale Memorial Hall 2424 NE 27th St, Renton 98056. Preregistration \$35. \$40 at door. A weekend Big Book~12 Steps Journey. "Twelve Steps to Emotional Sobriety ~ Living Life in the Mainstream" Speaker Wayne B., St Petersburg, FL

25th BURIEN LITTLE ASSEMBLY, registration at 10am. Please bring your favorite potluck foods for both lunch and the hospitality table. Hosted sit down dinner at 5pm.

www.burienlittleassembly.org Our 7th Tradition will be observed. Brooklake Church, 629 S 356th St, Federal Way 98003.

25th DISTRICT 24 GRATITUDE POTLUCK DINNER, doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. \$5 donation at door. St Pius X (in the gym), 22301 58th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace 98043. Raffle & 50/50 raffle. Home groups please bring raffle item & ham or turkey.

25th BENSON HILL 50th ANNIVERSARY, 6-9pm. King of Kings Lutheran, 18207 108th Ave SE, 98055. Raffle, speakers, potluck, archives, etc.

31st TUKWILA EARLYBIRDS, 20 Years in Renton! 6:30am, IHOP 610 Rainier Avenue South, Renton. Donuts and coffee on us.

APRIL

7-9th H&I CONFERENCE, Holiday Inn, 14299 Firestone Blvd, La Mirada, CA 90638. www.socalhandi.org.

7-8th WWA72 QUARTERLY, Eastside Foursquare Church, 14520 100th Ave NE, 98011. www.area72aa.org

8th EASTSIDE INTERGROUP'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST, \$7.00, kids \$2. Doors open at 10am. Speakers 11am-Noon. Raffle prizes at noon, Lake Sammamish Four Square church, 14434 NE 8th St, 98007.

8th BLOSSOMS WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, Fort Worden Commons, 200 Battery Way, Bldg 210, Port Townsend. Catered buffet, vegan option must be requested in advance.

10-12th NW POCKETS OF ENTHUSIASM

10th PSYPC ST PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK AND DANCE

13-16th A NEW FREEDOM, www.SanDiegoSpringRoundUp.com

14-16th CELEBRATE SOBRIETY, LGBT AA CONFERENCE, oast Plaa Hotel in downtown Vancouver, B.C.

www.celebratesobriety.ca

15th WWA72 ACCESSIBILITY QTRLY, 9-3pm. Max Hale Center, 285 5th St, Bremerton, 98337.

21-23 NW GIRLSTOCK, Women's Big Book 12 Step Conference, 4 Points Sheraton Hotel, Bellingham. www.nwgirlstock.org

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

7th SEATTLE SOBRIETY LUNCHEON, the Museum of Flight View Lounge, 9404 E Marginal Way S, 98108. 11am registration, Noon seated lunch and sharing.

7th WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, McCormick & Schmicks, Seattle
12-14th 37TH INLAND EMPIRE ROUNDUP, Red Lion Hotel Pasco, 2525 N 20th Ave, Pasco 99301.

www.inlandempireroundup.org.

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

JUNE

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

NEW MEETINGS

SUN 7:30am O VASHON ON AWAKENING, Vashon Presbyterian (in Belfry), 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070.

1-hr mtg

FRI 7:30pm O SEATTLE TRANSPLANT SPEAKER-DISCUSSION, Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave N, 3rd Floor, 98103. 1-hr speaker mtg.

CHANGES

SUN 6:00pm O SECULAR 12-STEP MEETING, SASG 115 15th Ave E, Ste 201, 98112. 1-hr mtg (new start time)

DAILY NOON O LANGUAGE OF THE HEART, Vashon Presbyterian (in Belfry) 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070.

1-hr mtg.

SUN 7:00PM O VASHON ISLAND GROUP-VINEYARD MEETING, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 15420 Vashon Hwy S, Vashon 98070. 1-hr mtg.

SUN 2:00PM O NEWCOMER'S MEETING, Serenity Hall 12536 Renton Ave S, 98178. 1-hr mtg

MON 7:30pm C BROADWAY GROUP, St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave E, 98102 (in back) 1-hr mtg.

MON 7:00PM O VASHON ISLAND GROUP-MONDAY MEETING, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 15420 Vashon Hwy S, Vashon 98070. 1-hr mtg.

TUE 6:00PM C WOMEN DO RECOVER, Vashon Methodist 17928 Vashon Hwy SW, Vashon Hwy S, 98070 1-hr mtg.

