



The High & Dry

February 2020



FEBRUARY IN OUR HISTORY

February 1

1918 – Original date set for Bill W.’s marriage to Lois Burnham. The date was moved up because of the war.

February 2

1942 – Bill W. paid tribute to Ruth Hock, AA’s first paid secretary, who resigned to get married. She had written approximately 15,000 letters to people asking for help

February 5

1941 – Pittsburgh Telegram ran a story on the first A.A. group’s Friday night meeting of a dozen “former hopeless drunks.”

February 8

1940 – Bill W., Dr. Bob, and six other A.A.s asked 60 rich friends of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for money at the Union Club, N Y. They got \$2,000.

1940 – Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on A.A. by Larry J.

February 9

2002 – Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's daughter died.

February 11

1938 – Clarence S. ("Home Brewmeister" in 1st, 2nd & 3rd editions) had his last drink.

February 12

1945 – World War II paper shortage forced reduction in size of the Big Book.

February 13

1940 – With about two years of sobriety, Jim B. ("The Vicious Cycle") moved to the Philadelphia area and started the first Philadelphia A.A. group.

February 14

1971 – AA groups worldwide held a memorial service for Bill Wilson.

2000 – William Y., "California Bill" died in Winston Salem, NC.

February 15

1946 – AA Tribune, Des Moines, IA, reported 36 new members since Marty M. had been there.

February 16

1941 – Baltimore Sunday Sun reported city's first AA group begun in 1940 had grown from 3 to 40 members, with five being women.

February 18

1943 – AA's were granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases, despite gas rationing.

February 19

1967 – Father "John Doe" (Ralph P.), 1st Catholic Priest in AA, died.

February 20

1941 – The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.

February 21

1939 – 400 copies of the Big Book manuscript were sent to doctors, judges, psychiatrists, and others for comment. This was the "multilith" Big Book.

February 22

1842 – Abe Lincoln addressed the Washington Temperance Society in Springfield, IL.

February 24

2002 — Hal M., "Dr. Attitude of Gratitude," died. He had 37 years of sobriety. Hal testified, anonymously, before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on December 3, 197

FUTURE TRIPPING

FEBRUARY

15 Sponsorship Workshop 16540 NE 80th St. Redmond, WA 98052

15 Grad School for GSR's (aka GSR School 102) First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup, 412 W Pioneer Ave Puyallup, WA 98371

15 Sponsorship Workshop 16540 NE 80th St. Redmond, WA 98052, 16540 NE 80th St. Redmond, WA 98052

20-23 56th International Women's Conference JW Marriott Hotel, 10 S West St Indianapolis, IN 46204

21 Big Book Study Magnolia Lutheran Church, 2414 31st Ave W Seattle, WA 98199

22 Dawn Patrol Sat Morning Speaker Tibbets United Methodist Church, 3940 41st Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116

22 Bill W Documentary Hosted by District 36 North Bend Theater, 125 Bendigo Blvd. N. North Bend, WA 98045

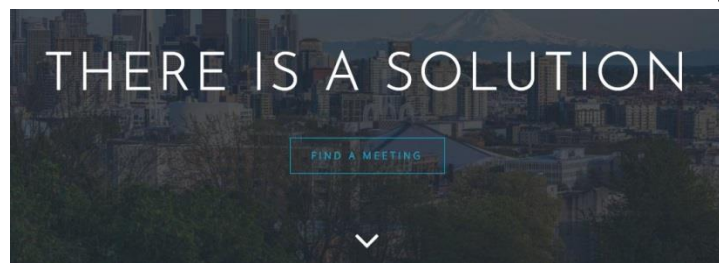
28 10th Annual Blending of Time Conference La Quinta Inn - Tacoma, 1425 E 27th St Tacoma, WA 98421

MEETING CHANGES

Drown the Fear Saturdays 7:30pm Eastside Alano Club (women only)

Primary Purpose Sunday at 7pm at Broadview Group has closed

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Thanks to Our Awesome Daytime Office **Volunteers**

MONDAY	Morning Afternoon	Alexi Bill S
TUESDAY	Morning Afternoon	Gary H and Susan D Marci W
WEDNESDAY	Morning Afternoon	Joe M/ Karin Anita S/Al C/Fred
THURSDAY	Morning Afternoon	Vito M and Steve B Joe B/Al C
FRIDAY	Morning Afternoon	Jon C and Thomas H Freda T
SATURDAY	Morning	Dan G/Clay

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTE: Carolyn B

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.
VOLUNTEERS: : Danny D., Kelly P., Carolyn B.

