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Area 92 Newsletter Mission Statement:

To report directly "to those they serve;" to publicize AA events; to be a forum for sharing and comment

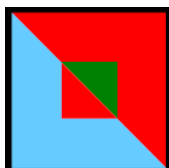


Area 92 Newsletter

Panel 68 : Issue 21

September 2019

Following are excerpts from the newsletter for the committee Allen Co-chaired this year.



Remote Communities Communicator

2019 Pre-Conference
Remote Communities
Meeting

Greetings,

The theme for this year's Pre-Conference Remote Communities Meeting before the 69th General Service Conference is "Cultural Challenges in Reaching Remote Communities." This theme was discussed immediately after last year's Remote Communities Meeting. One of the Meeting's Co-Chairs is from an area (02) that has an Area-level Remote Communities Committee and their focus tends to be on the geographic challenges of remote communities. This year's Meeting Co-Chair is from an area (92) where the focus is often on challenges related to language (Spanish). Remote communities can be defined as those that are difficult to reach because of geography, language or culture. We decided to split the difference and focus on culture and felt this was a broad enough term that both our areas could easily address the theme. We were also inspired by the renaming of a pamphlet to read, "Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers." We think this theme dovetails nicely with the request from the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference for sharing on the following question:

In your area what do you believe are the different underrepresented populations of suffering alcoholics that the area could focus on carrying the A.A. message to?

AREA 92—WASHINGTON STATE EAST

Washington State East Area 92 region contains the city of Spokane, which is the second largest city in the state. The Tri cities, Columbia River and the Grand Coulee Dam, the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, the fertile farm lands of the Yakima Valley and the scenic byway of the Palouse. The entire state has 71,300 square miles of land in which Eastern Washington is comprised of 65%. Within WSEA 92, we see and hear the need for outreach to our remote communities. Our diverse population is covered throughout this beautiful part of the state east of the Cascade Mountain range.

Native Americans and Spanish speaking members comprise a large part of our focus on cultural challenges. Recently, my eyes were

opened to one that I had not taken into thought, our Jewish Community. In researching for input from some of these communities, I was able to understand that the Cultural Challenges reaching them is much greater than I had ever known. A member, in our fellowship, from our Jewish Community shared his story with me that I so greatly appreciated. His strong message that was conveyed was that "He would hope that Alcoholics Anonymous will take a second look at our Jewish brothers and sisters in considering what we can do to attract them to our program and fellowship". This was a very heartfelt statement!

Our Native American Community consists of several different tribes stretching from the Northeastern corner of our state and throughout the mid and southeastern section. Including a small part of Montana and Eastern Idaho. Of them mortality rates are 514% higher than the general population. A high percentage of this is due to alcoholism. With enthusiasm from the Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (WACYCAA) for example, this is one tool that we can reach the native teens in hope to reduce the high number of those afflicted within the Native American society.

We have four Linguistic Districts in our Area of Spanish Speaking members. They are represented at our area functions and participate fully. We welcome their input with new ideas as well as the cultural challenges. The language barrier is something we have overcome with the assistance in having a Translation Chair at our Area level.

Communication is so vitally important in growing with the challenges we all face. With this, the Spanish AA community is hosting our 2019, area 92 voting assembly. This shows that with unity and service, unifying this remote community is achievable.

On page 14 of the accessibilities workbook under suggestion for working with underserved or remote communities it states we should meet the challenge of organizing regular telephone and or video conference meetings with members for recovery and service. Despite modern communication methods, we hope to reach out physically with the Grapevine, La Vina, GSO Pamphlets, audio and paperback books, along with local meeting schedules. With this outreach to the alcoholics in these remote areas we can help with the solutions that will ensure that every alcoholic that is still suffering has an opportunity to participate in unity, recovery and service.

Within cultural challenges in reaching remote communities, the future of Alcoholics Anonymous growth can overcome these barriers that have come to light and have proven the need for developing these ongoing solutions that are vital within our fellowship.

"Clear vision for tomorrow comes from only a clear look at yesterday"!

Submitted by Allen D.,
Panel 68 Delegate



Columbia River, WA State | Photo courtesy of Allen D.

STEP 9

"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

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Life or Death

Can We Make a Difference?

The Fellowship of District 23 is seeking help in understanding what we need to do to fix our "Bridging the Gap" Program. We have a Treatment Center here at the Chelan Hospital where we have been encouraging the patients to sign up for the program when they are scheduled to leave. We have been some interest, which is very exciting. We get their information and set it up from our end. Unfortunately, the excitement has, more times than not, ended right there!

Our "Bridging the Gap" Chair has been working tirelessly to successfully complete the "Bridge" for the patients upon their release! Out of all those we have set up the "Bridge" for, very few have been successfully completed on the other end. The person leaves here without the contact person ever making contact. The scenario plays out in a way we specifically wanted to avoid! We were trying to cushion the blow for the person being on their own, not having a clue as to what meetings to go to, or how find a temporary sponsor to help them along their way. Some of them end up back in treatment if they are lucky. You can kind of imagine what might happen to the rest!

Please, we desperately need your help for those suffering souls who have been led to the doorway of Alcoholics Anonymous, a program of recovery through the 12 steps, which has helped us to a new way of living, one day at a time...Please, let it begin with you!

Our Bridging the Gap Chairperson has been working with our Bridging the Gap Coordinator to get some understanding on how to fix this program. We would very much like to hear from any of you on this problem. The Bridging the Gap Volunteers must be able to follow through with their commitment to the 'still suffering alcoholic'. This should be of Great Concern to all of us in the Fellowship. As most of us are aware that a successfully completed "Bridge" can be the difference between Life or Death. Our fellowship has a responsibility to help those in need of our help. Please contact the Area 92 Bridging the Gap Chair- person with any suggestions or ideas!