TUE 7:00pm O THE TURNING POINT/BB STUDY GROUP, Vashon Presbyterian, 17708 Vashon Hwy Sw, 98070.

75 minute mtg.

WED 7:30pm O "50/50," St Paul's United Church of Christ, 6512 12th Ave NW, 98117. 1-hr mtg.

WED 7:30pm O VASHON 12&12, Vashon Presbyterian (in Belfry), 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070. 1-hr mtg.

FRI 7:00pm O VASHON ISLAND GROUP-PARADISE VALLEY, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 15420 Vashon Hwy S, 98070. 1-hr mtg.

DEFUNCT

SUN&THU 11:00AM O LAKE CITY 11TH HOUR, Lake City Community Church, 12531 28th Ave NE, Room 8, 98125.

SUN 7:30pm C CREEKSIDE STUDY, Lakeside-Milam, Kirkland (meets 1st Sunday only).

FRI 10:00PM O CORRUPTED YOUTH, A New Beginning, 15403 Ambaum Blvd SW, 98166.

SAT 9:00PM O A NEW BEGINNING, 15403 Ambaum Blvd SW, 98166.

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: Junction Men's Group

From Our Stories Disclose 1941-1986

"It just keeps getting gooder and gooder," wisdom from Vern Z., a member of the Junction Men's Group, who passed away in 2001. He is missed by all. This meeting was founded in October 1980 because a men's group was needed in West Seattle. Friday night was selected and a meeting was started at the West Seattle Community Resources Center. Sparsely furnished, the front room created a small but comfortable space. Joe G. noted that they were throwing out a large amount of coffee and he suggested that they use it instead for after-meeting coffee discussions. This led to a quarter-limit poker game, which usually ended around four in the morning. The poker games resulted in loud complaints from spouses and girlfriends. The poker game was disbanded to restore the peace. During the poker game period members overflowed the house but with its demise membership diminished drastically.

Group size slowly recovered and in August 1981, it moved to Holy Rosary Catholic Church in answer to the priest's request for an

A.A. meeting. The community house has since been torn down and although the atmosphere of the old meeting place is missed, the fellowship of A.A. sans poker goes on.

Today, the group remains strong with a core of regulars who tell stories of the old days when the meeting was in the smoky basement of the church. Members can be found working the phones at Intergroup every third Sunday of the month or organizing the annual work party to help clean up the church grounds. Further fellowship extends beyond the sidewalk after the meeting to Spiro's on California Avenue, summer BBQs and campouts on Blake Island.

Greater Seattle Intergroup

Board Meeting

February 21, 2017

Opening

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence at 7:00 PM. The Twelve Traditions were read by Dan and Concept Two was read by Russ.

AA Birthdays

Anita 27 years



Roll Call

Active zones present: 9; 112, 114, 115, 116, 124, 131, 132, 140, 141,

Active zones absent: 4; 117, 118, 133, 142

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

Reports

Chair (Dawna H.): Hello, I have been working with a few folks to flush out the ideas that we would like to tackle with a special committee, at this moment we plan to look at a few things that are further down the road at your Seattle AA office.

1. We will start with a review the Policy and Procedure Manual and if we discover areas with conflicting or confusing content, we will propose suggestions about how we might improve the wording.

2. The next focus of our attention will be to investigate other intergroups and central offices and determine if there might be a better way for us to conduct our monthly business meetings. At the very least after this review I hope we can present some suggestions to the board about how to clarify how our voting board members (zone rep's) are elected and counted.

The third thing that I would like to research (perhaps in the form of a second special committee) is what we Seattle residents want to do in 2020 when our lease expires. I feel it is a bit early for this conversation, but by early next year I think we should start talking about options. Personally I would like to continue to have the space and resources that GSIG currently provides available for the next generation of drunks that need us.

On Sunday we held an open house for the new DCM's, it was a well-attended and received. event. *Written report submitted 2/21 /17.*

Vice Chair (Mark T.): Verbal Report given at the meeting.

Chair Emeritus (Dave T.): Dear Friends of GSIG!

I have been asked to provide a brief synopsis of the events and actions surrounding our 2012 GSIG Inventory, with an eye to discovering any unfinished action items and providing this Board with some possible direction for the current rotation. It is possible that some of the momentum from that 2012 Inventory work was slowed by the recent 1-year rotation, which was itself an action item. The start of a new rotation brings with it an ideal opportunity to regain that momentum.

