The High & Dry

September 2019



SEPTEMBER IN OUR HISTORY

Sept 1
1939 – First AA group founded in Chicago.
Sept 11
2001 – 30 Vesey St, New York. Location of AA's first office is destroyed during the World Trade Center attack.
Sept 12
1942 – U.S. Assist. Surgeon General Kolb speaks at dinner for Bill and Dr Bob.
Sept 13
1937 – Florence R, first female in AA in NY.
Sept 13
1941 – WHJP in Jacksonville, FL airs Spotlight on AA.
Sept 17
1954 – Bill D, AA #3 dies.
Sept 18
1947 – Dallas Central Office opens its doors.
Sept 19
1965 – The Saturday Evening Post publishes "Alcoholics Can Be Cured Despite AA"
Sept 19
1975 – Jack Alexander, author of original Saturday Evening Post article, dies.

Sept 21

1938 – Bill W. & Hank P. form Works Publishing Co.

Sept 24

1940 – Bill 12th steps Bobbie V., who later replaced Ruth Hock as his secretary in NY.

Sept 30

1939 – article inLiberty magazine, “Alcoholics and God” by Morris Markey.

Other significant events which occurred in September, but for which we do not have a specific date:

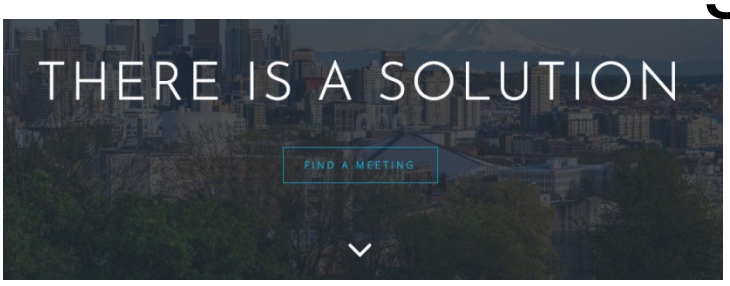
1930 – Bill wrote 4th (last) promise in family Bible to quit drinking
1939 – Group started by Earl T. in Chicago.
1940 – AA group started in Toledo by Duke P. & others.
1940 –Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases gives Big Book unfavorable review.
1946 – Bill & Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee Education Alcoholism founded by Marty M.
1946 – First A.A. group in Mexico.
1948 – Bob writes article forGrapevine on AA, “Fundamentals In Retrospect”.
1949 – First issue ofA.A. Grapevine published in “pocketbook” size.

SEPTEMBER
21 Car Show at Seattle Intergroup Office, 5507 6th Ave South, Seattle WA 98108
27-29 Three Rivers Big Book Weekend II, Shilo Riverside Inn, 50 Comstock Street, Richland, WA 99352

OCTOBER
5 Seattle Fall Conference St. Alphonsus Church, 5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98107
19 Emergency Fremont Hall Auction, 8916 Aurora Ave N, Seattle WA 98103 (Two Seahawks-49ers tickets will be auctioned.)

NEW MEETINGS
AA Veterans in Recovery Thursday 6-7pm 1520 Bellevue Ave Ste. 100 Seattle, WA 98122
Keys of the Kingdom Saturday 10:30-11:30am Park Place Assisted Living 6900 37th Ave So Seattle, WA 98118

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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	Joe M and Dan G
	Afternoon	Geoff G
THURSDAY	Morning	Vito M and Steve B
	Afternoon	Joe B and Bird
FRIDAY	Morning	Jon C
	Afternoon	Doug C
SATURDAY	Morning	Fred P and Jon C

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES: Carolyn B

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

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER: 253 288 2237

BIRTHDAY CLUB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE JULY, AUGUST CELEBRANTS IN THE HOW DRY I AM CLUB!!!

