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# Area 92 Newsletter

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# **Pamphlet P-26 Motion**



At the October Assembly in Post Falls. Ron L.R.. GSR for the Open Eyes Group in Post Falls, brought forward a motion regarding printing of AA pamphlets. The motion called for pamphlet titles to always be on the upper third of the pamphlet cover so that it will show when the pamphlet is stocked in a display rack. "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" (P-26) and "The Twelve Concepts for World Service" (P8) are both titled at the bottom of the pamphlet cover. "LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A." (P-32) and "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" (P-33) are titled in the middle of the page so that the title would be covered by pamphlets in front of it when it's in an AAWS-issued display rack (M-8).

This is a great opportunity to watch how the helpful idea of one AA can affect AA as a whole. It's not a fait accompli (done deal) yet, but here are communications to show us what's happened so far. Thank you to our Delegate, Allen D., for putting our motion forward and keeping us informed as it moves along.

#### October 19-21, 2018

Area 92 October Assembly, Post Falls, ID.

"May it be moved that: All pamphlets published by A.A.W.S. have the title to the pamphlet on the upper third of the front cover, and never on the lower third of the pamphlet."

# Where as: A.A. Tradition is important. Where as: Making A. A. literature easily accessible to the still suffering Alcoholic. Where as: One of A. A.'s slogans is Think, Think, Think. May it be moved that: All pamphlets published by A,A,W.S. have the title to the pamphlet on the upper third of the front cover, and never on the lower third of the pamphlet.

Pamphlet P. 26 as now printed, when placed in a pamphlet rack, even in the front row, it is nearly impossible to see the title. And when it is in any of the upper rows, the title

Y.I.S. Ron, L. R. G.S.R. Open Eyes Group Group Number 0637468 Post Falls, Idaho.

#### November 1, 2018

Hello everyone,

I wanted to give you an update on the motion that was passed by the body at the 2018 October Assembly in regards to the heading change for the Corrections Pamphlet P-26. It has been given to the General Service Conference Vice-Chair of the Literature Committee who is our Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi F. and will be forwarded to

the Staff person on Literature for us. This will insure that it will be on the January Agenda for the Literature Committee.

DCM's please forward this update to all in your respective districts.

In Love and Service, Allen D.

#### November 2, 2018

Good morning everyone,

I wanted to let you know that I had received a phone call this morning from Patrick C. from the General Service office about the motion that we as an Area had passed last month. The location of the heading to the Pamphlet P- 26. He informed me that it is not something that will take a major change to the Pamphlet as a whole, but a simple and important editorial change only. This is something that has happened in the past and should not be a problem to adjust. I will be receiving an update when it has been received and discussed by Steve at the Staff assignment of the Literature committee and will be passing that on to you.

Thank you all so much,

In Love & Service, Allen D.

#### November 8, 2018

Dear Allen,

Greetings from the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics
Anonymous in New York City! My name is Steve S., and I am a GSO staff member. My current duties include serving the Literature assignment as well as responding to inquiries from the Southeast Region, I am glad to be in touch.

Thank you for writing to your Regional Trustee, Kathi Fowler, who forwarded your message to me. Because cover design and format matters fall under the purview of the GSO's Publishing Department, per A.A.W.S. policy, your submission will be forwarded to Publishing for their review and response.

The time and care you and the Open Eyes Group contribute to A.A.'s literature is much appreciated.



Hopefully this information is helpful, let me know if we might assist in any other way.

All of us at GSO send our very best! In fellowship,

Steve S. GSO staff 212.870.3019

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# **Delegate and Officer Reports**

#### Delegate - Allen D.

Good Day Area 92.

Bill W. said on pg. 243 in Language of the Heart: "From the beginning, communication in A.A. has been no ordinary transmission of helpful ideas and attitudes". With that said, I can't stress enough the importance of communication within our fellowship. I emailed to you all I have received from the General Service Office, at times asking for feedback. Unfortunately, only a few of you have responded. I know a lot of you have great ideas and concerns you have expressed in the past. Please let me hear your voices!

The end of the year is not too far from us and the beginning of the new Agenda topic conversations have hopefully already begun in your homegroups and Districts. This, I hope, is coming from the Proposed Agenda items which you have recently received.

I would also like to update you on the motion that was submitted to the GSO by Area 92 regarding A.A. Pamphlet 26. It has been handed over to the GSO Publishing Dept. and will be under review. I will forward their response to you as soon as I can. Communicating information from the General Service Office to you has been my focus since becoming your Delegate.

This past week I was contacted by Graham F. with the WACYPAA Committee asking for assistance with translation equipment from our Area for their conference coming up the first weekend in January. I'm happy to say that we will be able to help. Our Translation Chair Lisa G. will be working with Graham.

Conference calls with the Pacific Region Delegates and Pacific Region Trustee have been so Important with the discussion of the October Board meeting at GSO. We also met some of the new delegates from the Areas across the US that elect during the even number years. It seems like I was congratulating someone almost daily. This is something I experienced after I was elected. I remember the feelings that came over me when that was happening. Wow!

I have been graciously invited to attend a 9<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Traditions and Concepts meeting in Dist. 25 on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The following Sunday I will be in Pasco for their Spanish Intergroup Anniversary meeting. What an exciting ending to a great year in service. I'm hoping for a break in action through the holidays and then it kicks right back into gear.

I'm looking forward to our 2019 Area 92 functions, plus PRAASA, PNC and the General Service Conference in May 2019. It's going to be a busy year.

Please, always remember the importance of communication within our fellowship.

In Love and Service, Allen D.