What follows is an brief accounting thru December 2015, more background details can be found the “History of 2012 Ad Hoc Committees” handout, which was presented at the May 2014 Board meeting.

In November of 2012, at its Fall Assembly, GSIG conducted the first inventory in several years. Through the course of discussion several long time practices were questioned and many issues were identified, some of which were: Low Group Participation, Lack of Outreach by GSIG (Board, Office and Standing Committees), Board and Office not being in touch with the Fellowship, Financial Stability, Declining Literature Sales, Low GSIG Board attendance, A ‘business as usual’ attitude in running of the Board and Office.

This Board decided that the best way to address these issues was through an Ad Hoc Committee formed to look at these concerns and recommend a comprehensive solution path. The Ad Hoc Committee was to participate in seven weeks of strategic planning. The result of the Committee’s efforts included the creation of a proposed Mission Statement (noted below), an assessment of Intergroup’s current state, a comparative analysis with other Intergroups and similar organizations, and the development of goals and objectives, along with the beginnings of a long-term plan.

The Ad Hoc committee presented its report to the GSIG Board at the March 2013 Board meeting. The Board accepted the recommendations in that report which was to adopt the 5 Stated Goals (below) as well as create two new Standing Committees; Finance, and Web & Tech.

5 Stated Goals

1. GSIG’s role, in relation to other AA structures, is clear
2. GSIG (structures & services) are well managed and continuously improving
3. Access to accurate information is easy and welcoming
4. Outreach to our community, both in and outside AA, is strong and effective.
5. Technology supports & enables GSIG’s Mission and Vision

In addition to accepting the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations the Board further moved to create 7 additional Ad Hoc Committees with the following areas of focus:

Committee Name	Stated Purpose
Access	Work with Office Staff, the Web Committee, and others to ensure that access to accurate information is easy and welcoming. Develop standards and processes where needed. Put tracking methods in place to ensure quality is maintained.
Bylaws Review	Review the current bylaws. Identify outdated items, gaps between stated bylaws and current processes. Propose revisions to the Board.
Media Content & Messaging	Develop standards and processes to ensure consistent, quality messages are delivered to groups, members, and the greater Seattle community along with metrics to measure effectiveness. Materials and processes can be handed off to 3rd Legacy and other standing committees.
Role Clarification	Compare the Intergroup’s role(s) in relation to other structures, then help create communications that help groups better understand why intergroup exists, how it functions as part of the AA Service Structure, and why it is so important.
Space Usage	As part of the relocation effort in preparation for the lease agreement termination in November, determine what Intergroup needs in terms of space and make recommendations.
Strategy	Complete the work of the Ad hoc Committee in developing a 3-year strategy. Then to reconvene every 18 months to review, adjust and extend the plan to ensure Intergroup is continuously improving based on inventory results.
Training	Work with the Office Staff, Committee Chairs, and Board Members to ensure that proper training is in place, happening, and achieving positive outcomes.

The above committees were kicked off and filled at the 2013 Spring Assembly in May. Interim chairs were replaced with elected chairs and all of the committees held regular meetings and reported back to the board the progress being made. These specialty Ad Hoc committees had, as of December 2015, for the most part completed their assignments and had any remaining ongoing portions transferred to other committees such as the Office Committee. Notable exceptions would be the Bylaws Review Committee, whose work was interrupted awaiting input and the results of Board actions from the other Ad Hoc committees, and the Strategy Committee, who you will note is due to reconvene for another planning session. This might probably also be an appropriate time for the Board to insure that there are no other outstanding items from the other committees.

My hope is that that the new rotation of the Board will bring a fresh charge to these efforts and that we shall continue to improve our 12th Step efforts

As always I am available to help you with your discussions about our Intergroup, and in fact if any of the Board or Staff can be of any help with this, just let us know. *Written report submitted 2/21/17*

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 Wednesday following the Board Meeting.

Review of past meeting minutes

It was moved (Zone 112) and seconded (Zone 116) to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes. Motion adopted unanimously.

Treasurer (Mike M.): YTD January 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
Jan 2017	\$2K	\$2K	\$10K	\$73K

- Significant items January 2017
 - Gross Profit on Retail Sales favorable by \$1.5K higher than budget or \$6.2K for the month
 - Group Contributions unfavorable by \$2.5K lower than budget or \$9.7K for the month (note this was balancing line 2017 budget)
 - Total Fixed Expenses favorable by \$1.5K lower than budget or \$14.2K for the month
 - Net Income was equal to budget or \$2.4K for the month.
- Ending Cash & CDs were unfavorable by \$6.1K lower than the prior month however if Accounts Receivable is included due to timing, Total Cash, CDs and AR is the same as prior month

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.

