

GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY

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A.A. Newsletter

CORRECTIONS OUTREACH SUB COMMITTEE

In my very early sobriety I was asked to be a part of taking an AA meeting to the women in prison at Oakalla in Burnaby. I believe that agreeing to do that had a major effect on my ability to stay in AA. It was a commitment and then became a source of satisfaction that I could carry out this commitment. I did not do it for that long but in doing so I had to learn about Steps 1 to 3 for several months. I was being helped and of course did not know it then. There were a couple of women from that time, which remain in my memories, mostly because their stories and journeys were of great help to me and they hugely impressed me with their courage.

After several years I returned to the Corrections Committee when I learned that there was no one at Intergroup that could chair the committee. Over 2 years of chairing the committee was another rewarding satisfying effort. The thing is, in AA when we volunteer to help just a little we meet all kinds of wonderful people, because they are trying to help out just a little. Sometimes we form lasting and meaningful relationships because we share our common purpose of helping to carry our message to still suffering alcoholics.

There are two things the Committee does, help prison liaisons to take in an AA meeting to inmates and put on the Corrections Round Up once a year. Without us there can be no meetings inside for those living in prison. The committee meets once a month at Central Office, 1st Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

The Round-Up does 3 things, first we are able to have prisoners come to the Round Up. They come with AA members that have been cleared by the prison facilities to do so. Second the entire proceeds of the Round Up are used throughout the year to buy AA literature for the meetings and inmates. Thirdly, it offers an opportunity for members to gather and share experience, strength and hope with each other as we endeavor to stay sober another day. Hoping to see you at committee soon, LIS C.L.

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 on Monday, Oct. 9th for Thanksgiving

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INTERGROUP CORNER

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Unity

Recovery

INTERGROUP CORNER

It's budget planning time once again, and your Finance + Operating Committee members have been diligently reviewing costs and potential income in preparation for 2018 budget.

Your office has only two regular resources for income: literature sales & contributions from members privately or through groups. If your group is not fully self supporting (in accordance with Tradition 8 long form), maybe it's time to have that difficult conversation. We recognize that groups are being faced with the same thing as the office—escalating costs and diminishing resources. Together we can do this thing!

Your group secretary ought to have received a letter from the office regarding staff replacement. Please spread the word and encourage members you know to consider applying for the job of Office Manager to begin in March.

As we approach the beginning of the school year, it's time again for the school counsellors to begin organizing A.A. talks. The Public Information Committee currently NEEDS a chair so that those requests can be handled properly. Please encourage members of your group to be at the meeting Sept. 27, 7:30 pm at Central Office to see how YOU can be of service in this important work.

This month's Outreach Subcommittee focus is CORRECTIONS. The annual Corrections Roundup is October 21st, and the committee needs help in hosting this event. All the funds generated are used to bring literature to those who are incarcerated. We know many of the people living in prisons are there as a direct consequence of their alcoholism. Help us help them and help yourself—buy a ticket to the Roundup. Come to the event and find out how you can help. Sponsor an inmate with a donated ticket. Without members from outside, meetings cannot be held. Make the announcement at your group—Corrections Committee has a lot of work—it needs ALL of A.A. to succeed.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Outreach Sub Committee chairs NEEDED IMMEDIATELY FOR **Cooperation with the Professional Community; Hospital , Public Information & Corrections**. We also need members committed to carrying the message to those who are physically challenged and limited in their ability to attend meetings on their own. As students return to school, there will be a need for more members involvement in Public Information along with Cooperation with the Professional Community. The suffering alcoholic out there needs YOU to share your recovery. Ask your Intergroup rep for details, or

SUB-COMMITTEE TIME CHANGES:

Public Information, 7:30 pm, 4th Wednesday
Special Needs: 6:45 pm, 1st Thursday
Telephone 11:00 AM, 3rd Saturday
Treatment/Detox 10:00 AM, 2nd Saturday
Corrections, 7:00 pm, 1st Wednesday

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Catherine Mc. 34 yrs.
Mary M. 40 yrs.

