



# The High & Dry

July 2019



## JULY IN OUR HISTORY

June 29-July 2

1995 – 56,000 attend 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in San Diego. What a party!

July 1-3

1960 – 8700 attend 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Long Beach, CA

July 2

1960 – Father Ed Dowling dies.

1965 – *Best of Bill* and pocket-sized *12 & 12*; first sold.

1965 – First *La Vigne*, the Canadian version of the *Grapevine*, is published.

1993 – 50 years of AA celebrated in Canada.

July 2-3

1955 – 5000 attend 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our St Louis Convention; Bill W. turns “the fellowship over to the fellowship” at 4:00 PM

July 2-4

1965 – 10,000 attend 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Toronto, our Responsibility Declaration is adopted.

- July 4  
1939 – First AA meeting in Flatbush, NY starts.
- July 3-5  
1970 – 10,900 attend 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Miami; Bill W. gives his last talk to AA.
- July 3-6  
1980 – 22,500 attend 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in New Orleans; first true marathon meeting is held here.
- July 4-6  
1975 – 19,800 attend 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Denver; worlds largest coffee server serves 1/2 million cups a day.
- July 5  
1985 – AA gives Ruth Hock 5,000,000<sup>th</sup> Big Book during 50<sup>th</sup> AA Anniversary in Montreal, Canada.  
1990 – AA gives Nell Wing 10,000,000<sup>th</sup> Big Book during 55<sup>th</sup> AA Anniversary in Seattle, WA
- July 3-6  
1980 – Gay AA's have own program at 40<sup>th</sup> AA Anniversary in New Orleans.
- July 5-7  
1985 – 45,000 attend 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Montreal; House of Seagrams flies their flags at half mast for 3 days.
- July 7  
1940 – Bill attends first summer session at School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University
- July 5-8  
1990 – 48,000 attend 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Seattle. 75 countries are represented as the former Soviet Union's members attend for the first time.
- July 8  
1940 – First AA group formed in Dayton, Ohio.
- July 10  
1941 – Texas newspaper publishes anonymous letter from founding member of Texas AA Group.
- July 14  
1939 – Blythewood Sanitarium; Dr Harry Tiebout gives Big Book to Marty M. who promptly throws it back at him.  
1979 – Dr. Ernest Kurtz publishes *Not God*, a history of AA
- July 16  
1965 – Frank Amos AA Trustee dies.
- July 20  
1941 – First AA group forms in Seattle, Washington.
- July 22  
1877 – Willian Duncan Silkworth born in Brooklyn, NY.
- July 22  
1980 – Marty M. early AA woman and founder of Nationa Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (NCADD) dies.
- July 23  
1940 – Philly AA's send 10% of kitty to Alcoholic Foundation, setting precedent.
- July 23  
1943 – Esther C.'s sobriety date; she died sober Jan 15, 2005.
- July 23  
1943 – New Haven Register CT reports arrival of AA's to study with E.M.Jellinek.

July 24

1943 – L.A. press reports formation of all-Mexican AA Group.

July 28-30

1950 – First AA Convention celebrates 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AA in Cleveland.

July 31

1972 – Rollie H., former baseball player, dies sober in Washington DC.

1948 – A subscription to the AA Grapevine was donated to the Beloit, Wisconsin, Public Library by a local AA member.

## FUTURE TRIPPING

### JULY

4<sup>th</sup> Greater Seattle Intergroup Office--Closed

4th Phoenix Club 4th of July Barbecue, 15011 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline 98133

5-7<sup>TH</sup> Summerfest 2019, Graduate Eugene Hotel, 66 E 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR 97402

12-13<sup>TH</sup> Western Washington Area 72 July Business Quarterly, Salem Lutheran, 2529 N Laventure Rd., Mt. Vernon 98273

19<sup>th</sup> Old Timers' Night at Magnolia Speakers' Meeting, Magnolia Lutheran Ch, 2414 31<sup>st</sup> Ave W, Seattle 98199

20<sup>th</sup> Western Washington Area 72 July Treatment Quarterly, Kirkland Congregational, 106 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kirkland 98033

20<sup>th</sup> Our Stories Disclose Group History Workshop, Mountlake Terrace Comm Sr Ctr, 23000 Lakeview, Mountlake Terrace 98043

### AUGUST

8-11<sup>TH</sup> Step Ashore VI, Ocean Shores Convention Center, 120 W Chance La Mer, Ocean Shores, WA 98569

9-10th WA State Conference of Young People in A.A., Ruby River Hotel, 700 N Division, Spokane, WA 99202

18<sup>th</sup> Greater Seattle Intergroup Annual Summer Picnic, Lower Woodland Pk, 1000 N 50<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle 98103

22<sup>nd</sup> Northwest Fellowship of the Spirit, Warm Beach Camp, 20800 Marine Dr, Stanwood 98292

## 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 Joe M
	Afternoon	Geoff G
THURSDAY	Morning	Vito M and Steve B
	Afternoon	Joe B and Al C (Bird)
FRIDAY	Morning	Jon C and Tommy S.
	Afternoon	Doug C
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 JULY CELEBRANTS IN THE HOW DRY I AM CLUB!!!