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER: 253 288 2237

BIRTHDAY CLUB

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

Heidi V.	On Awakening	3 years (6-28-2016)
Kirk B.	On Awakening	7 years (8-11-2012)
Kirk W.	Magnolia Group	16 years (11-28-2003)
Tracy H. 1985)	Women's BYOBB	34 years (12-7-
Jada W.	Lucky Ladies	32 years (2-6-1988)
Steve R.	A New Purpose Group	29 years (1-19-1991)
Lori T.	On Awakening	6 years (1-19-2014)
Alan H.	Red Doors	6 years
Chuck S.	Red Doors	4 years (1-1-2016)
Penny B.	Red Doors	12 years (1-1-2008)
Jim McM.	Fox Hunters	5 years (2-9-2016)
Margaret Y.	Holly Court	37 years (2-1983)
Terry R.	Auburn Group 1	5 years
Carole B.	Saturday Ladies Study Group	14 YEARS
Kathleen S.	Kitchen Group	32 years
Peeps	Holly Court	1 year (1-7-2019)

Name	
Address	
City, Zip	
AA Anniversary and/or # of years	
Home Group	
Contribution enclosed	\$
Return this form to:	Greater Seattle Intergroup 5507 6 th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98108

High and Dry: News and Notes — FEBRUARY 2020

We would love contributions from you. Please share your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and comments with us by emailing us at high_and_dry@SeattleAA.org. We aren't promising that everything sent to us will be published, but we will be reading everything sent our way.

This month we are running three essays written by members on some of AA's foundational literature.

STEP TWO: A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES

By Anonymous

When I first arrived in the rooms of AA I knew I was an alcoholic but I had no belief in God. As an atheist I was immediately put off by the references to a higher power and to God. But I was in bad shape and saw that I needed to stop drinking. So I began going to several meetings a week.

When I heard people share their experiences with drinking I began to feel that I was in a place where I belonged. I met people I liked. One person in particular I remember was an older African American man called Julius. He spoke of his life as a long time hobo, and described himself as an alcoholic and a junkie. He said he had never learned to read or write. He often spoke of his belief in God as his higher power. I was impressed with Julius' humility and sincerity, but his beliefs contradicted everything I believed in. I wanted to accept Julius as a person, so I realized I had to let go of my focus on the contradiction. I had to listen and accept, and when I didn't agree I didn't need to argue. I also saw that my beliefs were important because I was so very important, that the real problem was my ego. My ego was creating a barrier to my acceptance of AA members and the AA program.

I felt that I had a place in AA and was accepted by other AA members. I also felt that AA was my only chance for recovery. I didn't need to change my beliefs, I had to let go of the argument. In time I succeeded at that, and it I was able to embrace AA itself as my higher power. With the help of the program balance and sanity have been restored to my life.

For a long time I thought that an atheist like me had a special difficulty in finding a path to sobriety through the AA program. Now I see my struggle to reconcile my beliefs with the twelve steps of AA was actually a struggle with my ego, and through that struggle I recognized the threat my ego was to my sobriety. If I hadn't struggled with steps two and three how would I have

come to terms with my ego? Now I believe that anyone who arrives in AA will find a personal obstacle to recovery, regardless of their views about God.

CONCEPT II: Groups Delegate Operational Authority

By Astri T.

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference - excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter- the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

In 1937, the Akron and New York AA groups authorized Dr. Bob and Bill to take the lead in spreading the AA message world-wide. As the movement grew, it became clear they would need assistance from non-alcoholic, "trusted servants". In 1938 the "Alcoholic Foundation" was formed, a small trusteeship of AA members and non-alcoholic friends. Over time the Trustees took on most of the responsibilities of the Foundation; financial, publishing, office operation, public relations and the AA Grapevine. Bill and Dr. Bob served in an advisory capacity, but maintained "ultimate responsibility" to AA and its future.

