

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

Pass it On . . .

Tradition Six:

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

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Alcoholism and Warm Weather

Don't turn your trip into a slip! Our alcoholism does not take vacation. It quietly waits for us to relax our program. It waits till we don't want to be in a stuffy meeting room but rather out in the sun or away at the cottage.

Sometimes you need a meeting but often the meeting needs you! Try to remember that this summer when relaxing by the pool and not wanting to get out to a meeting.

There are people who are visiting our province and they need friendly faces at the meeting. Let yours be one of them. Or perhaps while you are traveling stop into a meeting. It will give some change to you and to where you are visiting. Maybe you will pass on something that will help the area you are in become more of a pocket of enthusiasm. Or maybe you will bring back some pearls of wisdom. Either way staying home or abroad you may be the example of the program that someone needs. So please don't take a summer vacation from your program - the Fellowship needs you.

Perhaps during your stay at home vacation you can take four hours to volunteer for a day time. This phone shit? Letting a regular volunteer have a holiday. Just call Central Office: 604-434-3933 and we will gladly slot you in

Central Office Hours:

- Mon.- Fri.: 8:00am to 6:30pm
 - Sat.- Sun.: 9:30am to 1:00pm
- 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5R 5L5
- Phone Lines: 24/7 604-434-3933

Office will be closed on: **Monday, July 1st, 2019**

for a shift. Perhaps stuffing envelopes is your thing - no problem. We are always happy to see you.

New AAWS Literature:

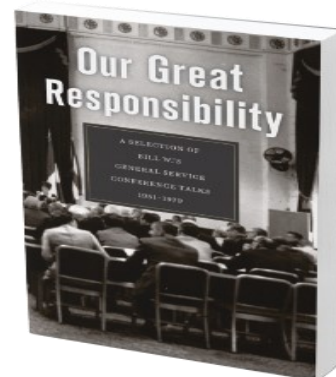
A **new** A.A. General Service Conference-approved book:

B-70 "Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970".

\$16.25

Included are also talks by:

- Lois W.
- Bernard Smith
- John Norris



Available at Central Office at the end of May 2019

New GVIS Literature:

Spring 2019 Directories

\$2.25

Are available for purchase now

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MEETING DIRECTORY
SPRING 2019

Greater Vancouver
and surrounding area

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24 hour answering

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For the most up-to-date listings
call Central Office or visit our website
www.vancouveraa.ca

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Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00pm.
 - Intergroup meeting at 7:30pm.
- 3022 E 49th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5S 1K9
- Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

All members are welcome!

Tel: (604) 434-3933 Email: staff@vancouveraa.ca Web: vancouveraa.ca

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Call to Action from Hospital Committee:

The Hospital committee is presently trying to update the information they have on groups and meetings in hospitals. If you or your group brings the message of recovery into a hospital setting please contact Sean B. at hospitals@vancouveraa.ca. The committee meets every third Thursday of the month at Central Office and could use more members.

The Hospital Committee is responsible to ensure the A.A. message is carried in the form of meetings and/or panel discussions in those hospitals wishing to have such meetings.



Traditions: Discussion:

Tradition Six questions:



1. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
2. Are all the officers and members of our local club familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs," which is available from Vancouver Central Office?

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Sub-Committees:

The purpose of every outreach subcommittee is to assist the Intergroup Committee in carrying out the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous as expressed in Tradition 5. Reprinted from Intergroup Operating Procedures and Guidelines 2018 with permission.

Accessibility:

is responsible to explore, develop and offer resources, including literature, to make the A.A. message and participation in Alcoholics Anonymous available to anyone with special needs. Special needs includes, but is not limited to, the deaf and hard of hearing, the developmentally disabled, the mentally and physically challenged, including non-verbal, blind and partially blind A.A. members. For more information call or drop in at CO or email accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca.

Phone Room Stats:

	APR	MAR	FEB
12 th Step Calls	28	50	47
Al-Anon	9	13	5
Answering Service	243	255	214
General	739	681	599
Total Calls	1,019	999	865

Sub-Committees: continued

Co-operation with Professional Community:

NEEDS A CHAIRPERSON. In the spirit of cooperation without affiliation, the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC) shall be responsible to develop and implement activities designed to provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession.