Life is a smorgasbord and You're First In Line!!!



#### Chair - Debbie T.

November is gratitude month and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you, and for those who attended last month's Assembly, especially first-time attendees and new GSR's. Thank you to District 8 for an incredible job hosting!

And thanks to the Inventory Committee for their hard work, especially to Scott R and Gene D for facilitating. The Area Secretary will send a copy of the minutes of the inventory to DCMs and the DCMs will ensure that the information is forwarded to the GSRs by December 31 of this year. Per our handbook, a follow up report will be given at the April 2019 Pre-Conference Assembly. Our new website is a direct result of our last inventory. There were many great ideas this year. I look forward to the results. I will be reviewing the inventory with the Standing Committee Chairs and Officers.

If you have ideas for a motion, please share your ideas with as many others as you can. Remember our resources, including but not limited to, Standing Committees, Past Delegates, and Officers. The newsletter is another way to communicate. It's not only alright to discuss your idea with others, its encouraged. That is how we come to an informed group conscience.

I have been eagerly reading the final Conference Report distributed at the Assembly. I have many items highlighted for reference as I continue to learn about our service structure. Every day I am grateful for this program. I share my experiences with others, so this program will be here for the still suffering alcoholic.

Gratefully in Service, Debbie T.

#### Alt Chair - Diana M.

It was great attending the Assembly in Post Falls. District 8 did a great job of hosting it. It was so good to meet so many new GSRs from the area. We will be seeing you at either in Kennewick or Winthrop in April.

The only event I've been to since the assembly is District 12s Gratitude Banquet in Twisp. Gary P., our Alternate Delegate, was the speaker and did a great job. We had lots of fun and fellowship especially the food and raffle baskets.

This is the quiet time for the Area so I've been taking advantage of it for a bit but the committee will continue to meet and discuss website issues which we will keep you updated about. Please remember to forward me any flyers you want posted to the website calendar.

If you need help or questions regarding the website or hosting an event, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:area92altchair@gmail.com">area92altchair@gmail.com</a>.

Yours in service, Diana M.

#### Treasurer - Cameron J.

Greetings Area 92.

For the month of October 2018:

Income was: \$2,700.16 and expenses were \$5,848.40

Our ending bank balance was \$4,163.55

Thank you for all your assistance in helping carry the message If you have any questions or want more details please call, email or text.

Cameron J.

#### Alt Treasurer - Jan R.

Hello AREA 92.

It was so fun to see everyone at the Assembly in Post Falls. Thank you District 8 for a wonderful experience.

The total cash flow for October is: \$2700.16

Of that amount there were \$37.33 and \$67.07 deposited from PayPal, after a service fee of \$5.60 on the original amount of \$110.00. There was a card purchase return (over charge) from Double Tree for \$331.76, two deposits: \$1,608.99 and \$655.01 and 12 handbooks purchased at \$10.00 each (\$120.00).

#### The most recent contributors are:

*Grupo Fortaleza Y Esperanza \$30.00	*Ben N. 10.00	*Dave McC \$10.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Things 1 <sup>st</sup> \$10.00	DP Saturday Live \$58.00	Dry River Rats \$130.00	Fort Sherman \$60.00
Noon Non Smokers \$270.00	Positively Sober Group \$50.00	Deer Park BB Study \$25.00	Twisp Group \$60.00	Sunday HP Meeting \$25.00	Sisters in Sobriety \$10.00	Richland Fellowship \$147.00
Noon Group \$60.00	Rx for Living \$84.00	WIES \$27.51	Get the Spirit \$30.00	Happy Hour \$344.55	Off 53 \$65.00	Daily Reprieve \$52.93
Down River Staying Alive \$150.00	Minnehah a Fun Group \$20.00	Northside Miracles \$40.00	G.O.D. \$25.84	Women's Book Study \$45.00	Early Birds \$100.38	5:15 \$200.85
No Resentment \$25.00	District 15 \$50.00	Eye Openers \$98.00	Rocketed Into the 4 <sup>th</sup> Dimension \$50.00	District 22 \$968.00 (overage)	Libby AA Book Study \$100.00	Grupo Milagros \$20.00
Grupo Solo Por Hoy \$20.00	District 25 \$30.00	District 4 \$200.00	Intergrupal Medio Este \$33.00	District 21 \$20.00	District 16 \$40.00	*Marie G. \$10.00
*Daniel M.	*Ivan V.					

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Our UPS mail contractor re-mails your contribution to the Alternate Treasurer roughly every other week.

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This report includes all monies received including: Birthday, Individual, Group and District Contributions, Seed Monies Returned, Balance of Excess Funds and Reimbursements.

I am pleased to report that most Districts have contributing Groups. Will all DCM's please take the responsibility to review inactive groups with the Area Registrar.

During your District meetings please encourage your members to include:

#### Group Name, Group ID Number and District #

on their contribution(s) to expedite acknowledgement in the Area Newsletter and so that I give proper credit to the contributing groups. The District # will really expedite my passing back all the receipts properly. If you are sending in a group donation from a personal account, please include the group's name. I still occasionally receive contributions without enough information. Also, please include a return address, and a contact phone number/email if you have one for any follow up questions. Note cards are available at the events. These are to fill out complete group information and return to the alternate treasurer. Thank you everyone!

Respectfully submitted, Jan R

# **Area Trusted Servant Reports**

#### Corrections - Ben N.

Greetings WSEA 92 Alcoholics Anonymous!

