

GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY

PASS IT ON

A.A. Newsletter

March 2018

GOODBYE, FAREWELL, SO LONG, ADIEU

Let me begin with a huge thank you to all who offered their time & expertise over the past 3 1/2 years. Your name is legion, and in fear of missing one valuable trusted servant, just know if you spent any time meeting in the office, sharing over coffee, attending Intergroup in any and all capacities you are included in this very long list! Thank you. Thank you.

You care! You share! You're ready to serve whenever the hand of A.A. reaches out. You support the levels of service and structures both economically and physically over and over.

As I begin the next (and probably final) leg of my journey through life, I feel blessed and so very grateful for the many friends I've made and lessons I've learned in this wonderful fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. And then to top it all off, I've been given this huge privilege of working with and for you—twice! My predecessor, Bob F. used to say, "There are a lot of fine folk in this fellowship." It has been my privilege to discover that statement continues to be so true.

Over the coming years (hopefully many) left to me, I expect to see you at the celebrations of sobriety both locally and nationally—not the least of which is 2025 International Convention here in our fair city. We celebrate Central Office in Vancouver in May, followed in September with Take your Sponsor to Breakfast—see you there! At the Corrections Roundup in October in Burnaby we share with sponsors taking meetings inside as well as with those who are given a pass to attend from inside while providing funds for literature inside. There are parties around the city—some small, some huge—campouts and round ups providing an excuse for a road trip somewhere.

Then, there are meetings: my weekly home group, visiting other groups just because or to celebrate a big occasion, my "inside" meetings at Alouette River Correction Centre for Women, out of town while I'm on the road tripping around.

Yes, I'm retired from the work force, but phew, how will I ever find down time in retirement? I remember a predecessor, Gordon L., who when asked what he would do with himself when he retired from Central Office in the mid 90's, replied "A member of A.A. should never have to worry about having nothing to do." Guess I'll find out if that's true. So, blessings to my successor Colleen, to the rest of the staff, and to the many volunteers who show up and make sure the hand of A.A. is always there! You are awesome!

YIL&S, Viki

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 Good Friday on March 30th

Telephones will be answered as usual.

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INTERGROUP CORNER

Welcome to our new Operating Committee:

Chair: Jon H, 4th Dimension

1st Vice chair: Christopher K, Fellowship of the Spirit

2nd Vice Chair: Rob E., North Delta

Directors:

David L, Keep It Simple

Donna D, Kingsway

Jody G, Kitsun

Michael F, Language of the Heart,

Roy K, Lifeline

Tomi H, West Vancouver Monday

Thank you to all who allowed their name to stand in service to the fellowship of Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society. Enjoy the next year of meeting challenges, and finding solutions to best serve the members—both new and long standing—of this often unwieldy vessel you now sail.

Have you heard the news? Interested members are being invited to participate in an ad hoc committee to review our telephone systems/needs as we continue to meet the needs of members and potential members in the future. If you are interested in participating with this group, email your request along with sobriety date & service history to the Operating Committee:
manager@vancouveraa.ca

Calling on volunteers to participate in planning & organizing the upcoming Corrections Roundup. All AA members are most welcome to join this committee—contact staff@vancouveraa.ca

Unity

Recovery

Service

And, last but by no means least, welcome to the newly appointed Manager, Colleen M from the Three Legacies Group which meets Sundays at the Burnaby Fellowship Club. Drop by and visit with Colleen any time after mid-March when she will be working with Viki until the end of the month. Viki's last day is March 29th.

BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Sue P. 29 years

Dianne R. 15 years

Lucie Mc. 40 years

Robbie S. 31 years

Fiona C. 27 years

Cyndi C. 29 years

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!

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 committee will meet March 11th at Central Office at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to join.