1) Other Items:

- Participated in monthly Office Committee Meeting

- Discussed using fixed rent as opposed to 7th tradition basket for AA groups and other using/renting GSIG office meeting space. Determined it was appropriate for Finance Committee to discuss further and present suggestion to Office Committee for review.
- Invited and attended a group's business meeting that wanted to learn more about GSIG financial condition
 - I am available if other groups would like me to discuss GSIG finances
- Finance Committee Meeting report presented, *Written report submitted 2/22/17.*

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report

It was moved (Zone 141) and seconded (Zone 132) to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion adopted unanimously.

Zone 112 (Tom F): Verbal Report given at meeting.

Zone 114 (Freda): PI/CPC will review literature racks in Dist 14 and groups will become involved in maintaining. Proposal to update Dist Handbook was made and DCM will invite WSCYPAA speaker to Dist meeting. *Written report submitted 2/21/17.*

Zone 115 (Vanessa) Verbal Report given at meeting.

Zone 116 (Russ W.): Verbal Report given at meeting.

Zone 117 (Carl) Heartbreakers has grown by 3 times its old size from last year. They provide child care. North Seattle Group 50/50 is a new meeting where if you share is based on the number of the chip you received when you come in. If your # is drawn you share. The other half of the meeting is a speaker. They can use support. All the groups who were represented at Feb District 17 meeting are giving to Intergroup. I asked them to mention the importance of contributing to Intergroup for groups that currently do not contribute to GSIG. *Written report submitted 2/20/17*

Zone 124 (Kelly) Verbal Report given at meeting

Zone 131 (Larry B.): Our district 31 meeting was on February 8, at Cascade Behavioral hospital. In attendance were nine GSR/alt GSR, five district servants, five committee members and myself. Two birthdays for February, Tim with 3 years and colleen with 24 years.

Upcoming events were noted including quarterlies, BLA planning committee, GSR school and service manual study. Four groups announced an intention to donate to the BLA event, three \$75.00 and one \$100.00. All GSRs present had reports, One group has a panel at the BLA "Fully Self Supporting regarding.." something. Another group is looking for another location due to congestion when attendance reached 35+, the search will continue for the foreseeable future. Another group currently meeting weekly has been asked to not use their meeting room on the second_Tuesday_of the month due to a church conflict. Groups are addressing inventory items and elected positions are changing now that the rotation has been active long enough to have schedule conflicts arise. Things in zone 131 are running well. Accessibilities chair Julie reports approx. 40 in attendance the quarterly Hosted by district 31. Expenses were met from the basket and overall a great event. Treatment chair Will reports quarterly went well. Twelve bridges last month. He is looking for a place to put a couple of the 25 grapevine subscriptions available from the area for treatment. A meeting is going to Lakeside Milam second_Saturday_that has an opening for one more panel member. Corrections chair Tim is making arrangements to have another meeting taken to SCORE. This is still in the paperwork stages. PI chair Liz attended the monthly meeting at intergroup with committee member Joan. Decided to target 5 places a month. Looking forward to helping at the BLA. Received a listing of where the local racks are located. Looking forward to reading the literature and working with the committee. Web: MIKE T, absent. <http://www.District31aa.org> He sent an update regarding discussions from

quarterly: Actually There was some discussion on anonymity on the web. I'm going to post a PDF on the website that goes into a little more detail that is a general guideline for the many uses that AA is experiencing and how individuals can protect themselves and others. Other than that it was just a lot of general questions and one of them was our solution to the Web Account ownership. I explained our solution was to have it fall under the DCM. That insures continuity and also access to it if either one of us was to drop dead. District web content was discussed and some post a lot more info i.e.. treasurers report, minutes, board members names, email address, phone numbers. I think it is inviting anonymity breakdowns when posted on a public accessible site. In my opinion we should abstain. *Written report submitted 2/20/17.*

Zone 132 (Dale M.): Verbal Report given at meeting

Zone 140 (Houston.): Verbal Report given at meeting

Zone 141 (Dan.): Verbal Report given at meeting

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

I attend District 42 monthly meeting, 2nd Thursday of the month At Phoenix Club

17 GSRs in attendance this month, 25 total. Consistent good attendance.

Carole has become Treatment Chair, CPC, Archives, and Corrections Chair positions still open at District 42 level, Burien Little Assembly was announced and flyer sent in D42 minutes

Encouraged people to subscribe to Hi and Dry for complete GSIG board meeting minutes

D 42 and other districts held GSR School Sat. Feb 11

Kendall D 42 P.I. chair is active trying to get group to "adopt" PI racks from intergroup and place in public areas in our district.

