The High & Dry

May 2019



MAY IN OUR HISTORY

May 1

1939 – Lois and Bill W. left their home at 182 Clinton St., Brooklyn.
1940 – Rollie H., Cleveland Indians, anonymity break occurred.
1941 – First Wisconsin AA meeting was held in hotel in Milwaukee.

May 2

1941 – Jacksonville, FL newspaper reported the start of an AA group in Jacksonville.
1943 – *New Orleans Times* reported founding of the first Louisiana AA group with a dozen members.

May 3

1941 – First AA group formed in New Orleans, Louisiana.
1941 –*Democrat Chronicle* in Rochester, NY, reported first annual AA dinner at Seneca hotel with 60 attending.

May 4

1940 – *Sunday Star* reported founding of first AA group in Washington, DC.

May 6

1939 – Clarence S. of Cleveland told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "AA" meeting in Cleveland.

May 7

1956 – The first English AA Convention was held in Cheltenham, England.

May 8

1943 – Akron AA Group celebrates 8th anniversary with 500 present and sober.

1971 – Bill W. was buried in private ceremony, in East Dorset, Vermont. Dr. Jack Norris gave the eulogy.

May 10

1939 – Clarence S. announced to the Akron Oxford Group members that the Cleveland members were starting a meeting in Cleveland and calling it Alcoholics Anonymous.

1946 – Searcy W. had his last drink. (Searcy passed away September 30, 2003 with 57 years continuous sobriety.)

May 11

1935 – Bill W. called Walter Tunks from the Mayflower Hotel, and was referred to Henrietta Seiberling who set up a meeting with Dr. Bob.

1939 – First meeting of the Cleveland Group.

May 12

1935 – Mother's Day, Bill and Dr. Bob met for the first time, at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 15

1961 – Bill W.'s mother, Dr. Emily Strobell, died.

May 16

1941 – Ruth Hock learned that the man credited with coming up with the name "Alcoholics Anonymous" has a "wet" brain.

May 17

1942 – *Dayton Journal Herald* published pictures of AA members wearing masks to protect their anonymity.

May 18

1939 – The first group to call itself A. A. is meets in Cleveland, OH.

1950 – Dr. Bob told Bill W. "I reckon we ought to be buried like other folks." He wanted no memorial.

May 19

2000 – Dr. Paul O. died at the age of 83. He was author of "Acceptance Was the Answer" in the 4th edition of the Big Book. This story was titled "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict" in the 3rd edition.

May 29

1980 – "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" was published.

May 31

1938 – Bill W. and other A.A.s began writing the Big Book.

Other significant events in May for which we do not have a specific date:

1938 – Bill W. and other AA's began writing the Big Book.

1939 – Clarence Snyder told Dr. Bob, his sponsor, he would not be back to the Oxford Group meetings in Akron and would start an "A.A." meeting in Cleveland.

1942 – Richmond W., author of "Twenty-Four Hours a Day," had his last drink.

1946 – Long form of 12 Traditions was published in AA Grapevine for the first time.

1946 – The*A.A. Grapevine* announced, "A.A. has 6,000 members in 180 groups."

1948 – The*A.A. Grapevine* reported $2.00 was sent to the General Service headquarters of A.A. in New York, asking for "a bottle of Alcoholics Anonymous".

1950 – Nell Wing became Bill W.'s secretary.

1951 – Al-Anon was founded by Lois W. and Anne B.
1962 – The A. A. Grapevine published the first "Victor E." cartoon.

FUTURE TRIPPING

MAY

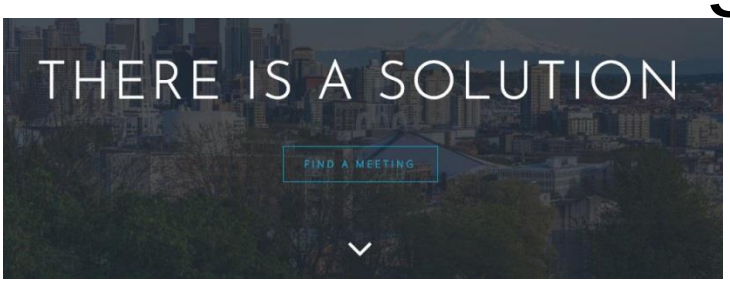
3-**5th 23rd Miracle Ranch Men's Retreat, 15999 Sidney Rd SW, Port Orchard 98367**
5th Seattle Sobriety Luncheon, 11 am, Rainier Golf and Country Club, 11133 Des Moines Memorial Dr S, Seattle 98168
31st – June 2 Manastash Men's Retreat, Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center, 16170 Manastash Rd., Ellensburg 98926