IN MEMORIUM

Deb D.
Dave H.

Phone Room Statistics

	August	July	June
General	1,038	1,085	905
12th Step	69	59	59
Al-Anon	6	5	9
Ans Serv	187	106	155
Total	1,300	1,252	1,128

DIRECTORY UPDATES October 2017

New Meetings

Sunday: "Sunday Night Speaker" as of Oct 1, NSAC

176 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver—6:30 pm

Wednesday: "The Gift of Gratitude" (*women*)

Little House, 5061 12th Ave., Tsawwassen –noon

Wednesday: "Agnostic 12 & 12" 1440 W. 12th Ave.

3rd floor conference room, Vancouver –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Wednesday Big Book" Glad Tidings

Church, 3456 Fraser St. Vancouver –7:00 pm

Friday: "T.G.I.S." Holy Trinity Church,

1440 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver -8:30 pm

Saturday: "Over the Hill" 15869 Pacific Ave., White Rock –6:30 pm

Meeting Deletions

Sunday: "Archway to Freedom" as of Oct 1

NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver -7:00 pm

Wednesday: "UBC Hospital" Detwiller Pavillion,

2255 Westbrook Mall, Vancouver –7:00 pm

Thursday: "Agnostic Recovery Group" St. Paul's

Hospital, 1081 Burrard St., Vancouver –7:00 pm

Friday: "Friday Night 12 Step" One Way Club,

22270 North Ave., Maple Ridge –7:00 pm

Meeting Changes

Sunday: "Double Jeopardy" is at 8:00 pm, not 7:30

as stated in directory, Harbour Light Treatment,

119 E. Cordova St. Vancouver -8:00 pm

Mon-Sat: "Can-US" new location as of Oct 1,

1480 George St., White Rock –7:00 am

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

Wednesday: "Over the Hump" still running, was

inadvertently deleted NSAC 176 E. 2 St.

North Vancouver –7:30 pm

Wednesday: "Ladner Step" new name & format

Now "Ladner Wednesday Nite" and is no longer a step

meeting. 4960 48th Ave. Ladner –8:00 pm

Wednesday: "Way Out Big Book" new name "Way

Out Big Book Speaker" new format now a closed

speaker meeting. VRC Vancouver –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Coquitlam 12 x 12" NEW ROOM Dog-

wood pavilion/North View Rm. 630 Poirier-8pm

Thursday: "Thursday Night Topic Discussion" 10553

148 St. Surrey. New time and new location 7:00 pm

Friday: "King Albert Serenity" new location as of

Oct 1

Church, 1636 Regan Ave., Coquitlam –8:00 pm

Saturday: "Mission" new time, Central City Lodge, 415 W. Pender, 2nd flr, Vancouver –now 9:00 am

Saturday: "Ladner Saturday Nite" last Saturday of the month is now a speaker meeting.

4960 48th Ave. Ladner -8:00 pm



"And on my third day of sobriety...."

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

12 STEP CALL LIST

Is your group's 12 Step Call List up to date? This information is vital to ensure that people who are requesting Step 12 help can receive help quickly. Phone Reps - please contact Central Office to make sure that your group's list has been updated within the last 6 months. And if your group doesn't have a list, ask how you can start one.

GROUP PHONE SHIFTS

Two groups have given up their day of the month phone shift and we have no groups on the wait list. If you want to broaden your group's service by helping a newcomer on the front lines, suggest taking on a shift at your next business meeting. This would mean your group agrees to cover an average of 8-10 shifts per year. They would fall on the same day of the month (eg the 3rd) and would be in the evening on a weekday with some day shifts on weekends.