GSIG treasurer Mike will visit Brown Bag Group Today and stay for business meeting as requested by their GSR Janice

I also sent email to GSIG 3rd Legacy chair re: request from Saturday Ladies Study GSR for a visit from GSIG. *Written report submitted 2/20/17.*

Dist 18 Liaison (Dave): _I will be talking with other zones/districts that have combined district inter group rep and zone rep and what they did to combine. Did they do group conscience at zone district meeting or group conscience from as many meetings as possible? Other ideas? I don't think its right that we are trying to get GSR's to carry our message so I will be working with our DCM to get the district information out to groups in our area that we exist and what we can provide to the groups in our area better. We are having a GSR school at Kennydale Memorial Hall at the corner of 27th_and Edmonds in Renton on Feb 18th_from_9AM to noon. *Written report submitted 2/16/17.*

Accessibility Committee (Ceair S., Chair): Our committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is March 1st, 6pm at GSIG. Our committee has an open position for an Outreach and Education Chair, If anyone is interested please email the Accessibility Committee at accessibility@seattleaa.org

There are going to be 2 panels related to Accessibility at the Burien Little Assembly.

The Accessibility Committee along with District 41 will be hosting a panel on Diversity, Outreach and Attracting the Deaf Alcoholic. For Local Planning Committee, along with Districts 1 & 57 will host a panel on Carrying AA's Message of Love and Service in regards to Spanish language interpretation and translation also, the majority of the Burien Little Assembly will be interpreted, largely in part to help from District 41. There will be interpreters there from 11am – 8pm, or whenever the final speaker is finished. 1 panel per time frame will be interpreted between 12:30-3:30. We are having a committee meeting tomorrow to decide which panels will be interpreted and to prepare for our own panel.

Last Tuesday I visited District 15 meeting to give an overview of our committee, what we do and how we can help. We would love to visit more zone/district meetings.

2 meetings have canceled their monthly ASL interpreters: Women's Bring Your Own Big Book in West Seattle & For This Day at Fremont Fellowship Hall. The reason for both of these cancellations was low attendance by Deaf or Hard of Hearing alcoholics. We are really grateful for these 2 meetings reaching out and offering to host ASL interpreters. What we are learning though, is that just because a meeting is willing, that doesn't mean there are Deaf alcoholics that can attend the meeting, due to location and transportation issues, time of day, and conflict with other meetings. We are finding it might be best to take requests from Deaf/Hard of Hearing alcoholics to where they would like to go and where they are able to go. Meetings that would like support the Deaf can always sponsor another meeting that has Deaf attendance.

We have added a new ASL interpreted meeting. Sun of Madison, Sunday 10am-11:30 in Madison Park has begun hosting ASL interpreter twice a month, the 2nd Sunday and the 4th Sunday of the month, as well as their business meetings.

The Area Accessibility Quarterly was last month. The main topic being discussed is creating a new committee at the Area entitled, Language Translation and Interpretation. This committee would be in charge of scheduling and finances related to any language interpretation at events as well as having literature translated for alcoholics who speak language other than English.

The Area will do more research on the topic and send out a report when it is done for Districts and groups to review. *Written report submitted 2/22/17.*

Archives Committee (Teresa S., Chair): [Attended the Area 72 Archives Quarterly on February 4.](#) I was able to pass on archival materials from GSIG to District Archivists pertinent to their districts or for their traveling displays. *Written report submitted 2/18/17.*

