

Eastern Idaho Sobriety Corner



"The process of one alcoholic confiding in another has without a doubt saved my life. Nowhere else have I ever found such devotion and understanding as with AA sponsoring."

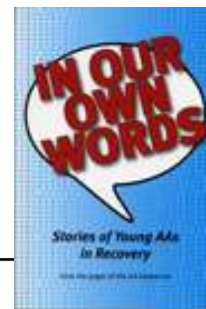
Maspeth, N.Y., May 1998

"The Best Listeners,"

In Our Own Words

Step Five

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."



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Together we can

AA Hotline 524-7729

**Línea directa de hablar
español
528-2994**



Intergroup Mission

The purpose of Intergroup is:

To safeguard the Twelve Traditions of AA, serve the local groups, help provide unity between groups, and perform acts as stated in the by-laws.

Officers are elected by sitting Intergroup members; members are selected during "group conscience" meetings of participating AA groups. In keeping with Tradition Two, these officers do not govern the individual groups; rather, they serve the needs of the AA community, providing necessary services and support of various activities and programs seemed appropriate by the membership.

Intergroup Officers

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Sobriety corner on the Web

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Newsletter Email List

aaifnews@gmail.com

General Services (GSO) Website

<http://aa.org>

The Grapevine

<http://aagrapevine.org>

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District 6 Chair

Keith J.

Serenity Hall

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Serenity Hall Information

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Lynn L.

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**I am responsible. When anyone,
anywhere reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to
be there; and for that, I am
responsible.**

Special AA Committees

Besides those already listed, support for individual suffering alcoholics is provided by the following AA committees.

HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I)

H&I Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Marjri Mc.

520-6645

H&I Liaison

Marjri Mc.

520-6645

Community Reintroduction
Center (CRC)

3-B Detention Center Liaison

Mike Carlson

520-3145

Men's Jail Liaison

William L.

881-7023

Women's Jail

Lisa K.

313-4550

Wood Pilot/Work

Release Liaison

Buttons B.

208-258-4060

Blackfoot South Liaison

Heath D.

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This and That

Tradition 5: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Tradition 5 is valuable to an AA group and/or individual member. It's important to remember we are to carry the message of recovery and a better way of life. Giving experience, strength and hope is far better than giving advice or gossip.



Group Consciences / Birthday Meetings

Group	Group Conscience	Birthday Meetings
Big Book Study	2nd Monday	Last Monday
The Buzz	2nd Saturday	Weekly
Clean & Sober	3rd Saturday	Last Saturday
Coffee Break	3rd Saturday	Last Saturday
Firth		Last Thursday
Grapevine	2nd Sunday	Last Sunday
Great news	3rd Friday	Last Friday
Group 1		Last Saturday
Happy Meals	1st Thursday	Last Thursday
Just Stay	1st Friday	Last Friday
Lincoln		Last Friday
Lunch Bunch	3rd Friday	Last Friday
New Hope & Inspiration	2nd Monday	3rd Monday
Progressive		Last Saturday
Shoulder to Shoulder	3rd Monday	Last Monday
Turning Point	3rd Sunday	Last Sunday
Westside	2nd Friday	Last Friday

Contributions

Idaho Falls Intergroup Council
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Intergroup & Committee Business Meetings

District 6
1st Tuesday of each month
7:00 p.m. Serenity Hall - Upstairs

CPC/PI Committee
2nd Tue of each month
6-7pm, Serenity Hall-Downstairs

Intergroup
1st Thursday of each month
6:45 p.m. *Serenity Hall - Upstairs*

IFYPAA
2nd Sunday of each month
2 pm @The Villa

Hospitals & Institutions
3rd Tuesday of each month
7:00 p.m. Serenity Hall - Downstairs

SOBERLUTION
3rd Sunday of each month
2 pm @ The Villa

BOOKS

Big Book (regular)	\$ 9.50
Big Book (large print)	\$10.30
Big Book (pocket size)	\$ 5.00
Twelve Steps (regular)	\$ 8.90
Twelve Steps (pocket size)	\$ 6.50
As Bill Sees It	\$ 9.00
Daily Reflection	\$10.25

Come to Intergroup to prepay and order literature.