Sheryl H	Sober Sisters of Seattle	7/29/1982	37 years
Karla L			17 years
Russ W	Spiritual Line	7/3/2013	6 years
Patricia D	Women Coming Home	7/10/2012	7 years
Anonymous			12 years
Ursula E	PTP	7/22/2007	12 years
Kathleen D	Our Primary Purpose	1/24/2014	5 years
Edith B			20 years
Lara R	A New Purpose Group		33 years
Cynthia			25 years
Astri T			40 years
Renee G			31 years
Kathy T.			10 years
Tim C			34 years

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board—AUGUST 20, 2019

Submitted by Aaron C. (Recording Secretary)

Snapshot

- **Norm is recovering nicely.**
- **CPC/PI – Workshop: Speaking with non-AA's. Sept 14th 11am to 3pm @ intergroup**
- **Car show is September 21st 11am to 3pm @ intergroup**
- **Intergroup board welcomes Dennis E. as the new office manager and Lara R. as the assistant office manager**
- **Winning intergroup picnic button number is 195**
- **Fremont fellowship hall emergency fundraising auction Saturday October 19th 2pm**
- **Picnic great! Over 300 people.**
- **Intergroup Needs Volunteers Please call!**

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

AA birthdays

Jeff U. – 4
Carol Ann G. – 3
Lara R. - 33
Astri T. - 40

Quorum Count

Active Zones Present	Active Zones Absent
108, 112, 114, 116, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132, 140, 141, 142	115(2), 117

Reports

Chair (Mike M.):

Nothing to report.

Vice Chair (Astri T.):

Greetings. It's been a great month lots of sun and celebrations and I found time to attend a few events.

21Jul I attended the Area 72 Delegate Report at Phinney Ridge Community Center.

4Aug I participated in the Service Manual Study at GSIG. It occurs at 11:00AM on the first Sunday of every month. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

14Aug I was privileged to have been invited to attend the Empire Way Groups' business meeting and shared some history of Intergroups and some information on GSIG. They were gracious and kind and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks for the invitation. I'd love to come talk to other groups, all you have to do is ask.

18Aug I attended the GSIG picnic at Lower Woodland Park. I made several trips around the park, saw old friends and met some new ones. I had fun helping with BINGO and topped off the experience with an ice cream bar. The event was pretty well attended, and I hope to see more participation next year. Good job Bird (Allan) and Meghen!

I will miss next month's Board Meeting as I will be on vacation in New England, but look forward to seeing you all again in October.

Yours in Service
Astri

Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):

No thank you…

Treasurer (Allison B.):

A note that these are DRAFT FINANCIALS only. Due to the recent changes to staffing at GSIG, it is possible that there be small changes (on the order of 100's) to the final July financial statements, due to final procedures and QuickBooks transition and learning. Thank you for your understanding, and if you have any questions, feel free to email me at treasurer@seattleaa.org.

Quick look at July financials (rounded to thousands):

Group Contributions: $12K (at budget! THANK YOU.)
Other Contributions: $1K (at budget)
Retail Sales: $12K (up $2K to budget)
Expenses: $16K (at budget)
Net Income: $2K (at budget)
Cash and CDs: $60K
Non-restricted cash: $49K (GSIG prudent reserve: $46K)

Summary

-Year-to-date, GSIG is at a $5.5K dollar loss. But, at the end of June, we were at a loss of $7K. So, we are headed in the right directions! Thank you to the groups who have contributed! If we can continue the trend of July, GSIG will not need to pierce its prudent reserve.

-Historically, July is a big month for group contributions.

-There will continue to be fluctuation in payroll expenses for the next few months, as Dennis and Lara become trained in their roles and then settle into a usual schedule.

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jul-19	July Budget	YTD Jan-Jul 19	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2018
Income					
Total Retail Sales	11,767	10,170	73,355	79,850	133,906
Total COGS	8,273	6,380	50,838	50,850	87,483
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,494	3,790	22,517	29,000	46,423
Gross Profit %	29.7%	37.3%	30.7%	36.3%	34.7%
Group Contributions	12,035	11,900	67,975	76,110	111,561
Personal and Other Contributions	1,254	950	5,708	6,240	9,615

Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	607	800	4,882	5,260	7,995
Special Events Income	632	500	920	1,900	4,810
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	18,022	17,940	102,002	118,510	180,404
Expenses					
Expenses--Other	707	380	3,431	3,280	5,133
Paid Staff	7,719	8,850	52,474	61,950	91,963
Rent and Office	6,042	6,420	47,307	44,940	78,392
Standing Committees	1,778	850	4,690	4,750	7,616
Travel and Meetings	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fixed Expenses	16,245	16,500	107,902	114,920	183,104
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	1,777	1,440	(5,900)	3,590	(2,700)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	0	100	313	300	362
Net Income	**1,777**	**1,540**	**(5,587)**	**3,890**	**(2,338)**

