

GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY

PASS IT ON

A.A. Newsletter

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Members of the professional community – clergy, justice, health – often meet alcoholics in their work. Whether the alcoholic is seeking help or facing consequences of their drunken behaviour, that professional might have the opportunity to refer him/her to help of some kind. Does that professional know about AA? What do they know? Where did they obtain that information? In other words, if we're not giving them the information, who is? According to the 2014 Membership Survey, 57% of our members were referred to treatment for their alcoholism by a professional.

The Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC) is the group responsible for giving the professional workers information on Alcoholics Anonymous. At the moment, the committee has no members or chairperson. So, if the office were to receive a call asking that A.A. be present at an exhibition or to speak with a group of clergy, doctors/nurses or justice groups there is no one to send.

And so, I ask, who is telling them what AA is and is not? What do they know about making referrals of their clients to AA? What if it was you in that position of needing help and the professional had no help for you? What if it was your child/grandchild?

You won't want to miss this amazing opportunity to serve the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and ensure the hand of AA is extended to the still suffering alcoholic. Gather your sponsees/sponsors/members of your group and plan to attend the next meeting of the CPC at your Central Office the 1st Tuesday monthly. The next meeting is January 2nd at 7:00 pm.



Office Hours of Operation

Mon - Fri.....8:00 am to 6:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday.....9:30 am to 1:00 pm

***Central Office will be closed for group services on
January 1st. Telephones will be answered as usual.***

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INTERGROUP CORNER

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Unity

Recovery

Welcome to Davin the new Treatment Facility Committee chair, and John M the new Corrections Facility Committee chair.

Welcome to Arnie G the new temporary part time person replacing Jonathan who has taken a position with a gallery in North Vancouver. Arnie has agreed to take us through to March while we search for a permanent part time employee as well as some back up personnel to cover for holidays and sick days. This position requires a minimum of 5 years sobriety, familiarity with the 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts, good clerical skills as well as excellent people skills in working with volunteers. If you're interested in either the permanent weekend position or the back up coverage position, please call us or email: manager@vancouveraa.ca

December Intergroup passed the 2018 budget unanimously. Thank you for all your input and considerations.

Do you have spare books or pamphlets you're not using? Our committees provide literature to detox, hospital & correction facilities for clients. Drop off any excess literature at the office anytime.

February 21, 2018 is election time. The Executive Committee—Doug G, chair; Kathleen Mc, 1st Vice Chair, and Andrew D, 2nd Vice Chair will be rotating from the Operating Committee at the meeting of Intergroup Representatives. The remaining members: Christopher K, Denise B, Jon H, Rob E & Steven B will be eligible to remain. Three of these people will be chosen to fill the vacated Executive positions. That leaves vacancies for 4 new members.

Those 4 members will be chosen from those in attendance who have served as Intergroup Reps either in the past or currently serving. Those who are currently serving ought to discuss their plans for standing with their group as if elected the group needs to replace them with new Intergroup Representation. It's a one year commitment, with a potential to serve another year. Those who have served in the past speak enthusiastically of their time on the Operating Committee. It's a wonderful opportunity to enrich not only your own sobriety but also to strengthen your Intergroup/Central Office.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Accessibility Committee: members needed to carry the message in Sign Language, to house-bound or challenged physically and/or mentally, URGENTLY NEEDED members to provide rides for physically challenged members to meetings.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Members with a good grasp of the 12 Traditions and What AA is and is Not to speak with professionals who may have alcoholics in their work day experience.

Corrections: Members to carry the message inside the provincial institutions.

Detox: Members to carry the message and provide a link to outside meetings.

Hospitals: Members willing to be responsible for meetings held in hospitals and to bring members from their rooms to the meeting.

Public Information: Members with a good grasp of the 12 Traditions to carry the message to the general public.

Treatment: Members to share experience with clients in treatment centres

Chair people are also needed for many of these committees. See the last page for times and show up! Don't gyp yourself, get everything that is coming to you in sobriety—participate!

Bridging the Gap—shaky members/potential members needing help acclimatizing to A.A. outside treatment, detox, jail, or the hospital need your help. Call or email the office if you can be available to the office in carrying someone to the message once they've been released to the outside world.

An exciting new event: The annual anniversary of the Greater Vancouver Intergroup! It all began on May 26, 1946 when a "Central Committee" was formed to address questions about A.A., extend the hand of A.A. to suffering alcoholics, distribute any written material available. Now 72 years later, planning is in the works to host a one-day event. But the planning NEEDS YOU! The

DIRECTORY UPDATES January 2018

NEW MEETING DIRECTORY AVAILABLE NOW

New Meetings

Sunday: "2-Twenty Beginners" & "2-Twenty" Church, 220 8th St., North Vancouver –6:30 & 8:00 pm

Sunday: "Aloha Spirit" John Lawson Park, 750-17 St. In the gazebo. West Vancouver –8:00 am

Monday: "Shaughnessy Men's Step/Big Book" 1550 W. 33rd Ave., Vancouver –7:30 pm

Monday: "The Meeting" reinstated at new location VGH, Segal Centre room 326. Vancouver –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Lion's Group Beginners" church, 7260 St. Albans Rd., Richmond –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Mandeville Marvels" Garden Works, 4746 Marine Dr., Burnaby –1:00 pm

Meeting Deletions

Sunday: "1044" & "1044 Big Book" 1044 St. George Ave., North Van –7:00 & 8:00 pm

Monday: "West End Group" 1002 - 5th Ave. New Westminster –8:00 pm

Tuesday: "Sobriety at Six" 529 Queens Ave. New Westminster –6:00 pm

Saturday: "James Gang" 230 Gore St., Vancouver –2:00 pm

Saturday: "Centre Group" 220 W, 8th St., North Vancouver—8:00 pm

Meeting Changes

Sunday: "White Rock Sunday Night Big Book" New location as of Jan 7 Elk's Hall (downstairs) 1469 George St., White Rock –7:30 pm

Monday: "Carry the Message" & the "Speaker" mtg.

new name, format & location. Now "The Message" is at 7:00 pm, "Carry the Message" is at 8:00 pm. Both mtgs. now at 4405 W. 8th Ave., Vancouver

Monday: "White Rock Men's" new location Cranley Hall, 2141 Cranley Dr., White Rock –7:30 pm

Tuesday "Bear Creek No Smoke" 8 pm due to a fire is relocating to Easy Does It Club, 7277 King George Hwy, Surry until further notice.

