# Eastern |October 1 Idaho Corner

Sobriety 2019

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 

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Step 10- Spiritual Principle-PATIENCE/PERSEVERANCE -**Steadfast despite** opposition or adversity; able or willing to bear; to persist in an understanding in spite of counter influences.





#### **Intergroup Officers**

**Chair:** Jeff S. 208-380-4155

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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** Keith J. 208-521-4080

**3-B Detention Center Liaison** Mike C. 208-520-3145

Men's Jail Liaison Doug M. 208-313-4732 Women's Jail Liaison Julie S. - 208-206-2273 Debra M.- 208-705-5119 Wood Pilot/Work Release Liaison Chris P. 208-419-1120

Blackfoot South Liaison Volunteer Needed

Public Information CPC/PI Marvin W. 208-317-7754 aamarv@hotmail.com

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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.

# <u>Committee Meeting Schedule – Please attend a District,</u> <u>Intergroup or Committee Meeting to get involved</u>

#### **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

Addresses Serenity Hall 600 S Boulevard PO Box 2237 Idaho Falls, ID 83401 <u>Serenity Hall Information</u> Henry E – 208-569-0589 Daryl J. – 208-589-5225

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Changes or Additions email

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GROUP CONSCIENCE	Celebrate Birthdays
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Last Saturday
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Last Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Varying Sundays
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Last Sunday
3rd Friday	Last Friday
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Last Thursday
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Last Friday
	Last Friday
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Last Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
	Last Saturday
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Last Tuesday
Last Friday	Last Friday
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	1st Saturday   3rd Saturday   3rd Saturday   1st Sunday   2nd Sunday   3rd Friday   2nd Thursday   2nd Saturday   3rd Friday   2nd Thursday   3rd Friday   1st Thursday   3rd Friday   2nd Thursday   2nd Thursday   2nd Tuesday

#### **District 6 Meeting Minutes September 3, 2019**

Cory E., Alt DCM, opened the meeting around 7pm. Joey B. read the Twelve Traditions.

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#### **Group Reports:**

Great News: Joey B. reports that there is no news.

**Grace and Mercy:** Marjri M. reports the meeting is self-supporting, a topic meeting, and are looking for a new place to hold the meeting.

**Coffee Break:** Brian M. reports that group conscious has good attendance. They are going to work on cleaning up the birthday list.

Westside Group: Debbie S. reports the attendance is horrible.

#### **Special Service Committees:**

H&I: Becky W. has stepped down due to moving out of the Idaho Falls area.

CPC/PI: Marv W. has no report.

Grapevine: No report.

**Archives:** Brian M. reports they are trying to find the origins of AA in Idaho Falls and Serenity Hall.

**IFYPAA:** Emily has stepped down. No report.

Treasurer's Report: Harry H. gave his treasurers report. See Attached.

#### **Old Business:**

Fall Assembly in Burley, ID is October 4-6.

The CPC/PI District publishment motioned to pay, motioned in, voted in.

Cory E., is looking into seeing if we need a 501 3C for non-profit to have our meeting at CEI. We are so non-profit we don't pay taxes... He also is going to talk to Mitzi at CEI about having the event. Gratitude Dinner will most likely be through the college's catering service.

#### **Elections are in October**

All positions are open. This includes: DCM Alt DCM Treasurer Secretary

#### **New Business:**

At the fall assembly we will be voting to enter in bylaws for literature.

New volunteers for rest of the year

H&I – Chris P.

Secretary – Elizabeth B.

The website and the newsletter need to equal out. We need to talk to intergroup.

