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HELLO  
FRIENDS  
OF  
BILL W.



**GRAPEVINE  
QUOTE OF THE  
DAY**

**AA Hotline 524-7729**  
**Línea directa de hablar**  
**español**  
**528-2994**

"I am learning, when looking for signs of spiritual awakening in myself, to look, not for bright lights or emotional upheavals ... but for sobriety, stability, responsibility, meaning, satisfaction, joy. These are the marks of the beginning of spiritual awakening."

Hankins, N.Y., [May 1967](#)  
From: "AA's Steps Lead to - Spiritual Awakening"  
**Spiritual Awakenings**



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## 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

Chair  
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## Other Contact Information

### **AA Hotline**

524-7729

### **Línea directa de hablar español**

528-2994

### **Sobriety corner on the Web**

<http://www.idahoarea18aa.org/main/ifalls.htm>

### **Newsletter Email List**

aaifnews@gmail.com

### **General Services (GSO) Website**

<http://aa.org>

### **The Grapevine**

<http://aagrapevine.org>

### **Bridge-the-Gap**

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Alateen\* For more info, call: 521-2235  
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District 6 Chair  
Harry H.  
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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

Support for individual suffering alcoholics is provided by the following AA committees.

### **HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I)**

#### H&I Chair/Liaison

Mike C.  
208-520-3145  
H&I Secretary  
Marjri Mc.  
280-520-6645  
H&I Treasurer  
Lenny F.  
208-360-4896

#### Community Reintroduction Center (CRC) Liaison

Bruce B.  
252-622-9280

#### 3-B Detention Center Liaison

Mike C.  
280-520-3145

#### Men's Jail Liaison

William L.  
280-881-7023

#### Women's Jail

Grandma Sue  
1-307-851-4497

#### Wood Pilot/Work

Release Liaison  
Chris P.  
208-419-7808

#### Blackfoot South Liaison

#### Public Information

CPC/PI  
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# This and That

## Step 3

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”



## Contributions

Idaho Falls Intergroup Council  
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District 6  
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Idaho Falls, ID 83405

Idaho Area 18 Treasurer  
PO Box 86  
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## Tradition 3

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

## 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> st 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
Turning Point	3rd Sunday	Last Sunday
Westside	2nd Friday	Last Friday

## Intergroup & Committee Business Meetings

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

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

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

CPC/PI Committee  
2nd Tue of each month  
7-8 p.m. Serenity Hall-  
Downstairs

IFYPAA  
2nd Sunday of each month  
2 p.m. @The Villa

SOBERLUTION  
3rd Sunday of each month

## 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

Each group can order books from New York  
General Services Contact Scott B for Chips



# Birthdays

MEMBER	YEARS
<b>Clean and Sober</b>	
Cindy S	1
Patrick G	2
Rachel F	3
Ross S	10
<b>Coffee Break</b>	
Lucas C	2
Stephanie C	2
Kevin W	3
Kordell W	3
Dawn L	4
Dianna G	4
Micah L	4
Ron L	18
<b>Happy Meals</b>	
Pete H	5
Kym M	8
Michele S	8
Chad M	20
Cathy M	21

MEMBER	YEARS
<b>Lincoln Group</b>	
James B	1
Lucas C	2
Donna H	8
Sandra T	11
Todd M	21
Larry M	31
Kent R	38
Van L	42
<b>New Hope &amp; Inspiration</b>	
BJ	1
Tron	1
Julie S	14
<b>Sunlight of the Spirit</b>	
Cindy C	2

## H & I Workshop April 9th

Serenity Hall from 12 noon to 3 p.m.  
Food and Speakers

Also beginning training  
for AA members interested in  
volunteering in the various  
H & I facilities and institutions

\*This workshop is co-sponsored by  
H & I  
District 6 and Great News Group

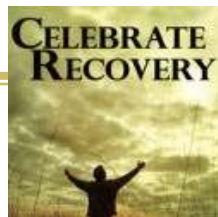


Show gratitude through Service

Great News Group Friday Night  
Speaker Meeting Location:  
Cornerstone Pentecostal Church  
793 Cleveland Street Idaho Falls  
2nd Friday each Month 7:00 P.M.

## PREA Class

**April 13th at 6 pm at 577 D Street**  
This class is required for AA members  
interested taking AA meetings into the  
women's and men's jails.



**AA**  
**Spring Assembly**  
Boise Idaho  
2016

May 27, 28, 29 Riverside Hotel  
[www.idahoarea18aa.org](http://www.idahoarea18aa.org) for info

# IF AA Intergroup Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016

**ATTENDANCE:** Mike K. (Chair), Diana J. (Secretary), Eva H. (Entertainment), Terry Y. (Treasurer), Mandy H. (C&S Rep.), Jeff S. (Great News Rep.), Barbara C. (Happy Meals Rep.), Larry J. (Westside Group Rep.), Hal T. (New Hope & Inspiration Rep.) Brian M. (Lunch Bunch Rep.), Lynn L. (Serenity Hall Rep.)

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm. Mike asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mandy read the 12 Traditions.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Diana summarized minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no corrections. Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Terry handed out the treasury report for Dec-Jan. We would like to thank all groups that donated in December. The General Account balance is \$641.66, the Entertainment balance is \$1112.32, and there is \$250 in Savings for prudent reserve.

**ENTERTAINMENT REPORT:** Eva reported that she has been unable to get information about contacts for locations to hold parties and campouts. Mike offered to contact Liberty for the info. The cost of renting the Senior Center or another location for a St. Patrick's Day party was brought up. Eva also reported that she would like to go to the groups for face to face contact about activities.