Susan F	Wings	9/29/86
Anonymous for Harriet T		6/12/62, 57 years
Stan L.	Evergreen Breakfast	5/11/14, 5 years
Lyle C.	Lake Forest Park	6/20/84, 35 years
Sheri C.	Principles Before Personalities	6/19/07, 12 years
Harley C		15 years

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board—June 18, 2019

### Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

### AA birthdays

Lyle C– 35

Active Zones Absent

### Quorum Count

Active Zones Present

108, 114, 115, 116, 117, 124, 131, 132, 141, 142

133 (2), 112, 118, 140

### Vote On New Office Manager Candidate

Dennis E

14 Voting For: 14 Against: 0

### Reports

#### Chair (Mike M.):

Hello,

Mike here grateful to be serving AA as Chair for your Greater Seattle Intergroup. This report is a duplicate of what I submitted for the WWA 72 newsletter that had as the month's topic "It works it really does." taken from page 88 of the Big Book. I will address this topic based on my perspective and experience serving at Intergroup in various capacities over the last 5 years. Pg 87 and 88 also states;

"We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day Thy will be done. We are then in much less danger of excitement, fear, anger, worry,

self-pity, or foolish decisions. We become much more efficient. We do not tire so easily, for we are not burning up energy foolishly as we did when we were trying to arrange life to suit ourselves.”

When I started my service with Intergroup, I had a strong belief that I needed to convey to the Groups served how important Intergroup's services were and how important the Groups contributions were (both money and time). While to a degree that may be true it became my focus and in hindsight, I feel my thoughts and actions were more of my will than God's will.

I have come to believe, based on what I have learned and heard from the Groups, that they do not need me to lecture or continually remind them of the importance of Intergroup. They know this and love Intergroup. They will continue to support Intergroup as and when they feel appropriate and based on the group conscience of their members.

Intergroup had its Spring Board assembly last month and there were about 40 attendees from Groups or Committees. What I heard clearly was the Groups value the services provided by Intergroup, they are happy with how Intergroup, its Committees and its Board meetings are being operated. They will continue to support Intergroup through time and money when needed.

One of the most profound spiritual lessons my sponsor taught me early on was the following;  
Mike is in charge of actions  
God is in charge of results  
Mike is not God

Greater Seattle Intergroup began in 1946; about 10 years after AA began in Akron, Ohio, about 50 years before I got sober and will be around long after I pass on. I am not running the show, and I do not need manage the outcome or convince the Groups of anything. Intergroup is safe in the hands of the Groups who express Gods' will.

Yours in service,  
Mike M., Chair

### **Vice Chair (Astri T.):**

What a great turnout we had for our May Spring Assembly/Board Meeting! Good food (and lots of it) and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who participated.

This is the season for food and fellowship, and I spent time with many members at the Memorial Day BBQ at the Phoenix Club. It's an annual event, think about checking it out next year.

The Service Manual Study happened at GSIG on Jun 2nd, everyone is welcome (first Sunday of every month) come join us there too.

I missed Fremont Old Timers day because I spoke at OCC on Friday night, then went halibut fishing on Saturday (caught one!). I hear the Fremont event was a big success, hoping the energy carries on till next year.

Attended a Delegates Report at GSIG on June 9th, Alan F is doing a great job as our Delegate and presented a very informative report.

We interviewed applicants for GSIG Office Manager I'm sure the positions will be filled with just the right people.

Looking forward, I will be heading to Portland for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC scheduled for 21-23Jun19) and the WWA72 Quarterly in Mt Vernon, July 12 and 13.

Hoping to see you as I travel to more fellowship events. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours,  
Astri

**Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):**

No report

**Treasurer (Allison B.):**

Quick look at May financials (rounded to thousands):

**Group Contributions:** \$6K (down \$4K to budget)

**Other Contributions:** \$1K (at budget)

**Retail Sales:** \$16K (up \$5K to budget)

**Expenses:** \$12K (down \$4K to budget)

**Net Income:** \$0K (budgeted loss: \$1K)

**Cash and CDs:** \$61K

**Non-restricted cash:** \$48K (GSIG prudent reserve: \$46K)

Summary

-May came in on track, due to large literature orders, and payroll savings from lack of an assistant office manager.