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Jul 31, 19	Jun 30, 19	Dec 31,18
Current Assets			
Checking	9,626	12,580	16,635
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	50,469	50,469	50,269
Accounts Receivable	3,069	807	1,040
Inventory and Other	36,623	37,412	37,365
Total Current Assets	99,787	101,269	105,309
Total Fixed Assets	2,484	2,484	2,764
TOTAL ASSETS	**102,271**	**103,753**	**108,073**

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

LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	140	3,826	318
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	(2,455)	(3,571)	(1,560)
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	11,321	11,853	10,463
Total Liabilities	9,006	12,108	9,221

Equity				
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	694	694		694
3101 · Retained Earnings	98,158	98,158		100,496
Net Income	(5,587)	(7,207)		(2,338)
Total Equity	93,265	91,645		98,852
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Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)

July 2019

Committee	**Corrections**	**Hospital & Treatment**	**Accessibility**	**PI / CPC**	**Total Earmarked Funds**
Beginning Balance 1/1/19	$6,518	$34	$3,817	($16)	$10,353
YTD Contributions	$3,247	$0	$2,823	$0	$6,069
YTD Use of Funds	($3,674)	($34)	($1,410)	$16	($5,102)
Ending Balance 7/31/19	$6,091	$0	$5,230	$0	$11,321

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Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets

June 2019

Committee	**Corrections**	**Hospital & Treatment**	**Accessibility**	**PI / CPC**	**Total Expenses Against Budget --Standing Committees**

Expenses to Date	$543	$810	$185	$741	$2,280
Budget to Date	$210	$910	$1,000	$1,050	$3,170
Budget -- Full Year	$360	$1,500	$1,500	$1,800	$5,160

Recording Secretary (Aaron C.):

August 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.):

Ongoing working at home; filing sorting and scanning. Lots of old donated personal boxes of papers to go through.

Corrections Committee (Tami B.):

Verbal Report Given

CPC/PI Committee (Ali H.):

During our Committee Meeting last Saturday we gathered to finalize our group inputs on the upcoming Speaking at a Non-AA Meeting Workshop coming up in September. Below I will also describe some of the highlights shared during our meeting of what our greater community of AA's as been able to accomplish in regards to CPC/PI work.

- District 32 has been having great success with their 12th Step Call Program. They would estimate that they have been taking at least one call a day! They will be going into the Hospital on September 12th to refresh the staff on how the 12th Step Calls work and what AA does and does not do.

- District 18 has been keeping up a good supply of literature to 2 different Health Point facilities, with Spanish Speaking literature as well. They are also looking forward to approaching the new Treatment Center at Valley Medical Center.

- District 15 was able to drop off AA literature, information pamphlets, and schedule booklets to the

Seattle Municipal Court House Day Reporting Office. Upon delivery they requested that we bring more schedule booklets for the Probation Officers.

Event Date:	09/14/2019
Event Description:	Speaking At A Non-AA Meeting Workshop at 11:00AM-3:00PM. During the workshop we will hear from an AA with previous experience reaching out to the 'Professional Community' representing Alcoholics Anonymous. She will share her version of her speech with us for you to take ideas from. We will also hear from a Panel of other AAs who will focus on their experience of How they were able to gain access to Professional venues. We will also provide informational pamphlets and materials for you to take with you. We would REALLY like to ENCOURAGE ANY AND ALL AA's to attend this workshop to learn more about the various ways that you can approach those in your community whom may be able to help 'Reach the Hand of AA' to those in need. This is an opportunity to further educate yourself more on what CPC/PI does, whom we can reach out to, and how to best present AA to the outside community.
Event Date:	09/21/2019
Event Description:	September CPC/PI Committee Meeting from 10:00AM - 11:00AM at Greater Seattle Intergroup. Our meeting will be a little bit shorter during this time due to the Greater Seattle Intergroup Car Show. If you are interested in helping in any way, but are not formally involved with your district servants or Intergroup, please feel free to attend our meeting anyways. We ALWAYS need ANYONE who is willing to be of service for a panel, event/fair, etc. With Fall coming up quickly we will need a larger pool of those available to attend school panels during the day. If you can be of service for this PLEASE ATTEND. Also if you have a 'Professional Opportunity' that you feel personally connected to please also feel free to stop by to gain more information about how to make an approach to your greater Seattle Community. Bring your SPONSEES.