**NEWSLETTER REPORT:** Christy was unable to attend – Please report your group birthdays to Christy ([aaifnews@gmail.com](mailto:aaifnews@gmail.com)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or they may not be included in the newsletter.

**HOTLINE REPORT:** Kristy was unable to attend - Contact her @ 985-9405 or [zara.shay11@gmail.com](mailto:zara.shay11@gmail.com) if you are willing to help with the Hotline.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Terry, Eva, Mike & Diana agreed to meet at Wells Fargo Wednesday 2.10.16 @ 1:00 to transfer checking account and entertainment account information.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Entertainment and activities were discussed at length. Barb asked why we are having more dances than usual. Mike responded that he would like to see Entertainment having more activities that are separate from drug court and court program activities so AA members have more opportunities to be involved. Larry mentioned that the Intergroup sponsored activities should be kept separate to uphold our traditions. Terry informed us that the activities Entertainment is responsible for, per the bi-laws, are the Christmas party, Founders Day picnic, and the Intergroup campout. Larry gave a brief overview of Founders Day, which is to celebrate the first AA in Idaho in May of 1947 (Area 18). He also brought to our attention that AA activities should focus on AA history and the AA program, not the activity itself. Terry pointed out that we can add to the bi-laws but not take away from them. Entertainment was set up to do what they want without bringing it to Intergroup unless a vote is needed or to bring planned activities to our attention. The Entertainment chair should form a committee to plan and carry out activities. Brian mentioned that Entertainment is a group just like any other, operating on their own with their own agenda. Barb and Larry both said that parties need to at least break even financially. Mike added that he would like to see the traditions kept alive while integrating current themes.

Jeff requested we discuss Intergroup taking literature orders back into their responsibilities. Hal commented that New Hope gets their own and Mandy commented that most groups do get their own. Terry gave a brief overview of the past decision to end Intergroup being responsible for literature. She said that there were too many orders that did not break even so Intergroup was losing money. If extra books are ordered the books don't get sold and we are short that money.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40

## **2016 INTERGROUP OFFICERS:**

Chair: Mike K. 200-1148 [m\\_kahrau@yahoo.com](mailto:m_kahrau@yahoo.com)

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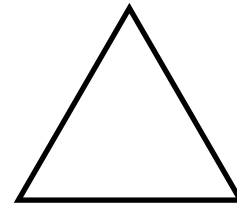
Treasurer: Terry Y. 360-1934 [terrydee@cableone.net](mailto:terrydee@cableone.net)

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Entertainment Chair: Eva H. 970-0545 [fauceismydog@gmail.com](mailto:fauceismydog@gmail.com)

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## **SHOUT OUT**

Thanks to AA groups, Intergroup officers and reps for your service. Because of you AA Intergroup is alive and well in Idaho Falls.

## CPC/PI INFORMATION

Contact for District 6 CPCPI -

Sally Boyd [seb82287@gmail.com](mailto:seb82287@gmail.com) 252-622-7923 Monthly meeting 2nd Tues.- Downstairs

Serenity Hall @ 7P.M.—8P.M.

All Group CPCPI chairs are encouraged to attend as well as anyone else interesting in being of service to carry the AA message to our community. Public Information and Co-operation with the Professional Community is a very important part of what we do. It is our responsibility to make sure the hand of AA is easily available to all who may need it.

### What is CPC/PI Liaison?

Group Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.) representatives, usually working with their local intergroup (central office), district or area C.P.C. committees, focus on cooperation but not affiliation with professionals in the community educators, physicians, the clergy, court officials and others who often are in contact with active alcoholics. They keep their home groups informed of area C.P.C. activities and, when appropriate, arrange for group volunteers to join together in carrying the A.A. message at professional meetings, seminars, and more. (In some groups, the functions of the C.P.C. and Public Information Representatives are combined.)

Taken from the Pamphlet "THE AA GROUP...WHERE IT ALL BEGINS"

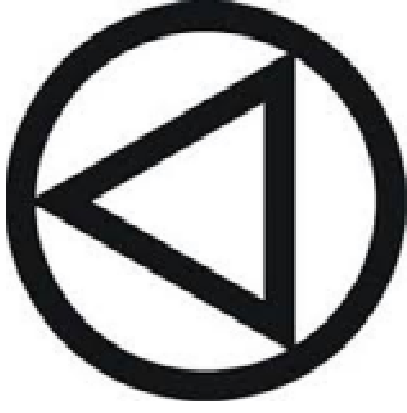
The Tradition questions on page 6 were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

### **Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

- 1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?**
- 2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?**
- 3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?**
- 4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?**
- 5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict?  
Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human,  
Like the rest of us?**
- 6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?**



# Idaho Falls Intergroup 2016



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Area Website: [www.idahoarea18aa.org](http://www.idahoarea18aa.org)

Bridge the Gap: (253) 217-2010

Al-Anon: 522-4947\*Alateen: 521-2235\*

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Idaho Falls ID 83401-3486

\*In cooperation, not affiliation.

Day / Time	Meeting Name	Type	Location
<b>Thursday</b>			
7:00 AM	Grapevine Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs - Bring Your Coffee
10:00 AM	Coffee Break Group	O	Serenity Hall - Downstairs
11:30 AM	Happy Meals	O A	Dixie's Diner / Leo's Place—3rd Thursday
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
<b>Friday</b>			
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	Cornerstone Pentecostal Church
8:00 PM	Lincoln Group	O	Serenity Hall-Downstairs
8:00 PM	Westside Group	O	Church of the Nazarene
<b>Saturday</b>			
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

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

**First Tuesday of the Month**  
 7:00 PM District 6 Business Meeting C Serenity Hall - Downstairs

**First Thursday of the Month**  
 6:45 PM Intergroup Business Meeting C Serenity Hall - Upstairs