

Eastern Idaho Sobriety Corner

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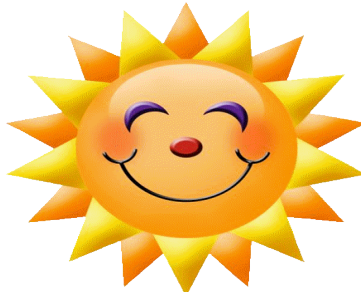
2020

Alcoholics Anonymous

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Intergroup Officers

Chair:

open

Alt. Chair:

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208-701-5747

Treasurer:

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Secretary:

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Other Contact Information

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www.idahoarea18.org

Newsletter Email List

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General Services

(GSO) Website
www.aa.org

The Grapevine

www.aagrapevine.org

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(*in cooperation, not
affiliation)

District Contact Information

District 6 Chair

Marjri M.
208-520-6645

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.
208-521-4080

3-B Detention Center Liaison

Mike C.
208-520-3145

Men's Jail Liaison

Chris P.
208-821-2694

Women's Jail Liaison

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

Wood Pilot/Work Release Liaison

Chris P.
208-821-2694

Blackfoot South Liaison

Volunteer Needed

Public Information

CPC/PI
Mike W.
208-710-6484

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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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PO Box 2237
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Serenity Hall Information

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Idaho Area 18 Treasurer
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Idaho Falls, ID 83405

District 6 H&I

PO Box 50572
Idaho Falls, ID 83405

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

Changes or Additions email
aaifnews@gmail.com

July 7, 2020

The meeting opened with the serenity prayer. David read the twelve traditions

Treasures Report:

Balance Forward	\$1,707.89
Deposits	.00
Expenses	.00
Prudent Reserve	\$200.00
Available Balance	\$1,507.89

Secretary's Report:

Appointment will be made with the bank to update the signatures.

DCM's Report:

1. Delegate's report: Thad attended four days of ZOOM meetings. The theme was: "A Clear vision for you." 175 people participated. GSO lost \$379,665 in revenue this year. They request that groups donate online rather than by check, as the cost of processing checks is more expensive. There are 28,180 registered groups with 40% of the groups contributing to GSO. Three million dollars has been withdrawn from the prudent reserve to meet expenses. The world conference was cancelled due to COVID 19. An in-depth report for this conference will be published at the end of the year.

2. The status of Marjri Mc being the new DCM was accepted by the committee.

GSRs' Reports:

1. Coffee Break is meeting in person on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Small numbers are in attendance and social distancing is taking place. Saturday's meeting may be discontinued.
2. Third Tradition is meeting outside in person, weather permitting. Otherwise the meeting is by ZOOM.
3. Lunch Bunch is temporarily meeting at the Center of Hope on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
4. Happy Meals is meeting at Dixies Diner.
5. New Hope and inspiration is meeting at the church in person with approximately thirty people in attendance.
6. Grace and Mercy is not meeting at this time.
7. Grapevine is meeting in person.

H and I's Report:

At this time, meetings cannot be taken into the jail. They do not expect to let people in until a vaccine is found. All literature going into the jail must come directly from the publishers. Funds are needed to finance getting Big Books into the jail. Other ways of getting the AA message into the jail are being looked in to.

New Business:

1. An alternate DCM is needed. If you have previously served as a GSR please consider running for this position. No eligible candidates are available from the committee. Now is the time for us sober alcoholics to step up and take responsibility for the representation of our groups on a district level. Please contact Marjri M. at 208-520-6645.
2. More GSR's are needed to represent our local groups so the status of the groups can be reported on a monthly basis. Make your voices heard.
3. Please consider signing up for the hotline or to go on twelve step calls. Carrying the message of AA and being there for the newcomer should be our priority During these unique times.
4. Please remember our seventh tradition that AA should be self-supporting. Continue to donate to your groups, district, area and GSO.

The meeting closed with the responsibility statement at 7:49.

DCM-Marjri McCracken (208)520-6645

Alternate DCM-open

Secretary-Jim T. (208)351-0591

Treasurer-Debbie S. (208)521-3594

H&I Chair-Chris P. (208)-821-2694
CPC/PI-Mike W. (208)710-6484
Archivist-Brian M. (208)520-2020
IFYPAA-open
Grapevine-open

Groups with GSR's: Arco, Chapel in the Valley, Coffee Break, Grapevine, Great News, Happy Meals, Lunch Bunch, Third Tradition

Need GSR's for other groups to keep their groups informed on what's happening in the district, area and GSO, to pass on group news to district and to vote on changes in A.A. Please consider being actively involved in the service structure of AA. It is a great way to do Twelfth Step service work.

Intergroup Meeting Minutes – JUNE 2020.

Entertainment-Teresa D

Teresa submitted payment of \$390.00 to Green Canyon for Labor Day weekend. (09/4,09/5,09/06

Treasurer-Open

Century Link (Hot Line)-\$57.25

Donations- \$0.00

General Acct Balance \$918.18

Entertainment Acct Balance: \$828.18 (Pending \$-390 for Green Canyon Campout-After the pending amount clears would bring the balance to \$438.18)

Shelly D was nominated to take the open Treasurer position. A second was given and the vote was in favor of Shelley to take over as our Treasurer.

Hotline-Open Position

Claudia volunteered as chair position for the Hotline. A motion was made for a vote to have Claudia as the Hotline Chair. Motion was given a 2nd, vote was made in favor of Claudia as our new Hotline Chair.

