

# The High & Dry

May 2018



## MAY IN OUR HISTORY

- May 21, 1922 Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick delivered his famous sermon *Shall the Fundamentalists Win?* at the First Presbyterian Church, in New York City.
- May, 1935 Bill W went to Akron but the proxy fight was quickly lost. He remained behind at the Mayflower Hotel very discouraged.
- May 11, 1935 Bill W, in poor spirits, and tempted to enter the Mayflower Hotel bar, realized he needed another alcoholic. He telephoned members of the clergy listed on the lobby directory. He reached the Rev Walter Tunks who referred him to Norman Sheppard who then referred him to Henrietta Sieberling (47 years old and an Oxford Group adherent). Bill introduced himself as “a member of the OG and a rum hound from NY.” Henrietta met with Bill at her gatehouse (Stan Hywet Hall) on the Sieberling estate. She arranged a dinner meeting the next day with Dr Bob and Anne.
- May 12, 1935 Mother’s Day (AGAA says Mother’s Day was May 11) Bill W (age 39) met Dr Bob (age 55) Anne and their young son Bob (age 17) at Henrietta Sieberling’s gatehouse at 5PM. Dr Bob planned to stay only 15 minutes. Privately, in the library, Bill told Bob of his alcoholism experience in the manner suggested by Dr. Silkworth. Bob opened up and he and Bill talked until after 11PM.
- May 20, 1938 Beginning of the writing of the Big Book at Hank P’s office. Bill W wrote, edited and rewrote manuscripts at home on legal pads then dictated chapters to Ruth Hock. Most of the early hand-written Big Book manuscript documents were lost during a later move from Newark to NYC.
- May 10, 1939 Led by pioneer member Clarence S (Home Brewmeister) the Cleveland, OH group met separately from Akron and the Oxford Group at the home of Albert (Abby) G (He Thought He Could Drink Like a Gentleman). This was the first group to call itself Alcoholics Anonymous. The Clevelanders still sent their most difficult cases to Dr Bob in Akron for treatment.
- May 22, 1940 Works Publishing Co. was incorporated. Bill W and Hank P gave up their stock with the stipulation that Dr Bob and Anne would receive 10% royalties on the Big Book for life. Hank was persuaded to relinquish his shares in exchange for a \$200 payment for office furniture he claimed belonged to him.
- May 8, 1941 Ethel M (From Farm To City) was the first woman member in Akron, OH to sober up.
- May 1, 1944 The Vessey St office moved to 415 Lexington Ave, NY, near the Grand Central Terminal. The new mailing address was and still is PO Box 459, Grand Central Station.
- Mar 3, 1947 Nell Wing started work at the Alcoholic Foundation, 415 Lexington Ave, NYC. Starting as a typist earning \$32 a week and she stayed for 36 years.
- May, 1949 Bill W presented a talk to the American Psychiatric Association’s 105th Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada.
- May, 1954 Bill W engaged in a series of correspondence with notorious murderer Caryl Chessman who was on San Quentin prison’s death row.
- May, 1956 The AA Bulletin was renamed the AA Exchange Bulletin (later to become Box 459).
- May 15, 1961 Bill W’s mother Emily (age 91) died in Dobbs Ferry, NY
- May, 1965 Gavin retired from nursing and she was sent for retirement to the congregation’s motherhouse in Richfield, Ohio.
- May 4, 1986 Ruth Hock Crecelius died.

## **FUTURE TRIPPING**

### **MAY**

**4-6<sup>th</sup> MENS RETREAT MIRACLE RANCH**, 15999 Sidney Rd SW, 98367. \$125 covers all food & lodging. Questions to Doug B 425 681 6027.

**4-6<sup>th</sup> ROGUE ROUNDUP**, Josephine County Fairgrounds, [www.rogueroundup.com](http://www.rogueroundup.com)

**5<sup>th</sup> WWA72 ARCHIVES QTRLY**, Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ, 106 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 98033. Spaghetti lunch provided. District 38 Traveling Archives Display. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition will be observed.

**5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT 33 SERVICE WORKSHOP**, Why me? Why not me? 9am – noon. Maple Valley Presbyterian Church, 22659 Sweeney Rd SE, 98038.

**5<sup>th</sup> WWA72 ARCHIVES QTRLY**, Kirkland Congregational United Church of Christ, 106 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 98033. Business starts @ 10am – 3pm. Potluck sides.

**6<sup>th</sup> SEATTLE SOBRIETY LUNCHEON**, Rainier Golf & Country Club, 11133 DesMoines Memorial Drive S, 98168. \$25. 11-2pm.