Newsletter (Peeps):

Verbal Report Given

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):

About a dozen BTG forms have been forwarded on to where they need to be and contact has been attempted and/or achieved.

Salvation Army has sold its Adult Rehabilitation Center on Fourth St, meaning the loss of 100 beds for men's detoxification and rehabilitation downtown, as well as the opportunity for the Solution Group, Empire Way group and others to bring the AA message. A women's facility in Shoreline has been shut

down and about a third of the men transferred there. Men's groups in the north end may want to work with Hospital and Treatment to reach out to continue carrying AA into the new facility. We are currently making contact with the residence manager to figure out how we can best serve the residents.

Continuing to take panels and meetings into Recovery Place Seattle on a rotating schedule. 2nd Sunday and 5th Wednesday still have slots available for anyone interested in taking a meeting in there.

Office Committee (Richard I.):

The committee met for its usual monthly meeting.

During July, our new Office Manager, Dennis E. , began his new work. Norm was out with an illness that will likely keep him away until is end-date of 8/31.

Dennis reported that things are going pretty smoothly but we have been having a little trouble getting up to speed on the accounting system. He was able to get access to our banking and payroll systems towards the end of the month. We may not have the usual financial reports this reporting cycle but should be back up to speed for August.

We interviewed two candidates for the Assistant Office Manager position and select one of them, Lara R. as the finalist. She started work in August.

Office Manager (Dennis E.):

Verbal Report Given

Night Watch Coordinator (Bird G.):

Nightwatch has been asked to pick up phone duties left unresolved by Anita and Norm's departures. There is precedent for it and we (Nightwatch) have the structure baked in.

Pete K is now part of Nightwatch and we'll call him the Nightwatch Coordinator

Nightwatch will take over call forwarding duties for the 6-10pm shift, traditional Nightwatch 10pm-10am, weekends, holidays, and exceptions. Nightwatch will fill all shifts from 6pm to 10am. Interoffice, with Nightwatch coordination, fill all other shifts, including weekdays, weekends, holidays, and scheduled time off.

We'll need help from Intergroup, the Districts, and meetings to enlarge our volunteer base and fill shifts.

Special Events Committee (Allan C.):

We will be hosting a Greater Seattle Intergroup Picnic ‘Wrap-Up’ Meeting. Please attend if you have any suggestions for what could be better next year! We will be going over some key successes and challenges in order to try to do a even better job next year! We are hoping to make some basic documents during this rotation in order to pass them along for the next rotation to ease the next transition.

Special Events meets second Thursday, 6pm at Intergroup.

We would also like to thank everyone for their help with the picnic. The baskets were a hit.

Event Date:	09/12/2019
Event Description:	Special Events Committee Meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00PM. Please attend if you have any ideas or feedback for future events. Please also attend if/when a specific future event interests you. We would be happy to host AAs you are willing to be of service for specific events that interest them, not necessarily an extended commitments.
Event Date:	09/21/2019
Event Description:	Greater Seattle Intergroup Car Show from 11:00AM - 3:00PM at Greater Seattle Intergroup Office. If you have a car, motorcycle, or WIP car project to register for the car show please register early if possible, if not registration the day of is also acceptable. We would also like to invite other AA's without cars to attend as well. You will receive 3 free Voting tickets to vote for your favorite vehicle within categories. We will also have raffle baskets, pulled pork sandwiches & various side options (to hopefully accommodate those with basic vegetarian diets), and Kid's activities both in-door and out-door in case the weather turns on us during September.
Event Date:	10/19/2019
Event Description:	Auction at Fremont Hall! Help support Fremont Hall as they are experiencing a low-point in funds at the moment. This hall attempts to bring the message to AAs at a location that is typically known for having a lower-income population of 'walk-ins'. Fremont wants to continue to be available to a section of our Greater Seattle Community that has an more outwardly obvious need. They are also hosting movie nights on Saturday's, Spaghetti Dinners, with a $5 donation, on the last Saturday night of the month, and Breakfast Meetings at 10AM & 12PM on the last Saturday not the month with a $3 donation. If you would like more information on the Auction or would like to make an auction donation please contact specialevents@seattleaa.org.