Nearly 40 people attended the Corrections Workshop Area 92 joint-ventured with District 7 in Clarkston, WA on Oct 27. The trial "Sharing Session/TPI – Total Participant Involvement" format turned out quite successful. The day was carried by constructive input from the "new" and the "experienced", offering a sense of "being a part of" and ownership for everyone, especially the new folks interested. We added five new people to keep informed on the Area Corrections Committee email list! The day concluded with an incredible guest speaker, our very own Area Corrections Bridge, Lori T. Thanks again to District 7 and all who joined us for the day!

I was able to share this workshop concept the following week at the National Corrections Conference. It was exciting sharing the details of this approach with many interested Areas as well as our GSO Corrections coordinator; particularly with respect to the manner of attraction for the newcomer. The second annual National Corrections Conference was an experience in AA service I will long remember. It was my privilege to represent WSEA 92. The Conference brought to full light the absolute need to continually communicate and improve the effort of carrying the message of hope to our friends behind the walls. Three days of panels, speakers, and workshops/discussions kept me hopping; gathering information, taking notes and sharing our experiences from here at home. You may look forward to a complete, in-depth report in the near future.

Start an old Grapevine drive in your District! Our friends behind the walls love em!

Always grateful to serve, Ben N.



To get to where you've never been You have to go a way you've never gone.....

#### CPC - Rexann H.

Greetings.

I attended the assembly in October in Post Falls. This coming week I am meeting with several districts in the Spokane area to share ideas about getting the message out to some professionals in the Spokane area. We will also be discussing plans for the CPC luncheon that is slated for the spring.

If there are any other districts out there who would like help with getting the message to professionals, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Service, Rex H.

#### GV/Lit - Gary H.

This year has been very busy and enjoyable, having visited many districts and meeting so many nice people. I have attended every area function, a few roundups, and PRASSA in Sparks, Nevada. Two round ups invited me to set up literature displays and sale items.

Both Grapevine and AAWS have new publications, as well as new covers for books and pamphlets. "The God Word" is coming soon. Two new books from Grapevine are the "AA in the Military", and "One Big Tent".

I highly recommend a Grapevine subscription. If you already have a subscription maybe you could gift one to someone else. A Grapevine subscription also gets you access to the online app for the monthly issue and weekly stories.

Last month's Grapevine has a story that was submitted by our Chair, Debbie T. It's on page 35. Anybody can submit a story to the Grapevine for publication.

I would like to thank all those Districts and individuals for purchasing literature through the Area channels. It saves you shipping and there is never any tax.

Please note that I will not be attending the December Standing Committee Workshop.

On a better note, I have 30 new large print Service Manuals. I can and will send them out to whoever would like purchase one, \$8.20.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your area GV/ Lit chair YIS Gary H.

#### Newsletter - Rainey M.

Thank you for the great feedback on the newsletter. The articles people contribute really make it more fun, don't you think? I was asked why the newsletter is going into a prison. That's because there is an AA meeting in Airway Heights Corrections Center – The Landing Place Group. That group is active in AA. They have contributed to the Spokane Central Office, and even donated a basket to the Central Office picnic one year with the help of a spouse outside the walls. They've been faithfully sending in their stories every month. Check them out! If you doubt AAs in prison are sincere, think again. The Landing Place has a special place in my heart, I can tell you that!

Heartily, Rainey

#### Secretary - David R.

Hello Everyone.

I've been busy working on the minutes for the meeting of the Area 92 Inventory Committee which is very interesting. I want to thank all of you for your input at the October Assembly. I also want to thank District 8 for hosting such a swell Assembly.

I am also busy with updating the Handbook. Our committee will be meeting via conference call and e-mail. The Handbook Committee is comprised of the following members: Scott R, D26, Chris J, D26, Gene D, D7, Stan T, D8, Paula T, D8 and Jan R., D8. We will have the updated Handbook ready and for sale at the January 2019 Quarterly in D4. I hope to see many of you there!

Yours in service,

David

#### Treatment/Accessibility - Brian S.

Greetings Area 92 from Yakima. The Assembly in Post Falls was a great success. Thanks to District 8 for a job well done. It was great seeing the G.S.R. turnout, and the participation by all. Looking forward to the Standing Service Workshop in December.

Y.I.S. Brian S.

# **How I Found A.A.**

Hey, what's up? My name is Josh. I'm in recovery for the 1<sup>st</sup> and longest time ever and I am grateful for it. I am like almost anyone else who found a positive group where I can be me without being judged. Who would have thought I would have found it in a prison AA meeting?

How did I find AA? Well, that's easy. Part of my J&S (judgment and sentencing) is that I take a chemical dependency (C.D.) class. When I arrived at Airway Heights, I knew I needed to take an AA or C.D. class of some sort and since it has been so hard to get into C.D., I took it upon myself to sign up for AA on a Wednesday night. I was quiet for the first 12 sessions I went to, but I quit going. A month later I was enrolled into a C.D. program and was told I had to attend 2 self-help groups a week. A list was provided of classes and dates to attend AA meetings, so I picked Saturday. And the rest is history.

This group was different from the first AA meetings I attended. I had this sense of relief, a positive vibe from all the people in the room. I also knew some of the people which also eased my mind. I started to roam, curious about what to expect. Everything was organized. They had a secretary and a group of people who volunteered to read from cards. You weren't pushed to speak and when someone did talk, it was encouraging. My second meeting was the same and at my third, I stepped out of my box and volunteered to be secretary. Was I nervous? Yeah, because speaking isn't a big thing for me, and I didn't think I had anything to give someone who is in the same box. But I guess I did alright. I was complimented and everything, which was an ego boost. That made me want to sign up more and now I'm scheduled to secretary 2 more times in the coming months.