Please

Let us be responsible.

**Remember,
it can be a
matter of life
or death!**



It is God's will
for us...
...and it is our
choice.

Delegate and Officer Reports

Delegate - Allen D.

Good afternoon everyone, hope you are all doing well.

Many thanks to all our districts that have hosted their Delegate Report Backs. Since July I have been traveling throughout our Area for these. Grandview, Pasco, Yakima, Wenatchee and Omak in Washington and Libby in Montana. Such a wonderful experience seeing you all and sharing with you this year's General service Conference moments. Bill asked; "Why did each witness of the Conference feel so deeply about it?" His two points can be found in Language of The Heart. Mine can be summed up in a few words. Passion and Love of Service! Happy to see the amount of interest and enthusiasm of Service that has been shown within our entire Area. With this I'm hoping that those of you will be submitting your Service resume for continued service at the Area level.

I have had the opportunity to answer some good questions regarding Area Service. One was having to do with time that was needed for this! I can share with you that this was first on my mind as well when considering any service in the beginning. My own experience has shown that the Trust in a Higher Power has made it all happen! I couldn't do this all on my own!

Also, following the process that is written out was also very helpful, such as discussing this with your Sponsor/Service Sponsor, family and employer prior to making yourself available.

The 2019 General Service Conference Final Reports had been delivered to my house a couple weeks ago. One Five Hundred Pound pallet! LOL! Yes, just a few! I've distributed these to some of you already. The remainder will be handed out at the October Voting Assembly in English and Spanish.

Thank you all again for your graciousness!

In Love and service, Allen D.

Chair – Debbie T.

Greetings Area 92! This rotation has gone by so quickly it's hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close and school is back in session! I attended our District's Delegate Report on August 24th. Thank you, Allen, for a comprehensive overview of the 69th General Service Conference.

I have begun organizing the Agenda for the October Assembly. Please watch for it to be emailed from our Area Secretary, David R., by the 18th of this month.

A template was emailed to the Area Committee to help with organizing your service resume. If you have not seen a copy of it and would like one, please contact your DCM and ask for a copy or you may contact me directly at area92chair@gmail.com and I will be glad to send you a copy. We are hoping to be overwhelmed with members stepping up to make themselves available for elected position as well as submitting resumes for the Standing Committee Chair positions.

Please check the Area Event Calendar for a GSR school near you. If there is not one near you, please consider scheduling one soon. Now, at the end of the rotation, is a great time to educate and inform members about the responsibilities of the vital position. I want to

thank our Past Delegates and Gary P once again for their invaluable assistance putting this program together. You are appreciated!

See you all in Sunnyside in October! YIS, Debbie T

Alt Chair - Diana M.

I'm looking forward to the Assembly in October. District 16 has been meeting regularly and are on track to provide us with a great Assembly in Sunnyside. The menu is looking really good.

The Web Committee has continued to meet and discuss possible development of a new position for just the Web responsibilities. Our discussion also included Google Non Profits and G-suites. We will be discussing this more at the Assembly.

If you need help or have questions regarding the website or hosting an event please contact me at area92altchair@gmail.com.

Diana

Treasurer - Cameron J.

Greetings, Area 92.

For the month of August 2019:

Income was: \$3,214.31 and expenses were \$1,437.29

The Prudent reserve is at \$1,100.01

Our ending bank balance was \$11,320.89

We will be discussing the budget for 2020 at the September Standing Committee Workshop and then presenting it in October.

More detailed reports are available on request. Email, call or text me if you need me to send it to anyone else not in the directory, or if you have any questions or want more details.

Cameron J.

TRADITION NINE

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

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Tradition 9 (long form): Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, AA Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

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Alt Treasurer - Jan R.

Hello, Area 92! Where did the summer go? I am looking forward to the Standing Committee Workshop coming up in Kennewick. I have been involved weekly with the Area Handbook Committee. David is doing an excellent job as chair. The committee consists of 6 people, including the chair.

I have sent out notices to all of the Finance team and if anyone would like to join us, we will be working on setting a budget for the new rotation (to be completed Friday night at the October Assembly).

The contributions for the month of August were **\$3,214.31**. YAYYYYYYYY US!

The contributions in August are as follows:

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|------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 1 st Things First | 10.00 | Happy Hour | 23.50 | Richland | 68.66 |
| 5:15 Group | 95.23 | HP Meeting | 30.00 | Sat. Night Live | 60.00 |
| Alpine Group | 90.00 | Keep it Simple | 30.00 | Selah | 20.00 |
| Asotin Group | 149.97 | Kyle B. | 25.00 | Sisters in R. | 106.45 |
| B and P | 6.00 | Living Sober | 33.00 | Skookum | 17.35 |
| Best Mtg...Planet | 20.00 | Mens Book Study | 124.74 | Skookum | 81.39 |
| Colfax Group | 48.00 | Moscow AM | 90.00 | Sp Sat. AM BB | 31.44 |
| Courage to Change | 20.50 | Moscow Fri Night | 50.00 | Sunday AM Group | 100.00 |
| Daily Reprieve | 22.06 | Moscow Happy Hr | 75.00 | Sun. M Eye Opener | 25.00 |
| Daily Reprieve | 61.89 | N for Good | 76.00 | Sun. Night Serenity | 120.00 |
| Down River | 200.00 | New Freedom | 100.00 | Twisp | 75.00 |
| DP Walk Again | 10.50 | New Frontier | 50.00 | Unity | 23.10 |
| Early Bird | 22.32 | No Resentment | 35.00 | Up for Sobriety | 50.00 |
| Early Birds | 87.86 | Noon Group | 70.03 | WIES | 47.47 |
| East Valley | 15.00 | Noon Non-smoking | 54.00 | Womens Bk Study | 45.00 |
| East Valley | 25.00 | Nooner | 20.00 | | |
| GMAA | 146.00 | Pago Delmes | 20.00 | District 15 | 50.00 |

Our UPS mail contractor re-mails your contribution to the Alternate Treasurer roughly every other week. Please send all contributions to:

Washington State East Area 92
1314 S. Grand Blvd. Suite 2, Box #103
Spokane, WA 99202-1174

During District meetings, DCMs please encourage people to include **Group Name**, **Group ID Number** and **District Number** on contributions so I can give proper credit to the contributing groups. **The District # will really expedite my passing back all of the receipts properly.** Donations can now be made on the Area 92 web site by PayPal. I will give receipts the same way as I have in the past at Assemblies and Quarterlies. You will get a receipt for the full amount, but the fees will become a line item in our budget. **Thank you to everyone who has made contributions of time and money.**

Jan R.