JUNE
21-23RD Pacific Northwest Conference, Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97220

JULY
5-7TH Summerfest 2019, Graduate Eugene Hotel, 66 E 6th Ave, Eugene, OR 97402

AUGUST
8-11TH Step Ashore VI, Ocean Shores Convention Center, 120 W Chance La Mer, Ocean Shores, WA 98569

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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	Gary H and Susan D
	Afternoon	Marci W and Fred P
WEDNESDAY	Morning	Dan G and Gerry L
	Afternoon	Doug C and Geoff G
THURSDAY	Morning	Vito M and Steve B
	Afternoon	Joe B and Al C (Bird)
FRIDAY	Morning	Jon C
	Afternoon	Bob F
SATURDAY	Morning	Open

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES: Carolyn B

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.; VOLUNTEERS: Chuck M., Carolyn B., TJ M., Michael E.
SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER: 253 288 2237

BIRTHDAY CLUB

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

Helen W	Real Alcoholics	5/29/90, 29 years
Stephanie S.	Saturday Ladies' Study	3/30/07, 12 years
Anonymous	Simplicity	
Ann S.	Early Birds	4/1/94, 25 years
Mike B	Principles Before Personalities	4/17/00, 19 years
Teresa R.	Celebrate Life	4/6/04, 15 years
Linda K.	Healthy Women	3/28/11, 8 years
Anonymous		20 years
Shaun P.	The Solution Group	2/8/89, 30 years
Nils L.	Knuckleheads	4/7/15, 4 years
Pam H.	Last Chance	4/3/87, 32 years
Dan H.	Gold Cup	4/3/07, 12 years
James		10 years
Ingrid F.	Admiral A.A.	4/24/06, 13 years
Anonymous		22 years
George F.	Skyway	44 years
Geri F.	Empire Way	41 years
Steven S.	Practice These Principles	4/6/90, 29 years
Laura McC	Surrender at 7	4/16/08, 11 years
Leslie I.	Counterpoint	1/5/86, 33 years

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board—April 16, 2019

Snapshot

1) Fall Assembly Tuesday May 21st (potluck 5:30 pm and meeting at 7 pm) topics for discussion;

   Proposed Motion on limits on Corrections (pink can) and Accessibility (blue can) maximum amounts
   a. Discussion and Group feedback on
   b. Purpose of the purpose of Intergroup; are Groups getting what they need and want, general feedback for changes
   c. Purpose and use of Intergroup Board meetings
   d. If needed how to improve communications with the Groups

   Both District Intergroup Representatives and Group Intergroup Representatives are eligible to vote at Assembly

2) Group contributions have decrease in recent months
3) Intergroup still evaluating the hours and need for Assistant Office Manager position

4) CPC/PI will participate in Boeing Health fair
5) Seattle sobriety luncheon May 5th 11am
6) Intergroup picnic Sunday Aug 18th

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:03 PM.

AA birthdays

Erin G. - 3

Quorum Count

Active Zones Present	Active Zones Absent
108, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132, 140, 142	115 (1), 133 (1), 141(1)

Reports

Chair (Mike M.):

Verbal report given.

Vice Chair (Astri T.):

On 5 and 6 Apr19 I attended the Area 72 Quarterly. In addition to officer and standing committee reports there were additional reports regarding the progress of the Our Stories Disclose project; plans for hosting the Women's International and Men's International Conferences; "Convencion Hispana"; and the Pacific Northwest Conference. There were ad hoc committee reports regarding National Workshop funding; alternative information distribution methods; meeting the needs of our young people and a discussion topic regarding barriers to trust. The Area Chair noted more Intergroups and Central Offices were represented at this Quarterly than had occurred for quite some time. I presented the GSIG report based on the written report submitted to Area 72 by our Board Chairperson. I particularly emphasized Anita's resignation and our ongoing evaluation and search for a new assistant manager. I also reported on GSIG's need for groups to step up and cover the 11 phone shifts which were open at the time. I also had opportunity to briefly explain the difference between the "General Service" structure and the Intergroup Service structure and how they should complement each other. Subsequently I was approached by several members asking for more information regarding covering groups shifts (as well as Nightwatch shifts).

Sunday, April 7th, I attended the Service Manual Study held at GSIG, I again had the opportunity to inform that group of the need for phone volunteers.