Each time I go to the Landing Place Group (LPG), my confidence is built up. I am

inspired by the individuals who step out of their comfort zone and tell their life story. There is no judging, which is a shock, being that I'm in a place where it seems as though judging is the norm.

Anyway, to summarize, the Landing Place Group is my free place to be me. It helps me each time I go, to put the past behind me and to not be fake. Each time I go back, I am opening my circle to others. It has also helped me deal with the problems I have buried inside that led me to drinking and using in the first place.

I just want to thank everyone involved with this program for supporting me in my recovery as well as driving me to be the best me. So thank you, Landing Place Group.

Thanks for listening.



#### **STEP 11**

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

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# **DCM Reports**

#### District 2 - Doug M.

District 2 had 8 groups represented at the Area Assembly last month in Post Falls. It was a great Assembly hosted by District 8, who did a great job. District 2 is looking for a new Treasurer to replace Erin D. whose two-year term is expiring. We would like to thank Erin for her service.

#### District 3 – Hoss B.

Hello friends. Greetings from District 3.

The assembly was well attended and appreciated. We had five groups represented there. District 3 is hosting the Christmas and New Year's Alkathons this year, so we have been busy planning and getting things ready.

The dates and times for the showings of the Bill W. documentary at the Alano Club in Spokane are December 2 at 2 PM and December 16 at 6 PM. Please come and enjoy these films with us.

Also, please join us at the District meeting at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month at Corbin Senior Center 827 W. Cleveland Ave., Spokane, WA 99205.

In love and service, Hoss B.

#### District 6 - Anna V.

Greetings from Yakima. Recovery steps up with the colder weather, rooms getting fuller. Whatever brings us together, we stay responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help. Lots of gratitude in the air as well. I am thankful to work with amazing people who are tolerant enough to lead the way. Always after an Assembly or Quarterly I feel stronger, more determined, refreshed to be the best version of myself and do my best. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, hoping your holiday is filled with lots of love and friendship.

Yours in service, Anna

#### District 7 - Heather W.

We held our annual Gratitude Banquet on Saturday, November 3rd. Lots of good food and fellowship. District 7 will be hosting the December Area 92 Standing Committee Workshop on December 8th. I've included a flyer.

#### District 9 - Monte B.

Hi, it's Monte, the DCM for District 9. I made a mistake a while back, letting my ego take over, but my friend helped me get over that and wanted me to remain the DCM. but enough about me. District 9 will have had the Gratitude Banquet by the time you read this. It was on 11-10-18. Our District meeting was on 11-11-18.

Hope everything is ok with everyone including myself.

Thank you. Love all of you, Monte B.

#### District 10 - Jerry M.

The month of October was fantastic! District 10 held a pumpkin carving day and on recovery night there was a great turn out and Halloween festivities. Birthday night in Cle Elum is getting larger.

October birthdays: Nate S. -30 days; Cody -60 days; Mearea -4 months; and Travis R. -1 year

#### District 12 – Cindy H.

District 12 wishes Happy Fall to Area 92!

October took our DCM, Cindy H., to Post Falls, ID for the Fall Assembly. She hopes to be part of putting together a GSR school for incoming GSR's in the coming year.

Our Gratitude Banquet was held November 3<sup>rd</sup> and was well attended. There were amazing raffle baskets, and we appreciated the message our Alternate Area 92 Delegate, Gary P. of Wenatchee, shared on gratitude. His message was echoed in a Sunday morning AA meeting the next day. The food at the banquet was plentiful and delicious, fellowship was fun, and our sobriety countdown totaled 943 years and 84 days. Our longstanding member Ed, of Wauconda, presented a Big Book signed by all those in attendance to our newest member who had two weeks of sobriety.

All is well in District 12 with our meetings growing in attendance, and the eyes of those in early sobriety lighting up with that sparkle of waking up and enjoying the benefits of our way of life. We have women's ornament exchanges planned in the Methow Valley on December 8<sup>th</sup> and in Omak on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Christine K., District 12, Recording Secretary

#### District 14 - Jeff T.

Hi, Hello, how are you. This is Jeff from Dist. 14, located in the northeast corner of the Area. A few good things have happened in the Newport, Priest River areas. New meetings - The "Wednesday Morning Meeting "8 am at the Pine Ridge Community Church at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Newport. And there's a women's' meeting on Mondays. I don't have all the details. So that brings us to about 57 meetings so far as I understand. I love being a witness to the growth in AA.

Coming soon on the day of the full moon (Nov. 22), a Thanksgiving meeting at noon followed by the bird and all that goes with it. It's a potluck, so a side dish if you can. This will be happening at the Gardenia Center in Sandpoint ID. Ya might find a flyer at <a href="https://www.district14-aa.org">www.district14-aa.org</a>.

I missed my 1<sup>st</sup> Area gig since I got involved in service. Was sicker than usual (sweats and chills). I missed seeing you guys and gals.

And now a Step 11 thought. "Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives." "Nevertheless, we find that our thinking will, as time passes, be more and more on the plane of inspiration. We come to rely upon it."

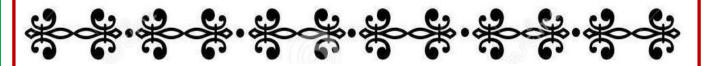
May the force be with you. Jeff

#### District 15 - Neat M.

A-a-a-h – November – Gratitude month! There are so many blessings to be grateful for: no raging wildfires; much need rain; snow is coming for winter enthusiasts; hunting season; the holidays; Gratitude Banquets; and – at the top – our gift of sobriety! What's on your list today?