Corrections Committee (Bob R., Chair): Well this is been month two of 24 as Chairman of The Corrections Committee here at Seattle Intergroup... A little more work than I had anticipated but I am welcoming the challenges. As it states in our 12 and 12 ...watch the eyes of men and women open with wonder! To see men and women move from darkness into light... To see their life filled with new purpose...to see families reassembled...To see the Outcast received back into the community ...this is a experience we must not miss! That is the message we give to the inmates and you can be part of the process... passing on the message of hope! Come Join us here in Corrections ... We will find room for you and your message! We welcomed a newly resurrected volunteer..Pete..and He has graciously accepted the position of literature chair and we want to thank Him for His service. We are planning for the Area Corrections Quarterly to be here on _March 18...coffee and meet n greet at 900 am, 1000 am panel and lunch at _noon_ with closing guest speaker. We invite all that are interested to come and see what the Area and we are planning for the year! Thanks to all the groups for their support with the Pink Can donations! We serve 9 facilities here in Greater Seattle and we welcome all who wish to volunteer. We will be having a table at the "Burien Little Assembly" on _March 25...come by and say hello...get answers to your questions. *Written report submitted 2/11/17.*

PI & CPC Committee (John D.): [Hospitals](#) – Along with D32 CPC Chair Tony H, we met with Auburn Multicare Hospital February 1 to discuss the 12th step program, AA books, literature, and schedules. Literature also placed at their Kent facility. Puyallup and Covington (2018) hospitals are interested as well.

I visited District 18 Committee, discussing Multicare cooperation and PICPC service.

Cooperating and sharing info on AA:

Participating with Burien Little Assembly Planning Committee. We will have a service table at the March 25th event.

New reps from Districts 14, 15, 17, 24, 31, and 32 are working on rack adoptions!

We'll have an information table at the annual [Community Resource Exchange](#) at Century Link Field in Seattle, March 9.

The event serves the local homeless population, and is well attended by neighbors seeking services, as well as local service providers.

Schools – Great feedback from our AA panels at Nathan Hale HS. 2 separate panels, over 150 students!

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

March 5 – Burien Little Assembly Planning Committee – 1pm at GSIG

March 19 – Burien Little Assembly Planning Committee – noon at GSIG

March 9 – Community Resource Exchange – Century Link Field – Info table

March 18 – PICPC Committee – 10am at GSIG – breakfast served!

March 25 – Burien Little Assembly – Brooklake Church, Federal Way – service table

Written report submitted 2/21/17.

Finance Committee (Carl): Carl called the meeting a week early so Mike M, Treasurer was unavailable.. The March meeting will be back on schedule for the Wed. before Intergroup.

Present was Chris W, Michael E, Carl, and a prospective member. We reviewed the positive GSIG financial report for January. While January doesn't make a trend and fits with groups often sending in contributions from prior year, it is nice to see a good beginning. If groups could keep up contributions at this level for the whole year it would make good progress in GSIG's financial stability. *Written report submitted 2/20/17.*

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Jack J., Chair): Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 10 am at Intergroup.

Last month convened the meeting with Shu, the Area 72 Treatment chair. Shu provided helpful documents for treatment representatives. Representation from Districts 15, 17, 31, 40, including 10 groups. Attended Pierce County Treatment committee monthly meeting with Area rep, at the Central Service Office. Exciting to see so much participation by group treatment reps. facilitated over two dozen Bridging the Gaps, half within the GSIG area and half across the area.

Facilitated coverage at one treatment center, personally covered for a servant at another treatment center. Also establishing contact with a new facility hoping to hold meetings. Updating the spreadsheet for treatment and hospital meetings. Will be tabling at the Burien Little Assembly on March 25 with District 15 Treatment rep. *Written report submitted 2/21/17.*

Office Committee (Aaron C., Chair): The Office Committee convened and went through our standard agenda items; Office Managers report, Assistant Office managers report, and Treasurers report. We further discussed informing groups who reserve intergroup meeting rooms that a suggested donation is recommended to better support intergroup. We are looking to formalize some signage. Feedback provided to Aaron regarding changes to the Intergroup picnic were presented to the committee. It seems clear that canceling the picnic is not something we should consider. We discussed ideas on improving the picnic and will bring these ideas to the special events committee.

The office committee will start meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm instead of 6:15 pm. The office committee approved \$1300 for a new server to replace the current server that has been a bit flaky as of late. *Written report submitted 2/21/17.*

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

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate.

Process/Organization—

Office/phone weekday coverage: We have an opening on Thursday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now six openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends: 2nd Wednesday, 5th Friday, 5th Saturday—from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on the 1st Sunday- 6 p.m.-10 p.m., 2nd Sunday 2 p.m. -6 p.m., and 3rd Sunday, 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

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

Physical Plant: It was necessary to replace the water heater early in February, so our good track record concerning maintenance items is at an end. No other issues to report.