Finance Committee (Carl G.):

Treasurer, Jeff, and Carl met and discussed partially completed financial statement. It seems that with the changes in personnel there have been some saving in expenses that contribute to a diminution in year to date loss rate. The groups are continuing their standard support of Intergroup and we will see in the next few months what the financial situation is like going into 2020.

We continue to look for committee members who would like to join the committee. Be in service from your home or office- join the committee by conference 6pm on the Sunday after the Office Committee meeting.

Web & Technology Committee (Noah B.):

Nothing reported

Third Legacy (James R.):

Nothing reported

District 14 (Marina H.)

District 14
Meets: Fauntleroy Church, West Seattle 7:00pm
Time: 2nd Tuesday Monthly

District 14 continues to struggle with technological issues regarding communication. It was suggested that perhaps someone from Intergroup (Web/Third Legacy) would create a class for incoming DCMs and Alt DCMs with the objective of guiding new servants through information apps like Google Drive.

The District welcomes a much-needed Secretary. Her name is Debbie S.
We have several openings for committee chairs: Archives, Corrections, GVLIT, and Web.

District 14 has their annual picnic on September 8th and Lincoln Park from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It is held at the first gazebo on the main entrance. This is historically a large event for district 14 and generates donations through raffles and an infamous pie auction.

Event:	District 14 Annual Picnic District 14 has their annual picnic on September 8th and Lincoln Park from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It is held at the first gazebo on the main entrance. This is historically a large event for district 14 and generates donations through raffles and an infamous pie auction.

District 15 (Jordan B.)

-They've asked me to ask intergroup if they can include district 15 in online contributions?
- We got 2 volunteers to research and write a submission for Our Stories Disclose
- Filled Young People's Chair and Registrar but still have positions needing to be filled

That's all I have to report and any insight on the question about online contributions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your service.

In love and service,
Jordan B.

District 18 (Carol Ann G.)

District 18 picnic 8/31/19 10-4 Phillip Arnold Park
Volunteers needed for pre assembly

District 32 (Matthew H.)

If interested in doing 12 step calls in Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific or Algona go to Website District32aa.com and go to Service Tab and put in your information. Treasurer reports operating $198.28 into prudent reserve but by end of meeting District 32 picnic last month toke in 773.75 from fund raisers events at picnic. The picnic was funded by individual groups donations of $586.00 total. So now operating above prudent reserve by end of business meeting.District 32 budget fgort next year will be discussed by an Adhoc committee for anyone interested in attending at South King Alano Club on September 8, 2019 at 3pm. Have open service position Archives chair. Reported by Zone 132 rep Matt H.

District 41 (Laura C.)

District 41 is hosting the pre-assembly for the Oct 4 area assembly in Longview. The pre assembly is this Saturday Aug 24 at Faith Lutheran Church in Ballard.
8208 18th ave NE 9am to 3:00pm

District 42 (Lyle C.)

Salvation Army's women's treatment program in Greenwood has ended. District 42 was taking a women's only meeting there on Monday evenings. Recently there was a Big Book drive for the residents there. A few books were distributed before the closing. Our H & T chair Teri reports men will now be in that facility. More will be revealed as to bringing a meeting to them. I sold 10 picnic buttons. Many were sold at Phoenix Club. most positions filled at district.

Event:	Sat Sep. 7 district 42 picnic at Richmond Beach Park

Next GSIG Board meeting: September 17th, 2019 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.

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Do you have something you would like to submit to The High & Dry newsletter?
We would love to see your event flyers, letters, stories, photos, drawings, poetry, interviews, and whatever else you would like to share with other AAs in and around Seattle.

H&D deadline is the 25th of each month. Send submissions to high_and_dry@seattleaa.org