



# The High & Dry

January 2019



## JANUARY IN OUR HISTORY

January 1

- 1946: The A.A. Grapevine increased the cost of a year's subscription to \$2.50.
- 1948: *Columbus Dispatch* reported first anniversary of Central Ohio A.A. Group.
- 1948: First A.A. meeting was held in Japan, English speaking.
- 1988: West Virginia A.A. began the first statewide toll-free telephone hotline.

January 2

- 1889: Bridget Della Mary Gavin (Sister Ignatia) was born in Ireland.
- 2003: Mid-Southern California Archives moved to new location in Riverside.

January 3

- 1939: First sale of Works Publishing Co. stock was recorded.
- 1941: Jack Alexander told Bill W. the Oxford Group would be in his Saturday Evening Post article on A.A.

January 4

- 1939: Dr. Bob stated in a letter to Ruth Hock that A.A. had to get away from the Oxford Group atmosphere.
- 1940: First A.A. group was founded in Detroit, Michigan.
- 1941: Bill and Lois W. drove to Bedford Hills, NY, to see Stepping Stones and broke in through an unlocked window.

January 5

- 1941: Bill and Lois visited Bedford Hills again.
- 1941: Bill W. told Jack Alexander that Jack was "the toast of A.A. — in Coca Cola, of course."

January 6

- 2000: Stephen P., compiler of the Concordance to Alcoholics Anonymous, died.

January 8

- 1938: New York A.A. split from the Oxford Group.

January 12

- 1943: Press reported the first A.A. group in Pontiac, Michigan.

January 13

- 1988: Jack Norris, M.D., Chairman/Trustees of A.A. for 27 yrs. died.
- 2003: Dr. Earle M., author of *Physician Heal Thyself*, sober 9 years, died

January 15

- 1941: A.A. Bulletin No. 2 reported St. Louis group had ten members.
- 1941: Bill W. asked Ruth Hock to get him "spook book," *The Unobstructed Universe*.
- 1945: First A.A. meeting held in Springfield, Missouri.

January 17

- 1919: 18th amendment, "Prohibition," became law.

January 19

- 1940: First A.A. group met in Detroit, Mich.
- 1943: Canadian newspaper reported eight men met at "Little Denmark," a Toronto restaurant, to discuss starting Canada's first A.A. group.
- 1999: Frank M., A.A. Archivist since 1983, died.

January 20

- 1954: Hank P., author of *The Unbeliever* in the first edition of the Big Book, died in Pennington, NJ.

January 21

- 1951: A.A. Grapevine published memorial issue on Dr. Bob.

January 23

- 1961: Bill W. sent an appreciation letter, which he considered long-overdue, to Dr. Carl Jung for his contribution to A.A.

January 24

- 1918: Bill W. and Lois Burnham were married, days before he was sent to Europe in WW I

January 25

- 1915: Dr. Bob S. married Anne Ripley.

January 26

- 1971: *New York Times* published Bill's obituary on page 1.

January 27

- 1971: The Washington Post published an obituary of Bill W. written by Donald Graham, son of the owner of the Washington Post.

January 30

- 1961: Dr. Carl Jung answers Bill's letter with "Spiritus Contra Spiritum."

Other significant things that happened in January (no specific date available):

- 1938: Jim B., author of *The Vicious Cycle*, a former atheist, gave A.A. "God as we understand Him."
- 1940: First AA meeting not in a home meets at Kings School, Akron, Ohio.
- 1942: *Drunks are Square Pegs* was published.
- 1951: The A.A. Grapevine published a memorial issue on Dr. Bob.
- 1984: *Pass It On, the story of Bill W. and how the A.A. message reached the world*, was published.

## FUTURE TRIPPING

### JANUARY

**4-5th WWA72 JAN BUSINESS QTRLY**, SeaTac Community Center, 13735 24th Ave S, 98168.

**19th WWA72 TREATMENT QTRLY**, business starts at 10am. Lunch provided. Kennydale Memorial Hall, 2424 NE 27th St, 98056. 7th Tradition will be observed.