The committee meets with the Hospital Committee the 3rd Thursday of every month at Central Office.

For more information call or drop in at Central Office or email cpc@vancouveraa.ca.

Corrections: (05/07/19)

NEW MEETING DAY / TIME / & LOCATION

The first Friday of the month at 7pm, Eagle Ridge United Church, 2813 Glen Drive, Coquitlam BC V3B 2P6. History in Corrections is not required, Sobriety and a will to help is all that is required. Right now we are in need of any New or Used Grapevines & Big Books, soft covers, by donation. Attendance at our monthly meeting is important and necessary for improving our on going commitment to all those in need.

For more information call or drop in at Central Office or email corrections@vancouveraa.ca

Detox:

The Detox Committee is responsible to ensure the A.A. message is carried in the form of meetings and/or panel discussions in those detox centres wishing to have such meetings.

The committee holds both a workshop and a committee meeting each month at Central Office, on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Come and join them!

Public Information:

NEEDS A NEW CHAIR! In the spirit of rotation Eddy G is trying to pass on the torch. The committee needs a new service person to step up!

Contact public.infor@vancouveraa.ca if you are interested in being the chairperson or a member of this great subcommittee/

Telephone:

We meet every month on the 3rd Saturday at Central Office. We have two meetings. First, at 10am, is an orientation/ refresher for people wanting to answer the phone lines. The other meeting is at 11am. This one is for group phone representatives and anyone who want to assist us meet the vital need of having an alcoholic take the call for someone new and in need. If your group is having problems meeting its commitment to the Fellowship, come to the meeting, we will help trouble shoot some of the issues. For more information call or drop in at your Central Office or email Tara at telephones@vancouveraa.ca.

Thank you to everyone who does Service!

Directory Updates June 2019

For a complete listing, check: www.vancouveraa.ca under meetings

New Meetings:

Monday: “Bay Group Beginner’s”. Vancouver Alano Club, 1525 W 7th Ave, Vancouver - 6:45pm

Friday: “Friday Night Last Call” Broadmoor Baptist Church, 8140 Saunders Rd., Richmond — 7:30 pm

Meeting Changes:

Sunday: “Come Out and Sober Up”- lgbtq. *new time* Burnaby Fellowship, 7638 6th St., now 7:00 pm

Sunday: “The Thanksgiving Group” has moved to Davis Bay Hall, 5123 Davis Bay Rd., Sechelt 8 pm *new location*

Monday to Friday: “West End 7am” *only Tues is a S/T* 870 Denman Street, Vancouver., Enter through open south side door facing the school.

Tuesday: “Steps and Tradition Group” has moved to St.Hilda’s Church (Annex), 5838 Barnacle Str., Sechelt — 7:30 lt *new location*

Wednesday: “Talk Back”, at 7pm, formerly Big Book Discussion Grp, 3456 Fraser St., Van., *new name*

Thursday: “Participation” *new time* 7025 Granville St., Vancouver—back to 8:30 pm

Thursday: “12x12 Discussion” *new name* West Vancouver Beginner Step/Discussion Meeting”. Church,1068 Inglewood @ 11st St. - 7:30 pm — *new name*

Thursday: “A Place of Vision” — Church 2350 148th Street, White Rock — *new location*

Thursday: “Strathcona Men’s” *May 23, 2019 new time 9pm* 3874 Trafalgar Street @ W 23rd Ave Vancouver.

Discontinued Meetings:

Sunday—The “not so” Secret Society of Sobriety-12:00 pm. George Mackie Library 8440-112 St. Delta.

Sunday— Keefer Group, 8pm, 887 Keefer St., Van

Sunday—I’m Sober Not Hungover, 7pm, 11184—143A St., Surrey

Monday: “Crosstalk Meeting” Vancouver Recovery Club 2775 Sophia @ 12th Ave. 9:30pm open/topic

Friday: “St. David’s Step”, church, 1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver –noon, upstairs in the music room

Please inform Central Office if your meeting closes.

