

# Eastern Idaho Sobriety Corner

February 1

# 2019

Alcoholics  
Anonymous

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**Step 2 Spiritual Principle**  
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## Intergroup Officers

### **Chair:**

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### **The Grapevine**

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### **District Contact Information**

#### **District 6 Chair**

Jim T.  
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### **Special AA Committees**

Support for individual  
Suffering alcoholics is  
provided by the following  
AA committees:

### **Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)**

#### **H&I Chair/Liaison**

Elisa S.  
253-217-2010

#### **H&I Secretary**

- Open Position

#### **H&I Treasurer**

- Open Position

### **Community Reintroduction Center (CRC) Liaison**

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### **3-B Detention Center Liaison**

Mike C.  
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### **Men's Jail Liaison**

William L.  
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### **Women's Jail Liaison**

Claudia H.  
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### **Wood Pilot/Work Release Liaison**

Chris P.  
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### **Blackfoot South Liaison**

*Volunteer Needed*

### **Public Information**

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## **Intergroup Mission**

Officers are elected by sitting Intergroup members; members are selected during "group conscience" meeting 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. 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 bylaws.

# Committee Meeting Schedule – Please attend a District, Intergroup or Committee Meeting to get involved

**District 6**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. Serenity Hall – Downstairs

**Intergroup**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month 6:45 p.m. Serenity Hall – Upstairs

**IFYPAA**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month 2:00 p.m. @The Villa Coffeehouse

**CPC/CI Committee**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:00 p.m. Serenity Hall – Downstairs

**Hospitals & Institutions Committee**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. Serenity Hall – Downstairs

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<b>MEETING GROUP</b>	<b>GROUP CONSCIENCE</b>	<b>Celebrate Birthdays</b>
The Buzz	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	
Clean and Sober	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Last Saturday
Coffee Break	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Last Saturday
Grapevine	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Last Sunday
Great News	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Last Friday
Happy Meals	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Last Thursday
IFYPAA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	
Just Stay	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Last Friday
Lincoln Group		Last Friday
Lunch Bunch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Last Friday
New Hope & Inspiration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Progressive Group		Last Saturday
Third Tradition	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Last Tuesday
Turning Point	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Last Sunday
Westside	<b>Last Friday</b>	Last Friday

Changes or Additions email  
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AA Tradition Two

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

Brian M. Coffee Break Group

Why do we need God in our AA business meetings or group consciences? Are we members of Alcoholic Anonymous so incompetent that we can't even conduct a business meeting on our own?

Based upon my own experience our competence or lack of to conduct a meeting really has nothing to do with Tradition Two. It has to do with our own ego when brought together with egos of other alcoholics. Although we may have the best intentions to do what is right for AA, often times our egos when threatened or challenged go off the rails causing us to act out of line with God's will.

I saw firsthand the danger of when ego is placed ahead of humility while I was attending the 2013 AA General Service Conscience. A discussion regarding whether or not the AA Fellowship should proceed with the publication of a commemorative edition of the original Big Book upon the 75th Anniversary of its first printing and issuance was underway. Although the pros and cons of going forward with this proposal began respectfully and lovingly, the discussion soon deteriorated into something less.

Eventually a Delegate from Florida came to the microphone and stated that for the past two days our discussions had gone downhill from loving expressions to near personal attacks on each other. This of course was particularly disturbing considering this body of AA members represented the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in the United States and Canada. He concluded his sharing by saying that he wanted to take a moment of silence to invite God into our meeting.

After this pause, which probably lasted two minutes, the discussion resumed on whether or not to adopt the proposal. What a difference it made to our discussion! Members' sharing no longer approached personal attacks. The discussion was still passionate and energetic but it was done with respect and love for each other despite the differing perspectives.

The proposal to publish this edition of the Big Book was eventually passed. But what was really remarkable was how the tone of the discussion had changed entirely from one that was becoming poisonous and dysfunctional to one of respect and love. This is reflective of what happens when we invite God into our group conscience and allow Him to express his unwavering love and care for us.



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**District 6 Meeting Minutes  
January 1, 2019**

Jim T., DCM, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Brad S. read the Twelve Traditions.

**Attendees:** Jim T. – DCM; Brad S. – New Hope GSR; Deb S. – Westside GSR; Michelle W. – Secretary; Ray – Visitor; Corey E. – Great News GSR; Jeff E. – Alt DCM; Brian M. – Archives Chair; Marv W. – CPC/PI Chair; Harry H. – Treasurer; Cris W. – Lunch Bunch Alt. GSR.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Great News:** Group is planning a workshop for the third Saturday in February, basement of the Cornerstone Pentecostal Church, Idaho Falls.

**Coffee Break:** Will be developing an Annual Budget and Group Guidelines.

**Westside Group:** Will be changing chairpersons on a monthly basis, and will change meeting format of some meetings to include readings from AA literature with discussion.