**11<sup>th</sup> INLAND EMPIRE ROUNDUP**, [www.inlandempireroundup.org](http://www.inlandempireroundup.org)

**12<sup>th</sup> WWA72 PI/CPC QUARTERLY**, business starts at 10am. Fauntleroy Church, 9140 California Ave SW, 98136. Lunch provided, potluck appetizers/desserts. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition will be observed.

**12<sup>th</sup> THE AA GROUP . . . where it all begins**. 9am-11am. Grace Lutheran Church (Pearson Hall), 625 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St, 98004.

**15<sup>th</sup> GSIG SPRING ASSEMBLY**, 5507 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S., 98108. Dinner @ 5:30, business starts at 7pm.

**19<sup>th</sup> ANOTHER JAMM NIGHT**, 5507 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S., 98108. 6-10pm. Bring your instrument, see Dave V. and he will give you your time slot and have fun! Or, just come and listen, dance, eat!!! Come see some real talent!

**20<sup>th</sup> 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL AA LADIES LUNCHEON**, noon-3pm. Foster's Golf Course, 13500 Interurban Ave S, 98188. \$28. Entertainment, raffle, great food, hat contest, fellowship, ask-it-basket and more!

**28<sup>th</sup> BELLEVUE GROUP'S MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**, potluck begins at 6:30pm. St Thomas Episcopal Church, 8398 NE 12<sup>th</sup> St, 98039.

### **JUNE**

**1-3<sup>rd</sup> MANASTASH MEN'S RETREAT at The Lazy F Camp & Retreat in Ellensburg**. \$125 bring personal items, sleeping bag, pillow, towel and snacks. 3 squares provided. Questions to Harry M 253 228 9279.

**1-3<sup>rd</sup> NW WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT**, presented by Sister B. Warm Beach Conference Center, Sanwood, WA. \$230 lodge, \$250 cabin, \$185 RV, \$165 commuter.

**8-10<sup>th</sup> CAPITOL JAMBOREE**, Red Lion 2300 Evergreen Park Dr SW, 98502. Speakers, panels, workshops and fellowship! [www.capitoljamboree.org](http://www.capitoljamboree.org)

**15 – 17<sup>th</sup> PSYPC ALTA LAKE CAMPOUT**, swimming, hiking, volleyball, kids activities on Saturday, AA bonfire mtgs, Sat potluck BBQ and much, much more. [www.psypc-wa.com](http://www.psypc-wa.com)

**22-24<sup>th</sup> PNC** Boise, ID. Wyndham Garden Boise Airport, 330 0 S Vista Ave, 83705.

**30<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT 38 Summer Picnic**, 10am-2pm. OO Denny Park, 12302 Holmes Point Dr NE, Kirkland. Potluck sides and desserts.

### **JULY**

**6-7<sup>th</sup> WWA72 JULY BUSINESS QTRLY**, Events Center SPSCC, 4220 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, 98503.

### **NEW MEETINGS**

**MON 7:00pm O STEPPING INTO RECOVERY**, St Matthews Lutheran Churchm 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, 98056. 1-hr literature study

**TUE 6:30pm O A NEW EXPERIENCE** Bistro 76 Restaurant, 18401 76<sup>th</sup> Ave W, #3, 98026. 1hr women only meeting.

**TUE 7:30pm C LESS THAN AVERAGE**, Volunteer Park Seventh Day Adventist, 1300 E Aloha, 98102. 1-hr men only mtg, child care available.

### **CHANGES**

**SUN 7:00pm O MAXIMUM SERVICE** Kirkland Congregational, 106 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, 98033. 1-hr. New start time, now a 1-hr mtg.

**MON & TUE 9pm O ASIAN CONNECTION**, Evergreen Bldg 15 S Grady Way, Ste 528, 98057. 1-hr mtg. Start time correction.

**WED 7:00pm O PNP**, Lord of Life Lutheran, 12819 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, 98059. Child care available at meeting, new start time.

**FRI 8pm O SICKER THAN MOST**, Emmaus Road Church, 1059 NE 96<sup>th</sup> St, 98115. New location.

**SAT 11am O LAKE CITY 11<sup>th</sup> HOUR**, Wedgewood Presbyterian Church 8008 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE 98115. New location.

**SAT 6:30pm O STAY GOLD**, Emmaus Road Church, 1059 NE 96<sup>th</sup> St, 98115. New location, child care available at meeting.

**SAT Noon C WINGS MEDITATION**, Seattle First Baptist 1111 Harvard Ave, 98122 (meditation meeting). New start time and new name.