We had a wonderful turn-out at the Friday night Deer Lake Retreads on Oct 26. It was their birthday celebration night, complete with cake and ice cream. It was also a meeting to express our love and gratitude for Mick as we said our farewells. He started that meeting and has been faithful to make it a welcoming place for those in recovery, especially newcomers. God speed, Mick, as you head to Massachusetts! A big thanks to Randy for stepping up to keep the meeting alive for the still suffering alcoholic.

Our Gratitude Banquet is on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. I know we'll have a great time. Social hour is at 5pm. Dinner, complete with ham and turkey, is at 6pm. And our speaker, Mo, is at 7pm. Colville Community Church at Elm & Hawthorne.



#### TRADITION ELEVEN

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films."

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#### District 17 - Brande G.

District 17 is doing well. We hosted a service workshop with District 3 last month. It turned out great! Alternate Delegate Gary will be here from Yakima to lead a GSR School. We tentatively have that scheduled for February 5th. Our business meetings have been well attended. Our next meeting will be on November 13th at 6:00pm.

#### District 19 - Steve H.

Our business meeting was held on Oct 28th, 2018 at 1:00 in the Alano Club in Moses Lake, WA. There were 9 in attendance including myself and we discussed our finances, corrections and Grapevine/literature. We have a member who has a pen pal in a Florida State corrections facility for Women and I was asked to see if we could get a big book to the inmate directly. I looked on the website and found that yes, we could... That is the WSAA website, and it has directions on how to mail inmates literature directly to them from WSAA...and so it happened. We all still like ice cream even though it is sooo cold outside. PRASSA, wheelchair accessibilities and the "Go to meeting app" were also announced

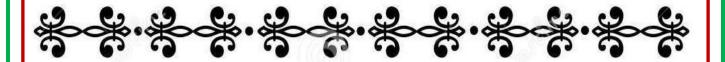
#### District 22 - Dennis D.

All is well in district 22! So thankful for the area conference/inventory. It ran very smoothly and was much appreciated. Our district was represented well by five people. Our next district meeting is Sunday 11/11, 4pm at the downstairs conference room at Gritman Medical Center on South Main in Moscow. Committee chairs and committee members meet prior to the district business meeting in the same place—3pm. We had around thirty people at our October district meeting which was very gratifying.

Gratitude banquets are springing up all over the district. Including the Colfax Gratitude Banquet on Friday 11/16 at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds, just outside of Colfax. Fellowship starts at 4pm, (main dishes for the potluck are being supplied—please bring a dessert or salad—starts at 5:30pm, and dual speakers at 7pm).

Happy Sober Autumn AND happy sober Thanksgiving.

Dennis D



#### **CONCEPT XI**

"The trustees should always have the best possible committee, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."

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November 2, 2018

Dear trusted servant,

We are pleased to announce that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., has licensed the Meeting Guide technology. Meeting Guide was launched in November 2015 and provides a platform for local A.A. entities (Areas, Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts, etc.) to post their local A.A. meetings and currently provides information to more than 100,000 users, reflecting some 86,000 meetings. Since the meeting information is all made available through the app's mobile-friendly interface, those seeking a meeting have a simple, one-stop place to look.

The collated meeting information will be available in the future through G.S.O.'s website, www.aa.org, and will be a component of the proposed A.A.W.S. app. The intent of incorporating the Meeting Guide component is to make it easier for members to find A.A. meetings.

A.A. Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts and Areas that provide online meeting lists are invited to have their meetings displayed through the Meeting Guide. If you are already synchronizing your meetings through the Meeting Guide app there is no additional action necessary. When the new aa.org website launches at some point in 2019, your information will be seamlessly included.

Please note the meeting information database will operate completely independently from the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database that is currently supported by G.S.O. Meeting Guide is a separate tool that offers A.A. entities full control of their local meeting information and collects it in one place. Users of this new portal will be linked to the service entity providing the information. Participation is, of course, voluntary, but the more connected the service is to the Fellowship as a whole, the more powerful a tool it will become.

The current listing of Intergroups and Central Offices and other local entities in "A.A. Near You" on aa.org will not be impacted. Those wishing to contact A.A. in their community will still have access to the information that is currently available on the site.

We have developed instructions about how to connect with this new resource at <a href="https://meetingguide.aa.org">https://meetingguide.aa.org</a>. If you have any questions about this initiative or how to synchronize your meetings to this database, dedicated support is in place. We welcome your input and suggestions.

In fellowship,

G. Gregory T

# **District 25 in the Spotlight!**

**District 25** is a linguistic district that includes Yakima, Wapato, Toppenish and Cowiche (official address says Tieton). Cowiche has the northernmost and westernmost meeting and Toppenish has the southernmost and easternmost. There are seven groups in District 25 that hold a total of 35 meetings/week. Meetings are held in community centers and no two groups meet at the same place. Every meeting is an hour and a half long.

The largest group is in Toppenish. The smallest group is Solo por Hoy in Yakima. Grupo Nuevo Camino is the oldest group. Groups host anniversary parties. Also each month a Traditions Workshop is held at a different group.



The DCM communicates with the groups in person by going to all seven groups. The District meeting is the second Sunday and moves around to all seven meeting places. Twelve to fifteen people come to the district meetings! District 25 has no active committees at this time. The biggest challenge District 25 faces is learning from other Districts for the new DCM. Welcome, Liberato! Fortunately, Liberato loves the learning!

