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March 1

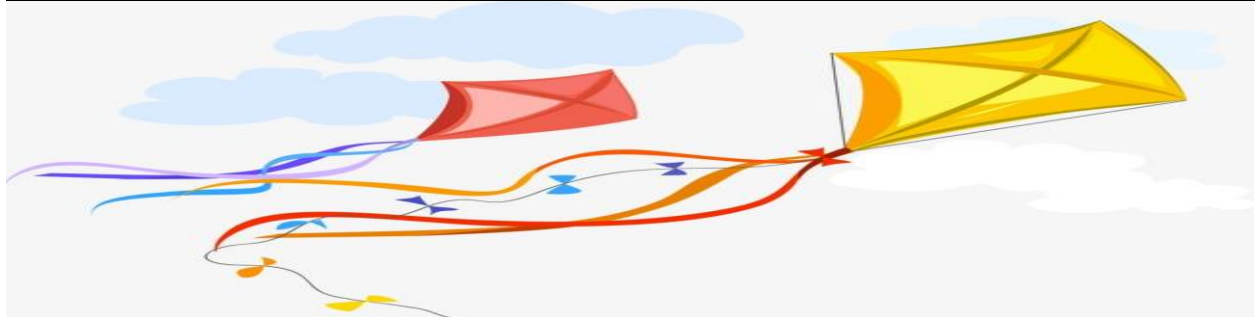
2020

Alcoholics Anonymous

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The Grapevine

www.aagrapevine.org

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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

Chris P.
208-821-2694

H&I Secretary

- Open Position

H&I Treasurer

- Open Position

Community Reintroduction Center (CRC) Liaison

Keith J.
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Men's Jail Liaison

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Women's Jail Liaison

Julie S. - 208-206-2273
Debra M.- 208-705-5119

Wood Pilot/Work Release Liaison

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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

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

Intergroup

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

IFYPAA

2nd Sunday of each month 2:00 p.m. @The Villa Coffeehouse

CPC/CI Committee

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

Hospitals & Institutions Committee

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

Addresses

Serenity Hall

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Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Serenity Hall Information

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District 6 H&I

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

Changes or Additions email
aaifnews@gmail.com

District 6 Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2020

Cory E., DCM, opened the meeting at 7:01 pm, and David C. read the Twelve Traditions.

Attendees: Cory E. – DCM; Marjri M. Alt. DCM, Deb S., Treasurer, Jim T. Secretary, Mike W. – CPC/PI Chair; Deb S. – Treasurer; Brian M., Archivist; David C. – Coffee Break GSR; Joey B. – Great News GSR; Brad S. – Happy Meals GSR; Laurie – 3rd Tradition GSR; Rebecca R. – Grace and Mercy GSR; Alex E.; Elizabeth B.; Joe P. and Nic E. – District 1 visitors.

Marjri, Alt. DCM, presented Tradition 2.

Treasurer's report – Deb S. and Cory E. presented a verbal report.

SPECIAL SERVICE COMMITTEES:

H & I -- No Report

CPC/PI – Literature racks have been restocked. Members were invited to discuss AA at Health classes at Skyline High School.

Archivist – Currently gathering historical information from groups.

Grapevine – No Report. There is a service opportunity by serving in this position and promoting the Grapevine. See Cory E.

IFYPAA – No Report.

DCM REPORT FROM AREA COMMITTEE MEETING:

- a. Donations to the Area Committee need to be sent to: Area 18 Treasurer
P. O. Box 45262
Boise, ID 83711
- b. Cory E. encouraged District 6 Groups to provide input to the General Service Conference Agenda after he forwards background material to the GSR when he receives it in about two weeks.
- c. Two new pamphlets are being Published by GSO.
- d. Volume 2 of *AA Comes of Age* is being prepared.
- e. AA Grapevine has a Website.

FROM THE GROUPS

Westside Meeting is now closed. Coffee Break, New Hope and Inspiration, Great News, and Grace and Mercy GSRs all reported. Nic E., District 1 said District 1 is having a workshop on April 4 for new GSR orientation. He reminds us that the room rates for the upcoming Spring Assembly at Fort Hall is \$89.00 and urges all to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 13th Step Workshop coming up.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be an Amendment to the Area Guidelines at the Spring Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Intergroup Meeting Minutes – FEB 2020

Meeting opened at 6:50 PM

Treasurer report-Carol F

Group Donations

New Hope and Inspiration \$60.00

Happy Meals \$50.00

Total Deposits \$110.00

Thank you to New Hope and Inspiration and Happy Meals for your donations 😊

Total Amount in General Checking as of 2/24/20 \$745.14

Total Amount in Entertainment as of 2/24/20 \$1,141.44

Amount Paid or Due

Hotline (Century Link) \$56.77 This amount may vary pennies from month to month. It is automatic deposit and will not be taken out until the end of the month. I will adjust amount accordingly once I receive it.