Area Trusted Servant Reports

Archives - Sarah B.

Hi area 92. I didn't let you know last month, but our work party day went really, really well. We covered at least three dozen books in the Archives repository and this month I went back to the west side and re-digitized over 150 tapes. I plan on another trip soon to re-digitize more of the tapes and to digitize some of the tapes that never got done.

I would encourage anyone who is thinking about being the next Archives Chair (or Archivist) to please get their resume in order so that you can have it ready when we have our elections in October.

Thanks, in fellowship - Sarah

Corrections – Ben N.

Greetings, Area 92 Alcoholics Anonymous! I recently attended the Service Workshop hosted by District 7 in Clarkston, WA. It was great to share service experiences with old friends as well the new folks looking to get involved in our service structure. We had 8 to 10 people at the Corrections breakout table discussing our experiences in improving our efforts in carrying the message. With two prisons and a number of local jails, District 7 has much to share, and I was grateful to be able to participate. There were featured speakers through- out the day, many past Delegates!

I will be attending the annual Volunteer Appreciation Day at Coyote Ridge Correctional Center. Last year's event was an amazing program put on by the inmates; live rock band, a Toastmasters speaker, and puppies (from their rescue program) running around amongst the crowd. This event is supposed to be appreciating volunteers, but for me it is the other way around....service truly can be a spiritual. I would encourage anyone to discover this amazing experience.

Corrections Bridge, Lori T. reports that all Bridge request are processed in a timely manner.

"If the AA program will help just one man, I want to start it." - Warden Clinton Duffy

Grateful to serve, Ben N.

CPC - Rexann H.

Hi, Area 92. Nothing exciting to report. I'm looking forward to the Standing Committee Workshop in the tri-cities and the October Assembly.

YIS, Rex H.

Literature/Grapevine - Gary H.

Hello, Area 92 members and trusted servants. September brings busy weekends for Literature display and sales. I have two outings scheduled, Soberfest in Leavenworth, and the Colville roundup. I'll have plenty of time to restock for the Assembly in October.

Grapevine is a popular subscription to have. The 75th Anniversary gift pack of the Grapevine is still available. With Christmas just around the corner it makes a great gift for the sponsee or newcomer.

"Our Great Responsibility" sold almost 13,000 copies in the first 90 days. This includes English, French, and Spanish languages.

GSO is now charging Washington state sales tax on all Literature sales, so all new orders beginning in September will be charged tax. It won't be much, but I'll pass that as soon as I can... Shipping will remain the same, however tax is tax... Hopefully, Area 92 has a tax-exempt status that Literature can use on any futures orders.

That's about it for now. See you all in October if not sooner.

Love in service, Gary H.

Newsletter - Rainey M.

Hi, everyone. The Newsletter Workshop is going to happen! October 5th, in Coeur d'Alene, ID from 1:00 to 4:00pm. We'll talk about newsletters whether they're local, District or Area. Who is the audience? Who can submit? What could be included? What does it take? What are the considerations, the processes and the goals? Everyone is invited. There will be snacks. ;>D

Rock on! Rainey M.

Secretary - David R.

Hello. I don't have much to report this month. The Handbook Committee continues meeting weekly via conference call. Last Sunday we had a face to face meeting at Frankie Doodles in Spokane. We worked until our computer batteries went dead, which was actually quite humorous as they all went dead within minutes of one another. Anyway, we had breakfast and a productive meeting with good fellowship.

I will be attending the Standing Committee Workshop in Kennewick on 09/21/2019 and the 3 Rivers Big Book event on 9/28/2019. I hope to see you all at one of those events and/or at the October Election Assembly.

Yours in service, David R.

Treatment/Accessibility - Brian S.

Greetings, Area 92. Not too much to report at this time. Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I look forward to seeing you all at the Area 92 Standing Committee.

Y.I.S. Brian S.



From *As Bill Sees It* page 311

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Telling the Worst

Thought the variations were many, my main theme was always "How godawful I am!" Just as I often exaggerated my modest attainments by pride, so I exaggerated my defects through guilt. I would race about, confessing all (and a great deal more) to whoever would listen. Believe it or not, I took this widespread exposure of my sins to be great humility on my part, and considered it a great spiritual asset and consolation!

But later on I realized at depth that the great harms I had done others were not truly regretted. These episodes were merely the basis for storytelling and exhibitionism. With this realization came the beginning of a certain amount of humility. (GRAPEVINE, JUNE 1961)

Hope to Help

Hello. My name is Kalen and I'm an alcoholic in recovery. I am currently incarcerated at Airway Heights Correction Center. I was asked by a friend to tell my story, so here it is!

Before I got to recovery, my alcoholism had become out of control. But the thing is that I didn't think I had a problem because I was holding a steady job, paying all my bills, and being a father and husband. I realize, though, as I sit here and write this, I had become a selfish, uncaring father and husband. I would always choose the alcohol and the friends that had the alcohol over my family, every time. I would say, "I am running to the store", be gone for hours, and sometimes not even go back home for two or three days because being out drinking with friends and partying was more important.