As time passed, Dr. Bob and Bill began to discuss their mortality, making a plan for how the movement could continue to maintain AA's world services. They concluded their "ultimate authority" should be turned over to the AA groups. In 1951, the first General Service Conference met and agreed on a 5-year experimental period in which an attempt will be made to link the Trustees with the entire Fellowship. With the help of non-alcoholic friends, the permanent Conference Charter was constructed. The Original Conference Charter can be found in its entirety on pages S98-S102 of the AA Service Manual (2018-2020 edition).

The charter was confirmed and The Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service were turned over to the Fellowship at the 1955 Convention in St. Louis.

Bill and Dr. Bob who had always had the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" for AA world services, now relinquished that responsibility and authority to the fellowship (Concept I). The question now was, how could thousands of AA members living all over the US and Canada manage the services provided for and by AA, world-wide? How would we collect a group conscience for the day-to-day decision making as well as what actions we would take regarding major issues. A system of delegating actual operating

authority had to be established. The power to speak and act for the groups had to be authorized as well. Therefore the Conference Charter for the General Service Conference delegated the actual voice and effective conscience for our Society to the Conference.

The voice and conscience of the groups gets passed on to the Conference like this: The group members delegate their voice and conscience to the General Service Conference by electing General Service Representatives (GSRs) who meet regularly to hear about and discuss issues affecting AA world services, this generally occurs at a monthly District meeting.

Information received, is then shared with the GSRs group. Every two years they elect a Delegate to carry their voice to the annual General Service Conference. In Western Washington Area 72 (WWA72) our Delegate meets with GSRs at Pre-Conferences, held each spring. GSRs then share information, collect the conscience of their groups and pass that on to our Delegate prior to his leaving for the General Service Conference. Delegates from 93 areas in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico meet in New York, with General Service Board trustees, AA grapevine and General Service Office staff. During the 6 day meeting, the Conference members share and discuss group consciences from their respective areas. Group consciences are then taken at the Conference, decisions and recommendations are made, based on the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society.

Upon returning from the General Service Conference, WWA72 Delegate then shares the information gathered at the General Service Conference with the Area at "Delegate Report Back" gatherings coordinated by groups and districts. In this way we hope, as stated on page 10 of our Service Manual "...to properly delegate and distribute ... authority, responsibility and leadership."

Tradition Two

By Denis F.

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Let's face it drunks don't like to be told what to do, and our disease is so self-centered that we each generally have thought we are always right. Our personal histories show that this characteristic has usually not worked well for us as individuals and most certainly produces chaos and resentments when we individually barge in while trying to govern ourselves. For our organization there is no such thing as individual authority. No one member "directs" or "controls" the actions of the other members of the group.

Though certainly many of us try to do so ignoring the idea of trusted servants. AA is exceptionally different than most organizations: we are not controlled by our leaders, founders, or our loudest voices, we are guided by a loving god speaking through the group conscience.

We operate based on Group decisions and these decisions are arrived at by seeking the "group conscience", a spiritual experience created by every group member trying to get outside of themselves and begin thinking of the other members of their group. After a discussion of all aspects of a given issue, including actively seeking the minority opinion, the group votes on the issue and an agreement is reached by majority vote. The voting, however, is not what is most important, it's the coming together in agreement after deep, deliberate sharing. This coming together is the formation of the "group conscience." When a group of alcoholics agree together on an issue that is a truly spiritual experience.

it's important for each of us to remember that each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, length of sobriety, education, or professional expertise, no member has authority "over" the group. This is how the fellowship reaches out to all who would seek its comfort and provides the atmosphere of a sense of "belonging" to all members.

So, what are leaders?

Tradition Two has been misquoted a bunch of times as saying, "we have no leaders." But the Tradition clearly states: "*Our Leaders.*" Each group does have its chosen leaders, but unique to AA, they simply have no authority over the rest of the group. They are skilled and experienced members who actively seek to aid in the formation of the Group's Conscience. Whether they be the group's GSR or it's Secretary or Treasurer, they have been entrusted with the responsibility to serve the group, not make decisions for it.