Hotline- Vanessa V

Vanessa is still looking for volunteers for a 12 step call list

Anyone that would like to volunteer and be placed on the list, please contact Vanessa B.

Entertainment-Teresa

Next month, Teresa will contact City Park and Rec for the Founders Day picnic.

Literature-Lenny

\$368.50 from Literature

Literature and H&I are combining funds to meet the \$400.00 requirement

District Report- Cory E

13th panel workshop will be held at Serenity Hall on 02/08, at Noon.

Just as a mention- Jeff will be stepping down as chairman for Intergroup. Please take this information back to your groups, and see if there is any interest.



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Singleness Of Purpose – A Guiding Principle For AA

Brian M.
Coffee Break Group

No topic seems more controversial and raises the ire of those in attendance than AA's principle of "Singleness of Purpose." Over the years I have heard this topic discussed in AA meetings with a lot of passionate disagreement.

In trying to analyze why this topic is such a lightning rod for controversy I have come to the conclusion that (1) many members don't understand it and (2) those same members do not know what drives this principle.

The discussion usually goes off the rails and typically leads to erroneous opinions by those objecting to it. They conclude that it promotes the exclusion of drug and other addicts from AA participation and membership. This is completely false. What it is saying is that alcoholism is AA's primary focus. Having other addictions besides alcoholism are outside issues and do not have a bearing on whether or not a person can become a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Being an alcoholic does.

The only question relevant with regards to becoming an AA member is, "Do I have a desire to stop drinking?" If so that person qualifies for AA membership.

Recently I was asked by a young woman if she could speak at one of our (Coffee Break Group) monthly speaker meetings. Our group requirements include that a speaker must be sober for a year and have worked the Twelve Steps and I asked her if she had done that. She said that she'd been clean for over a year but hadn't worked the Steps. I asked her if she was an alcoholic and she said no.

I politely informed her that our group guidelines allows only alcoholics to speak who have worked the Steps and who have been sober a year. Obviously she was disappointed at what I explained and responded by reminding me of something to the effect that "a drug is a drug is a drug is a drug." I immediately agreed with her that her statement was probably true anywhere outside of AA. But AA has a singular and specific focus on alcohol/ alcoholism.

This surprised her that I and AA were being so exclusionary. But, what would happen if AA wasn't like that?

Historically, the Washingtonians' experience showed that a recovery fellowship of alcoholics although initially successful did not survive after it took on other issues besides alcoholism. More recently I have noticed numerous times in the past when multi-addiction recovery groups started to the delight and anticipation of many but never survived more than a few months.

Boiled down to the most basic reason why Alcoholics Anonymous focuses only on alcoholism is that trying to be "everything to everyone" simply does not work. It might be for the better for those who do not have the desire to stop drinking to look elsewhere for recovery although they are still welcome to attend open AA meetings. After all, Alcoholics Anonymous is not necessarily for those who need it nor necessarily for even those who want it. It is for those willing to do the work!

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



March Birthdays

<u>Clean and Sober</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Happy Meals</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Just Stay</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Lincoln Group</u>	<u>Years</u>
Patrick G.	5	Van	46	Todd M.	25	Van L.	46
Jessie L.	2	Cathy M.	25	Phillip	15	Kent R.	42
Frank H.	1	Chad M.	24	Erika W.	8	Larry M.	35
		Pete H.	9	Clellie	5	Todd M.	25
		Sheryl S.	3	Tyler H.	2	Donna H.	12
				Jeremy	1	Lucas C.	6
						James B.	5
						Jess I.	3
<u>Grapevine</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>New Hope & Inspiration</u>	<u>Years</u>				
Gary T.	3	Julie F.	18				
		Mark O.	5				
<u>Lunch Bunch</u>	<u>Years</u>						
Bill B.	26						
Jeannette D.	3						
Tara	2						

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volunteers
for AA
Hotline

Contact Vanessa B. to volunteer

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