### **DEFUNCT**

**MON C 8:00pm MARTHA LAKE GROUP**, Martha Lake Baptist, 17319 Larch Way, 98037.

**WED 10:00am O P.T.S.D.** Green Lake Aqua Theater, 98103

**FRI 6:05pm O 4130 GROUP**, University Church, 4731 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 98105.

## MEET THE MEETING:

# SEATTLE INTERGROUP

Seattle Intergroup's earliest records come from a ledger book containing the minutes of the Central Committee from 1946 to 1950. The first meeting was July 10, 1946. At that meeting the members elected their first chairman (Dale A.) and set the date and elected a chairman for the first A.A. picnic. They discussed whether outside contributions should be accepted (decided no), and agreed to start a Friday Night Speaker Meeting for the public. They discussed the purpose of the Central Committee and decided that they acted for the "combined and associated groups," that their work was "to plan constructively toward the betterment of A.A. and to unify the groups so that they could be more efficient in presenting A.A. to the public and those who needed help." Subsequent meetings covered much material. The basic decisions made in those early meetings have proven to be the foundation of the present Intergroup structure and policies.

The first minutes used the last names only of the men present; soon they were using full names and the groups they represented. For the next 10 years, 17 groups seemed to be the backbone of the Central Committee. Most of these groups are still in existence and still supporting Intergroup as well. The ones remaining are: **Group One, Groups Six, White Center, Wallingford, Empire Way, University Number One, Magnolia,** and **Greenlake**. It is sad to report that Group One and Group Six, our oldest groups, have suffered attrition and are no longer the vital forces that once were. The Ladies Group started at the Studio Club in January 1948 and was immediately represented at the Central Committee. This group was one of the first women's groups in the United States.

In January 1947, the Seattle groups started a Group Sponsoring Committee primarily to meet the needs of the members on the east side of Lake Washington, and to help them start some Eastside A.A. meetings. By January 1948 they had extended their activities to include visits to Mt. Vernon, Roslyn, Cle Elum, Kennewick, Bremerton, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Walla Walla. A.A. was spreading around the state rapidly and reaching into Canada, with meetings in Vancouver, B.C. We owe a great debt to the members of these early Seattle groups who met the challenges of those early years that helped form the Twelve Traditions.

In the years before the Central Committee, the groups used the Alano Club of Seattle as their central meeting area. Calls for help went to the club. All A.A. activities centered around and were supported by the club. The first secretary was paid from club moneys. As described earlier in this history, the spiritual and financial separation between the club and the Central Office took many years. Seattle A.A. is indebted to the Alano Club for its support of the fledgling office in the early years.

As the understanding of the Traditions grew and the number of groups increased, the Central Committee evolved into the Greater Seattle Intergroup. By 1978 it was no longer possible to hold monthly meetings to which each group sent a representative. The groups decided to form zones and trust the operations to Zone Representatives who formed the Intergroup Board.

In early 1985, Seattle was ranked the fourth fastest growing A.A. community in the country. There were 383 meetings listed in Seattle in 1981. By the end of 1985, there were 860 meetings listed. Seventy percent of the meetings made regular contributions to Seattle Intergroup. Growth continued to over 1,000 meetings in

1991. By 1993, there were 1,250 meetings and a plateau seemed to have been reached.

By the early 2000's growth had leveled at 1,350 meetings but only 36 percent were contributing regularly to Seattle Intergroup.

Much of the growth in the 1980's and early 1990's came from the bulging treatment centers in the area. Then, in the late 1990's, many treatment centers, public and private, began closing their doors for lack of sufficient funding. Twelfth step work was reborn to fill the gap.

On June 1, 1985, Greater Seattle Intergroup moved to 1507 Queen Anne Avenue North while the Alano Club stayed at Eleventh Avenue. This move helped to underscore the financial separation between Intergroup and the Alano Club.

The annual picnic, which was started in 1946 by Group One, had become a favorite event and was held at Vasa Park in Bellevue. By 1987, attendance climbed to over 4,000. The picnic continued to be held at Vasa Park through 1993. When the park came under new management and raised the rent, a new site had to be found. A move to Shadow Lake saw attendance drop to a few hundred. There was talk of discontinuing the picnic. In 1997 the picnic chairman reserved Gasworks Park for the picnic; the move breathed new life into this event. In 2002, the picnic was held at Woodland Park. Again, attendance exceeded 4,000.

Hot debate accompanied the 1985 proposal that groups be charged for meeting schedules. Meeting schedules and *The High and Dry* newsletter had traditionally been provided free to the groups as part of the services provided by Central Office. Passing on the cost of printing schedules to the groups was finally approved in March 1986 – but not without much grumbling. Although donations had always been encouraged for subscriptions for *The High and Dry*, a suggested amount (3.50 per year) did not appear until 1989.