#### Intergroup Meeting Minutes – SEP 2019

Attending: Jeff S. – Chair, Benji P. – Alternate Chair, Teresa D. – Entertainment Chair, Carol F. – Treasurer, Cory E. – Alternate DCM, Jim T.- District 6 DCM, Lenny F.-Great News, Shelia S.-Happy Meals, Laurie C.- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition, Mark B.-visitor. Cory E. – District 6 Sit-down Gratitude Dinner November 2019-to be held at CEI. Intergroup willing to donate \$400 toward dinner to offset cost of tickets-take back to groups for discussion. Open up CEI for Guest Speaker on Gratitude Dinner night. Cory E. – conflicting info on Area Website vs. paper meeting list. Cory will e-mail webmaster to make meetings current. Intergroup – discuss donating to Area. AA Hotline: voted in Vanessa B. to run Hotline. Need phone number for Vanessa. Vanessa should get with Hotline volunteers that have area code other than (208). Still announce that we need volunteers for Hotline at individual group meetings. Lenny F. volunteered as Literature Rep. Treasurer Report: Century Link (Hotline) \$59.06, Serenity Hall rent paid through DEC 2019. As of 9/23-General Account balance: \$1,928.00, Entertainment Account Balance: \$1,055.64. Donations – Happy Meals 40.00 and Great News Group 20.00----Thank you so very much for your donations!

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# Tradition 10 -

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# Step 10 Spiritual Principle-

PATIENCE/PERSEVERANCE – Steadfast despite opposition or adversity; able or willing to bear; to persist in an understanding in spite of counter influences. Our AA Unity Brian M. – Coffee Break

Often times I see and hear a visible and audible groan when the topic chosen for a meeting is the AA Twelve Traditions. I know this goes on for I used to do the same.

Even though I heard numerous members preface their reading of the Traditions with, "The Steps show how AA works and the Traditions show why it works," it still didn't register with me in terms of being meaningful. I not only didn't understand the Traditions' importance but I felt somewhat resentful that meetings were wasting precious time reading them instead of using this time for more sharing.

This negative and uninformed response from me lasted until I started realizing how important these principles were to the very survival of the AA Fellowship and of AA itself. Although the AA program captured in the Big Book will always last forever, there is no certainty that the AA Fellowship will too.

What keeps us bonded and unified before, during and after AA meetings? For some these meetings are a social or legal outlet (seeing friends, dating service, fulfilling probationary requirements, etc.). For others including some of the previously mentioned meetings are a vehicle to admit and coupled with the sharing of others what the problem is and what the solution is. Of course for us the problem is our selfishness and selfcenteredness manifested in alcoholism. The solution is the program of Alcoholics Anonymous expressed so clearly in the Big Book.

How do we ensure that our fellowship and meetings are around for us and the still suffering alcoholic tomorrow or next week or next year? The immediate answer is protecting our unity by practicing the Twelve Traditions at the individual, group, district, area, regional and the General Service Conference levels. To do this requires AA members who become informed about the Traditions and who share their understanding with other AA members.

It is clear and has been said many times that the greatest threat to AA's existence does not come from hostile outside sources. The threat comes from AAers not caring for and not using the tool that safeguards our unity and survival. That tool is the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. We must remain vigilant of our own actions to ensure we follow the Traditions as intended.

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



# October Birthdays

<u>Clean and Sober</u>	<u>Years</u>	Just Stay	Years	<u>Lincoln</u> <u>Group</u>	Years	Coffee Break	<u>Years</u>
Joseph S.	1	Buck H.	12	Lew G.	33	Libertie P.	9
Donnie	1	Libertie P.	9	Dusty G.	30	Lynn J.	6
		Jenn M.	2	Joe M.	30	James R.	6
		Stacy L.	1	Buck H.	12	Daniel G.	6
		Susan B.	1	Lance H.	11	Brittany T.	6
				Brett P.	6	Jamie C.	6
				Justin N.	5	Alana L.	6
<b>Grapevine</b>	<u>Years</u>	New Hope & Inspiration	<u>Years</u>	Zac M.	4	Gary K.	6
Dave N.	25	Martie F.	8	Mario G.	4	Kayce A.	5
Shannon	3	Ally V.	2	Jessica A.	3	Justin C.	5
David	3	Hal T.	2	Jen M.	2	Brent S.	5
		Mario C.	1			Adam K.	4
						Lanee M.	3
						Dakota W.	3

# Need volunteers for AA Hotline

<u>Contact Vanessa B. to volunteer</u>

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