INDIVIDUAL WEEKLY SHIFT

There is an opening for a male for a weekly phone shift on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Call Central Office for more information. 604-434-3933

Nancy T.
Telephone Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BREAKFAST Sept. 23, St. Mary's Ukrainian Church, 550 W. 14th Ave., Vancouver (at Ash) Breakfast 10:15 am, Meeting at 11:15. Tickets \$20 at the office. staff@vancouveraa.ca

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE GSR, Sept 24, Vancouver Recovery Club, 2775 Sophia St., Vancouver potluck 12—12:30 ; workshop 12:30

FRASER VALLEY RALLY, A NEW FREEDOM, Sept 30, Newton Fellowship Church, 7328—144th St, Surrey. Ken 604-314-6832; Stan 604-722-4135

WEST VANCOUVER GROUP, Oct 2nd, 68th Anniversary, 11th & Inglewood, 8 pm meeting with fellowship, food & fun. All welcome!

VANCOUVER ROUNDUP Oct. 6-7. tickets \$25 Speakers, comedy, DJ, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver. www.vanroundup.com

61ST ANNUAL NORTHERN LIGHTS ROUND UP Oct. 6-8, St. Mary's Hall, 1088 Gillett St. Prince George

DISTRICT 18 CPC/PI Celebrating Service, Oct 11. Don L. NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver —6:30 pm

INTERTRIBAL ROUNDUP "All My Relation's" Oct 13-15 Chief Joe Mathias Centre, 205 Welch St., North Vancouver Tickets \$25 kulsiut@gmail.com

30+ YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Oct 16. Monday Night Live Women's discussion, YWCA 535 Hornby St., 4th floor, 7:30 pm.

CORRECTIONS ROUNDUP Oct 21. Operating Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby. Tickets \$15. Tony L 604-790-0837 Cathy L 604-421-6178

OCTOBERFEST Oct. 20—22, S.I.B. Community Hall, 5532 Xenichen Ave, Sechelt. Tickets Will 604-312-9105; ticketsoctoberfest@gmail.com

RALLY IN THE VALLEY Oct. 20—21, Community Lodge, 2244 Moose Rd., Duncan. Joe 250-701-8985.

RICHMOND ROUNDUP—Willingness Oct 28. 11295 Mellis Dr. Tickets \$25. doors open 9:30 am

STEVESTON GROUP 61st ANNIVERSARY Nov 5, 3720 Broadway, Richmond —8:00 pm

NATIONAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE Nov. 10-12, St. Louis, Mo John 314-413-5939 or Jeff 978-902-2680

CHRISTMAS EVE MEETING Dec 24. NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St. North Vancouver —11:00 pm

WACYPAA21 At Last. Dec 28-31, 2017 Chateau Lacombe Hotel 10111 Bellamy Hill Rd. N.W., Edmonton, Alberta Cost: \$35/person <http://.wacypaaxi.weebly.com>

NEW YEAR'S DAY OLDTIMER'S MEETING Jan 1, food & Fellowship 1-2 pm, meeting 2-4 pm. NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver

Area Happenings

(check www.bcyukonaa.org for details)

ASSEMBLY, Oct 13-15, Port Alberni

JANUARY QUARTERLY—Jan. 13 & 14, 2018 Powell River

PRECONFERENCE ASSEMBLY April 7—9; Duncan, BC

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

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Cooperation with Professional Community 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm

3rd

7th

Hospitals: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

3rd

7th

Corrections: **1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm new day**

4th

1st

Accessibilities: **1st Thursday, 6:45 pm new day & time**

5th

2nd

Detox: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am; Workshop follows at 11:00 am

14th

11th

Finance: Thursday before Intergroup, 6:00 pm

12th

16th

Operating Committee: same night as Finance 7:00 pm

12th

16th

Intergroup 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Orientation at 7:00 pm (49th & Kerr)

17th

21st

Treatment: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

14th

11th

Telephone: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am

21st

18th

Workshop: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am

21st

18th

Public Information: 4th Wednesday, 7:30 pm

25th

22nd

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