Groups clearly have other "leaders" also. There are those, who by sharing their wisdom and strength in the meetings, are quietly recognized by the group as "spiritual leaders." These are those members, who are so well-founded in the principles and traditions of the program, the group turns to when questions arise involving possible violations of our principles and traditions. These too are leaders, but they do not govern either. Old-timers despite their frequently self-involved arrogance do not control their home groups. We alcoholics often experienced condescension and disapproval while we were drinking. We have all suffered enough and certainly don't need to be bossed around in our groups.

2020 Burien Little Assembly

By Larry B. (AltDCM 31)

Good day recovery readers. Please consider helping us make the 2020 Burien Little Assembly an event to remember.

This is the event your friends in recovery are asking you to join them for. This is the assembly of people your sponsor wants you to hang out with.

Here is a chance to get out of yourself and find a way to think about others.

This is where we have a chance to learn how we can be of Service to others.

This might be the day you realize it is less complicated to help others than to keep your "self" happy.

This is the annual assembly of recovering alcoholics with a focus on Service. We gather to share ideas and opportunities regarding how we can be of Service to others. Carrying the message of recovery to someone that wants to have it through a willingness to give of ourselves.

There will be the feeling of being surrounded by others that are going through what you are going through. Many of these people have found the relief that the Service portion of our three legacies will bring.

Unity Recovery and Service – How to continue to grow after we stop drinking. Sharing ideas regarding the event is Service. Planning the event is Service. Being part of the event on the day of is Service. Attending the panels, sharing ideas on the topics, talking to others that show up are all being of Service.

If you think there are barriers to Service please come to the BLA. If the life you lived still bothers you, daily, please come to the BLA.

I would love to see you there – I will be out front greeting all who will attend – please come and help us in our recovery.

Greater Seattle Intergroup Board
Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020
Submitted by Aaron C. (Recording
Secretary)

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

AA birthdays

Nate G. – 2 Marena H. – 5 Dawna H. - 22

Quorum Count

Active Zones Present Active Zones Absent 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132, 141

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Reports

Chair (Mike M.):

Nothing to report.

Vice Chair (Astri T.):

Greetings Greater Seattle AA. The December Assembly was great and that means we are already half way thru this rotation. The winter holidays came and went, then on January 3rd and 4th I attended the Western Washington Area Business Quarterly and gave the GSIG Board Report. Other reports and information received included: Our Stories Disclose (OSD) Committee update; to date there have been 357 stories submitted, there have been 638 books pre-sold (1500 need to be pre-sold to go to publishing).

AAWS Meeting Guide App: Now run, maintained and licensed by AAWS. If you are aware of erroneously listed meetings, duplicate meetings etc. contact the Area 72 Registrar (registrar@area72aa.org) with corrections, also if you need to get new meeting info or meeting changes noted.

Finances look good at the Area level, Treasurers report and the 2020 proposed Budget were approved. New Appointed Trusted Servants Approved: Maryland N is the new Archivist (the previous Archivist had to step down. Will L. is the new Young People Chair (this is a new position approved at the Area Assembly).

Discussion Topics included: #1 Newsletter; ideas on frequency, format & content. This discussion resulted in the formation of an ad-hoc committee to look at how best to serve the Area via the newsletter. #2 Improving Communication; with each other, professionals and with still suffering alcoholics. Resulted in the formation of an ad-hoc

committee to audit our communication practices using GSO Communication Audit as a guideline. #3 Encouraging Diversity of Opinions; at the group, district and area levels. DCMs were encouraged to take this issue back to their districts for feedback. #4 Translation Equipment Availability for use by Districts and Groups. Resulted in request for Language Steering Committee to look into this and come to April Quarterly with a report.

For more a more detailed report please contact your DCM or the Area 72 Secretary (secretary@area72aa.org).