**19th SHOW US YOUR TALENT!** 5507 6th Ave S., 98108. Sign up starts at 6:30pm. 7-11pm. It's okay to bring snacks to share.

**26th GRAPEVINE WRITING WORKSHOP**, 10am-2pm. Eastside Intergroup, 13401 Bel-Red Rd B6, 98005. Call Eastside Intergroup to register, space is limited to 8. Main dish provided, potluck sides.

### FEBRUARY

**2nd WWA72 ARCHIVES QUARTERLY**, St Mark's Lutheran Church, 2109 College St SE, 98503. Lasagna and salad for lunch, potluck sides. 7th Tradition will be observed. Business starts at 10am.

**7-10th INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**, The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, 404 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles 90071

**9th WWA72 PI/CPC QUARTERLY**, 34 Oaks Fellowship Hall, 1731 Baker Ave 98201. Pizza for lunch, potluck salads, sides and desserts. Business starts at 10am.

**15-17th YAKIMA VALLEY ROUNDUP**, Yakima Convention Center, 10 N 8th St, Yakima 98901. [www.yakimavalleyroundup.com](http://www.yakimavalleyroundup.com)

**16th WWA72 GV & LITERATURE QUARTERLY**, South King Alano Club, 1317 Harvey Rd, Auburn 98002. Pizza for lunch, potluck sides and desserts. Business starts at 10am.

**22-24th BLENDING OF TIME CONFERENCE**, La Quinta Inn 1425 E 27th, Tacoma. [www.theblendingoftime.org](http://www.theblendingoftime.org)

**23rd DISTRICT 54 1950's SOCK HOP**, The Swiss, 9205 198th Ave E., Bonney Lake 98391. \$1 root beer floats. Music by Cylas, potluck, raffle and live band, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw - children welcome, but no childcare provided - all for \$10.

**23rd TREASURER WORKSHOP 101**, 10am - Noon. Kirkland Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall (basement). 106 5th Ave, 98033.

# MEET THE MEETING: Counterpoint

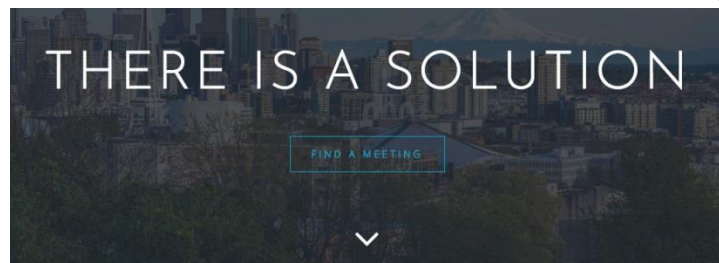
Counterpoint Group, started in 1969, originally spun off from the Mountlake Terrace Group. It was one of the first in Seattle to have volunteer speakers for discussion with a chairperson giving a topic. This format was chosen because one of the founders, Leonard M., had lived at Dr. Bob's home for a time during his early sobriety, and he said that was the way it was done there! They have kept the general discussion table, but for many years Bing K. chaired a Step meeting in a separate room using the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Other founders were Helen M. and Rex. Early members included Donna H., Stretch H., B.J. J., Mary Ann C. And Loisle T.

**Counterpoint** has always financially supported Intergroup, G.S.O. and the Washington Area. In 1983 meeting time was changed from 7:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Counterpoint continues to meet on Sunday at 7:00pm at St Dunstan's Episcopal, 722 N 145<sup>th</sup> St., Shoreline 98133. The meeting is a 1-hr closed meeting.

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### DECEMBER 2018 GSIG Snapshot

In an effort to foster greater communication with the Home Groups that are served by Greater Seattle Intergroup we have created a one page info sheet that can be quickly shared at your group's business meeting. For a detailed review of our Business Meeting please read our minutes in the High & Dry, GSIGs monthly newsletter can be found on our website under the Resources tab.

At the December board meeting the budget for 2019 was unanimously approved, and elections for 2019-2020 Board were held using our Third Legacy Procedure.