Birthdays

MEMBER	YEARS	MEMBER	YEARS
Clean and Sober		Monday Night Big Book	
Josh A.	4		
Coffee Break		New Hope and Inspiration	
Steve M.	25	Carol	1
		Lloyd	12
Great News		The Buzz	
		Josh D.	3
Grapevine		The Sunlight of the Spirit	
		Grandma Sue	21
Happy Meals		Elaine	26
Steve F.	2		
Just Stay		Turning Point	
Lincoln Group		Westside Group	
Misty P.	1		
Joaquin P.	2		
Diana J.	3		
Joe B.	6		
Chris R.	9		



COME JOIN IN
AT THE FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC:
SATURDAY JUNE 3RD 2:00 PM
TAUTPHAUS PARK SHELTER #3

BRING RAFFLE ITEMS & FOOD

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Area 18 Spring Assembly 2015 Entertainment
invites you to

the
WHITE
JUST WEAR WHITE *party*

Celebrating 80 Years Of Sobriety

Saturday
May 16, 2015
9 PM -12 AM
Shilo Inn Idaho Falls
Wear White Casual Attire Optional
DJ Admission \$3

Teton Canyon Campout 14th Annual

Sponsored by Alta AA
August 28, 29, 30, 2015

Reunion Flats Campground Site #C

Friday 7:30 pm meeting in place of Alta
Church meeting

Saturday 6:00 potluck dinner,
meat provided

Speaker meeting to follow

Sunday am fireside meeting informal
Some camping spots available at Site # C

Directions from Driggs: Follow signs (East on Ski Hill Rd, just past Forest boundary turn up Teton Canyon Road, before Boy Scout Camp turn right into Reunion Flats Campground)

Dogs and kids welcome. Be sure to clean up after them and keep them from being disruptive during meals and meetings.

Nancy-Gail or Ed 208-456-2356, cell 208-390-9499
leave a message.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN THE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY

In the little town of Rigby, Idaho, a woman sat at a table trying to compose a letter-a letter asking for information, a letter of hope, a letter of despair. Yet even as she wrote, her expectations of receiving much in return were few. But hope had touched her, for she had just finished reading an article in a magazine about a new group called Alcoholic Anonymous. As she wrote, she thought of her husband, Carl.

Carl ran a small cafe in town. Each morning he opened it, cooked all day, and closed it at night. He also drank, drank to excess. Sometimes he drank himself into oblivion. At times when Carl was sweeping out the place he would pass out, sleeping in a booth all night. His wife feared for his life as well as worrying constantly for herself and heir children. After reading the article, she wrote to G.S.O. in New York, hoping that somehow help might come to them.

In time the letter reached its destination, and literature was sent to her in Rigby. But she could not be directed to a group as there was no groups in Idaho at that time. Some one in G.S.O. forwarded the letter to a group in Los Angeles. Again, since there wasn't a group in Idaho, no one knew what to do with the letter.

One of the members suddenly remembered Harry, from Los Angeles, was in Idaho, so the letter was forwarded once more. Harry was in Idaho Falls, about fifteen miles from Rigby. When he received the letter, he contacted Carl, the cook. Carl decided he wanted what A.A. had to offer. After some discussion, the two men decided to start a group.

The first meeting was held in Harry's home, just outside of Idaho Falls, on May 20, 1947. They placed an ad in the daily paper and waited. The first result from the ad was Larry joining them in the middle of July. Another member, George, came in the first week of August, and Swede during the latter part of the month. The small group began holding meetings on each Tuesday in Larry's house, later moving to the city building.

Early in September the Idaho Falls group was asked to join a group in Ogden, Utah for a meeting in Pocatello, Idaho.

Members from the Ogden group conducted this first meeting of the Pocatello group on September 7, 1947.