Group Corner:

The New Directory is now available at Central Office!

- Check your group name
- Group type..
- Meeting time.
- Meeting notes.
- Location notes.

If there are any errors or omissions please contact staff at 604.434.3933 or email: staff@vancouveraa.ca.

Change of group information update forms are available online at:

www.vancouveraa.ca/about-us/group-information-update/

Or drop in to your Central Office, where we are always glad to meet you!

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GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY
CORRECTIONS ROUND UP COMMITTEE PRESENTS:
FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Operating Engineers Hall
4333 Ledger Ave, Burnaby
Doors open 9:00 am

Tickets still \$20 each

DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR

Find out how to carry this message as a guest in an institution.

Help free an alcoholic from the self imposed chains.

Add the wonder of service and love to that still suffering alcoholic who cannot access those 600 meetings a week.



Panel discussions. Speakers. Count Down

Ice Cream social

Al-Anon participation

Every dollar above expenses is used to supply literature to inmates.

Contact: Ian 778-908-4882 Russell 604-889-4853

Upcoming Events

For a complete listing, check: www.vancouveraa.ca under events

Events:

May 31-June 1: **Growing in Sobriety: 32nd Annual Tri-Cities Spring Rally**, All Saints Parish Hall, 821 Fairfax St, Coquitlam \$25 tricityrallytickets@gmail.com.

May 31-June 2: **Lytton AA Roundup**, Memorial Hall, Lytton, \$20 + \$3 (Sun breakfast) pdc4@live.com.

June 7-9: **AA Gratitude Roundup**, Calgary, AB, Glenmore Inn, 2720 Glenmore Trail SE, Calgary, AB www.gratituderoundup.com

Aug.2-4: **Soberiders Pig Roast & Campout**, Ashnola Campground, Keremeos, \$65 until July 5th; \$80 at Gate, \$20 Day Pass, Contact: Shannon 778-255-5515

Sept.21: **Tri-Cities AA Women's Day "Stay Connected"** 9:30-3:30 All Saints Parish, 821 Fairfax St., Coquitlam, \$20 incl. lunch tricityswomensday@gmail.com

Nov.16: **Freedom from Bondage**, GVIS Corrections Roundup; Operating Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave.,

Area Happenings:

July 5-7: **Area 79 July Quarterly** Surrey, White Rock, Langley www.bcyukonaa.org.

Intergroup Events/ Meetings:

June 21: **Corrections Roundup committee**, Central Office 3457 Kingsway, Van - 7pm. Looking for a service position? Join us!

Sept 28: **Sponsorship Breakfast**, St. Mary's Ukrainian Church Hall, 3150 Ash St., Van. -10am. \$20 for more information go to: vancouveraa.ca

Birthday Contributions:

Central Office Birthday Plan!! Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their



Next Newsletter Deadlines:

June 13 (for July) and July 11 (for August)

Want the Newsletter by Email?:

Sign up for our monthly newsletter, *Pass It On ...* Please visit www.vancouveraa.ca/newsletter/ Scroll to the bottom of page and sign up. The Newsletter will be emailed out to you.

International Convention News!

In less than two years — July 2-5, 2020 — the International Convention will celebrate A.A.'s 85th Anniversary in Detroit, Michigan. With a theme of "Love and Tolerance Is Our Code,"

Sub-Committees Meeting Dates:

2019	June	July
Accessibilities @ 6:45pm	6	4
**Corrections @ 7:00pm	7	5
C.P.C. @ 7:00pm	20	13
Detox @ 10:00am Workshop @ 11am	8	6
Hospitals @ 7:00pm	20	18
**Intergroup Meeting @ 7:00pm	18	16
Public Information @ 7:00pm	26	24
Telephone @ 11am Workshop 10am	15	20
Treatment @ 10:00am	8	13
**Meeting location is not Central Office		

In Memoriam Contributions:

Bequest in wills are acceptable only from A.A. members, with a maximum of \$5,000 from any one person, and only on a one-time basis—not in perpetuity.