Chair: Mike Mullen, Vice Chair: Astri Torjussen, Treasurer: Allison Beckwith, Secretary: Aaron Craddick Thank You for your service in the upcoming rotation!

- Our new schedule format has been sent out to the printers for our January 2019 schedule books. Look for them soon at Intergroup, and your Greater Seattle Area meetings!
- There are several evening phone answering shifts available at Intergroup for Homegroups willing to be of service one night a month: From 6-10pm on 2nd Tuesday, 1st, 2nd, and 5th Thursdays, 4th Friday, 1st and 5th Saturdays, and from 2-6pm 1st Sunday of the month. Please contact GSIG for more info 206-587-2838.
- Nightwatch also has shifts available for overnight phone answering please email [nightwatch@seattleaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@seattleaa.org)
- Make sure to get your group's Holiday Festivities and Alco-thon flyers to us for inclusion on the new web site! Lots of fun events are listed! Check it out!
- New mobile friendly GSIG Website is seeing a large increase in traffic, and will require double the bandwidth we used to use! Consider visiting the new site, and if you would like to support it please consider clicking on the "Contribute" button. Groups and individuals can make one time, monthly, or annual contributions.
- As of Mid-December GSIG is very close to break-even for 2018! Thank You to all the groups who contributed to you Greater Seattle Intergroup this year!



**STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Greater Seattle Intergroup  
Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)  
January-November 2018**

Committee	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Hospital &amp; Treatment</u>	<u>Accessibility</u>	<u>PI / CPC</u>	<u>Total Earmarked Funds</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,261.62	\$ -	\$ 2,333.52	\$ -	\$ 6,642.85
YTD Contributions	\$ 7,620.99	\$ 34.00	\$ 4,288.69	\$ -	\$ 11,943.68
YTD Use of Funds	\$ (5,750.83)	\$ -	\$ (2,951.94)	\$ (16.00)	\$ (8,718.77)
YTD Ending Balance	\$ 6,131.78	\$ 34.00	\$ 3,670.27	\$ (16.00)	\$ 9,820.05

**Greater Seattle Intergroup  
Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets  
January-November 2018**

Committee	<u>Corrections</u>	<u>Hospital &amp; Treatment</u>	<u>Accessibility</u>	<u>PI / CPC</u>	<u>Total Expenses Against Budget --Standing Committees</u>
Expenses to Date	\$ 271.49	\$ 1,664.78	\$ 1,236.86	\$ 1,069.09	\$ 4,242.22
Budget to Date	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 5,900.00
Budget -- Full Year	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,300.00

Greater Seattle Intergroup  
Condensed Financial Statements  
November and YTD 2018

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Nov-18	Nov Budget	Jan-Nov 2018	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2017
<b>Income</b>					
Total Retail Sales	20,470	9,430	127,824	126,140	121,697
Total COGS	14,508	5,800	84,023	78,280	82,463
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	5,964	3,630	43,800	47,860	39,235
Gross Profit %	29.1%	38.5%	34.3%	37.9%	32.2%
Group Contributions	6,380	10,060	104,544	113,850	108,013
Personal and Other Contributions	208	650	7,850	7,360	22,528
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	399	530	7,134	6,060	6,903
Special Events Income	21	200	4,776	5,300	5,552
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	12,972	15,070	168,104	180,430	180,228
<b>Expenses</b>					
Expenses--Other	605	390	4,832	5,170	4,698
Paid Staff	8,220	8,340	83,823	91,740	95,528
Rent and Office	6,102	6,560	72,257	72,170	75,110
Standing Committees	172	720	6,956	10,090	9,433
Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	15,099	16,010	167,869	179,170	184,767
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(2,127)	(940)	236	1,260	(4,539)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	-	-	362	360	422
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(2,127)</b>	<b>(940)</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>(4,116)</b>