During this period an A.A. member from Salt Lake City had come to St. Anthony, Idaho to work. In order to maintain his sobriety, he gathered a few drunks together and explained the wonders of A.A. to them. They began attending A.A. meetings in Idaho Falls, which was forty-five miles away. This was in the fall of 1947. The exacted date is not known. In the early winter they decided to start a group in St. Anthony. As Christmas and New Years were nearing, they waited until after the holidays. The first meeting was held on January 8, 1948 at St. Anthony.

This was the beginning of A.A. in the Snake River Valley with many more groups and members joining as the years have passed.

Old Swede

'Old Swede's' lovely wife Verla gave (me) Swedes A.A. possessions which will be put in the archives. Among them was this history of A.A. in the Snake River Valley in his own handwriting, which (I) wish to share with you.

IF AA Intergroup Meeting Minutes for April 2nd 2015

Attendance: Grandma Sue (Chair), Chris H. (Secretary), Terry Y. (Treasurer), Libertie P. (Entertainment), Mandy H. (Clean & Sober), Ken H. (Westside), Jennifer L. (Turning Point), Jim T. (Lunch Bunch), Jonathan Engle (Coffee Break), Hal T. (New Hope & Inspiration), Brent F. (Just Stay), Keith J. (District DCM, Guest)

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm and Grandma Sue asked everyone to join in a moment of silence and Brent F. read the 12 Steps.

SECRETARY REPORT: Chris H. read the summary of minutes from the March 5th meeting. Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Terry Y. presented the March 2015 report. The General Account balance was \$52.22 (a book order was made for \$512.25). Entertainment balance is approximately \$284. Due to miscommunication about the General Account balance \$250 was borrowed from Entertainment to help cover the cost of the book order to General Services Office in NY. There is \$250 in Savings serving as our Prudent Reserve. Motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

LITERATURE REPORT: Joe R. placed a book order for \$512.25 which included Big Books, 12x12 books and some pamphlets. Contact Joe R. or Grandma Sue if you want to buy books. There are still 4 or more Spanish Big Books and 12x12 books available.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT: The Spring Founders Day Picnic will be Saturday, June 6th and will be at Tautphaus Park Shelter 3. After some discussion it was decided to invite the District 6 Groups to donate a gift basket for raffle at the picnic. Group representatives were asked to mention this at their Group Conscious meetings. Motion was made and passed to accept the Entertainment report as presented.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Christy M. was not present. Please report your group birthdays to Christy (aaifnews@gmail.com or 524-1132) by the 15th of each month.

HOT LINE REPORT: Yoshi S. was not in attendance. Contact him at 346-2438 or email yoshithequartermaster@gmail.com if you are willing to help with the Hotline.

DISTRICT 6 GUEST, KEITH J. Keith attended the Intergroup and said that Mary Pat M. has agreed to organize the "12th Step Workshop" April 25th but would appreciate help. Mandy H. and Jennifer L. had several ideas about food and a motion was made and accepted that they contact Mary Pat and help work out the details. Grandma Sue had been asked by Mary Pat to be a speaker; Keith urged that Josh (Yoshi) S. be contacted since he originally expressed interest to include the Hot Line and 12th Step calls into the workshop. The next Intergroup meeting will be Thursday, May 7th 2015 at 6:45pm

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

Tradition 5: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion. Service Material from the General Service Office

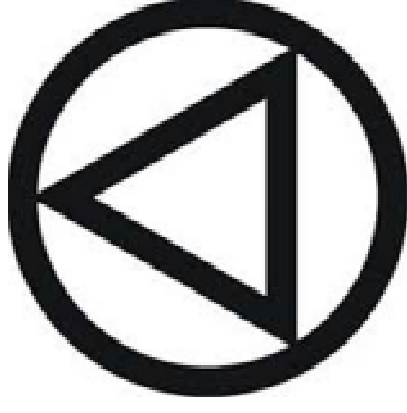
Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer?
7. Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