On 9 Apr 19 I attended the Office Committee meeting where we continue discussions regarding the Assistant Manager position, the Blue/Pink Can contributions as well as the upcoming GSIG Spring Assembly.

I have a couple group inventories coming up and am looking forward to attending the Seattle Sobriety Luncheon on May 5th.

Thank you

Astri
Vice Chair

Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):

Not Present

Treasurer (Allison B.):

Quick look at March financials (rounded to thousands):

Group Contributions: $7K (down $3K to budget)
Other Contributions: $0K
Retail Sales: $10K (down $1K to budget)

Expenses: $17K (at budget)

Net Income: $5K loss (budgeted loss: $0K)

Cash and CDs: $58K

Summary

-The first quarter brought your Greater Seattle Intergroup a loss of $6K (versus a budgeted gain of $4K).

-For the first quarter, expenses are exactly at budget, but retail sales are down $10K to budget (again, we can't control when big literature purchases will be made). Group contributions for the year are down $3K to budget.

-THANK YOU to all the groups, districts, and other entities who continually support GSIG. I will always say it: we are YOUR intergroup!

-We will begin to see savings in fixed costs, due to Anita's leaving. More will be revealed as to how payroll will look as we move forward. Although we may be able to create some savings here long-term, it is not the ultimate solution to GSIG's loss; the work of running Intergroup can't be done by one person on a permanent basis.

-We will always need the continuing support of groups for the work being done, OR a serious conversation about what work the groups want to support. Maybe the groups decide they don't want 24 hour phone services. Maybe the groups decide they don't want to have a meeting space available.

03:15 PM
04/2/19
Accrual Basis

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Condensed Financial Statements
March 2019

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar-19	Mar Budget	YTD Jan-Mar 2019	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2018
Income					
Total Retail Sales	10,021	10,890	27,909	37,160	133,906
Total COGS	6,948	6,850	18,335	23,430	87,483
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,073	4,040	9,574	13,730	46,423
Gross Profit %	30.7%	37.1%	34.3%	36.9%	34.7%
Group Contributions	7,405	10,690	30,214	33,270	111,561
Personal and Other Contributions	367	850	895	2,890	9,615
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	757	720	1,665	2,440	7,995
Special Events Income	15	200	144	600	4,810
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	11,618	16,500	42,492	52,930	180,404
Expenses					
Expenses--Other	283	430	1,070	1,330	5,133
Paid Staff	9,576	8,850	26,960	26,550	91,963
Rent and Office	6,564	6,420	20,160	19,260	78,392
Standing Committees	270	600	849	1,900	7,616
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	16,693	16,300	49,040	49,040	183,104
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(5,075)	200	(6,547)	3,890	(2,700)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	-	-	195	100	362
Net Income	**(5,075)**	**200**	**(6,352)**	**3,990**	**(2,338)**

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Mar 31, 19	Feb 28, 19	Dec 31,18
Current Assets			
Checking	8,732	17,728	16,635
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	50,464	50,464	50,269
Accounts Receivable	3,050	730	1,040
Inventory and Other	40,392	37,752	37,365
Total Current Assets	102,639	106,674	105,309
Total Fixed Assets	2,624	2,624	2,764
TOTAL ASSETS	**105,263**	**109,298**	**108,073**

** Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. $46,000.*

LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	1,366	362	318
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	(1,303)	(851)	(1,560)
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	12,700	12,213	10,463
Total Liabilities	12,763	11,724	9,221
Equity			
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 · Retained Earnings	98,158	98,158	100,496
Net Income	(6,352)	(1,277)	(2,338)
Total Equity	92,500	97,575	98,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**105,263**	**109,299**	**108,073**

STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)
March 2019

Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Earmarked Funds
Beginning Balance	$ 6,518.03	$ 34.00	$ 3,817.17	$ (16.00)	$ 6,642.85
YTD Contributions	$ 1,911.36	$ -	$ 978.65	$ -	$ 2,890.01
YTD Use of Funds	$ (503.40)	$ -	$ (150.00)	$ -	$ (653.40)
YTD Ending Balance	$ 7,925.99	$ 34.00	$ 4,645.82	$ (16.00)	$ 12,589.81

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets
March 2019

Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Expenses Against Budget --Standing Committees
Expenses to Date	$ (21.75)	$ -	$ 90.00	$ -	$ 68.25
Budget to Date	$ 90.00	$ 390.00	$ 400.00	$ 450.00	$ 1,330.00
Budget -- Full Year	$ 360.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,800.00	$ 5,160.00

Recording Secretary (Aaron C.):

March 2019 minutes approved unanimously.