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Nov 30, 18	Oct 31, 18	Dec 31, 17
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Checking	26,638	28,767	31,768
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	50,210	50,210	40,939
Accounts Receivable	2,361	621	151
Inventory and Other	35,553	36,289	33,081
Total Current Assets	114,762	115,887	105,938
Total Fixed Assets	1,060	1,130	1,830
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>115,823</b>	<b>117,017</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	4,170	2,390	-
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	(41)	(427)	(17)
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	9,905	11,139	6,595
Total Liabilities	14,035	13,102	6,578
<b>Equity</b>			
3001 - Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 - Retained Earnings	100,496	100,496	104,613
Net Income	597	2,724	(4,116)
Total Equity	101,788	103,915	101,191
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>115,823</b>	<b>117,017</b>	<b>107,768</b>

# Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

Submitted by Amy G. (Recording Secretary)

## Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm. Concept Twelve was read by Amy G., Tradition Twelve was read by Norm S.

## AA birthdays

Mike 20 Years

## Roll Call

Active zones present: **6**; 117, 118,124, 131, 132, 142

Active zones absent: **4**; 112, 114, 116, 133

Inactive zones: **10**; 101, 108, 113, 115,134, 135, 138, 139, 140, 141

## Reports

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 the Friday following the Board Meeting. Minutes for November Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer (Mike M.): **GSIG December 2018 Treasurer Report** **THANK YOU**

This is my last official report and it had been a pleasure to serve as your GSIG Treasurer. As can be seen below both Groups and Individuals have stepped up and contributions increased 2018. I expect that when Dec 2018 results are final that GSIG will be break even or show a small net loss. This is a SIGNIFICANT improvement over the past 4 years that had a net loss of about \$10k per year. PLEASE keep up the support we have seen in 2018.

## 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
FY2017	(\$4k)	\$106k	\$35k	\$73k
<b>YTD Nov 2018</b>	<b>\$1k</b>	<b>\$105k</b>	<b>\$20k</b>	<b>\$77k</b>

\* Other is Individuals, Meeting Room rent and Special Events

## Month Only - Nov 2018:

- 1) Group Contributions for the month were \$6k about **\$4k less than budget and \$5k less than prior month**
  - a) My hope is that this trend will not continue, and that Dec 2018 will be on budget and we will break even
- 2) Total Expenses for the month were about \$15k about **\$1k less budget**

3) Net Loss of about \$2k or about **\$1k more than budget**

**YTD - Nov 2018:**

- 1) Group Contributions YTD are \$105k about **\$9k less budget** (budget was for break-even)
- 2) Individual Contributions Room Rent and Birthday Club income are \$15k about **\$2k more than budget**. It is important to note that these represent about **14% of total Group Contributions, i.e. very significant for GSIG**
- 3) Total Expenses are about \$168k and about **\$11k less budget**, primarily due to lower staff costs and Committee expenses

**Cash and Prudent Reserve:**

Total Cash and CDs are about \$76k an decrease of about \$3k from the prior month primarily from a large group contribution of \$2.8k

GSIG is above our prudent reserve of about \$45k represented by the \$50k held in CDs

**Other:**

Attended the following during the month;

- Office Committee
- Finance Committee
- 2020 Committee
- Fremont Triangle monthly business meeting to discuss GSIG

*Written report submitted 12/17/18.*

**Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report**

It was **moved** (Zone 132) and **seconded** (Zone 131) to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

**Motion to Approve 2019 budget:**

It was **moved** (Zone 142) and **seconded** (Zone 117) to approve the Treasurer's Report. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

**Zone 117 (Gary):** Second round of nominations for District positions.

Most positions filled.

Thanks,

Gary McGregor, *Written report submitted 12/18/18*

**Zone 118 (Dave V):** I would like to thank everyone who played a role in my spiritual growth during my term as Intergroup/Zone Rep.

We held our elections this last month and had a great turnout but other than that not a lot is happening. Happy New Year and I look forward to helping at the district level in the New Year.

In service, Dave V. *Written report submitted 12/18/18.*

**Zone 131 (Larry B):** Good day,

December 12th was our district Holiday potluck. Well attended by approximately fifty people. Hope you can all make it next year! Happy holidays and safe new year.