Changes were difficult at that time because Board officers and Zone Representatives rotated every six months. Finally, in 1993, the terms were extended to one year, and in 1994, the terms were extended further – to two years.

Seattle Intergroup successfully instituted a unique program when the Southend Literature Sales Office was opened on June 21, 1986, in a room adjoining Miracle Hall in the Auburn J.C. Penney Building. This is believed to be the first, and quite possibly the only, satellite sales office set up by an Intergroup or Central Office.

A website was set up in 1998. Many folks visit this website at [www.seattleaa.org](http://www.seattleaa.org) to locate meetings and get other information about A.A. in Seattle.

Greater Seattle Intergroup office was relocated to First Avenue South and South Holgate Street in May 1988. This space served the Fellowship well for 11 years until parking became a problem on game nights at the Kingdome and the new Safeco Field. In December, 1999 new space was found on sixth Avenue South at South Lucile Street. Many hours of volunteer talent turned the space into a facility as beautiful as it is functional. The new boardroom is large enough to seat 60 to 100 comfortably. Some Western Washington Area committees and district meetings are held here and this has resulted in an even higher level of cooperation between Western Washington Area and Seattle Intergroup committees and programs. Several groups and committees can meet at the same time in various rooms. The boardroom walls are used by Intergroup Archives to display a part of their extensive collection of photographs. The archives display

ranks with some of the best in the country. Folks seeking information about A.A. in Seattle can reach a real, live recovering alcoholic, thanks to over 250 faithful volunteers who staff the phones 24 hours a day and service on committees that carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer. Meeting schedules are kept up to date on the website and new schedule booklets are printed regularly. *The High & Dry* newsletter entertains and informs subscribers of upcoming events every month. Members conduct meetings in jails and prisons regularly and assist those coming out of institutions and treatment centers in making the transition to A.A. participation. Anyone who reaches out for A.A. finds a willing hand and heart.

Many members of the Fellowship were confused by the parallel service structures of Seattle Intergroup and the Seattle districts of the Western Washington Area. Adding to the confusion was the fact that the zone boundaries did not correspond with the district boundaries. In 1997, new zone boundaries were established that more closely correlate with district boundaries. Better communication and cooperation between Seattle Intergroup and the Seattle districts began to emerge.



Our district is planning for **TWO COMBINED EVENTS**  
Last weekend in June!! JUNE 29-July 1 Royal Arch Park  
20821 Renton Maple Valley Rd SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038

## 2018 Picnic

*Saturday June 30 (1-5pm)*

District 18

## 2018 Campout

*Fri-Sat-Sun June 29 - July 1*

A New Purpose Group

*Friday bonfire meeting \*\* Saturday Potluck/ Picnic \*\* BBQ \*\* camping optional Friday through Sunday  
\*\* volleyball \*\* cards \*\* games \*\* Saturday speaker meeting \*\* Saturday bonfire meeting \*\* Sunday  
Spiritual breakfast (pancakes!) \*\* fellowship \*\* recovery \*\* unity \*\* service*



**Work Parties : Sat May 19 + Sat June 16th 11am - 5pm**

*Come by and help for as little or as long as you can.*

*We need lots of help. Lunch is provided.*

*In exchange for the free use of the park, we need lots of volunteers from the groups. We will be removing fallen limbs and raking twigs from winter storms in the park. There is a lot of work to do, and we will need some help from as many group as possible. in the District 18. Work will be supervised by Steve Randolph, and tools and safety equipment will be provided.*





# Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

Submitted by Amy G. (Recording Secretary)

## Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer. The 4th Tradition was read by Aaron and Concept 4 was read by Meghan.

## Roll Call

Active zones present: **9**; 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132, 142

Active zones absent: **4**; 108, 112, 133, 141

Inactive zones: **7**; 101, 113, 134, 135, 138, 139, 140

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 Friday following the Board Meeting.

Minutes for February and March Approved.

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

Prepared by: Mike M, Treasurer

## Overview:

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

Year	Net Income (Loss)	Group Contributions	Other Contributions	Cash & CDs
FY2014	(\$13k)	\$107k	\$17k	\$98k
FY2015	(\$11k)	\$110k	\$18k	\$87k
FY2016	(\$11k)	\$105k	\$19k	\$79k
<b>FY2017</b>	<b>(\$4k)</b>	<b>\$106k</b>	<b>\$35k</b>	<b>\$73k</b>
<b>YTD Mar 2018</b>	<b>\$12k</b>	<b>\$40k</b>	<b>\$7k</b>	<b>\$83k</b>

## Financial Summary YTD Mar 2018:

Overall both the results for the month of March and the YTD are great, however these should not be viewed as being representative for projecting the entire year.

