

GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY

PASS IT ON

A.A. Newsletter

November 2018

Tradition 11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need to always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

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What is the purpose of anonymity in Alcoholics Anonymous? Why is it often referred to as the greatest single protection the Fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth? If we look at the history of A.A., from its beginning in 1935 until now, it is clear that anonymity serves two different yet equally vital functions:



- At the personal level, anonymity provides protection for all members from identification as alcoholics, a safeguard often of special importance to newcomers.
- At the public level of press, radio, TV, films and other media technologies such as the Internet, anonymity stresses the equality in the Fellowship of all members by putting the brake on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain.
- When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

The word “anonymous” in our name is meant to provide as much privacy as an individual may desire regarding membership in A.A.

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There is much more in the pamphlet on the subject of anonymity. The pamphlet is presently available at many groups or through Central Office. The posters will be available at Central Office soon for purchase.

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 Nov. 12th for Remembrance Day

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Group Corner

Kerrisdale A2

Kerrisdale A2 is one of the oldest groups in the lower mainland and recently celebrated 72 years as a group. Is this what makes it THE BEST group in Vancouver? Well it's just one of the many reasons. It has had many nick names, such as the sandwich group as it was always a meeting you could get a tasty bite, and to this day the members hold up this tradition. While it might not be sandwiches, you would be hard pressed to leave a meeting of Kerrisdale A2 without getting at least a little tasty homemade treat. In the early days it was fondly referred to as the Powder Puff Group, because of the china tea cups and tiny sandwiches, Gay 2, when members were free to be "out", the wealthy widows (we're not sure why) and now generally, just A2.

The defining feature of any group is always the members. A2 has changed greatly over the years, but the core group has been constant for decades, regardless of where they now live. As in any group, members come and go and attendance does fluctuate. However, if you are looking for a group with solid long term sobriety then this is the group for you. Many of the members have 30+ years of sobriety with some members reaching over 50 YEARS of sobriety!!

One of the best ways to describe this group would be "we are not a group that would usually mix". Varying greatly in age and sobriety time; A2 is one lovable group of misfits that won't let you get away without a hug!

We love to party with great food after our Anniversary in August and also the winter party in December, where the "Christmas messsge" is given for those celebrating their first sober Christmas and terrific tips to get you through any social situation. And in between those two celebrations many of the members dress up for Halloween!

There is always someone at the door to welcome the new comer, those coming back, visiting or wanting to check us out. We need your support and look forward to seeing new faces every week.

The meeting is accessible with parking on the street or under the church.

1440 W. 12th Ave. Wednesdays 8:00 pm

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Telecommunications Committee

- There is an ad-hoc committee currently reviewing the communications technologies being used by GVIS. If you are a person with interest, and willing to serve, please forward your details to staff@vancouveraa.ca or call Central Office.

Intergroup Awareness Day 2019 Committee

- Committee Chair is needed for next year's event. The day is used to showcase the great Twelve Step work that each sub-committee does as well as introduce work of Intergroup. Contact: staff@vancouveraa.ca or call Central Office.

ACCESSIBILITY Committee:

- People may need rides to meetings and how we can try to let them know we are here to help those who have barriers?
- Display board not yet done. Will try to have ready for Vancouver and Corrections Roundups on October 19 and 20, 2018.

Meet 1st Thursday of the month, 6:45pm, at Central Office. Contact: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY Committee (CPC):

- Need 2 persons to be on committee.
- Meet 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, at Central Office. Contact: cpc@vancouveraa.ca

CORRECTIONS Committee:

- Come and meet new Chair Wes
- Participate in bring meetings to correctional facilities at the provincial level.

Meet 1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm, at Central Office. Contact: corrections@vancouveraa.ca

PUBLIC INFORMATION Committee:

- When anyone comes to intergroup PI, we will direct them to the nearest active public information committee and continue to empower the active districts.

TELEPHONE Committee:

- Looking for more groups and individuals to volunteer for phone shifts
- If you are a group phone rep we encourage you to join us at our monthly meeting.

Meet 3rd Saturday of the month, 11am, at Central Office. After Workshop at 10am. Contact: telephones@vancouveraa.ca

TREATMENT Committee:

- Looking for a permanent Treatment Subcommittee Vice-Chair.
- If you are a Treatment Meeting Chair we encourage you to come to the Subcommittee Meetings and provide any feedback.
- Any help gathering information to update and/or confirm the current list of Treatment meetings and contacts is welcome.

Meet 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00am, at Central Office. Followed at 11:00am with Workshop. Contact: treatment@vancouveraa.ca

If you are looking for a service position please contact Central Office and we will find you one! Telephone# 604-434-3933 or staff@vancouveraa.ca.