The Oficina Intergrupal del Medio Este de Washington is located at 50 Bethany Rd, in Grandview [(509) 830-6723]. District 25 is included on the website. <a href="http://www.oimewa.org/">http://www.oimewa.org/</a> Each meeting has a contact person listed.

# **Proposed Agenda Items for 2019 GSC**

"The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine. The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing and item on the agenda in the most effective way – or, when the suggestion does *not* concern overall policy, for routing it to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

If a G.S.R. has an idea for an agenda item, chances are he or she will want to discuss it first with the group, then at a district or area meeting, which can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. currently serving as Conference coordinator. An A.A. who is not part of the general service structure can give the idea to the group's G.S.R. or write directly to the Conference coordinator.

Whatever its origin, any agenda item follows the same path to the Conference agenda: The A.A. staff studies it in the light of previous Conference actions, then passes it on to the trustees' Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference committee. Usually, the trustees' committee determines the most appropriate way of programming it – as a workshop or presentation subject, a proposal, or a committee concern."

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Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 2019 General Service Conference\*

As of 11/8/2018 32 Items

Conference committee agendas. These proposed items will be reviewed by trustees' committees, who may forward them to a Conference committee, keep them at the Board level for additional background and consideration, or route them to the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards. The final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting. Below is a list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. These proposed items are not the final agenda items for the

Item	Date Received	Proposed Item	Forwarded to	Status
	10/24/17	Create a list of questions to aid those interested in starting or improving their archives.	Trustees' Committee on Archives	Under consideration by trustees' committee
2	10/26/17	10/26/17 In the pamphlet named "Members Of The Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous", on page 11, under the subheading, "What are AA Meetings Like?" add the text from the "Blue Card" to define Closed and Open Meetings.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Took No Action: The committee noted that the current language in the pamphlet adequately explains the difference between open and closed meetings.
က	10/26/17	10/26/17 That in pamphlet P-31 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community" under the section titled "What can you expect from A.A.?", under subsection 3 the first sentence, "They may help arrange hospitalization.", be removed.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Forwarded to Conference Committee on C.P.C.: The committee agreed to forward the request to consider removing text in the section "What can you expect from A.A.?" in the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
4	12/12/17	12/12/17 Consider a request that the Guideline "Cooperation with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs" be revised and updated to reflect the changing quantities, populations, formats and impact of Sobriety Courts, Drug Courts, Treatment Courts, Mental Health Courts, Healing Courts and Veterans Courts on the meetings and groups that are willing to cooperate with such programs.	Trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Took No Action: The committee discussed potential alcoholics coming to A.A. through court referrals and requested that the staff secretary update the A.A. Guidelines on Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs to better reflect what A.A. is and is not.
ro.	3/16/18	Consider adding a service item that lists the items from the pamphlet, "The A.A. GroupWhere it all Begins" on page 39 outlining the things that A.A. does not do in a poster form.	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action: The committee agreed that "what A.A. does not do" is adequately addressed in current literature (i.e., the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" and flyer "Information on A.A.") and that there is no widely-expressed need from the Fellowship to provide the information in additional formats.

<sup>&</sup>quot;May include items submitted for a previous year, but still under consideration by a trustees' committee.

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Received	9/7/18 That the Confer the wire rack, as message to the	9/20/18 That work begin Anonymous.	9/23/18 All Agenda Item Conference Cor	9/24/18 That the General Service Editor/Publisher to hire are publication the story of the present with inclusion of a	10/8/18 That the Trustees Comm adding the Short form of 1 AA Service Manual.	10/8/18 That the Trustee adding the Shor back cover of th	10/15/18 Consider transle language – at a	10/17/18 That conference correcti related literature in order	10/17/18 A.A.W.S. design a simple Twelve Concepts for Wor
	That the Conference consider producing a plastic pamphlet rack, rather than the wire rack, as a way for members and local committees to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.	That work begins on the development of a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.	All Agenda Items for Censure or Reorganization Be Forwarded Directly to the Conference Committee on Trustees.	That the General Service Conference authorize the Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher to hire and oversee a writer to research and draft for publication the story of the Grapevine (including LaVina) from inception until present with inclusion of a chapter in the spirit of "A Vision For You."	That the Trustees Committee responsible for Report and Charter consider adding the Short form of the Twelve Traditions to the inside front cover of the AA Service Manual.	That the Trustees Committee responsible for Report and Charter consider adding the Short form of the Twelve Concepts of World Service to the inside back cover of the A.A. Service Manual.	Consider translating the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous into plain language – at a fifth grade or similar reading level.	That conference corrections committee undertake a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.	a simple pamphlet to help AA members and groups apply the s for World Service at the group level.
O walded to	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	A.A. Grapevine	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	A.A.W.S. Publishing Department	Trustees' Committee on Literature	Trustees' Committee on Corrections	Trustees' Committee on
Cigino	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: This is not a policy item for the GSC. The Production Manager responded that the search is ongoing for a manufacturer of a good quality plastic literature rack that can meet our needs and is cost effective.	Under consideration by trustees' committee	Took No Action: The committee agreed that it is important to follow our proposed agenda item process and initially submit any item to an appropriate trustees' Committee.	Pending	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.	Forwarded to G.S.O.'s Publishing Department: For consideration in the thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual recommended by the 2018 Conference.	Pending	Pending	Pending

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### The Area 92 Newsletter - Published Monthly

The Newsletter is our primary mode of general communication in Area 92 and relies on the submissions of each of us: our DCMs, GSRs, Elected Officers, Appointed Chairs, and Delegates, Past and Present, as well as any member of A.A. within Area 92. Geographically, Area 92 includes Eastern Washington, north Idaho, western Montana and Milton-Freewater in Oregon.