There is a favorable trend showing an increase in Group & Individual contributions, this is fantastic, thank you all.

- 1) Group Contribution income was \$40k or about **\$8k more than budgeted.** (for the month of March this was only about \$400 less than what was budgeted to breakeven.)
- 2) GSIG Room Rent and Birthday Club contribution income was \$7k or about **\$3k more than budgeted**
- 3) Total Expenses were about \$49k compared or about \$1k over budget
- 4) March monthly net loss of about \$3k is due primarily to the following;
  - a) \$1k over budget for non-recurring HVAC repairs

- b) \$1k over budget for office rent catch up for common area charges
- c) \$1k less than budget for literature sales (Note YTD on budget)

**Cash and Prudent Reserve:**

GSIG is now back above our prudent reserve with total Cash and CDs of \$83k. GSIG continues to investigate the best investment vehicle for its excess cash.

**Other:**

Attended the following;

- Office Committee monthly meeting
- Finance Committee monthly meeting

*Written report submitted 4/17/18.*

**Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report**

It was **moved** (Zone 118) and **seconded** (Zone 132) to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

Zone 114 (Freda ): District 14 held its monthly meeting on April 10, 2018. DCM Roger C. will be having hip replacement surgery in July or August and we will keep him in our prayers. Alternate DCM Sierra, who celebrated 4 years on the 12th (big congrats!), reported on pre-assembly motions. Accessibility chair Holly H. reported that District 14 will co-host the Fall Quarterly at GSIG with District 15. Chris Chase from District 31 is going to give a presentation on Bridging the Gap at our May meeting. PI/CPC chair Marena H. advised that Cottage Grove Commons (homeless shelter) would like us to bring a Meeting or Panel to their facility; it is a great opportunity for service. Our annual pot-luck meeting on Vashon will be held July 9th. Two GSRs reported new meeting start times: Monday and Thursday night **White Center AA** now start at 7pm, and Saturday night **No Matter What** now starts at 9pm. *Written report submitted 4/18/18*

Zone 115 (Vanessa): I attended the district 15 meeting on April 12th, 2017. There were 7 groups represented and 14 people in attendance.

The Downtown YMCA meeting has been notified that they won't have a room available for their meeting. They are exploring options but have been limited in what they can find.

We discussed low contributions for the district and how we wanted to address this. Next month we will look at whether or not we will host a gratitude banquet this year.

We have also been having several of the groups adopting some variation of the safety statement card. Some leaving the card in books, some integrating parts of the statement into their preambles and some just identifying home group members in the meetings.

The following chair positions are open in district 15: Archivist, Grapevine and CPC. *Written report submitted 4/17/18*

Zone 131 (Larry B): The zone 131 gathering voted to send \$50.00 to dist 14 to help cover the cost of putting on the pre-conference. There was a group feeling that the dist 31 web page be allowed to become defunct. All were encouraged by the still even money budget at Intergroup. The GSRs in attendance were invited to the Spring Assembly, flyers have been distributed as well. The district/zone is carrying a negative budget balance at this time. *Written report submitted 4/11/18.*

Zone 132 (Matt): DCM was absent Alt DCM Morgan conducted meeting. Budget for 2018 approval was moved for next meeting account DCM Jim was absent. Have service positions open Accessibilities and Corrections Chair. Need volunteers for District 32 picnic on July 15, 2018 at Steel Lake Park in Federal Way and can signup on District32aa.org website. Also had presentation by Alt Treasurer Pete about establishment of 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity status with

State and Federal IRS versus paying taxes on contributions tabled until next month. We are very close to receiving \$15,000.00 in donation over a three year period which requires at 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity status otherwise would have to pay taxes on donations. *Written report submitted 4/17 /18.*

Zone 133 (Mark H): District 33 meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Our DCM Kristee chaired the April meeting and shared that our district is a strong financial supporter of GSO for Area 72. She also indicated that our district (including individual groups) gave a total of \$800 in donations to the 2018 Burien Little Assembly. A suggestion for a district camping trip was presented at the meeting and the GSRs will take that back to their groups for discussion and feedback so the district can gauge interest. Mike our district treasurer reports that we are over our prudent reserve for 2018 year to date.