-Year-to-date, GSIG budgeted a \$2K gain, but we are looking at a \$5.5K loss.

-As we move forward in hiring for office manager and assistant office manager, this is a time where we may be able to change fixed costs. The office committee has been discussing the number of hours that these positions require.

-GSIG continues to serve the groups, and endeavors to provide the services that the groups wish to support.

-Thank you to all the groups and individuals who continue to support their Greater Seattle Intergroup, through both contributions and service. We are your GSIG.

**Recording Secretary (Aaron C.):**

May 2019 minutes approved unanimously.

Please use the below to submit your reports. Alternatively send them directly to [secretary@seattleaa.org](mailto:secretary@seattleaa.org).  
<https://www.seattleaa.org/intergroup/intergroup-board/intergroup-board-report-form>

With love and gratitude,  
Aaron C.

### **Archives Committee (Teresa S.):**

All 2019 High and Drys are printed out and on display on Intergroup shelves. All 2019 Grapevines are also on display. These are in the 3-ring binders in the room next to the GSIG office.

### **Corrections Committee (Tami B.):**

Four members of the GSIG Corrections Committee attended the Corrections Quarterly in Everett last weekend. While there, we took orders for approx. \$1750.00 worth of literature for correctional facilities in 4 different districts outside the greater Seattle area - Skagit County, Grays Harbor County, and Snohomish County (2 districts, and including a youth detention facility). These orders will be reviewed for approval at the next Corrections Committee meeting.

We also delivered an order, approved at the last Corrections Committee meeting, totaling close to \$700 for a Snohomish County district just north of Seattle.

GSIG Corrections Committee will be hosting the winter Corrections Quarterly in December.

in service,  
Tami B

### **CPC/PI Committee (Ali H.):**

The committee meeting date for July has changed to the LAST SATURDAY IN JULY.

The committee has been asked to attend an event on our regularly scheduled Saturday meeting during July.

Upcoming events:

Event Date: 07/20/2019

Event Description: Youth Conference at Consejo Counseling. We have been asked to attend this event from the hours of 12:00PM - 2:00PM to provide literature and Big Books to 'at risk' youth attending the program. I have partnered with the YPAA Chair to get volunteers for the event. We have one YPAA Volunteer confirmed already! Thank you to YPAA for posting this event to their chat group and for seeking out further volunteers. Your efforts are much appreciated. If you would like to know more about this event please feel free to email [cpc@seattleaa.org](mailto:cpc@seattleaa.org) for more details. Any 'at risk' youth is able to attend for workshops, information and two free meals during Saturday July 21, 2019.

Event Date: 09/14/2019

Event Description: Speaking At A Non-AA Meeting Workshop.

I have partnered with another AA who has served with CPC/PI in the past to present an interactive CPC/PI Workshop on Saturday September 14, 2019 from 11:00AM - 3:00PM at Greater Seattle Intergroup. We will have a poster for the event coming by the end of the month with more details to follow.

Event Date: 6/30/2019

Event Description: PI Booth at Pride Fest

Booth at the Seattle Center. Please stop by and say, "Hi"! Currently the planning committee for this event

has enough volunteers. If your group is interested in making donations please email me at [cpc@seattleaa.org](mailto:cpc@seattleaa.org) to gain contact information to help them cover their costs for event attendance.

### **High & Dry (Open):**

Contact [chair@seattleaa.org](mailto:chair@seattleaa.org) if you are interested in this position.

### **Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):**

No Report

### **Office Committee (Richard I.):**

The Office Committee covered two topics:

1. Financial and Operational status of the GSIG office

Norm's report will be presented in detail at the Board meeting. Things seem to be going well.

2. Status of current search activities related to openings (Office Manager and Assistant Office Manager).

We discussed the resumes and qualifications of applicants. We tried to reach consensus on preferences among the participants for the candidates. At the time we concluded the meeting there was a general sense that we had a choice in mind. Richard will continue to do follow up with the candidates.

### **Office Manager (Norm S.):**

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

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now eight openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends—1st 2nd 3rd and 5th Thursdays, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., 1st and 2nd Saturdays, 6-10 p.m., 2nd and 3rd Sundays, 6-10 p.m. Please communicate these group service opportunities to your groups! These eight openings are right now being handled by only one volunteer!