DIRECTORY UPDATES November 2018

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

New Meetings

Tuesday: "Women's Closed" One Way Club, 22270 North Ave., Maple Ridge –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Circle of Life" 1068 Inglewood Ave West Vancouver –8:00 pm

Wednesday: "Experience, Strength & Hope" 1469 George St., White Rock-7:00 pm

Thursday: "Bleeding Deacon" La Fontana Café, 101-3701 Hastings St., Burnaby –7:00 pm

Saturday: "HALT Speakers", One Way Club, 22270 North Ave., Maple Ridge –5:30 pm

Saturday: "Page 13" 6858 Fraser St. Vancouver –7:30 pm

Meeting Deletions

Monday: "Meditating Friends" Park House, 5400 River Rd., Richmond –1:30 pm

Thursday: "Good Council" 10504-139th St. Surrey –8:00 pm

Thursday: "Meditating Friends II" Park House, 5400 River Rd., Richmond –3:00 pm

Friday: "Dream Speaker Circle" Kekinow Native Housing, 14145-103 Ave., Surrey –8:00 pm

Meeting Changes

Sunday: "Aloha Spirit" *new location for Winter* John Lawson Park, 750-17th St. In the Gazebo. West Van. –8:00 am

Monday: "Experience, Strength & Hope" *new time* 1469 George St., White Rock –now 4:30 pm

Monday: "Horseshoe Bay Men's" *new location* 6422 Bay St., West Vancouver –9:00 pm

Tuesday: "Women's Closed" is now *candlelight* 22270 North Ave., Maple Ridge –7:00 pm

Tuesday: "Bear Creek No Smoke" *back to the* Bear Creek Pavillion, 13750 -88th Ave., Surrey –8:00 pm

Tuesday: "Denman" & "Denman Beginner's" *new location* 1155 Thurlow St. @ Pendrell Vancouver –8:00 & 7:00 pm respectively

Tuesday: "12X12" *new name & time* was 6 pm, Now "Burnaby 12X12" at Burnaby Fellowship, 7638 -6th St., Burnaby –7:00 pm

Wednesday: "Royal Oak Group" *has resumed* 4812 Willingdon Ave., Burnaby –7:30 pm

Wednesday: "Circle of Life" *new location* now 1068 Inglewood Ave, West Vancouver –8:00 pm

Wednesday: "Lunch With Bill" no longer men only but still closed, *new location* Princeton Grill, 1901 Powell St., Vancouver –12:15 pm

Thursday: "Sober @ 7" Indian Friendship Ctre., 10095 Whalley Blvd., Surrey –6:45 pm

Thursday: "Step It Up" *new location*, Church, 4773 Piccadilly S., West Vancouver –7:30 pm

Friday: "Friends of Dr. Bob" *new location as of Oct 5th* ABC Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse St. Coquitlam—12:15 pm

Saturday: "Breakfast with Bill" minimum is now \$8.50 for breakfast. Evelyn's Coffee Shop, 2176 W Broadway, Vancouver –8:30 am



BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

We celebrate your sobriety!

Members often contribute \$1.00 a year for each year of sobriety. Then we announce it here.

Cathy L.— 32 years

Jane H.—40 years

Anonymous—42 years

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline is November 15th

Share your Experience, Strength & Hope with a story about your journey in sobriety.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS STEP MEETING

Nov 7-28, every Wed. for 4 weeks. Do the steps together. 1140 W. 12 Ave., Vancouver –5:30 pm

KINGSWAY GROUP 73rd ANNIVERSARY Nov. 16, Potluck, 3022 E. 49 Ave., Vancouver –8:00 pm

VANCOUVER HEIGHTS XMAS DINNER Dec 4, 4550 Kitchener St., Burnaby –6:30 pm

LADNER SAT. NIGHT 61st HAM DINNER Dec 8, after the meeting, bring a side dish, 960 48th Ave., Ladner –8:00 pm

KITSILANO XMAS DINNER Dec 18, Billy Bishop Legion, 1407 Laburnum St., Vancouver –7:00 pm

KERRISDALE A2 Dec 19th, Christmas Potluck. 1440 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver –8:00 pm

PARTICIPATION XMAS DINNER Dec. 20, church, 7025 Granville St., Vancouver –8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MEETING Dec. 24, meeting, food & fellowship. NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St. North Van –11 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY OLDTIMERS MEETING Jan. 1st Fellowship, coffee & snacks. Meeting: 2-4 pm. NSAC, 176 E. 2nd St. North Vancouver –1:00 pm

TELEPHONE SHIFT OPPORTUNITIES

* Weekly day shift openings are ideal for those with flexible schedules.

* At your next business meeting, suggest that your group sign on for a monthly shift.

Area Happenings

(check www.bcyukonaa.org for details)

Western Regional A.A. Service Assembly

Feb. 22-24, 2019. Kelowna BC

<https://wraasa2019.com/>

Phone Room Statistics

	September	August	July
General	701	736	721
12th Step	48	56	41
Al-Anon	8	14	24
Ans Serv	232	155	140
Total	989	961	926

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Accessibilities: 1st Thursday, 6:45 pm	1st	6th
Cooperation with Professional Community 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm	6th	4th
Corrections: 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm	7th	5th
Detox: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am; Detox Workshop: 11:00 am	10th	8th
Finance: Thursday before Intergroup, 6:00 pm	15th	13th
Hospitals: 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	6th	4th
Intergroup Rep Meeting 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Orientation at 7:00 pm (49th & Kerr)	20th	18th
Operating Committee: same night as Finance 7:00 pm	15th	13th
Public Information: 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm	28th	26th
Telephone: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am, Telephone Workshop: 10:00 am	17th	15th
Treatment: 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am	10th	8th

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