Please use the below to submit your reports. Alternatively send them directly to secretary@seattleaa.org.

https://www.seattleaa.org/intergroup/intergroup-board/intergroup-board-report-form

With love and gratitude,
Aaron C.

Archives Committee (Teresa S.):

Nothing new to report at this time.

Thank you

Corrections Committee (Tami B.):

No report.

CPC/PI Committee (Ali H.):

Not present

High & Dry (Open):

Contact chair@seattleaa.org if you are interested in this position.

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):

Distributed about a dozen bridges.
Bridging the Gap Workshop will take the place of our regular June committee meeting on the 1st Saturday of June, June 1st, at 10am. All are welcome. Fliers to come.

Office Committee (Richard I.):

The Committee reviewed:
1. Current status of the open Assistant Office Manager role. Norm and the Committee is evaluating the role requirements and will conclude that evaluation within a month.
2. Insurance was renewed with the Hartford company
3. Blue/Pink can possible financial limitations. We will recommend a motion for the membership to consider at the Spring Assembly.
4. We acted to make arrangements to compensate Norm for the extra hours he is working due to the vacant Assistant Office Manager position.

Office Manager (Norm S.):

Office Manager Report to the Board of Directors--April 16, 2019

I am pleased and grateful to submit this Office Manager Report for March 2019.

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate.

Process/Organization—

Office/phone weekday volunteer coverage: Current office volunteer openings are as follows: Saturday mornings, 10-2 p.m. Joe M., Wednesdays 10-2 p.m. will take some time off, ably replaced by Dan G. I'm extremely grateful to Sharon B., Diane L., and Pete K., our totally able volunteers who took over the office for a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday so I could get some time off in Seaside! That came off without a hitch!

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

Nightwatch shifts: When the April Nightwatch calendar was published, all positions were filled, however a few individuals are taking multiple shifts, which they would be willing to share. 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: The toilet behind the kitchen has a clean leak between the tank and the bowl. This is being addressed by one of our volunteers, Bill S., and we are grateful.

Financial Statements—The financial result for March was a disappointing loss of ($5,100). Group contributions fell ($3,300) short of the budgeted $10,700. Retail sales were ($900) short of the budget of $10,900. Gross profit, therefore, of $11,600 was a considerable amount under the budgeted $16,500. Operating costs for March exceeded budget by $400 due to payout of Anita's accrued vacation. This one time unfavorable variance should be rectified during April and May, when we save wages and healthcare costs. The monthly loss for March made the first quarter loss the worst in recent memory. The 3-month loss is ($6,400). Expenses, our fixed costs, are essentially right on budget for the first three months, so this large loss is directly attributable to group contributions and retail sales.

On April 12 (not reflected in the financial statements), two of our CD's came to maturity. I decided to roll over one CD but to put the proceeds of the second one into our checking account, due to first quarter negative cash flow and due to a large corrections literature draw on April 8. Replacement literature, of course, had to be ordered and committed for.
Even though we are under our prudent reserve at the moment, I am optimistic that, given that April is only half over, that we can get the prudent reserve restored by month end by purchasing another CD.

Personnel—We are taking professional resumes and service resumes from persons interested in working for Intergroup!

Respectfully submitted,

Norm S.
norm@seattleaa.org

Night Watch Coordinator (Bird G.):

Not present

Special Events Committee (Allan C.):

Verbal report given. Meeting on the Second Thursday 6pm at Intergroup.

Finance Committee (Carl G.):

April 10, 2019 by Carl G

Allison B. Treasurer; Carl G, Jeff U, attended the phone conference

We reviewed March financial statements. These show: groups' contributions are behind budget for the month and so are behind ytd. This may be just a monthly fluctuation. We'll remind groups to send in contributions

regularly rather than holding on to make larger distributions. Contributions from individuals, and birthday contributions, are getting farther behind budget. Meeting room income is on track.

A special topic was discussion of how the Finance Committee members can work to reduce some hours so Norm is not working more than 40 hrs a week. Also, we commented to Office Committee to look at Norm's compensation and see what needs to happen so he can be paid for hours worked rather than being seen as receiving his salary and working an in determinant number of hours. We were told this issue is being addressed by the Office Committee.

New members to the Finance Committee are welcome. Be in service from your home or office- join the committee by video conference 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month the week before the Intergroup Board Meeting (3rd Tue). The only requirement besides willingness is a computer with a camera and speakers.