Submissions: Any member of A.A. may submit information, questions, reports, ideas, or discussion points to the editor. All submissions are subject to editing for grammar, sentence structure and spelling. Any opinions expressed herein are not endorsed nor approved by A.A. as a whole nor is any article or activity published herein endorsed by A.A. as a whole except when Conference approved literature is quoted.

#### **District Reports are easy!**

Have you had a district meeting? When? Where? How many people came? Did you attend any events? Are you planning any events? Please tell Area 92 what is happening in your District. Send a short announcement to the Area 92 newsletter about your District's activities in the past month and plans for the future.

# <u>Important</u>

Submissions <u>deadline is 5:00 P.M.</u> (Pacific Time) the <u>10th</u> of each month, with an approx. 250-word limit.

# **Submission Methods**

Email: area92newsletter@gmail.com

**US Mail:** Area 92 Newsletter

PO Box 179

Valleyford, WA 99036

Text: 509-279-5640

Thank you!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov	16	Fri	Colfax Cratituda Patluak 1:00nm at Palausa Empira
NOV	10	ΓII	Colfax Gratitude Potluck 4:00pm at Palouse Empire Fairgrounds (4.2 miles W of Colfax on Hwy 26) contact Mike R. 509-397-9143
	17	Sat	Cle Elum Gratitude Banquet/Potluck 6:00pm at Cle Elum Senior Center 719 E 3rd
	21-23	Wed-Fri	Thanksgiving Alcothon from noon Wednesday until 6:30pm Friday at Alano Hall 425 E Borah in Coeur d'Alene
	22	Thr	Thanksgiving Alcathon from 10:00am to 7:30pm at Advent Lutheran Church 13009 E Broadway, Spokane Valley contact Shannon W. (520) 303-8530
Dec	8	Sat	Standing Committee Workshop 10am-2pm at Salvation Army 1220 21st St in Lewiston, ID contact Heather G at hgreene262@gmail.com
	9	Sun	New Freedom Group Holiday Potluck/Speaker Meeting 5:30pm at Pullman Presbyterian Church 1630 Stadium Way in Pullman, WA contact phone 509-251-9939
	15	Sat	Holiday Workshop 1:30pm - end at Alano Hall 425 E Borah in Coeur d'Alene contact Benjamin G. (360) 713-2374
Jan	18-19	Fri-Sat	January Quarterly at United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties, 401 N Young St in Kennewick, WA contact Dawn C. 509-438-2588



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Come join us as the Colfax Group hosts our annual

# Gratitude Potluck

Thankful

Our 2018 Program: Fellowship at 4 PM Potluck at 5:30 PM Speakers at 7 PM

Help us welcome Robert and Holly G. from Sunrise of Spirit Meeting, Cheney, Washington. They will be sharing their Experience, Strength and Hope with us starting at 7 PM We will be having our usual 50/50 Grand Prize Raffle, Big Book Giveaway, and Sobriety Countdown! Please join us for an evening of Joy, Peace and Freedom November 16th, 2018 at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds!

(Map on Back)

We are happy to provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, juice and coffee!
Now we just need your fellowship and favorite dish to share with others!
Last Name Dish:
A-I: side dish
J-P: salad
Q-Z: dessert

Questions? Please call Mike R. at (509) 397-9143 or (509) 254-1016 (cell)

Door-to-door service is available for those who need it. We have a handicapped friendly facility!



Just West of Colfax, Washington take WA-26W to Walla Walla Highway and travel 4.2 miles to the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds. Travel past the front of the fairgrounds to your first right turn at Fair Grounds Road and the parking lot will be directly to your right.

Please do not park on the grass!

# CLE ELUM AA'S ANNUAL GRATITUDE BANQUET

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 17, 2018 CLE ELUM SENIOR CENTER - 719 E. 3RD

SPEAKERS-

WOMEN SPEAKER: MARIA G. 11 YEARS

MALE SPEAKER: BOB V. 24 YEARS

THEY JUST MOVED TO CLE ELUM NOT TOO LONG AGO :).
GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOWS!

Sobriety Countdown



God grant me the Serenity

To accept the things I cannot

change

The courage to change the things I can and The wisdom to know the difference

#### POTLUCK

(TURKEY AND HAM PROVIDED)
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
SPEAKERS AT 7PM

FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - GRATITUDE



# THANKSGIVING ALCOTHON

At the Alano Hall 425 E Borah Ave in CDA!

Starts Wednesday November 21st at noon round the clock till Friday the 23rd at 6:30pm.

Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck on Thursday November 22nd from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Sign up to host meetings at the Alano Hall coffee counter!

Turkey donations greatly appreciated!

Hosted by the Daily Reprieve and Best Ave Groups

# If you got some Gratitude at the Banquet...

# Come Give Thanks at the

# **Thanksgiving Alcathon!!**





on Thursday,

November 22, 2018

10am ~ 7pm

~ Potluck ~ ~ Please Bring a Dish to Share ~

Meetings start 10am. On the hour, every hour.