Financial Statements—Financial statements for January are available for your review. Group contributions were \$2,400 less than budget for the month (\$9,700 vs. \$12,100), but total retail sales exceeded budget (\$17,400 vs. \$13,900). Gross profit, the sole way we cover the fixed costs of our office, was short of budget by \$1,400 (\$16,500 vs. \$17,900). Total expenses of \$14,200 were lower than normal level due to maintenance and repairs and an electric bill received late. This made up the gross profit shortfall, leading to a profit of \$2,400 for the month vs. the budgeted profit of \$2,300. An independent audit committee, chaired by Area Alt. Treasurer, Crystal S., will be in on Saturday, February 25, to examine our financial statements for 2016. Please anticipate a report by this committee at the March Board Meeting.

Personnel—The office will be closed Monday, Presidents' Day, February 20. *Written report submitted 2/21/17*

Assistant Office Manager (Anita S.): Verbal report given at meeting.

I attended the Accessibility and Office Committee meeting. Be sure to look for the Accessibility panel at the BLA.

This year's Old Timer's Luncheon date is May 7 and will be held at the Museum of Flight in the View Lounge. Your \$35 ticket includes a catered lunch by McCormick and Schmicks and admittance to the Museum. The Museum of Flight is fully ADA compliant and offers plenty of parking.

Please remember there are still time slots open for groups to come in and answer phones. A shout out to the groups in Zone 114, as 2 groups have made themselves available – thanks to Monday Night Winners and Titanic! Serenity Now has shown great interest in stepping up also.

Don't forget to come visit the Intergroup "corner" at this year's Burien Little Assembly on Saturday, March 25th. A Kids Klub will be available, a hospitality table (food) will be fully stocked all afternoon and a sit down dinner will be served. Due to some preconference conflicts the next planning meeting is scheduled for March 5th at 1pm and March 19th at Noon (both Sundays).

I got to attend Denise D.'s 60th AA birthday at Boiled Owl. The group gave her a necklace, bracelet and earrings in an owl design. Very cute.

Written report submitted 2/21/17.

Night Watch Coordinator (Leonard T.): Verbal Report given by Anita at meeting.

Special Events Committee (Matt T.): 1. The Seattle Fall Conference has been confirmed for September 30th. The main speaker will be Karl M. from West Covina. The conference is open to having the Intergroup Assembly at the conference if that is something that interests those involved.

2. There has been more discussion regarding the Intergroup picnic. We are thinking of different options and will discuss these at the next Intergroup office meeting.

3. We have tentatively set a date for the car show/block party, which will be the last weekend in July.

Written report submitted 2/21/17.

Web & Technology Committee (Gail T. Chair): Our committee now meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am here at Seattle Intergroup. We completed our survey last month to engage with members and gain some insights to how people look for meetings, use the printed meeting schedule, and the website. I'll be sharing some of those insights with you in a few minutes.

We are planning to align the printed meeting schedule closely to the online meeting experience we design. We evaluated over 50 physical meeting directories from across the country to see how other cities organize their meeting information so that we can apply some of their practices in our meeting directory redesign. We are currently organizing our finding from this exercise and will solicit design samples from 4-5 designers, which we will then test with users.

Other topics we have been investigating are the benefits and drawbacks of various content management systems. We are still investigating the best option, but will notify the board when we have gathered all the requirements are ready to make a recommendation.

We are currently looking for help on the committee, and you don't need to be a computer whiz or know how to code to join us. If you know of 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 2/22/17.

Third Legacy (Dan G. Chair): I have kept to our goal of a presentation per month per committee member. My fellow committee members come and go. It's hard to get people to stick around ha-ha. Last night we were well received at the boiled owl in shoreline. *Written report submitted 2/21/17.*

Old Business: None

New Business: Presentation of the Website Survey Results by Gail T.

Closing: It was moved (zone 141) and seconded (zone 131) to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 9:00pm.

Next GSIG Board meeting: March 21, 2017 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.