My life had become so dependent on alcohol that I would take money from the kids' piggy banks, sneak the debit card from my wife's wallet, take money from my mother-in-law, steal money from work, and then make up excuses to "run to the store" so I could get my fix, keep my buzz going, or to just help me from the withdrawals.

Coming to prison has really saved my life, my marriage, and the relationship with my two young kids. I mean, it sucks that I had to come to prison to finally realize that my life had become unmanageable and that I'm powerless over alcohol. At the same time, if this hadn't happened, I really don't think that my wife and kids would still be in my life, and I might even be dead.

Becoming part of The Landing Place family here in prison has become a major part of my life-long journey in recovery. When I get out, I will continue to go to AA, find a sponsor, and give back to the family of AA like they have done for me.

I really appreciate being given the chance to share my story. I hope that it can help at least one person to have the courage and strength to surrender to this disease like I have, find AA to help change their life around, and live the rest of their life happy, clean, and sober.

Kalen

CONCEPT IX

"Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

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September 05, 2019

Dear Friends,

We're happy to announce that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., is releasing Meeting Guide 3.0.

Meeting Guide is a mobile app focused on helping people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. The app has been updated to include some new features we're pleased to announce:

- Search -- Users will now be able to search for meetings by name or location
- *Daily Reflections* -- a selection of reflections by and for A.A. members

There are also enhancements we've made to existing features:

- More accurate locations for access to local contact information
- Improved user interface -- with a new menu bar and Contact feature.

Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones. You can download it for free on the App Store or on Google Play.

Yours in Fellowship,



DCM Reports

District 3 – Hoss B.

Hello, friends. Greetings from District 3. Attendance has been up at our District meetings lately. We are all excited for many of the upcoming events in the near future! District 3 and Spokypaa will be hosting a Halloween party Saturday, November 2 at Salem Lutheran Church 1428 W. Broadway Spokane WA. Potluck 6:00-10:00 PM. Kids' party 6:00-8:00 PM, adult party 8:00- 10:00 PM. Candlelight meeting following. We will have games, trick-or-treat, costume contest, and music. Please come join us.

Also, District 3's young people's meeting is restructuring. If you're interested in joining SpokYPAA or getting involved in our local service committee, please call Doug at 509-475-5905 for more information. They will be holding elections Sunday, September 15.

If you're interested in serving at the District level, please join us as a GSR, a visitor, or just for opportunities to get involved. Please come see us on the second Tuesday of the month 6:30 PM at Corbin Senior Center 827 West Cleveland Ave. Spokane, WA.

Love and service, Hoss B.

District 5 - Dan M.

Greetings to Area 92 from our humble, but bustling, Alcoholics Anonymous community here in District 5! September 13-15, we will be having a huge recovery event/party... our first annual Soberfest, at the Festhalle in Leavenworth, 1001 Front Street! Drink coffee from *Greg M.*'s infamous Coffee Trailer! Dance to our own *Rule 62*, which will be playing from 9 pm until midnight Saturday night. Rock n' Roll! \m/ And if anyone's still up afterwards... there's a midnight candlelight meeting there as well!

As far as service, our own *Gary P.* and *Rad M.* have worked tirelessly with others in Area 92 (Districts 12 & 23 as well), to put together the next GSR School! Come and join us for this educational workshop. This will be a wonderful presentation for anyone in AA, as it will cover not only the GSR position, but all of the service positions in Alcoholics Anonymous. There will be coffee and snacks. It will be on Saturday, September 28th at 1:00 pm, in the Lake Chelan Methodist Church on 206 N. Emerson St., in Chelan, WA.

Submitted by *Deborah B.* for *Dan M.*

District 10 - Jerry M.

July and August Birthdays

Marilyn T- 18 Years
Tom T. – 18 Years
Eric F. – 18 Months
Jerry M. – 4 Years
Jamie P. – 9 Months

District 15 – Neat M.

Another month has come and gone. Time marches on while I bumble along on crutches after hip repair surgery. This too shall pass! I'll be ready to hit the road for October Assembly.

I heard that everyone had an "oinking " good time at Hog Heaven. Wanna made an

appearance to supervise the raffle. There were prizes won in the Porker Walk and Bingo. Our speaker Ken did a great job! Attendance was around 80. Grill chefs Brett and Mo fed about 45 Friday evening. And of course, the Saturday night pork roasts by Loy and Lynn. Come out next year and join us. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a fun event!

Our featured meeting is the Wednesday Lunch Bunch. It's been around for a day or two. It was the meeting which used to host the Saturday potluck/speaker meetings, now District sponsored. Over the years it has survived changing locations, fluctuating numbers, and losing members due to death, health and aging, those needing to do more research. Someone always steps up to keep it open. Thanks Renee and Sara! Stop in some Wednesday for lunch and a meeting - Colville Community Church 930 South Elm.

Events:

2nd Tuesday- District Meeting 6pm Colville Community Church

2nd Sunday- Potluck/Speaker Meeting 4pm UCC Church, E Webster, Chewelah

3rd Saturday- Potluck/Speaker Meeting 6pm Colville Community Church

September 27-29 - Roundup of Recovery Ag Trade Center, Colville, WA

District 17 – Brande G.

District 17 is doing well. Not much happening this month. We have been having a lot of discussion about making ourselves available in the next rotation. We will be voting in new people at our November meeting. Our next business meeting will be October 8th, 6:00 at the Corbin Senior Center. See you in Sunnyside!

District 19 - Steve H.

From District 19, See you in Sunnyside!

District 20 – Eddie G.

We had the pleasure of hosting our Area Delegate, Allen, on August 24. We had about 15 participants that showed up. Everything else is going great with the exception of still low participation within our District. But we keep trudging forward. We will see you in Sunnyside in October.