In service, Larry B. *Written report submitted 12/17/18.*

**Zone 132 (Matt H.):** After much discussion on our once a year contributions made to GSO, GSIG and Area 72 split will be done in January 2019 as usual. Elections for District 32 committee chairs and service positions was conducted. The results are: Archives Dillon and Gavin, Bridge the Gap no one, Corrections Sherry and Debbie, CPC Lea, Alt DCM Nick, Treatment Tammy and Linda, Grapevine and Literature Troy, District 32 annual picnic Rob, P&I Tony, School Panel John, Webmaster Aaron, YPPA Sidney, Intergroup rep Matt, Third Legacy Jim, Alt Treasurer Greg Submitted by Zone 132 rep Matt H *Written report submitted 12/18/18.*

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

I report to District 42 meeting second Thursday 7 PM at the Phoenix Club.

I thanked the Groups and individual AA's for their contribution of money, and time.

Several groups answer phones at GSIG: Boiled Owl, Broadview Groups, Fremont.

I handed out Birthday club envelopes. I have now an alternate, Mikey C

In service, Lyle C *Written report submitted 12/18/18.*

**Accessibility Committee (Ceair S., Chair):** Our committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is January 2nd, 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.

**Accessibility Committee Elections:** We held elections for the 2019 rotation. Newly elected trusted servants are:

Jack M – Chair

Lonny J – Secretary

There are other positions available if anyone is interested in being of service in the Accessibility Committee. Elder care, childcare and transportation are just a few sub committees that could use volunteers. Please email, [accessibility@seattleaa.org](mailto:accessibility@seattleaa.org) for more information.

**ASL in AA:** The committee is working on creating a Deaf Community Liaison position/subcommittee within the accessibility committee. This new position would work on scheduling, outreach and overseeing all aspects of ASL in AA, to ensure better organization and communication between the Deaf alcoholic, interpreter and AA groups.

**Thank you GSIG!!**

It has been an honor and a privilege to chair the Accessibility Committee at Greater Seattle Intergroup, thank you for the opportunity to be of service. It was a joy to get to know and work with all of the people involved at GSIG and those who support GSIG.

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)

Thank you! Ceair *Written report submitted 12/21/18.*



**Corrections Committee (Pam H., Chair):**

Elections were held at our November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for the next two-year rotation for 2019-20. Incoming elected trusted servants are: Chairperson-Tami B, Vice-chairperson-Pam H, Recording Secretary-David H, Treasurer-Amy F, and Literature Coordinator-Diane L

Highlights of the past two months: We have more than \$6,000 in our earmarked account so we discussed making funds available to facilities in Area 72 that may be underfunded. Pam H attended the Corrections Quarterly on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Kirkland and reported our intent. Since the Area 72 account was unable to fill some orders at the end of the year, this offer was met with delight. I am bringing the requests back to our GSIG Corrections January meeting for a vote and the books will be distributed upon approval. One of the big advantages to attending quarterlies is networking.

Tami B is working with the website folks to get our information on the new pages. If you want to get involved in corrections check our information online or come to our monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 at Intergroup.

Pam H GSIG Trusted Servant *Written report submitted 12/18/18.*

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Jack J., Chair): Incoming Chair, Erin G.

H&T Chair Report for December 18, 2018:

- Hospital And Treatment meets 1st Saturday at 10 am at GSIG
- a dozen members present, including new reps from Districts 17 and 42, incoming DCM and Alt DCM of D15 and past Area 72 Treatment chair Rodney
- Hospital 12th Steps ongoing: Virginia Mason, Harborview, Swedish and Northwest; new dispatcher Bob G
- elected incoming Hospital and Treatment chair, Erin G, former Empire Way Treatment committee
- approx 20 Bridging the Gaps distributed, with several direct communications
- Next Area Treatment Quarterly hosted by District 18, Renton, January 19, flier available
- facilitated new format at Recovery Place Seattle with AA mtgs 3 days on Inpatient floor and detox panel on 4th weekday
- updated committee on budget status, including planned schedule recycling
- Treatment holiday meetings at Union Gospel Mission, 9-10 AM, 12/25/18 and 1/01/19, coordinated by Adventure Group and Empire Way

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service, Jack J *Written report submitted 12/18/18.*

Office Committee (Aaron C., Chair): GSIG Office Committee Report 12/18/18

The Office Committee convened and went through our agenda items; Office Managers report, Assistant Office managers report, and Treasurers report.