Looking forward, I invite you all to join me for the monthly Service Manual Study held here at GSIG the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. I sent emails to all DCMs served by GSIG offering to visit their District meeting to talk about the history of Intergroup, our current functions and to answer any other questions. I am scheduled to visit District 24 on Feb 5th and District 14 on Feb 11th and am so excited they responded to my email with the invitations. I have also been asked to facilitate a group inventory for the Cute But Dangerous AA meeting on Feb 16th and look forward to meeting with the members of that group.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve Greater Seattle AA.

Yours in Service
Astri

Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):

Nothing to
report.

Treasurer (Allison B.): Quick look at
December financials
(rounded to thousands):

Group Contributions: \$8K (\$1K below budget) **Other Contributions:** \$2K (\$1K over budget. THANK YOU!!)
Retail Sales: \$6K (\$2K under budget)

Expenses: \$15K (\$1K under budget)

Net Income: \$3K loss (budget: \$3K loss)

Cash and CDs:

\$48K

Quick look at 2019
financials (rounded to
thousands):

Group Contributions: \$107K (Last year \$112K: down \$5K) **Other Contributions:** \$14K (Last year \$10K: up \$4K) **Gross Profit from Retail Sales:** \$35K (Last year \$46K: down \$11K)

Total monies to cover expenses: \$170K (Last year \$180K: down \$10K)

Expenses: \$191K (Last year \$183K: up \$8K)

Net Income: \$20K loss (Last year: \$2K loss)

Summary

-For the year, our expenses were under budget by \$6K! Because of the transition in office staff this year, our expenses being up from last year is reasonable.

-It seems to be a trend across AA that retail sales are dropping.

-We cashed out another CD earlier this month.

Recording Secretary (Aaron C.):

December 2019 minutes approved unanimously.

Accessibility (Jack M.)

Nothing to
report.

Archives Committee (Teresa S.):

Verbal report
given.

Corrections Committee (Tammi B.)

The GSIG Corrections Committee hosted a well-attended Area Corrections Quarterly in December. The 7th Tradition raised about \$100 for GSIG. January's Correction Committee meeting was cancelled due to snow. A Corrections 'dog & pony' show at Cherry Fellowship Hall last Fall yielded 14 new volunteers who have been cleared and oriented to go into Federal Detention Center. We are planning to have a table at Burien Little Assembly.

CPC/PI Committee (Jennifer S.)

PI/CPC Report for January Board Meeting

PI/CPC held their monthly meeting at Greater Seattle Intergroup on Saturday, January 18th. We discussed the upcoming Burien Little Assembly on March 14th at Brooklake Church in Federal Way and the schedule for staffing the PI/CPC information table from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Upcoming PI/CPC Area Quarterly is Saturday, February 8th from 9:00am to 3:30pm hosted by District 29 at the Elim Evangelical Free Church, 9421 128th St E, Puyallup, WA 98373.

I attended the last Thunderbird Alumni Meeting/Panel on January 7th to represent PI/CPC and to listen to Esther Lucero, the CEO of the Indian Health Board give information and answer questions about the changes coming to Thunderbird.

We are having a pamphlet packing party at our next monthly meeting in February and all are welcome to attend to make some Health Care and Clergy packets to take back to your groups and share information on how to inform those in helping professions on how to utilize AA as a resource for their patients, clients, and congregants. All are welcome to attend: Saturday, February 15th at Greater Seattle Intergroup at 10:00am.

Newsletter (Peeps):

Nothing to report.

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):

Sent out about a dozen Bridge the Gap forms this month.

We will have a booth at the Burien Little Assembly on March 14th, 2020 with information about Hospitals and Treatment.

This is the last month panels will be taken into Thunderbird Treatment Center before it shuts down in February. People who took panels into Thunderbird that are interested in taking meetings into other facilities, please contact Hospitals and Treatment or join us at our committee meeting.

As of now, there is no official decision on date/location of new facility, but the Seattle Indian Health Board is looking to put something together moving into the future. Recovery Place has requested Big Books and 12x12's for their facility. As of now, we are trying to get donations of Big Books. If you or your group is interested in donating, please leave books in the H&T cubby at Intergroup, or bring them to the next Hospital and Treatment Committee meeting.