From the A.A. Grapevine

Day / Time	Meeting Name	Type	Location	
IN IDAHO FALLS				
Sunday	Spiritual Breakfast Meeting	O A	Dixie's Diner	Church of the Nazarene
8:30 AM	Grapevine Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs	1900 Grandview Drive, Idaho Falls, ID
9:00 AM	Reunion de AA en Espanol	O SP	Holy Rosary Church Annex	Denny's Restaurant
5:00 PM	Turning Point Group	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	950 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402
7:00 PM			Bingham Memorial Hospital - Blackfoot	Dixie's Diner
7:00 PM	Twelve By Twelve Meeting	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs	2150 Channing Way, Idaho Falls, ID
8:00 PM	Progressive Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs	Holy Rosary Church Annex
				145 9th St, Idaho Falls, ID
				Leo's Place
Monday				155 S Holmes Avelidaho Falls, ID
11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch AA	O	Denny's Restaurant	New Life Church
6:00 PM	Women In Recovery Group	O W	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	2170 12th Street., Idaho Falls, ID
7:00 PM	Shoulder to Shoulder Group	O A	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Serenity Hall
7:30 PM	New Hope and Inspiration Group	O A	New Life Church	600 S. Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID
8:00 PM	Big Book Study Group	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	St. Luke's Episcopal Church
8:30 PM	Lincoln Group	O	Serenity Hall-Downstairs	270 N Placer Ave., Idaho Falls, ID
				St. Paul's Methodist Basement
Tuesday				1730 Saint Clair Road, Idaho Falls, ID
7:00 AM	Grapevine Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs - Bring Your Coffee	Trinity United Methodist Church
10:00 AM	Coffee Break Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs	237 North Water Ave, Idaho Falls, ID
11:30 AM	Happy Meals	O A	Dixie's Diner	Unitarian Fellowship Church
5:30 PM	Just Stay	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	555 E St, Idaho Falls, ID
8:00 PM	Twelve By Twelve Meeting	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	
				OUT OF TOWN
Wednesday				Assembly of God Church - FIRTH
11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch Step Study Meeting	O A	Denny's Restaurant	235 West Center Street, Firth, ID
6:00 PM	Clean and Sober Group	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	Bingham Memorial Hospital
7:30 PM	The Great News (Big Book Study) Group I	C A	Downstairs	98 Poplar St, Blackfoot, ID 83221
8:00 PM		O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs	Rigby Senior Center
				391 Community Ln, Rigby, ID 83442
				Ririe Senior Center
				395 Main St, Ririe, ID 83443

Idaho Falls Intergroup May 2015



Day / Time	Meeting Name	Type	Location
Thursday			
7:00 AM	Grapevine Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs - Bring Your Coffee
10:00 AM	Coffee Break Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs Dixie's Diner / Leo's Place—3rd Thursday
11:30 AM	Happy Meals	O A	
12:00 PM	Women In Recovery	OAW	Serenity Hall - Downstairs
5:30 PM	Just Stay	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs
7:00 PM	White Knuckle Sobriety Men's Meeting	O A M	St. Paul's Methodist Basement
8:00PM	Men's Group	O	New Life Church
8:00 PM	Progressive Group	O	Serenity Hall—Upstairs
8:00 PM	Firth Group		Assembly of God Church - FIRTH
Friday			
11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch AA	O A	Denny's Restaurant
5:30 PM	Just Stay	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs
7:00 PM	The Great News	O	New Life Church
8:00 PM	Lincoln Group	O	Serenity Hall—Downstairs
8:00 PM	Westside Group	O	Church of the Nazarene
Saturday			
8:30AM	The Sunlight of the Spirit	O W	Serenity Hall—Downstairs
10:00 AM	Coffee Break Group	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs
6:00 PM	Clean and Sober Group	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs
7:00PM	The Buzz	O	Trinity United Methodist Church
8:00 PM	Group I	O	Serenity Hall - Upstairs

First Tuesday of the Month

7:00 PM District 6 Business Meeting Serenity Hall - Downstairs

First Thursday of the Month

6:45 PM Intergroup Business Meeting Serenity Hall - Upstairs

Type
 A = Handicap Accessible
 C = Closed Meeting
 M = Men
 O = Open Meeting
 SP = Spanish
 W = Women

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