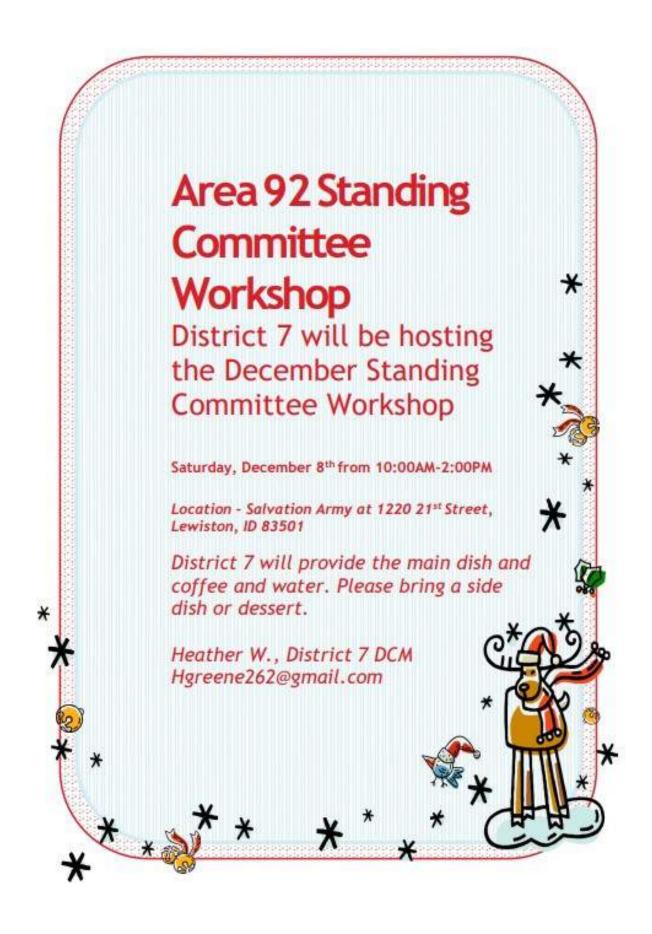
# **Advent Lutheran Church**

Broadway and McDonald, Spokane Valley

Hosted by District 13.

All are Welcome!!

Contact Shannon W 520.303.8530 or Eddie G 360.201.5418



# THE NEW FREEDOM GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY POTLUCK SPEAKER MEETING DECEMBER 8TH 2018 PULLMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1630 STADIAM WAY SPEAKER WILL C.



SOCIAL TIME: 5:30

POTLUCK: 6:00

SPEAKER: 7:00

BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR FAVORIATE DISH TO SHARE IF YOU CAN.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 509-251-9979

# DISTRICT 8 HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

December 15th, 2018 at 1:30 PM- Potluck North Idaho Alano Club 425 Borah Avenue Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815



This holiday workshop will have a variety of topics and speakers on Holiday themes and AA in the Digital Age topics. The new District 8 website will be featured with a Question and Answer Session.

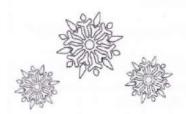
For information call Benjamin G.

360-713-2374

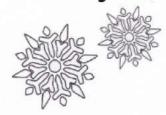
Sponsored by District 8 WSEA 92 3rd Legacy Guest Speaker Gary P. Area 92 Alt. Delegate

Planning Session will be on Nov 17th at 130 pm at the Alano Hall

# Area 92 January Quarterly



Kennewick, WA January 18-19, 2019



You are invited to come and experience this awesome event. What do you need to do next? Simply fill out the registration form below and indicate whether you would like to have lunch too, include a check or money order for the total amount and mail it to the address given. If cash is all you have then you may fill out the form, mail it and pay with cash when you arrive. Don't wait, register today!

#### Quarterly Location:

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, 401 N Young St, Kennewick, WA 99336

#### Mail Registration Below To:

January Quarterly Registration P.O. Box 6675 Kennewick, WA 99336

#### District 4 Contacts:

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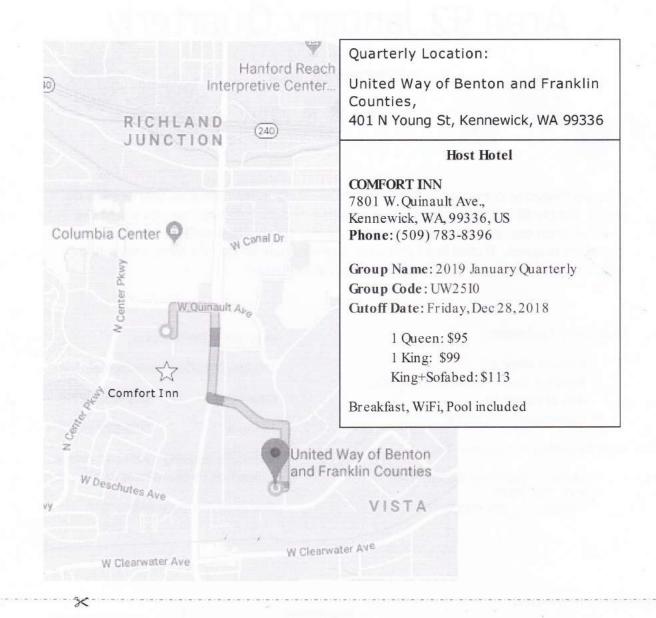
Alternate housing available! Please contact us to coordinate in advance.

See back for more info ...

Registration Information	
Name:	, to
Phone:	
Email:	-
Badge Information (if known)	
Name:	*
Position:	
District:	

Registration:	\$12	
Saturday Lunch:	\$15	
	Total:	

- Friday evening ice cream is FREE with Registration
- Lunch will be Mexican Theme
- Lunch must be reserved by December 1st
- Make checks or money orders payable to "District 4
   January Quarterly"
- On-site/Day-of registration available: cash, check, or money order



Mail registration to:

January Quarterly Registration P.O. Box 6675 Kennewick, WA 99336