Our workshop coordinator (and past GSIG Zone Representative) Rick L is organizing a service workshop to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon at the Maple Valley Presbyterian Church, [22659 Sweeney Rd SE, Maple Valley WA](#) (1<sup>st</sup> floor foyer). Experience, strength, hope and muffins will be served. *Written report submitted 4/17 /18*

Zone 142 (Lyle C): Hope I'm not too late  
I distributed packets of GSIG Birthday club envelopes at District 42 meeting. Still have a few open service chair positions. Thanked groups and individuals for GSIG improved financial situation. D 42 hosted WWA72 H & T quarterly in Kenmore April 14  
*Written report submitted 4/20 /18*

**Accessibility Committee (Ceair S., Chair):** Our committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at GSIG.

***Accessibility issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those difficulties are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual, or emotional***  
(From: G.S.O. AA Guidelines Accessibility for All Alcoholics)

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

### **Burien Little Assembly**

The Burien Little Assembly was last month. It was a great event with amazing panels and workshops, delicious food and fantastic speakers. The entire event was ASL interpreted with strong support from Deaf Alcoholics. Thanks to the BLA committee for supporting ASL! We plan to work with the BLA to make this possible next year too.

### **Western Washington Area 72 Accessibility Quarterly**

Saturday April 21st Hosted by District 34 at  
Grace Lutheran Church 9625 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St, Bellevue, 98004  
Fellowship starting at 9am  
Quarterly business 10am-3pm

Our committee continues reaching out to districts to better understand the needs of alcoholics in different areas. We believe that more can be achieved when we work together.

If any District, group or individual in AA has an issue, concern or question relating to Accessibility to AA meetings, please contact our committee at: [accessibility@seattleaa.org](mailto:accessibility@seattleaa.org) *Written report submitted 4/17/18.*

Archives Committee (Teresa S., Chair): Sorting through recently donated items; updating inventories; preserving magazines and scrapbook's in archival envelopes.

*Written report submitted 4/18/17.*

Finance Committee (Carl G): Meeting: April 11, 2018, Carl G, Chris W, Dave V

We welcomed a new member to the Finance Committee - Dave V.

Reviewed the financial statements and noted that while expenses were over budget and sales were lower the reasons

for these are likely temporary (timing for sales, hvac repair, and building maintenance). We have stopped the massive financial loss of prior years. Groups need to continue to focus on how their financial and personnel support helps GSIG carry the message to alcoholics.

Our final topic was how the Finance Committee's primary job is to provide additional oversight of the budget and helps GSIG keep groups informed of the financial health and needed resources.

New members to the Finance Committee are welcome. Be in service - join the committee by video conference at 6pm on the Wednesday before the Intergroup Board Meeting (3rd Tue). For information contact Carl at [financecomchair@seattleaa.org](mailto:financecomchair@seattleaa.org) *Written report submitted 4/17/18.*

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Jack J): Committee meetings first Saturday of each month at 10 am, at GSIG

- Attended Area 72 Treatment Quarterly in District 42, discussing service burnout, service engagement, a BTG yearly workshop
- Worked with committee members to solicit group participation for covering 20-25 mtgs per month at Recovery Place Seattle, which opened for AA panels Monday, 4/16/18
- Collected a group conscience on a facility's request to panel format, reaching out to DCMs, past servants and Area delegate
- Coordinated with District 15 and 17 on new monthly meeting at Northbound Treatment Center in Queen Anne; and with District 32 on request for meetings at involuntary psychiatric hospital
- Current openings for Recovery Place Seattle on 1st, 2nd and 5th Sundays (4/29/18!), 11-12:15; 2nd and 5th Monday 7:30-9 (4/30/18!); 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday, 7:30-9, 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturday 11-12:15. *Written report submitted 4/17/18.*

Office Committee (Aaron C): The Office Committee convened and went through our agenda items; Office Managers report, Assistant Office managers report, and Treasurers report.

We also discussed folks doing 12 step calls during their Nightwatch shift and resolved to make suggestions to edit the Nightwatch handbook with language from our policies and procedures manual suggesting that callers requesting a 12 step call leave their name and number and someone from the Intergroup 12 step list will call them the following day.

We also decided to adjust the Assistant Office Managers summer hours to allow her to care for her kids during the break.

We also talked about the fantastic group contributions for the month of February and how we can keep the momentum going. *Written report submitted 4/17/18.*

Assistant Office Manager (Anita S.): 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – Self Support not only refers to money, but it also means that we do the work.

If you want to be happy for an hour take a nap, if you want to be happy for a day go shopping, if you want to be happy for a week buy a new car, if you want to be happy for a month get married, if you want to be happy for a year receive an inheritance or win the lottery, but if you truly want to be happy for a lifetime learn to be of service to others.