Nightwatch shifts: When the June Nightwatch calendar was published, there were two openings: 3rd Sun., 10 p.m.-2 a.m., 4th Tuesday, 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Please let your GSR's know that they should e-mail [nightwatch@seattleaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@seattleaa.org) to express interest and for an updated list of openings.

Physical Plant: The 'no food scraps into the kitchen sink—no disposal' warning was ignored by a group, but of course this cannot be proven. This cost was \$429 to snake all the way out to the main.

Financial Statements—The financial result for May was a breakeven. Group contributions fell short of the budgeted \$9,700 by \$3,700. Retail sales were \$5,400 ahead of the budgeted \$10,600. Gross profit, therefore, of \$11,500 was (\$3,900) short of the budgeted \$15,400, due solely to contributions. Operating costs for May were under budget by \$4,800 as we began to see staff wage and health care cost savings. This should continue in June. The prudent reserve has been restored to five (5) \$10,000 CD's.

Personnel—Nothing to report here.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norm S.  
norm@seattleaa.org

**Night Watch Coordinator (Bird G.):**

Nothing reported

**Special Events Committee (Allan C.):**

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

**Finance Committee (Carl G.):**

Finance Committee Report June 12, 2019 by Carl G

Allison B. Treasurer; Carl G, Jeff U, Pete K. meeting by phone conference

We had initial difficulty getting Google Hangout to work for us and decided to do phone conference and will be doing phone conferencing in June as well. We discussed members' availability on Wednesday as it does not work well for 2 members so we will meet in July on the Sunday after the Office Committee. July meeting scheduled for 6 pm July 14th.

We reviewed May financial statements. These show: groups' contributions are behind budget 3,716 for the month and are behind ytd by 5,892. We want to remind groups to send in contributions regularly rather than holding on to make larger distributions. We also discussed how this committee could assist other committees in getting the message of the importance for group contributions. It appears GSIG is on trend to again come in several thousand dollars below budget for the year. Meeting room income is on track. There was discussion of exactly what Finance Committee members are to be doing other than quarterly review of bank reconciliation and help in the communication to groups about GSIG finances. This topic will be further explored in the July meeting after input from Office Committee, discussion with Office Manager, and others.

New members to the Finance Committee are welcome. Be in service from your home or office- join the committee by conference 6pm on the Sunday of the month after the Office Committee.

**Web & Technology Committee (Noah B.):**

Nothing reported

**Third Legacy (James R.):**

Nothing reported

**Zone 131/District 31 (Jeff U.):**

Treatment, Accessibility and PI chair positions are still open at District 31

A Delegate's Report will be held in District 31 on July 6th, at the Des Moines Field House picnic areas. 10AM-2PM, Bar-B-Que and potluck, 1000 S. 220th St.

Area Webmaster, Eddie, gave a Web and Technology presentation.

District is short funds, over \$330 in the red, have cut into prudent reserve

Seeking someone to fill new 12-step coordinator position, to coordinate 12-step calls from Highline Hospital

**Zone 142 (Lyle C.):**

I sent in my report of the last board meeting. My alt Mikey C announced it at the District 42 meeting. The whole meeting was taken up by district inventory.

*Next GSIG Board meeting: July 16th, 2019 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.*

**GREATER SEATTLE  
INTERGROUP  
ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC  
Save the date, August 18, 2019**



**Lower Woodland Park, Shelters 1, 2, & 3.**

**Volunteer openings on the committee**

**Please contact Al C (Bird), [specialevents@seattleaa.org](mailto:specialevents@seattleaa.org)**

## We Are Different

*(submitted by Honest Harry)*

A.A. informs and encourages its members to accept sameness rather than differences.

As we are all aware, we come from different places, cultures, levels of addiction, bottoms and our sense of self, which reveals our individuality. When we discover our indwelling God, we discover the "I am, that I am". I cannot change who I am, I can only be me.

We have many differences, simply because we are human beings subject to learning, changing, understanding and growing. In my opinion, to be against anyone who is unlike me is the consequence of my thinking, my self-centeredness, and my will.

I have heard many times because we are alcoholics we think about drinking. The pain of relapse is the consequence until we find the right spiritual principle.

There are two significantly different lifestyles in A.A. who share the same pain and suffering. There is the maintenance alcoholic who is closer to mainstream society, and there is the hardcore, low bottom alcoholic who chooses to separate from the mainstream society.

Also, there are many people who attend A.A. meetings who have dual or multiple choices of drugs. They are willing to accept the "oneness" of A.A., and they make a choice to call themselves "alcoholics".

The point herein is to accept and celebrate the differences in people, which will not compromise the sameness in Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

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

**H&D deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send submissions to  
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