Thank you. Eddie G

District 23 – Dian V.

Good afternoon, Area 92. I hope you all had a great summer! One upcoming event to remember is the GSR School hosted by Districts 5, 12 and 23. It's happening at 1:00 pm at Lake Chelan Methodist Church—206 N. Emerson St. in Chelan, WA. You can contact Cindy H. 509-341-9072 if you have any questions.

Our Birthday Potluck for September will take place at 4:30 pm after the GSR school at the same location. Please join us if you can for some good food and celebration.

The 1st Sunday in November, we will have our elections (Nov. 3rd.) at our regular business meeting. We will have a few positions open so join us at the October Business Meeting at the Apple Cup Café after the Spiritual Breakfast Meeting at noon to see what's going on and get more information.

We had our last outdoor Birthday Potluck for the year on the 31st of August. There were 32 people in attendance with a sobriety countdown of 187 years, 10 months and 21 days.

Rod celebrated 4 months, Chrystal 6 months, Tammy 1 year, Sandra 2 years, Trevor 6 years, and Craig 31 years. Congratulations to all with birthdays and Thank You to all who participated in the evening of fun!

Sandra G. for Dian V.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 12, 2019

To: General Service Conference Members, Accessibilities Committee chairs,
Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee chairs

From: Irene Donoso, secretary, trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/
Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

Cc: Nancy McCarthy, chair, trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/
Treatment and Accessibilities Subcommittee
Peter Luongo, chair, trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/
Treatment and Accessibilities Committee
Greg Tobin, General Manager, General Service Office

Re: Call for stories to update "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic"

The 2019 General Service Conference recommended that "the pamphlet 'A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never Too Late' be updated with a revised introduction; current and inclusive stories; reference to online A.A.; and an updated 'How Do I Find A.A.?' section."

The trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee is seeking stories from a broad cross section of older A.A. members to make the pamphlet more representative of the Fellowship.

Typed manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information; The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication. Please email your sharing to: access@aa.org and put "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message. Or, you may mail it to Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2019.

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P.O. Box 459 | Grand Central Station | New York, New York 10163 USA | (212) 870-3400 | www.aa.org

Here are some District Inventory Questions from District 8. Their Inventory will be November 16th. See flyer later in this newsletter.

The responses listed below reflect various comments during the course of the District Inventory. Some of the sentence structure may seem to be incomplete but that is the truer picture of actual notes turned in as compared to this writer attempting to alter responses.

1. Is our District's basic purpose clearly defined?
2. Do we engage in enough activities to carry the message? i.e. Standing Committees.....
3. Considering the number of alcoholics in our District, are we reaching enough people?
4. Does our District do its part to bring the A.A. message to the attention of professionals that come in contact with alcoholics that might need A.A.?
5. Do we adequately fund and support our DCM to attend Area Assemblies and other service events?
6. Do new GSRs stick with us by attending all District meetings and Area Assemblies?
7. Are we effective in communicating with all of our groups?
8. Do all A.A.s know about District meetings and have the opportunity to attend?
9. Has enough effort been made to explain, to all groups, the value and purpose of having a GSR?
10. Do all GSRs have adequate opportunities to serve on committees?
11. Are District officers picked with care and consideration?
12. Do our groups make regular contributions to District, Area and GSO?
13. Are our groups informed about what's happening in A.A. worldwide?
14. Are our District meetings attractive, informative and filled with enthusiasm?

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, northern 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.

Important

Submissions deadline is the 10th of the month by 5:00 pm (Spokane time)
with an approximately 250 word limit.

SUBMISSION METHODS

Email: area92newsletter@gmail.com

US Mail: Area 92 Newsletter
PO Box 179
Valleyford, WA 99036

Text: 509-279-5640

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | | | |
|------------|-------|---------|---|
| Sep | 20-22 | Fri-Sun | National AA Technology Workshop in Bowling Green, KY contact dougg@naatw.org |
| | 21 | Sat | Standing Committee Workshop 10am-2pm at United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties 401 N Young St, Kennewick, WA contact Dawn C. 509-438-2588 |
| | 25 | Wed | Pride in Sobriety Group Annual Potluck 5:30-8:00pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church 2607 S Ray, Spokane, WA contact Paul N. 509-270-6527 |
| | 27-29 | Fri-Sun | Round-up of Recovery at Colville Ag Trade Center in Colville, WA see http://roundupofrecovery.weebly.com or contact Kathy P. 509-939-8095 |
| | 27-29 | Fri-Sun | Three Rivers Big Book Weekend in Richland, WA see www.threeriversbigbookweekend.org |
| | 28 | Sat | GSR School 1:00pm at Lake Chelan Methodist Church 206 N Emerson St in Chelan, WA contact Cindy H. 509-341-9072 |
| Oct | 5 | Sat | Newsletter Workshop 1-4pm at Church of the Nazarene 4000 N 4th St, Coeur d'Alene, ID contact Rainey 509-279-5640 |
| | 18-20 | Fri-Sun | October Assembly at Sunnyside Civic Center 1521 S 1st in Sunnyside, WA contact Vicky R. 509-521-4127 |
| Nov | 1-3 | Fri-Sun | National Corrections Conference in Houston, TX see www.NationalCorrectionsConference.org |
| | 16 | Sat | District 8 Inventory 1:30-4:30pm at North Idaho Alano Club 425 Borah, Coeur d'Alene, ID see www.northidahoaa.org |
| | 16 | Sat | Ephrata Gratitude Banquet 5:00pm at Ephrata Recreation Center 112 SW Basin St (corner of 1st Ave SW & Basin St SW [Hwy 28]) contact Suzy 509-398-1812 |
| | 22 | Fri | Colfax Gratitude Potluck 4:00pm at Palouse Empire Fairgrounds (4.2 miles W of Colfax on Hwy 26) contact Mike 509-254-1016 |

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2019 NAATW



National AA Technology Workshop

September 20-22, 2019 in Bowling Green, KY

Hosted by Area 26 District 3 and surrounding districts

Holiday Inn University Plaza ~ Sloan Convention Center

1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103

Pre-tax Room Rate \$115 ~ **Use Code # AT6**

270-745-0088 or 800-465-4329

Reserve by August 20, 2019 to get special rate

Registration \$65 Until June 10: naatw.org

Registration after June 10 \$85

Email Inquiries to: dougg@naatw.org or stanh@naatw.org

SERVICE IN TECHNOLOGY

We work together to serve and provide meaningful, useful and up-to-date technology expertise to the fellowship, members and non-member friends (special workers in technology). Our hope is to share the message of Alcoholics Anonymous through technology to help the next alcoholic.