There are currently 10 OPEN opportunities for groups to answer phones for 4 hours each. Of those 10 openings, 3 of them are on the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the month; meaning it's only a 4 times a year commitment.

In the room right now there are 5 groups that come in an answer phones and 1 that answers phones off site. Those groups are (in no particular order) Serenity Now, Empire Way, MOB, Fourth Dimension, Principles Before Personalities and The Solution Group.

Attended the Burien Little Assembly and the Office Committee Meeting.

Confirmed picnic date of Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Shelters 1 & 2.

Our Experience Has Taught Us is new and revised. 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am here

at Intergroup. Plenty of good parts to go around. Please come and check it out!

The Seattle Sobriety Luncheon will be on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> back at the Rainier Golf and Country Club. Again hosted by Norm S.

You have another chance to see some real talent on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Starts at 6pm. Get here early to secure your spot!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show date will be July 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars, this is always a fun day.

*Written report submitted 4/19/18.*

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

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate, except for hard cover Big Books. I delivered 7 cases (140) this morning to a treatment center in Burien. I have 200 on order at the moment, which enables us to get a quantity discount from G.S.O.

Process/Organization—

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

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now several openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends--1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6-10 p.m. and 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 6-10 p.m. Thanks to the Four Horsemen for stepping up on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays! Please communicate these group service opportunities to your groups!

Nightwatch shifts: When the April Nightwatch calendar was published, all positions were filled. Please e-mail [nightwatch@seattleaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@seattleaa.org) to express interest and for an updated list of openings. Thanks to those who attended our Nightwatch workshop on Saturday, March 31!

Physical Plant: On the topic of switching all phones, high speed internet, and phone forwarding to Comcast, to save, hopefully, \$2,400 per year, this task was finally completed, Friday, April 6. I'm supremely grateful to Len, Anita, and Aaron for their support!

Financial Statements—The financial result for March was a net loss of (\$3,300) versus a budgeted profit of \$400. Sales volume, chiefly retail sales contributed about 25% of the loss and expenses over budget, by \$2,500, were responsible for 75%. Group contributions (\$9,900 actual vs budget \$10,300) held up nicely. Our fixed costs took two large hits in early March: Maintenance and repair was over budget due to the replacement of a blower motor on our rooftop heating and air conditioning system. Also, the property manager of our building sent out invoices for January, February, and March with a significant increase to our 'common area maintenance' charges (sewer, water, landscaping, property tax). All three monthly increases were booked in March. It is likely that this Triple Net expense will be over budget all year long. Year to date net income for the three months was a positive \$11,700, exceeding the budgeted \$2,000. Cash flow for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter was a positive \$9,300. This enables us to say that the prudent reserve has been restored. We have not yet purchased a 5<sup>th</sup> CD for \$10,000. We are examining our current banking relationship and some of the arcane regulations they want to impose. We are uncertain that credit unions will be any better, but it is in our best interest to make this study. I have had an unproductive meeting with Bank of America and am pursuing U.S. Bank, a close-to-us branch.

Personnel—I attended the Burien Little Assembly, a loving memorial for long-time Intergroup volunteer, Tom P., and I was privileged to facilitate an Area Corrections Committee inventory on March 17. Happy Birthday to us all—our archives has it that the first A.A. meeting in Seattle was held April 19, 1941—that's 77 years ago! *Written report submitted 4/17/18.*

Web & Tech Committee (Gail T. Chair):

Our website receives approximately 6,500 unique visitors each month. 76% of those visitors find us through organic search, which means they go to google and search for something like "Seattle aa meetings". That's almost 5,000 people a month that are searching for help with their drinking problem. We have over 1400 meetings in the greater

Seattle area, and it's been a long time since we had a site wide effort to ensure all of the information we provide about meetings is 100% accurate.

As part of our website redesign effort, we thought this was the ideal opportunity to reach out to groups to request accurate meeting information and who we should contact if we have questions. On the new website, we will be improving the meeting finding experience by adding mapping capabilities and adding filter fields for those looking for meetings near them. PLEASE fill out or share the attached form or the link (<https://goo.gl/forms/kth3J6rvH0rjbwQD2>) if that's easier.

We are hoping to have these updates completed by the end of May to ensure they are included in the upcoming website launch. **PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO ME OR NORM BY MAY 30th.**

Your help is greatly appreciated. *Written report submitted 4/21/18.*

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Night Watch coordinator will meet with the Office Committee to revise language to include 12 step calls.