Please join us for the H&T Committee meeting the first Saturday of the month at 10 am at GSIG if you are interested in service opportunities or donating literature for RPS.

Office Committee (Richard I.):

Attendees: Dennis, Lara, Mike, Allison, Astri (phone), Richard, Lee (web)

1. Schedule situation and reprint - lee Request for permission to reprint. Lee described how the schedule books got printed wrong. After discussion we agreed he should investigate negotiating for a corrected printing of the schedule. If we get a good deal to print a larger run (20 – 24k) and if we have the available budget (should be about \$5k) then the Office should make the larger print run. It would be titled “2020” and then be used for the rest of the year....with no further printing. This method will allow us to stay within budget and have schedules available.

2. Financials: We reviewed the summary financials. Mike has asked that we try to understand why the Cost of Goods sold is low. 20% vs 30-40%. We briefly discussed possible causes. (product mix, error in booking sales at cost to the “wrong” GL,).

3. Debrief on how the December month end process went: Dennis handled this month's process independently. Just a couple follow-ups. Great!

4. Annual inventory – Mike noted that the annual inventory revealed a “typical” level of adjustment required. Total differences about \$3k. We observed that we still need to make the adjusting entries before the end of January (adjustment will be made to 12/31/19). Mike and Dennis will coordinate this.

5. Hvac install update: Install, Documentation, Additional blower recommendation (request for permission to buy) The install of the new equipment went well. Dennis will follow up with a set of documents from the landlord that validate:

a. We wont owe any unpaid balance for the new equipment if we end our lease before it is “amortized”

b. That the landlord is ok with our choice of vendor for maintenance. Also, the blower in the front meeting room HVAC needs replacement. The attendees “okay’d” the \$600 expenditure necessary to do the replacement by the landlord which will cost Intergroup about \$4.00 per month rent increase for the remainder of the office lease.

6. Performance review process: Richard did informal reviews with Dennis and Lara. They reviewed the form, format and process for the reviews at the end of their first year of service (approximately September 2020).

7. Other

a. Year end controls review – Allison Follow up is ongoing. Finance Committee is settling the details.

b. COLA increase Richard will assist in finding the appropriate data to support the increase from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index of the Seattle-Tacoma Metropolitan Area for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. This was done and final COLA increase for 2020 is 2.1%

c. GSIG “group” inventory Provisional date set for 5/11.
Gail H will facilitate. (Thanks Lara)

d. South End Book Store – proposal to support the bookstore better It was suggested that Lara and/or Dennis work at the bookstore once a month...and also that we grant a small stipend of \$50 to Jim monthly to defray expenses. We discussed the pluses and minuses, the availability of time and money to do this. In conclusion, we decided to authorize Lara to spend 8 hours at the bookstore in January and have her report back on how that went. The concern is that time spent at the bookstore may make it harder to get done the needed work at the GSIG office. We need to know more about how the “drain” on available-time at the office will affect the office. Further we authorized ONE \$50 stipend for Jim. We will decided on a longer term recommendation for how best to support Jim and the bookstore after Lara tries this out for one month.

e. 12th Step Volunteer List update: This is ongoing

Office Manager (Dennis E.):

Nothing to report.

Assistant Office Manager (Lara R.):

I would like to announce the date for the upcoming Greater Seattle Intergroup Inventory. April 11th from 2pm to 6pm. All are welcome to attend and join in the discussion of how GSIG is doing and how we can become stronger in our mission of helping the area groups/committees carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. If your group or district has a liaison or representative this would be an ideal event to attend. Fliers are available at the office and on the website. Just to be clear, this is a time for discussion. There will be no motions made or votes taken. This inventory will be facilitated by Gail H.

If your group/district/committee has any events coming up, please send me the fliers and I will make sure the information is circulated on the website and posted in the office.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude to the fellowship for all that you do for Intergroup. I have had many great conversations with members and have received much support in this new position. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything that you would like to talk about concerning Intergroup and how I can better be of service.