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide a venue to encourage the sharing of experience, strength, and hope regarding technology as it relates to AA



WSEA 92

2019 STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Saturday Sept 21st 2019

10 AM – 2 PM

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties

401 N Young St

Kennewick, WA 99336

Please bring a side dish to share if possible.

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches & coffee will be
provided by District 4.**

Questions?

Call Dawn C. at 509-438-2588 or

Adam P. at 509-895-4039



Pride in Sobriety Group

Wednesday, Sept. 25

Pride in Sobriety AA Group:

We are an Open Discussion AA meeting that is gay friendly, supporting LGBTQ and straight alcoholics, their families and friends. We are located at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 2607 S Ray St, Spokane, meeting each Wednesday at 7:00 PM. We are handicapped accessible, with city bus service at 29th Ave and Ray St.

What: Annual Potluck

When: September 25, 2019

Where: 2607 S Ray St, Bethany Presbyterian

Time: 5:30 PM, with AA meeting at 7:00 PM

Other: Bring a hot or cold dish or dessert. Info, contact Paul N. at (509) 270-6527. All are welcome.

10th Round-Up of Recovery

September 27, 28, & 29th, 2019

Colville Ag Trade Center

317 W. Astor

Colville, WA 99114

509-684-2585

Serenity in the Storm

Raffle – Workshop – Speaker Panel Jeopardy – Meetings

Speakers:

AA – Ricky R. from Yakima, WA
Cody L. from Kerrville, TX
Ginger R-B. from Mesa, AZ

Al-Anon – Nancy K. from Spokane, WA
Keely F. from Spokane, WA

Name(s) - _____
Address - _____
Phone - _____
E-Mail - _____
Registration \$20.00 (At the door, \$25.00.) x _____ = _____
Saturday Dinner \$19.00 x _____ = _____
Sunday Breakfast \$6.50 x _____ = _____
Total \$ _____

**Please make check payable to Round Up of Recovery and send to Round-Up of Recovery, C/O District 15, P.O. Box 1161, Coville, WA 99114
Contact Kathy P. 509-939-8095 or Mo 509-690-8671**

DINNER MENU

*Pasta bar with choices of **saucés:** Marinara and Alfredo; **meats:** sliced herb grilled chicken, shrimp scampi, Italian sausages; and **vegetable toppings:** sautéed onions and mushrooms, roasted vegetables; French and Garlic Bread.*

BREAKFAST MENU

Ham and Cheese Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Hash Browns, Juice, Milk.

Friday, September 27

4:00 pm Registration Opens
4:30 – 5:30 pm AA and Al-Anon Meetings
6:00 pm Skit
6:30 pm Al-Anon Speaker, Nancy K from Spokane, WA.
7:45 pm AA Speaker, Ricky R from Yakima, WA
9:00 pm Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 28

9:00 am Registration Opens and will remain open until 6 pm.
10:00 – 11:00 Interactive Workshop.
11:00 -- 1200 AA and Al-Anon Meetings
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 3:00ish Speaker Jeopardy – Back to Basics
3:30 - 4:30 AA and Al-Anon Meetings
5:00 Dinner
6:00 Countdown
6:30 Al-Anon Speaker, Keely F from Spokane, WA
7:45 AA Speaker, Cody L from Kerrville, TX
9:00 Raffle

Sunday, September 29

8:30 am Doors open
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 AA Speaker, Ginger R-B from AZ.
11:00 Thank you for sharing your experience, strength, and hope with us.

