

Eastern Idaho Sobriety Corner

December 1

2020

Alcoholics Anonymous

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Intergroup Officers

Chair:

Mark B.

Alt. Chair:

Darius C.

Treasurer:

Shelley D.
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Secretary:

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District Contact Information

District 6 Chair

Marjri M.
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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.
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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Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Serenity Hall Information

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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
Third Tradition	2 nd Tuesday	Last Tuesday

Changes or Additions email
aaifnews@gmail.com

**District AA 6 Meeting Minutes
September 2020**

The November 2nd District Committee meeting wasn't held due to lack of attendance. The committee on the workshop still needs to meet and move forward with a theme. The beginning bank balance was \$2,516.17. \$69.00 dollars was received from the New Hope and Inspiration group. \$69.00 was dispersed for a one year subscription to an excel program for the treasurer. The final bank balance remained the same at \$2,516.17. The 2020/2021 fiscal budget is still in the works. We have had a software issue, but it is now resolved. The next meeting is planned for December 1st. The committee is still in need of an alternate DCM and we appeal to past GSR's in the AA community to consider fulfilling this position.
Yours in service—Marjri Mc

Intergroup Meeting Minutes – SEP 2020

**A very heartfelt thank you to all of those who volunteered to run the
Thanksgiving Alc-a-thon ...it can't be done without YOU!!!**

Treasurer-
Entertainment-859.88
Donations- 60.00 from New Hope and Inspiration

Century Link bill-59.59

Entertainment-
Christmas Party may not happen The state is now in stage 3- The church is only going to allow 50 people upon entry. . Each person that walks through the door needs to sign a statement made by the Calvary Baptist church.
Chili Cookoff this coming up weekend 11-7-2020
Alkathon sign up sheet for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years is on the back wall of serenity hall. Information on the Christmas and new years alkathon will be in the December's newsletter.
The city has decided that by Aug next year, Serenity Hall will no longer be able to host meetings. The city did state they will help look/find a place.

Hotline- The hotline is going well. Claudia has enough volunteers, but if your interested, you can still let her know.

Literature- Lenny has had some problems getting books from New York. The website is being updated, so there are some delays.
Lenny ordered a total of 202 items for a total of 737.08

Intergroup is going to donate the literature for the Christmas party. (Big Book, Daily Reflections, Experience Strength and Hope
Mark H-Voted in as Intergroup Chairperson
Darius C-Voted in as Alternate Intergroup Chairperson
Mike W- Voted in as Secretary
Teresa- Voted in as Entertainment and News Letter-

Claudia H Voted in as the hotline chair
Lenny F-Voted in as the Literature chair

It was suggested for Home Group Reps to go back to their group and get feedback regarding the News Letter. Please Email any feedback to Teresa D at AAIFnews@gmail.com
Third Tradition group is meeting on Tuesday's at 7pm. The address is: 570 S Woodruff (Across the street from the Jack-in-the box) this is a closed meeting.

An emergency Christmas meeting was called for next Friday 13th
Emergency Meeting Minutes.
Friday, November 13th.

We are officially in Stage 2

The Christmas Party we had scheduled was for December 12th. Because of the current phase, there was going to be a limit of 10 people in the building. Motion was made to cancel the party. Motion was given a 2nd, vote was made to cancel the party and passed.

The Christmas party for this year is cancelled.

In lieu of the Christmas party we will have Santa at Serenity Hall Saturday, December 12th from 3:30 to 5:00pm. There will be goodie bags for the kids.

Next Intergroup meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd.

Thank you to all who donated, your generosity is very much appreciated 😊

Monthly Article

Pockets of Enthusiasm

Brian M.
Coffee Break Group
December, 2020

Last week I attended the November meeting of the Idaho Falls Intergroup. The reason I went was to stand up for the position of Intergroup Chairperson since I had heard that they could not find anyone willing to take on this position.

As the agenda item of electing new Intergroup officers came up I discovered that they already had AA members willing to stand up for all of the positions. The spirit, sense of responsibility, and willingness to serve was heart-warming and brought joy to me! To witness what I had just seen quickly prompted me to want to share what I had seen with other AA members.

This is noteworthy to me for I have seen so many different parts of the AA Conference Service Structure as well as those outside of that structure struggle mightily to fill their elected and volunteered positions. One position that comes to mind is that District 6 (our local district) continues to look for someone who will serve as the Alternate District Committee Member.

For AA to always be there when a struggling alcoholic reaches out for help in part requires that we have members who will step up and serve. Those members who volunteered to serve as Intergroup officers demonstrated this with passion and commitment to act upon their beliefs.

I recall that after five years of sobriety hearing an old timer say, "I won't accept an AA service position because I don't want to deprive the newcomer an opportunity to serve." This little statement was the rationalization I was looking for and I decided not to stand up for anymore service positions.

The old timer's statement had just enough truth to it that it did and still does ring partially true. But after an 18 year service break I was asked and consented to stand up for the DCM position and was elected. It was only then that I had a moment of clarity as to how I had cheated myself out of the joy, camaraderie, experience and spiritual growth by not serving and giving back.

What I have come to realize is that there are so many AA positions that go unfilled much of the time such as participation on the CPC/PI committee, H&I committee, and jail meeting volunteers to name a few. It is not necessary for me to stand up for positions that others who have not had the opportunity to serve in a given position.

An old timer AA circuit speaker who recently passed away used to talk about "pockets of enthusiasm" in some of the AA groups that he visited. How gratifying it is to hear that we in AA have these pockets. That's exactly what I saw at the last Intergroup meeting.



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MEETING NEWS

Progressive Group – Sundays @ 7:00pm– Serenity Hall (downstairs)

Third Tradition is meeting Tuesdays @ 7:00pm (570 South Woodruff) – limited seating – this is a CLOSED meeting

Happy Meals is meeting at Dixie’s Diner Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30am – **limited seating available**

Great News is still meeting virtually on ZOOM:
Wednesday-MEETING ID – 97108300020 - PASSCODE – PAGE17
Friday – MEETING ID- 92023872465 - PASSCODE- PAGE17

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

Grace and Mercy - Sunday’s @ 1200pm – The Center for Hope *this is a closed meeting*

Lunch Bunch has resumed regular meetings at a NEW location – The Center for Hope – on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30am

New Hope and Inspiration is meeting every Monday night at 7:30pm at the Bridge Church.

Big Book meeting – Monday’s at 7:00pm at Center for Hope

CHECK MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MORE MEETING DAYS AND TIMES 😊

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



December Birthdays

Clean and Sober

	<u>Years</u>
Mandy H.	15
Devin A.	6
Kris P.	4

Lincoln Group

	<u>Years</u>
Dan R.	39
Jim S.	27
Susie L.	12
Dusty W.	10
Marie T.	8
Janesa J.	6
Sherry S.	6
Shara K.	5

Happy Meals

	<u>Years</u>
Michelle W.	11
Brad S.	5

New Hope & Inspiration

	<u>Years</u>
Brad S.	5
Alex E.	3

Grapevine

	<u>Years</u>
Kathy B.	31
Sally O.	10

Just Stay

	<u>Years</u>
Susie L.	12
Jack	11
James H.	11
Katie L.	10
Dusty	10
Brittany H.	3
Kayla	3
Teelay	3
Kristy B.	2

2020

Christmas

party is

cancelled

due to

COVID

restrictions