Rotation Time!! We are looking for two possibly three new members!

If you are interested please show up at to the next Office Committee Meeting, January 8th at 6pm down at intergroup. Thank you all for your service. *Written report submitted 12/18/18.*

**Office Manager (Norm S.):** Office Manager Report to the Board of Directors

I am pleased and grateful to submit this Office Manager Report for November 2018.

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate. We will be conducting a physical inventory at the end of the year, most likely December 31 or January 2. The January 2019 schedule books were sent to the printer last Friday, and I proofed a printer mock-up today. As previously reported, the book has gotten thicker, 112 pages instead of 80 pages, due chiefly to easier-to-read fonts. Though the cost to us is higher, we will not increase prices for the January book to give the fellowship some time to evaluate the new design. Our new webmaster, Lee R., worked tirelessly on this first schedule book to be produced from the new website database. I am very grateful to Lee for this effort!

#### Process/Organization—

Office/phone weekday volunteer coverage: Dori L., Thursday morning volunteer, says it is likely she will be moving in late December or early January. We are grateful for her service! Please call Anita if you are interested in this potential opening or in Saturdays from 10-2.

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

Nightwatch shifts: When the December Nightwatch calendar was published, all positions were filled. Our chair, Len T., is taking five positions a month, to ensure coverage. I am sure he would be willing to give up many of these for new volunteers. 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: We have suffered a major heating and air conditioning incident. The replacement of a thermal expansion valve on the York unit has cost nearly \$1,600. This will be capitalized over the remainder of the lease rather than expensed. It will therefore negatively affect cash flow but not the P&L statement in 2018. Depreciation will be taken on this leasehold improvement repair for the next 24 months.

Financial Statements—The financial result for November was a loss of (\$2,100) versus a budgeted loss of (\$900). Group contributions of \$6,400 fell short of the budgeted of \$10,100. Retail sales set a one month record for the last 5 years, exceeding budget by \$11,000, but the extra gross profit on these nice sales failed to make up for the contributions shortfall. Gross profit of \$13,000 was under the budgeted \$15,100, but expenses, our fixed costs, were \$15,100, better than the budgeted \$16,000, chiefly because of less-paid-hours and committee spending. Year to date net income for the eleven months remained slightly positive at \$600, no longer beating the budgeted \$1,600.

Personnel—since the last office committee meeting, I was privileged to facilitate an inventory for our Corrections Committee. Our office will be closed, Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1, for the holidays.

Respectfully submitted, Norm S. [norm@seattleaa.org](mailto:norm@seattleaa.org) *Written report submitted 12/18/18*

Web & Technology Committee (Gail T. Chair): The printed meeting schedule for January is off to the printers This is the first issue with the redesign and the new formatting system. I think the process went well.

Last month I reported about our site outages - we've taken some significant measures to improve security and are waiting for the end of the month to see if they worked.

Our new webmaster, Lee, has started and set up a test site for us. Aaron is our new incoming interim Committee Chair. The new committee has changed their meeting time to the 4th Thursday evenings at 6pm.

I have 2 items to wrap up before the end of the year and my rotation:

1. Get Norm and Anita set up on our website giving portal.
2. I received the content from Tami for the Corrections committee page and I need to get that posted.

Lastly, I want to express my earnest gratitude for this opportunity to be of service to the Greater Seattle area groups. I took this service position begrudgingly, but it's been a truly rewarding experience. Happy holidays, Gail T. *Written report submitted 12/18/18*

**Old Business:** 2020 Committee Discussion Continued with Allison soliciting feedback from the groups represented regarding the Zone structure and the updating of our bylaws to reflect the actual process that the groups in the Greater Seattle Area are using to obtain and share information with GSIG.