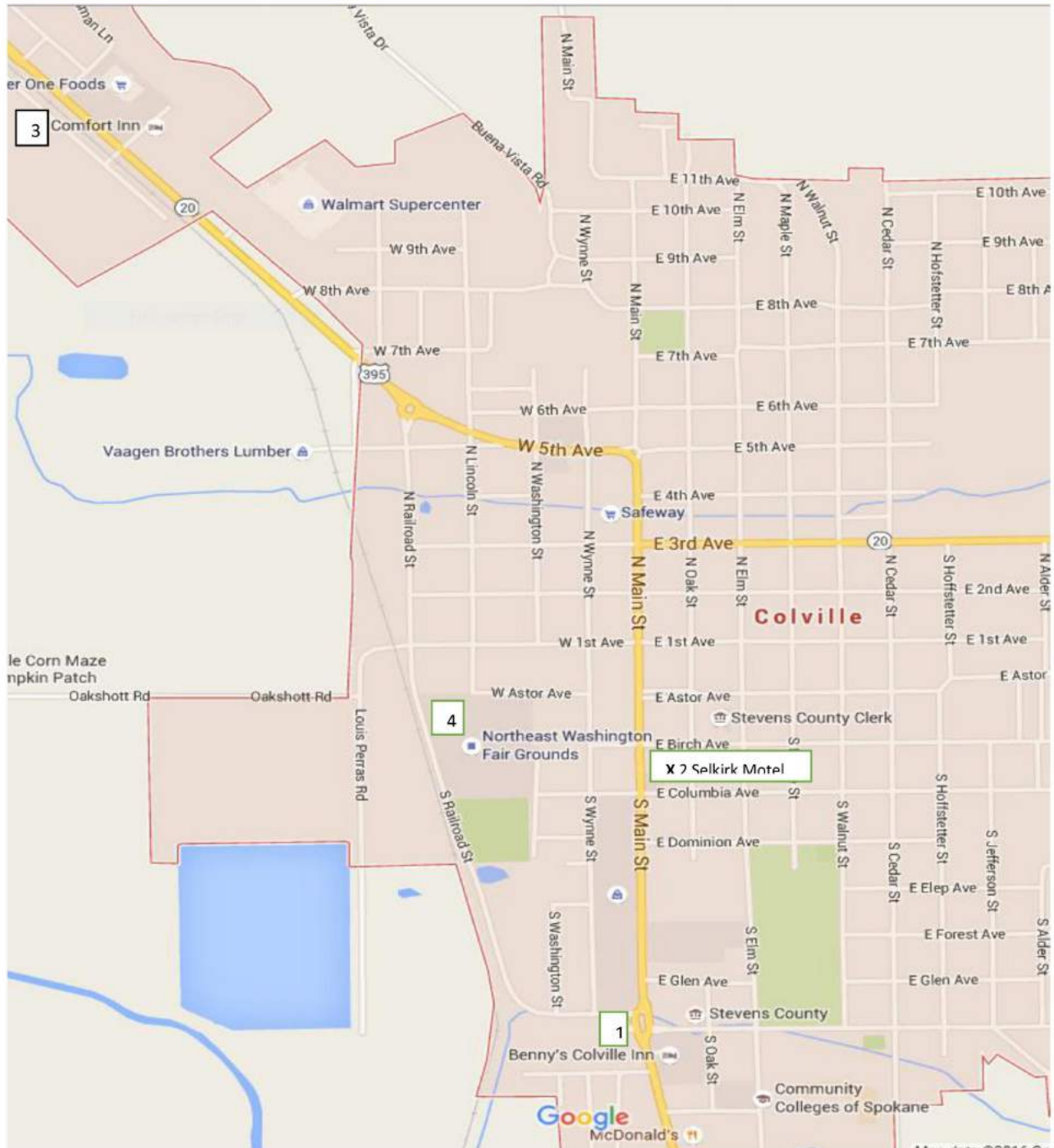
Visit our Facebook page Round Up of Recovery, OR visit our website, <http://roundupofrecovery.weebly.com> for updates.

Lodging

1. **Benny's Colville Inn**
915 S. Main Street, Colville, WA
509-684-2517
Colvilleinn.com
2. **Selkirk Motel**
396 S. Main Street, Colville, WA
509-684-2565
Selkirkmotel.com

3. **Comfort Inn**
166 NE Canning Drive, Colville, WA
509-684-2010
Comfortinn.com

4. **Fairground RV & Camping**
509-684-2585



2nd Annual Three Rivers BigBook Weekend



**“Where The Rivers Meet” Richland, WA
September 27-29 2019**

2019 Guest Speakers

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Michealine F. Escondido, CA | Wayne B., Glendora, CA |
| Jeff V L., Fargo, MN | Terry M., Billings, MT |
| Pat Y., Palm Desert, CA | Matt E., Graham, WA |
| Aaron Z., Molalla, OR | Cia E., Los Angeles, CA |



Full Program on Web - Limited Space - Register Early

EASY WEB REGISTRATION

www.threeriversbigbookweekend.org

3day/Registration/Hospitality/8Speakers/BufferDinner/Breakfast/\$79

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| Name | | Name | |
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| City | | City | |
| ST | | ST | |
| Phone | | Phone | |
| Dinner | Beef Chicken Veg | Dinner | Beef Chicken Veg |
| BADGE | | BADGE | |

Checks to THREE RIVERS BIGBOOK WEEKEND 3019 DUORTAIL ST #108 RICHLAND, WA 99352



GSR
SCHOOL



**Are you a new GSR or thinking
about becoming one?**

Come and join us for this
educational workshop
presented by Area 92

When Saturday,
September 28th
1:00

Where Lake Chelan
Methodist Church
206 N. Emerson St.

Coffee and Snacks

Hosted by Districts 5,12 & 23

Questions: Cindy H. (509)341-9072

**This is a wonderful
presentation for anyone in AA**

I A M R E S P O N S I B L E . . .

-- AREA 92 -- NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 5th

1:00 – 4:00pm



**Church of the Nazarene
4000 N 4th St.
Coeur d'Alene, ID**

Everyone welcome!



Questions: contact Rainey 509-279-5640

WASHINGTON STATE EAST AREA 92

2019 OCTOBER ASSEMBLY

October 18, 19 & 20, 2019

SUNNYSIDE CIVIC CENTER

1521 S 1ST ST, SUNNYSIDE, WA 98944



Mail Registration to: 2019 October Assembly, P O Box 4162, Pasco, WA. 99302

Contacts: Vicky R 509-521-4127 Juaquin T 509-305-3112

HOST HOTEL

Best Western 509-839-6070 sales@grapevineinn.net \$86.00 + tax

Other Hotels

Quality Inn 509-837-5781 gm,wa004@choicehotels.com \$89.00 + tax

Roadway Inn 509-832-5254 sunnysideroadway@gmail.com \$89.00 + tax

One Per Person

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| Name_____ | REGISTRATION | \$20 | ___ |
| Address_____ | Friday Ice Cream | \$8 | ___ |
| _____ | Saturday Lunch | \$15 | ___ |
| Phone_____ | Saturday Dinner | \$20 | ___ |
| Email_____ | Sunday Breakfast | \$10 | ___ |
| District _____ Position_____ | Souvenir Coffee Cup | \$5 | ___ |
| Name on Badge_____ | Total | \$78 | ___ |



3rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 1, 2 & 3rd 2019 - Houston, Texas

We are Going To Know a New Freedom pg. 83



Registration \$30.00
Banquet \$40.00



Friday - November 1

7:00 PM - Opening Meeting & Area Roll Call
8:00 PM - Speaker Meeting
9:30 PM - Sweets & Treats

Saturday - November 2

8:00 AM - Speaker Panels & Workshops all day
9:30 AM TDCJ Speaker
1:00 PM -TDCJ Volunteer Training
4:30 PM - Spanish Speaker
6:30 PM - Saturday Night Banquet

Saturday - November 2 (continued)

8:00 PM - CFC Speaker
9:15 PM - Select Host Location for 2021 NCC
10:00 PM - Ice Cream Social

Sunday - November 3

8:30 AM - Speaker Panel
10:00 AM - Speaker Meeting

Hotel: DoubleTree Hotel Limited rooms are available... so please reserve your rooms early.

The Purpose of the National Corrections Conference is for A.A. members interested in Corrections to come together to share experience, exchange information, and hear from trusted servants throughout the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Be sure you mention that you are attending the 2019 SETA National Corrections Conference to receive the \$89 per night single room rate or \$95 double room rate. Breakfast included. All reservations must be made individually through the reservations department at the Double Tree by calling 1-855-616-TREE (855)616-8733

REGISTER ONLINE OR SCAN QR CODE WITH PHONE

www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org

nyroover@aol.com

Conference Chair (832)998-4992



Name(s) _____
Home Group _____
Name(s) _____
Home Group _____
Email Address _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____

AA: _____ Al-Anon _____ Alateen _____
Badge Name _____
AA: _____ Al-Anon _____ Alateen _____
Badge Name _____

Registration (\$30.00) Qty _____
Banquet (\$40.00) Qty _____
Please accept my donation of _____
Total amount enclosed _____

Coffee (\$5.00) Qty _____
Scholarship (\$20.00) Qty _____

Registration by Mail Payable to **2019 National Corrections Conference** P.O. Box 16393 Houston, TX 77088

Please indicate Special Needs: _____

DISTRICT 3 AND SPOKYPAA PRESENT

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS & HALLOWEEN PARTY

SAT. NOV. 2
@ SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH
1428 W. BROADWAY



**DETAILS
ON BACK**

POTLUCK 6-10 PM
KID'S PARTY 6-8 PM
GAMES, TRICK OR TREAT, COSTUME CONTEST
ADULT'S PARTY 8-10 PM
MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP, COSTUME CONTEST
SPOKYPAA CANDLELIGHT MEETING @ 10 PM

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It's That Spooky Time Of Year !

Do you like costumes? Do you like candy? Do you like potlucks? Are you counting the days until All Hallows Eve? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then we've got a fun service opportunity for you! District 3 and SPOKYPAA are hosting a Halloween/Dia de los Muertos Party & Potluck and we are looking for home groups to "adopt" a trick or treat table. What this entails is: bringing potluck food to share, wearing costumes, decorating a 6' table with a Halloween or Dia de los Muertos theme, handing out treats of your choice to kids who will go table to table in the Salem Lutheran Church gym between 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, November 2nd! If you're interested in participating or for more information, please contact JJ W. via phone or text at (206) 310-5853 or via email at badpoet@hotmail.com.

There will be music, games, prizes for the best decorated table, costume contests for kids and adults, food and refreshments, candy, fellowship, and it's all followed by a candlelight AA meeting at 10 p.m.!

We hope to see you there!



District 8 Inventory

When: November 16th, 2019 From 1:30 to 4:30 PM

*Where: North Idaho Alano Club 425 Borah Avenue, Coeur d'Alene
Idaho 83815*

Facilitator: Past Delegate Mike M.

The District 8 Inventory invites all members of Alcoholics Anonymous located in District 8 to attend and participate at this event. We will be discussing a number of questions and topics about how we carry the message of AA Locally. For the list of the inventory questions, please ask you Group GSR.

This event will be a potluck so we encourage all to bring a favorite dish.

For Further information please contact us at the District 8 Website

[**northidahoaa.org**](http://northidahoaa.org)

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Gratitude BANQUET

Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Rolls Will Be Provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

(Don't forget cash for the Raffle)

Ephrata Recreation Center
Corner of 1st Ave SW and
Basin St (Hwy 28)
Ephrata, WA

Parking available in Alder St
parking lots, City Hall and
other side streets and lots

Sponsored by:
Ephrata Sunday Night AA Group

For More information call:
Susy at 509-398-1812
Irene at 509-760-0225
Karen at 509-481-8340

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00 Social / Be Seated
5:30 Dinner
6:30 Al-Anon Speaker
Shelly T - Snohomish
7:00 Recovery Skit
7:15 AA Speaker
Paul H - Ephrata
8:00 Countdown
8:30 Raffle

Raffle Information:

Contact Debbie at 509-
754-2102 to donate or
help with the Raffle.



Please Join us for the annual

Colfax Gratitude Potluck

**We are blessed to get through
another year of recovery on the**

**Palouse and would love to
celebrate our gratitude with you
and your family.**

Jo of Cheney will be

**sharing her experience, strength and
hope with us,**

**we'll share turkey, taters, stuffing
and coffee with you!**

**Friday November 22nd
at the Palouse Empire
Fairgrounds**

Fellowship at 4pm

Dinner at 5pm

Speakers at 6pm

50/50 Raffle

Sobriety countdown w/big book handoff

Bring your family and lets have some fun!

Please Bring FOOD!

Last Name Dish!

A-I Bring Side Dish

J-O Bring Salad

N-Z Bring Dessert

Questions call Mike at

Cell 509-254-1016

Home 509-397-9143