

GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY

PASS IT ON

A.A. Newsletter

June 2018

June is a month of celebration for Alcoholics everywhere. We express gratitude for what our Founders left us. May is the anniversary of Intergroup in Greater Vancouver. It is in part because of the legacy of our founders Bill and Bob that we have an Intergroup. Our Founders left all members of Alcoholics Anonymous with the certain privileges which are outlined in the Twelve Concepts. Some are: "Right of Decision", "Right of Participation", "Right of Appeal", and the "Right of Petition" (A.A. World Services, 1962). Within our groups each member has these rights. Our group is then formed into Group Conscious. With our Intergroup Representatives (IR) in Greater Vancouver passing it on down the triangle.

Our group conscious is what our Founders wanted us to use to guide us in our decisions when they were no longer here to guide the Alcoholics Anonymous that they left us. In the *Introduction* to the Concepts, Bill warns that leaving any one Alcoholic or group of them in charge would not be a good thing. He admits his own character "traits" could lead to power driving or being a heavy-handed manager. Thus, all service entities of A.A. are manned by Trusted Servants who communicate a group conscious. Possibly none more important than our IRs and GSRs. If they miscommunicate our individual groups message, it may then seem the fewer are making the decisions and not the individual members. The members such as the Trustees, Delegates, District Committee Members (DCM) or others. As well, they pass back information to their groups from District, Area, New York or all the Greater Vancouver groups. cont'd ->

Office Hours of Operation

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

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

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Unity

Recovery

Service

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In Greater Vancouver, Intergroup Representatives, are the unifying force for our Central Office. They allow our Operating Committee to make informed decisions about what the Membership wishes A.A. to be like in Greater Vancouver.

The Intergroup Representative, by group conscious, is suggested to have one-year sobriety and is a one-year term position. This is outlined in the *Intergroup Operating Procedures and Guidelines 2018*. "The operating procedures set out what the groups have agreed to, not what has been imposed on them" is stated on page 8 of the *Intergroup Operating Procedures and Guidelines 2018*. It is through the IRs that the agreement was made, they took their group's individual vote to the Operating Committee. Intergroup Representatives are required to practice Steps, Traditions, Concepts and spiritual principles in their roles.

Having the responsibility of carrying the groups conscious is an important service position. Hopefully each group practices their Rights and has a member whom they call their Intergroup Representative. This month while we are being grateful for our Founders, we should all remember to thank those who continue to keep Alcoholics Anonymous alive and well. We should remember our Intergroup Representatives in our gratitude.

References

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Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society (GVIS). (2018). *Intergroup Operating Procedures and Guidelines 2018*. Vancouver: Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society.

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Area Happenings

(check www.bcyukonaa.org for details)

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES June 2018

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

New Meetings

Monday: "West End Step Discussion"

1002 -5th Ave. New Westminster –8:30 pm

Monday: "Pitt Meadows" now has a Big Book meeting.

12240 Harris Rd., Pitt Meadows –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Super Steps" -*men*, Waves Café,

715 Columbia St., New Westminster –6:00 pm

Wednesday: "The Wolf Pack" FRAFC,

13639 -108 Ave., Surrey –7:00 pm

Thursday: "Meditating Friends II" Park House,

5400 River Rd., Richmond –3:00 pm

Saturday: "Hope for Freedom" Kekinow Housing,

common room 6455 -121 St. Surrey -noon

Meeting Deletions

Wednesday: "Keep It Simple" Big Book, NSAC

176 -2nd St. E., North Vancouver –5:30 pm

Friday & Saturday: "14 de Marzo" VRC,

2775 Sophia St., Vancouver –8:00 pm

Saturday: "Queers, Plain Crackpots & Fallen Women"

855 E. Hastings St. Vancouver –4:00 pm

Meeting Changes

Sunday: "Port Moody Sunday" *new location*, 2nd floor,
1160 Lansdowne Dr., Coquitlam –8:00 pm

Sunday: "220 Beginner's" *new time* 220 - 8th St. W.

North Vancouver—was 6:30, now 7:00 pm

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

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

The 5 groups that meet at Sunset Towers in the Garden Room are now called "The Barclay Group"

1655 Barclay St. Vancouver –various times

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 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.

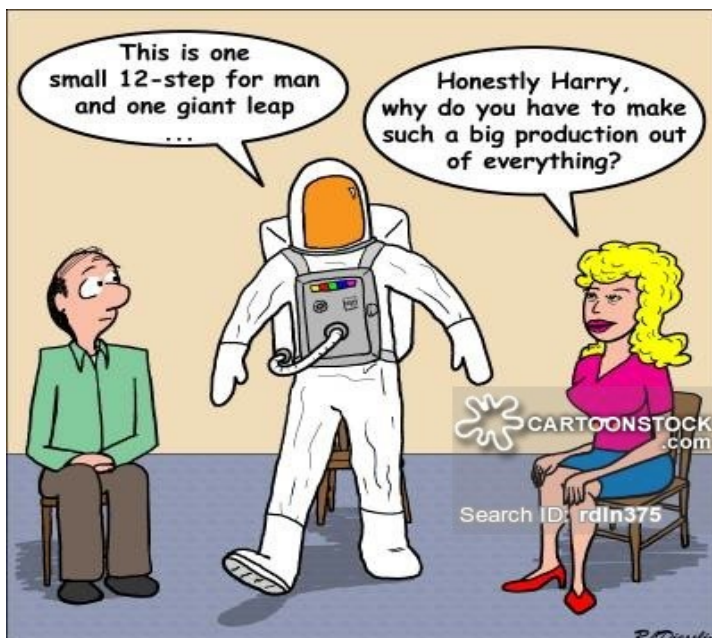
Hospitals: Needs a new chair

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

Treatment: needs support

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.

TRI-CITIES SPRING RALLY June 1-2, tickets \$25
All Saints Parish Hall, 821 Fairfax St. Coquitlam
www.vancouveraa.ca for details

LYTTON ROUNDUP June 1-3, see website for details
Lytton B.C. Memorial Hall, Lytton.

FAMILY PICNIC DIST. 34 June 2, 10 am -dusk,
Hume Park, 660 E. Columbia St. New Westminster

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

FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC June 10 Dist. 37, 42 & 43.
Sullivan Hall, 6306 - 152 St., Surrey –11:00 am

FOUNDER'S DAY DISTRICT 18 Jun 10 , speakers,
delegate's report, NSAC, North Van. –12:30 pm

STEVESTON GROUP FOUNDERS DAY June 10,
potluck at 7, mtg at 8. 3720 Broadway, Richmond

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL June 21, Lifeline Group
Church, 3525 W. 24 Ave., Vancouver –8:00 pm

UNITY BUS TO PRINCE GEORGE July 13-15, ride
with us to the Summer Quarterly. Round-trip tickets
\$120. Contact Jason W. 604-551-9739

MEN'S FALL RETREAT Sept 14-16 vancouveraa.ca
for more info. Belcarra, BC

TRI-CITIES AA WOMEN'S DAY Sept 15 @ 9:30 am
All Saints Parish, 821 Fairfax St. Coquitlam. \$20

WOMEN'S RETREAT Sept 21-23. vancouveraa.ca
for more info. Belcarra, BC

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

CORRECTIONS ROUND UP Oct. 20, Operating Engi-
neers Hall, Burnaby—Mark your calendars!

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!

Phone Room Statistics

	April	March	February
General	686	2,132	692
12th Step	62	62	42
Al-Anon	4	12	9
Ans Serv	239	193	193
Total	991	2,399	936

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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