**Moreland Group:** Soon to be formed in the Spring by Ray.

**SPECIAL SERVICE COMMITTEES:**

1. **H&I** (Elisa S.): No report.
2. **CPC/PI** (Marv W.): The District 6 Public Information Committee is holding a brainstorming meeting Jan. 8, 2019, at 7 pm, Serenity Hall Basement. The group needs help and ideas in presenting ideas to potential or non-alcoholics in the Idaho Falls area. They will be targeting Schools, Businesses, Correctional Personnel/Facilities, Treatment Facilities, Clergy, etc. The CPC/PI Committee also continues to place literature in racks around town.
3. **Grapevine** (Mark C.): No report.
4. **Archives** (Brian M.): No report.
5. **IFYPAA** (Emily K): No report.

Treasurer's report was presented by Harry H. Accepted as read.

**JANUARY 2019 DISTRICT 6 TREASURER'S REPORT**

**(December 2018 Income & Expenses)**

Balance Forward:	\$1,751.55
Income:	\$ +103.47 MEETINGS: Great News (\$41.47; \$38.00); Happy Meals (\$24.00)
Expenses:	\$ - 185.00 #1040: USPS PO Box Jan-Jun 2019 (-\$41.00) #1041: Serenity Hall, D6 CPC/PI Rent Jan-Jun18 (-\$36.00) #1042: Serenity Hall, D6 CPC/PI Rent Jul18-Jun19 (-\$72.00) #1043: Serenity Hall, District 6 Rent Jan-Jun19 (-\$36.00)
Current Balance:	\$1,670.02
Prudent Reserve:	\$ - 200.00
Non-earmarked total:	<b>\$1,470.02</b>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The Committee discussed results from two of the three ad hoc committees, whose task it was to study the topics which were ranked as most important from October's Brainstorming Session and to make suggestions or recommendations on how to proceed.
  - A. The report for "Ideas for Better Involving Groups in District 6" included GSR reports, rearrangement of the meeting agenda, a 60-minute meeting time, and a member story in place of the discussion of the Twelve Concepts or Twelve Traditions, among others. A motion was passed that the discussion of the Twelve Traditions or Twelve Concepts be included in the meeting agenda.
  - B. The report for "Ideas for Education on Why District Meetings are Important" is a list whose items will be added to the agenda to be discussed in more detail at next month's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The background material for General Service Conference Agenda Items will be released on or about Feb. 15. Input from the groups will be needed. The DCM will have one printed copy available as well as a link to the electronic file online. A tutorial on the General Service Conference Agenda Items and their importance to AA will be given at the February District 6 meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Public Information Committee meeting to recruit ideas and help in carrying the message, January 8, 2019, 7 pm in Serenity Hall Basement
2. General Service Conference Agenda Items Review. Background Information out on or about Feb. 15, 2019. Review and response due on or about March 15.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

## Intergroup Meeting Minutes- JAN 2019

Attending: Elden-Chair, Jeff S.-Alt, Chair, Teresa D.-Entertainment Chair, Mandy H.-Clean & Sober, Teresa S.-Just Stay, Chris, Cory & Mike-Great News, Meggan H-Grapevine. No Treasurer report. Need bi-lingual person for AA Hotline. Mike C. is volunteering to run Hotline...we need more volunteers for Hotline. Mike will get together with Renee when she gets back from Washington. Training will need to be done on how to handle Hotline calls. Need list of volunteers for 12 Step calls. FEB 23<sup>rd</sup>-Hotline Workshop. Flyer asking for volunteers for AA Hotline.

Each group should submit monthly Birthdays to aafnews@gmail.com by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the Newsletter.



## February Birthdays

### Clean and Sober

### Years

Happy Jack 18  
 Melissa C 1  
 RIP for Saint Marvin S-He would have 20 years

### Great News

### Years

Cate C. 29  
 Lenny F. 9  
 Jeff St. 2  
 Scott B. 2

### Just Stay

### Years

Happy Jack 18  
 Kevin D. 10  
 Mary Ann F. 6  
 Rebekka W. 6  
 Jake T. 4  
 Lori F. 3  
 Lucy M. 2  
 Bayden F. 1

### Lincoln Group

### Years

Lynn L. 34  
 Glenroy F. 3

### Happy Meals

### Years

Doug D. 31  
 Mark C. 14  
 Roger P. 9  
 Jeni P. 3  
 Jeff R. 2

### New Hope

### Years

Laurie C. 13

### Coffee Break

### Years

Jack 18  
 Kevin D. 10  
 Sergio E. 5  
 Kristy A. 2  
 Bill S. 2

### Westside

### Years

Lucan C. 25  
 Michael M. 23  
 Craig A. 15