Literature- Lenny F

Amendment to June meeting minutes.

A minor change needs to be made regarding June meeting minutes. *"Lenny would like to have a table set up for donations regarding literature. Motion was made to support this and passed."*

In June's meeting, there was no mention or motion made to have a table set up for donations regarding literature.

Jeff is still looking for someone to take over his position as Intergroup Chairman.

Motion was made to close meeting. Meeting closed.

Monthly Article

Blind Spots

Brian M.
Coffee Break Group

While trying to be safe and practicing healthy social distancing during this pandemic I have had plenty of time to watch the news and current events. Along with the watching I have had a lot of time to process what I'm watching and form opinions. So far so good because I do want to be an informed citizen of our society. I have found there is a down side to doing this though.

Like most people the opinions I have formed are pretty strong and I feel very convicted to them particularly if I find something offensive to me. I am left bewildered and shocked by how some people could develop what I regard as a stupid and uninformed opinion over the interpretation of certain events. Obviously, they have their blind spots.

Deep down inside, though, I know I cannot write off all people whom I disagree with as simply being ignorant and unknowing. If not, then how should I view people whom I disagree with?

The answer for me is that I need to revert back to a question that I've used many times in difficult situations and is found in the AA's Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. "What would the Master have me do?"

To answer this question it begins with some questions for me. What are my own blind spots? Am I as guilty of being closed minded as those I disagree with? Do I fail to explore viewpoints that are contrary to my own? Do I have a closed mind towards the possibility that there may be some validity to their views? If I find no substance or validity to their views, am I able to respectfully accept and humbly disagree with their positions?

It's important to me that I understand that when I accept something that I oppose it doesn't mean that I necessarily agree with it. I remember how alien it seemed when an AA member told me that just because I accept something or someone doesn't mean that I have to agree with that something or someone.

I know in my heart that if we all practiced this gem of an idea that is shared so freely in the writings of Alcoholics Anonymous our world be a better place. But for whatever reason this isn't happening and probably never will. I must do the right thing and that is to practice it myself regardless of what others are and are not doing. After all my life is the only one that I have any control over and that I am responsible for.



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MEETING NEWS

The Great News Group conscience voted to upgrade the WebEx account from a free account to a paid account since the WebEx free accounts starting 7/1/20 are being limited to 50 minutes. Having done this the old link will not connect you to either the Wednesday night 7:30pm Big Book study meeting nor the Friday night 7pm Topic discussion/Speaker meeting. If you use the old link it should take you to the old waiting room but not the meeting. Instead use the new link:

<https://greatnewsaa.my.webex.com/join/greatnewsaa>

Please spread the word to any who may be interested.
I hope to see you in an upcoming meeting soon!
In Service,
Mike Carlson

LINCOLN GROUP is meeting in person – Friday's at 8:00pm – downstairs at Serenity Hall

Grace and Mercy open- Sunday's @ 1200 – The Center for Hope

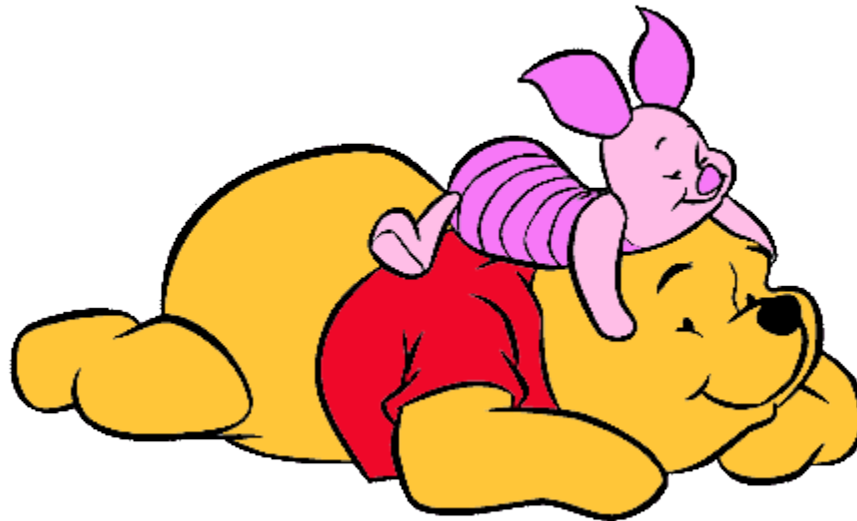
Happy Meals is still meeting on ZOOM. Dixie's Diner may open mid-June.

Lunch Bunch has resumed regular meetings at Puerto Vallarta.

New Hope and Inspiration has resumed regular meetings in the Chapel at the Bridge Church.

CHECK MEETING SCHEDULE FOR DAYS AND TIMES

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



August Birthdays

<u>Clean and Sober</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Happy Meals</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Just Stay</u>	<u>Years</u>
Charles B.	27	Bill H.	54	Mary B.	5
Jerry J.	22	Steve H.	10	Crystal	4
Dee G.	13	Julie A.	5	Brittany	3
Les B.	2	Nancy E.	3	Lana R	2
Chris N.	2	Jason H.	2	Samantha L.	2
				Mitch W.	1
<u>Grapevine Group</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Lincoln Group</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>New Hope & Inspiration</u>	<u>Years</u>
Daryl J.	27	Rick J.	37	Britnee O.	5
Sherry	17	Melvin W.	10	Shawn C.	1
Paul T.	11	Rick A.	9		
		Josh A.	6		
		Jon R.	6		
		Karma B.	4		