**New Business:** **GSIG Board Elections for the 2019-2020 rotation were facilitated by Chair Emeritus Dave T. using the Third Legacy Procedure.**

**Standing for Chair: Mike M., Allison B., Aaron C.**

Ballot 1: Mike: 15 Allison: 4 Aaron: 0

**Chair: Mike M.**

**Standing for Vice Chair: Allison B., Aaron C., Astri T.**

Ballot 1: Aaron: 4 Allison: 5 Astri: 10

Ballot 2: Aaron: 3 Allison: 6 Astri: 10

Ballot 3: Allison: 9 Astri: 10

Ballot 4: Allison: 10 Astri: 9

Motion to go to hat: Astri came out of the hat

**Vice Chair: Astri T.**

**Standing for Treasurer: Aaron C., Alison B**

Ballot 1: Aaron: 9 Allison: 10

Ballot 2: Aaron: 5 Allison: 14

**Treasurer: Allison B.**

Standing for Secretary: Aaron

**Secretary: Aaron C.**

Motion to destroy ballots Zone 142 approved unanimously

**Closing**

It was **moved** (zone 117) and **seconded** (zone 118) to adjourn the meeting. **Motion adopted unanimously.** The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:38pm.

Next GSIG Board meeting: Tuesday, January 15th 2019 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.

### INTERGROUP THANKS

**From** Anonymous in memory of Barbara L. of White Center Group w/50+ years of sobriety \$250, Howard Z \$50, a grateful member \$10, anonymous \$300 and anonymous \$30.

Reservoir Group 12.25 and 12-25: Martin L \$12.25, Rezy R \$15, Mesilla C \$12.25, Mark H \$13, Kimball & Jackie \$25, Margo \$12.25, Mike C \$12.25, Andrew G \$12.25, Pat S \$12.25, Hariett T \$12.25, Sue B \$12.25 and Gwen \$12.25.

# BIRTHDAY CLUB

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

Ron E	Waterfront Group	26 years
Norm S	Principles Before Personalities	1/23/1993 26 years
Maureen S	Happy Hour	12/17/2004
Linda McG	Sober Sisters of Seattle	12/21/1986 32 years
Larry B	Empire Way	11/12/1985 33 years
Janice B	Benson Hill	12/21/1989 29 years
Christine S	Sober Sisters of Seattle	12/21/1995 23 years
Matt H	Serenity After Hours	11/2/2013 5 years
Dawn B	Sober Sisters of Seattle	7 years
Nora S		34 years
Jill H	WBYOBB	1/29/1986 33 years
Tishawna S	Sunday Morning Magic	11/24/2014 4 years
Gary M	Last Chance	1/13/1996
Jeff O	Hot Stove	1/7/2010
Diana L	Sober Sisters of Seattle	6 years 1/1/2013
Todd F	Jaywalker	1-15-2007 12 years
Diana L	Sober Sisters of Seattle	1/1/2013 6 year
Vito M	Empire Way	1/9/1982 37 years

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	\$

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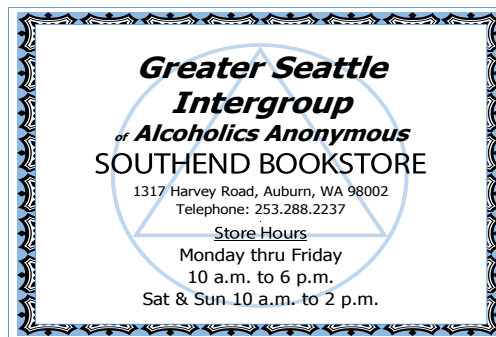
MONDAY	Morning Afternoon	Sharon B and Diane L Bill S and Freda T
TUESDAY	Morning Afternoon	Gary H and Susan D Marci W
WEDNESDAY	Morning Afternoon	Joe M and Gerry L Doug C and Geoff G
THURSDAY	Morning Afternoon	Vito M and Steve B Joe B
FRIDAY	Morning Afternoon	Jon C Bob F
SATURDAY	Morning	Fred P and Jon C

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES: Carolyn B

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

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