03:15 PM
03/01/17
Accrual Basis

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Condensed Financial Statements
February 2017

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Feb 2017	Feb Budget	YTD Jan-Feb 2017	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2016
Income					
Total Retail Sales	8,862	12,510	26,301	26,390	141,403
Total COGS	5,263	8,220	16,550	17,460	93,813
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,599	4,290	9,752	8,930	47,590
Gross Profit %	40.6%	34.3%	37.1%	33.8%	33.7%
Group Contributions	8,661	10,100	18,311	22,220	105,033
Personal and Other Contributions	514	390	753	980	7,956
Meeting Room Rent; High & Dry	450	310	920	770	4,728
Special Events Income	15	200	15	300	6,319
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	13,238	15,290	29,751	33,200	171,628
Expenses					
Expenses--Other	446	300	700	610	4,306
Paid Staff	7,433	8,190	15,586	16,380	95,762
Rent and Office	6,262	6,530	11,950	13,040	75,120
Standing Committees	845	690	986	1,420	8,145
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	14,986	15,710	29,223	31,450	183,333
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(1,748)	(420)	528	1,750	(11,707)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	-	-	105	120	483
Net Income	(1,748)	(420)	633	1,870	(11,223)

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Feb 28, 17	Jan 31, 17	Dec 31, 16
Current Assets			
Checking	23,939	21,554	27,798
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	50,958	50,958	50,860
Accounts Receivable	3,183	7,630	1,132
Inventory and Other	36,169	41,034	36,444
Total Current Assets	114,249	121,176	116,234
Total Fixed Assets	1,542	964	964
TOTAL ASSETS	115,791	122,140	117,198
* Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. \$46,000.			
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	1,368	4,459	1,678
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	2,574	3,965	3,570
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	5,908	6,026	6,643
Total Liabilities	9,850	14,450	11,891
Equity			
3001 - Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 - Retained Earnings	104,613	104,613	115,836
Net Income	633	2,381	(11,223)
Total Equity	105,940	107,688	105,307
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	115,790	122,138	117,197



STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)
February 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	\$ 1,166.42	\$ 100.00	\$ 155.00	\$ -	\$ 1,421.42
YTD Use of Funds	\$ (1,696.21)	\$ -	\$ (460.00)	\$ -	\$ (2,156.21)
YTD Ending Balance	\$ 3,264.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,543.81	\$ -	\$ 5,908.06

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets
February 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	\$ -	\$ 312.32	\$ 137.50	\$ 91.67	\$ 541.49
Budget to Date	\$ 80.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 1,180.00
Budget -- Full Year	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,500.00

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

Gail T.	Real Alcoholics	19 years
Patricia A.	Cascade	38 years
Kristie	Fremont Triangle	33 years
Anonymous		50 years
Anonymous		52 years
Helen D.	Pass It On	30 years
Gary H.	Benson Hill	33 years
Jacob W.		6 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	\$

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Greater Seattle Intergroup

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THANKS TO OUR AWESOME DAYTIME OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Morning Tom P and Gary H
Afternoon Mike M and Marci W

WEDNESDAY

Morning Gerry L and Joe M
Afternoon Chryse L and 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

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES:

Diane L and Tom P

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE

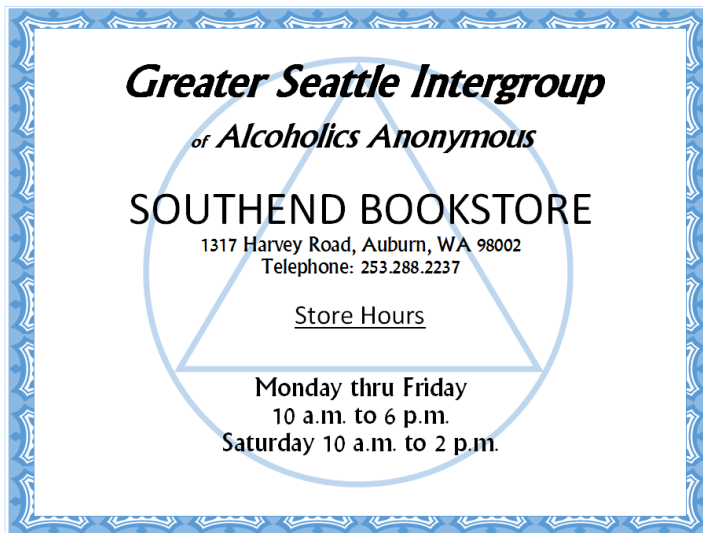
VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.

VOLUNTEERS: Chuck G, Angie A, Bob A, Sonny M,
Carolyn, Jim D, Rick L, Bernice W.

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Mary P \$5
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Anonymous \$52
Helen D \$30
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Gail T \$19
Jacob W \$6
Kine C \$120.74
Lyle C \$11.25
Larry B \$20
Howard Z \$50
District 14 \$300
Mt St Vincent's Group \$58



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