Web & Technology Committee (Open):

Not present.

Third Legacy (James R.):

Verbal report given.

Zone 118/District 18 (Carol Ann G.):

(*High & Dry Editor's Note: The District 18 report is quite lengthy and not suitable for verbatim replication in the* High & Dry. *Please e-mail DCM18@area72aa.org.--Ed.)*

Zone 131/District 31 (Jeff U.):

Attended monthly District 31 meeting on April 10. Highlights:

- Received reports from DCM and Alt DCM on quarterly assembly and pre-conference.

- Discussed the ongoing need for daytime volunteers and groups to answer phones at Intergroup, and tasked GSRs with seeking feedback on what groups want from Intergroup and encouraged attendance at the March Intergroup meeting.

- Continuing to seek to fill open PI and Accessibility chair positions.

- Ad hoc young people's committee is exploring the possibility of arranging speakers from other districts with YP **committees to visit** and share their experiences.

- Discussed creating a permanent service position for Highline Hospital 12-step call dispatcher, and possibly eliminating the Web servant position.

Zone 142 (Lyle C.):

I have not been able to attend the District 42 meeting (2nd Thursday 7 pm at Phoenix Club)
Because my home group Lake Forest Park (which could use support) is on Thursdays and I am the secretary until July.
Luckily, I have an alternate Mikey C who gives the GSIG Zone 142 report to District 42 meeting.
He reported about the vacancy of assistant office manager, openings for Group phone slots, and request groups input about these items. Notified the district of the GSIG spring assembly May 21st 5pm potluck, 7 pm board meeting; and planning for GSIG picnic.
OUR DISTRICT 42 SECRETARY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF THE minutes with links to GSIG
I fwd to her the links to High and Dry so she can distribute it to the District roster.
Our district 42 Handbook suggests that our district standing committees attend the corresponding GSIG Committee meetings.
We need a corrections chair. GSR School on Apr 27,

All other committee and zone reports were given verbally.

Old Business

None.

New Business

PROPOSED DRAFT **Prepared by GSIG Office Committee**

MOTION Greater Seattle Intergroup (GSIG)

Any committee funds that are managed and held in GSIG bank accounts but that are earmarked/segregated will be limited to a maximum amount of $8,000.00 per committee. Any funds in excess of the $8,000.00 limit will be transferred to the GSIG's general fund.

BACKGROUND

Currently segregated funds, commonly referred to as "earmarked" funds have no limits on the balances that can accumulate. Currently there are only two committees Corrections (pink can) and Accessibility (blue can) that segregate donations from the GSIG general fund.

Segregated funds are collected by Corrections and Accessibility GSIG Committees and then deposited into GSIG bank account. Since the funds are segregated and cannot be used for general operations GSIG records a liability on its balance sheet. The liability represents the fact that these funds can only be used for specific purpose, e.g. buying literature for correctional facilities or providing ASL interpretation for AA meetings.

In recent years GSIG has seen the balances in the segregated funds grow significantly due to contributions being more than the committees can spend, as seen by the amounts below for 2018.

	January to December 2018	
Committee	**Corrections**	**Accessibility**
Beginning Balance	$4,262	$2,334
YTD Contributions	$8,322	$4,601
YTD Use of Funds	($6,065)	($3,117)
YTD Ending Balance	$6,518	$3,817

As a result, as of March 31, 2019 the total balance of segregated is more $12,500 and GSIG total cash is about $59,000 or $46,500 after deducting the earmarked funds that GSIG is not able to use for its general operations. GSIG prudent reserve is currently about $46,000.

PROS

- This limits the liability effectively debt due to the committees, so it won't continue to grow
- It limits the overstatement of GSIG cash that is available for its operations
- It more fairly states GSIG cash position as compared to its prudent reserve e.g. as of March 31, 2019, GSIG funds usable for its operations are only about $46,500 as compared to a prudent reserve of $46,000
- It may draw more attention to the fact that the contributions to the committees are exceeding their needs
- Funds in excess of the $8,000 maximum per committee will be given the GSIG general fund and to be used on a priority basis to carry AA's message

CONS

- It is difficult for the committees to budget the timing of their expenditures
- This may be viewed negatively by Groups or members as GSIG over stepping its role and duties
- It may result in a reduction of donations received by the Corrections and Accessibility committee
- Risk that the committees to buy literature of services that are not immediately needed
- Committees might choose to set up own bank accounts outside of GSIG

Next GSIG Board meeting: May 21th, 2019 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.

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