Night Watch Coordinator (Pete K.):

Night Watch has gone through some changes this past month and we have made some great accomplishments at the same time. Bird the current Night watch Chair has decided to rotate out because his rotation was over. I want to say thank you to him for all of the late nights and the great work he did during his rotation to make Night watch committee a stronger committee. Bird has agreed to stay on as a daily coordinator to Night Watch and he will be an advisor to the new chair and the other daily coordinators with his wealth of knowledge.

Pete K has agreed to stay on as the Night Watch chair. One of the biggest changes that we have made was we now have a Volunteer coordinator Mike B. He has been on fire

getting to meetings and reaching out to members of the fellowship and explaining what Night Watch does. With his hard work we have seen a huge increase of volunteer at Night Watch. I want to thank each volunteer for all of their hard work and for those who have taken extra shifts during this time of change with Night Watch. Thank you to Dennis for his support and guidance during this time of change at Night Watch.

Pete K Night
watch Chair

Special Events Committee (Allan C.):

Nothing to
report.

Finance Committee (Carl G.):

Verbal report
given.

Web & Technology Committee (Open):

Nothing to
report.

Third Legacy (James R.):

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(Recording Secretary)

Verbal report given.

Zone 112 A New Beginning Hall (Geoff G.)

A New Beginning Invites everybody to our Birthday meeting the 3rd Saturday of the month at 07:00PM and Speakers meeting the first Saturday of the month at 07:00PM

Event Description: ANB Hall Speakers meeting at 07:00PM Event Date: 02/16/2020

Event Description: ANB Hall Birthday meeting at 07:00PM Cake and coin provided

District 14 (Marena H.)

January has been a busy month bringing in many new GSRs and attendance was high. We had an initial meet and greet with the customary introductions. Our District is still in need of multiple chairs including; Secretary, GVL, and Web. There was much discussion on how we were to record motions being passed with the absence of a Secretary.

Our Agenda items included:

The Area Chair, Heather C. spoke to our District regarding her position and service in general. There was a request by the DCM to create a hospitality chair, which was tabled.

There was discussion involving volunteer help for the Burien Little Assembly and how our district could be of service.

There was a small verbal report given by our DCM and Alt DCM on the Quarterly in Everett, but no formal documentation was provided.

The majority of the time was spent on approving the 2020 District 14 budget. Our district had monetary challenges with our DCM going over budget in 2019. Constructive discussion occurred regarding necessary expenditures and non-necessary spending and how, or if, our budget line items were truly helping the recovering alcoholic. We voted on and approved a change in our disbursements. Our district will now allocate 80% to Intergroup, 10% to AREA and 10% to GSO. There was a request from the DCM for funding from the District to send both him and the Alt. DCM to PRASSA. There was a request for a hard copy of the financials needed for this to occur and that a verbal statement of the numbers was not adequate. This was tabled due to time, because multiple members had to leave and could not be present for the discussion.

FUN EVENTS:

The Group Titanic is having their 4th annual Fellowship Banquet & Speakers' Meeting this Friday, January 24th, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Westside Unitarian Church, 7141 California Ave SW in Seattle. Dinner is at 7:00pm with two speakers starting at 8:00pm.

District 32 (Matt H.)

District 32 meeting was filled by Area conducting a District Inventory.

District 41 (Laura C.)

2020 budget reviewed, recapped 2019 projects
/accomplishments

Planning discussion for 2020 including Pridefest booth, district picnic, treasurers workshop, GSR training workshop

New GSR attended from Magnolia Speakers
Meeting

District 41 has open positions including
treasurer

*Next GSIG Board meeting: February 18th, 2020 at 7 PM at GSIG
Office.*

Seattle Intergroup

JAM NIGHT



Sat March 14, 2020 6:30 - 11pm

5507 6th Ave S, Seattle, 98108 206-587-2838

Come and share an evening of entertainment and fun. All are welcome to contribute any style of performance art they wish.

This is a **family friendly event**.

Feel free to bring snacks or deserts to share with everyone.

PA and microphones provided as well as refreshments.

Signup begins at 6:00pm

Contact Paul T, 253-329-3490 for more information.

The 7th Tradition will be observed to support Intergroup.



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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 members in and around Seattle.

H&D deadline is the 25th of each month.