Wednesday: "Cloverdale Ladies Big Book" new day NOW Thursday, Church basement, 17575 –58a Ave. Surrey –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Wednesday Big Book" new format

No longer a Big Book meeting, just a regular open AA meeting now. 3456 Fraser St. Vancouver–7:00 pm

Friday: "Dealing With Alcohol" is ongoing; was accidentally removed from directories, our apologies. Church, 16870 80 Ave., Surrey – 8:00 pm

Saturday: "Breakfast With Bill" new minimum \$7.25

Evelyn's Coffee Shop, 2176 W. Broadway. Vancouver –8:30 am

Saturday: "Saturday Night Candlelight" new time, 724 Trueman Rd., Gibsons –now 8:00 pm

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Brian P. 38 years

Doug G. 23 years

Tom T. 43 years

RED ROAD RECOVERY

An AdHoc committee is gathering stories for a project titled "more of the story" regarding Canadian history in A.A. They are currently seeking stories from Indigenous, especially Inuit & Metis. If you or someone you know is interested in writing your story of your journey in A.A., contact dmo75aa@gmail.com or visit their website: www.aa75canada.ca

SUB-COMMITTEE TIME CHANGES:

Public Information, 7:00 pm, 4th Wednesday

Accessibility: 6:45 pm, 1st Thursday

Telephone 11:00 AM, 3rd Saturday

Treatment/Detox 10:00 AM, 2nd Saturday

Corrections, 7:00 pm, 1st Wednesday

**Groups for the spare list to take phone shifts
URGENTLY needed.**

For a complete listing, check the website:
www.vancouveraa.ca

GROUP CORNER

We've run out of stories! Tell us what is so special and/or unique about your group. Tell us why it's a great place to bring a new member or a long-timer. Give us your best sales pitch ever!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the website for posters: www.vancouveraa.ca; For out of Area go to: www.aa.org and open Box 459.

WHITE ROCK NEW YEAR'S EVE Dec 31st. Star of the Sea, 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock. Clayton 604-358-9227

THE OLDTIMERS MEETING New Year's Day North Shore Alano club, 176 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver. Appies & fellowship 1 pm, meeting to follow at 2—4

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND 55th Convention. January 19—21 Ch., Box 2036, Wellington, NZ 6140

GRATITUDE DAY, Jan. 27, Shannon Hall, Cloverdale Fairgrounds 6050A—176St. Call Patience 778-241-5049 or Bob 604-532-1306 for ticket info.

CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 10, 17 Kateri Centre, 887 Keefer St, Vancouver 1—3 pm Jason 604-551-9739; Roger 604-618-0226

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONF., February 15 – 18, Phoenix, Az. www.internationalwomensconference.org

31ST ANNUAL HEART TO HEART Feb 24, Fleetwood Centre, 15996—84th Ave., Surrey. www.district42aa.com

SOBERFEST Mar 3, Saint pat's Church, 22589—121 Ave., Maple Ridge. NO tickets at the door. Craig, 604-862-3508; Fiona 604-499-9411

BURNABY ROUNDUP March 10, Operating Engineers Hall 4333 Ledger St., Burnaby . Tickets \$15

NORTH SHORE ROUNDUP, March 30—April 1, Vancouver Convention Centre East, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver www.northshoreroundup.com

CELEBRATE SOBRIETY, March 30—April 1, Holiday Inn Downtown, 1110 Howe St., Vancouver.

GIRLSTOCK, 3rd Annual Women's Big Book 12 Step Conference, April 27—29. 4 Points Sheraton Hotel, Bellingham, Wa. www.nwgirlstock.org

CORRECTIONS ROUND UP, Oct. 20, Operating Engineers

Phone Room Statistics

	November	October	September
General	787	1,183	1,114
12th Step	57	56	85
Al-Anon	10	5	5
Ans Serv	220	181	231
Total	1,074	1,425	1,435

Area Happenings

(check www.bcyukonaa.org for details)

JANUARY QUARTERLY—Jan. 12/13, Langdale

PRECONFERENCE ASSEMBLY April 7-15, Kamloops

District 26 new meeting location: Oblate House, 1311 The Crescent, Vancouver, back lower door. 4th Sunday of the month at 10 am.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Cooperation with Professional Community 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm	2nd	6th
Hospitals: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	2nd	6th
Corrections: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm new day	3rd	7th
Accessibilities: 1st Thursday, 6:45 pm new day & time	4th	1st
Detox: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am; Workshop follows at 11:00 am	13th	10th
Finance: Thursday before Intergroup, 6:00 pm	11th	15th
Operating Committee: same night as Finance 7:00 pm	11th	15th
Intergroup 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Orientation at 7:00 pm (49th & Kerr)	16th	21st
Treatment: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am	13th	10th
Telephone: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am	20th	17th
Workshop: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am	20th	17th
Public Information: 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm	24th	28th

Subcommittee meetings are held at Central Office, 3457 Kingsway. All A.A. members are welcome.