DIRECTORY UPDATES March 2018

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

New Meetings

Sunday: "220 Group" St John's Anglican Church, 220 8th St., North Vancouver -8:00 pm

Sunday: "220 Beginners" St. John's Anglican Church, 220 8th St., North Vancouver -6:30 pm

Thursday: "Bill's Book" Church, 14618 - 110 Ave., Surrey -6:30 pm

Thursday: "Tradition 3" Church, 14618 - 110 Ave., Surrey -8:00 pm

Meeting Deletions

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

Sunday: "Conscious Contact" 15302 Pacific Ave. White Rock -7:00 pm

Sunday: "Solution Seekers" VRC, 2775 Sophia St., Vancouver - 12:15 pm

Monday: "The Meeting" VGH Segal Ctr., 803 W 12th Rm 326, Vancouver-7:00 pm

Tuesday: "Big Book Study" 659 North Rd, Gibsons -8:00 pm

Tuesday: "G. F. Strong" Rehab Centre, 4255 Laurel @ W. 26th, Vancouver-7:00 pm

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

Wednesday: "Step & Tradition" NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St. North Vancouver -7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Way Out Big Book Study" VRC 2775 Sophia St., Vancouver -7:00 pm

Thursday: "Live & Let Live Step" 1825 W16th Ave. @ Burrard, Vancouver -6:30 pm

Meeting Changes

Monday: "St. Andrew's Mens" *new location & time* 1198 Falcon Dr., Coquitlam -8:00 pm

Monday: "Strathcona Men's Step" *new time*, 3874 Trafalgar St., Vancouver -now 8:30 pm

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

Mon, Wed, Fri: "Experience, Strength and Hope" *Cancelled* Wednesday only AND *New location* Elk's Club Hall, 1469 George St. White Rock -5:00 pm

Tuesday: "Bear Creek No Smoke" *back to old location* Bear Creek Pav., 13750-88 Ave., Surrey -8:00 pm

Wednesday: "Over the Hump" *new time* NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St., North Vancouver -now 7:00 pm

Thursday: "Cloverdale Women's Big Book" *new time* 17575-58a Ave, Surrey -now 6:00 pm

Thursday: "Strathcona Men's" *new time*, 3874 Trafalgar St., Vancouver -now 8:30 pm

Friday: "Dealing With Alcohol" *is ongoing; was accidentally removed from directories, our apologies.*

Church, 16870 80 Ave., Surrey - 8:00 pm

Saturday: "Saturday AM" *new location*, Church, 1636 Regan Ave., Coquitlam -10:00 am

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Accessibility Committee: members needed to carry the message in Sign Language, to housebound 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: Needs a new chair

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

Treatment: Needs a new chair.

Chair people are also needed for many of these committees. See the last page for times and show up! Don't shortchange 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

SOBER MELA March 16, Punjabi Friends of Bill host Bhangra, food , music, speakers, Dhalliwal Hall, #230-8166-128th St., Surrey —5:00 pm

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.

LIFELINE 60th ANNIVERSARY April 19, all welcome, Fellowship & fun, 3525 W. 24th Ave., Van.—8:00 pm

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

INTERGROUP AWARENESS DAY, May 26, Killarney Lutheran Church, 49th & Kerr. Watch for details.

FOUNDER'S DAY, Edmonds Noon Sobriety, June 9th 12:00 noon, Potluck. Bring your oldtimers

TAKE YOUR SPONSOR TO BREAKFAST, September 29th, 15th & Ash, Vancouver.

CORRECTIONS ROUND UP, Oct. 20, Operating Engineers Hall, Burnaby—Mark your calendars!

Phone Room Statistics

	January	December	November
General	831	837	787
12th Step	50	46	57
Al-Anon	9	4	10
Ans Serv	145	254	220
Total	1,035	1,141	1,074

Area Happenings

(check www.bcyukonaa.org for details)

PRECONFERENCE ASSEMBLY April 13-15, Kamloops
District 26 new meeting location: Oblate House, 1311 The Crescent, Vancouver, back lower door. 4th Sunday of the month at 10 am.
WESTERN CANADA REGIONAL FORUM, June 8—10, Regina, Sk. Register: aa.org

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

	MARCH	APRIL
Cooperation with Professional Community 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm	6th	3rd
Hospitals: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	6th	3rd
Corrections: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm <i>new day</i>	7th	4th
Accessibilities: 1st Thursday, 6:45 pm <i>new day & time</i>	1st	5th
Detox: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am; Workshop follows at 11:00 am	10th	14th
Finance: Thursday before Intergroup, 6:00 pm	15th	12th
Operating Committee: same night as Finance 7:00 pm	15th	12th
Intergroup 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Orientation at 7:00 pm (49th & Kerr)	21st	17th
Treatment: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am	10th	14th
Telephone: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am	17th	21st
Workshop: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 am	17th	21st
Public Information: 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm	28th	25th

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