**Closing**

It was moved (zone 142) and seconded (117) to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:45pm.

**GSIG Spring Assembly and Potluck: Fun Food and Friends; May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Dinner at 5:30PM**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE Greater Seattle Intergroup BIRTHDAY CLUB

Ruth M	Last Chance	4/23/1986	32 years
Kathryn H	Donut Dunkers	5/23/1988	30 years
Mike B	Principles Before Personalities	18 years	4/17/2000
Debbi R	Surrender at 7	30 years	5/1/1988
Michelle C		22 years	
Bruce J	Empire Way	4/8/2009	
Carol L	Practice These Principles	2/16/1998	
Ingrid S	Admiral AA	4/2006	
Mary L	Brown Bag Bunch	4/6/1987	
Gerl F	Empire Way	4/17/1978	
George F	Skyway	4/12/1975	
Corliss H	Saturday Ladies Study	4/25/1986	

If you would like to join the **Birthday Club** and support GSIG Please fill out this form and send along with the suggested donation of \$1 per year of sobriety!

Name	
Address	
City, Zip	
AA Anniversary and/or # of years	
Home Group	
Contribution enclosed	\$

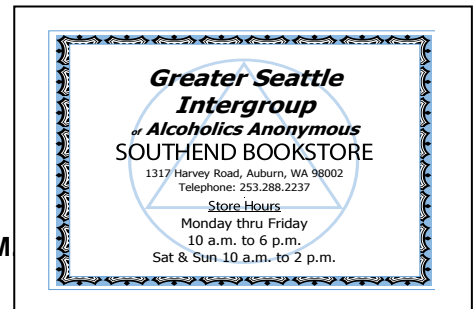
**Send to: Greater Seattle Intergroup 5507 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98108**

# THANKS TO OUR AWESOME DAYTIME OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Sharon B and Diane L</b> <b>Jerry and Freda T</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Gary H and Susan D</b> <b>Marci W and Edward T</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Gerry L and Joe M</b> <b>Doug C</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Vito M</b> <b>Joe B and Dori L</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Scott W and Jon C</b> <b>Tom O and Bob F</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Fred P</b>

**SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES:** Edward T

**SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER MANAGER:** Jim H.  
**VOLUNTEERS:** Chuck G., Brad S., Carolyn B., Rick L., Cliff M  
**SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER:** 253-288-2237



# INTERGROUP THANKS OUR GENEROUS DONORS

**From:** Howard Z \$50, Personal (various) \$39.85



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Greater Seattle Intergroup  
Condensed Financial Statements  
March and YTD 2018

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar 2018	Mar Budget	Jan-Mar 2018	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2017
<b>Income</b>					
Total Retail Sales	9,713	12,340	38,731	37,990	121,697
Total COGS	6,345	7,620	24,593	23,470	82,463
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,368	4,720	14,139	14,520	39,235
Gross Profit %	34.7%	38.2%	36.5%	38.2%	32.2%
Group Contributions	9,945	10,340	39,501	31,260	106,013
Personal and Other Contributions	1,531	670	4,597	2,210	22,526
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	414	550	2,422	1,830	6,903
Special Events Income	47	200	47	500	5,552
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	15,305	16,480	60,706	50,320	180,228
<b>Expenses</b>					
Expenses—Other	378	460	1,195	1,400	4,698
Paid Staff	8,354	8,340	24,586	25,020	95,526
Rent and Office	9,125	6,560	22,007	19,890	75,110
Standing Committees	733	740	1,342	2,260	9,433
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	18,590	16,100	49,129	48,370	184,767
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(3,285)	380	11,577	1,960	(4,539)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income			85	90	422
Net Income	(3,285)	380	11,662	2,040	(4,116)

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Mar 31, 18	Feb 28, 18	Dec 31, 17
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Checking	42,051	45,792	31,788
CD's—Prudent Reserve *	41,024	41,024	40,939
Accounts Receivable	2,597	1,149	151
Inventory and Other	33,977	32,781	33,081
Total Current Assets	119,649	120,726	105,938
Total Fixed Assets	1,620	1,690	1,830
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>121,269</b>	<b>122,417</b>	<b>107,768</b>
* Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. \$46,000.			
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	240	26	-
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	728	(201)	(17)
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	7,449	6,454	6,595
Total Liabilities	8,417	6,279	6,578
<b>Equity</b>			
3001 - Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 - Retained Earnings	100,496	100,496	104,613
Net Income	11,662	14,947	(4,116)
Total Equity	112,853	116,138	101,191
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>121,269</b>	<b>122,417</b>	<b>107,768</b>

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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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