

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

Pass it On . . .

Tradition Seven:

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

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Central Offices Paid Job Position:

Permanent, Part-Time, Special Worker Position

Hours: 122 hrs/month. May include weekends.
Wage: To be determined.
Start date: As soon as possible.
Closing date: August 21, 2019
Sobriety requirement: Preference shall be given to those applicants with over five years of continuous sobriety, all other factors being equal.

Email resumes to: manager@vancouveraa.ca

Specific Skills:

Able to ensure that the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous are protected in all our works. As well as the policies, procedures and group conscience of Greater Vancouver Intergroup are considered and adhered to.

The right person for this job will have excellent phone etiquette, be organized, able to work independently as well as be a strong team member.

Tasks will include but are not limited to:

Typing and proofread correspondence, forms and other documents; processing and maintain group information, receipts and other documents; organizing and scheduling volunteers; processing incoming and outgoing mail manually or electronically; photocopying and collating documents for distribution, mailing and filing; Processing sales and contributions; unpacking shipments and preparing some in the store room and categorize them appropriately.

Willingness and openness to meeting/learning any new tasks or skills the Operating committee finds necessary for staff to acquire to optimally meet the needs of Inter-

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

Office will be closed on statutory holidays.

Monday, August 5, 2019 we are closed for sales.

group.

Business Equipment and Computer Applications

Office 365: MS Excel; MS Publisher; MS Windows; MS Word; MS Outlook.

Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities

There is some lifting involved (up to 20kg); Ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends; Combination of sitting, standing, and walking.

Some Statistics:

Greater Vancouver Intergroup (aka Central Office):

- Lists 591 meetings on our website.
- 383 groups.
- 153 groups contributed financially in the first half of 2019.
- On average approximately 45 groups have representation at the monthly Intergroup meeting.
- 52 Groups hold a monthly telephone shift responsibility.

Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2019¹

	Groups	Members
United States	66,345	1,361,838
Canada	5,091	84,891
Sub-Total	71,436	1,446,729
Correctional facilities	1,607	40,218
Loners, Internationalist, Homers	1	168
Total	73,044	1,487,115
Outside U.S. & Canada ²	52,308	643,304
Grand Total	125,352	2,130,419

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O. and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

2. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 160 countries, including 64 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually, we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking, we use an earlier year's figures.

Bar 4-5-9, Summer 2019

Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00pm .
 - Intergroup meeting at 7:30pm.
- 3022 E 49th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5S 1K9
- Next meeting: 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 - Accessibility Committee:



Does your group carry copies of the pamphlet P-83?

Is your group accessible to all members who have a desire to stop drinking?

Do you and your group consider persons with barriers to hearing, seeing or getting the message?

Inform yourself by reading this pamphlet.

It is available at Central Office for \$1.10 each (tax included).

Traditions Discussion Questions:

“Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can’t afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in the barroom?”

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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. Each outreach subcommittee is therefore assigned a particular area of responsibility.

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Accessibility: Lori would love to have your help. The committee meets the 1st Thursday of every month. Call CO, drop in or email: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca.

Co-operation with Professional Community: **Needs a Chairperson. As well as members.** In the spirit of co-operation without affiliation, the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC) shall be responsible to develop and implement ac-

Phone Room Stats:

	JUN	MAY	APR
12 th Step Calls	70	58	28
Al-Anon	8	10	9
Answering Service	233	211	243
General	566	678	739
Total Calls	877	957	1019

Sub-Committees: continued

tivities designed to provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes health care professionals, educators, members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders, industrial managers, government officials, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. (Intergroup Operating

Procedures and Guidelines 2018, p.14). Email: cpc@vancouveraa.ca if you are interested or call Central Office at 604-434-3933.

Corrections: Call CO, drop in or email corrections@vancouveraa.ca if you are interested. We meet the 1st Friday of the month, 7pm, at 2813 Glen Drive, Coquitlam.

Detox: If you attend a detox panel or want to - please join us at our monthly meeting. Call CO, drop in or email: detox@vancouveraa.ca if you are interested

Hospitals: The Hospital committee meets every third Thursday of the month, 7pm at Central Office and has plenty of opportunity with no sobriety requirements and no AA service experience required. The 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. The Hospital committee is presently working diligently on Operation Curtains Up of their master project: Silver Thunder! They are attending all hospital meetings from North Vancouver to the South Surrey/ White Rock region offering various means of support. If you or someone you know would like to help carry the message of recovery into a hospital setting (AKA Silver Thunder) please contact Sean B. at hospitals@vancouveraa.ca. **Public Information: Needs a Chairperson.** Call CO, drop in or email: staff@vancouveraa.ca

Telephones: Needs a Chairperson. The Telephone Committee is responsible to ensure the telephones at the Intergroup office are answered during the hours designated by the Intergroup Committee. The committee consists of the Telephone Representatives chosen by groups and other interested members of Alcoholics Anonymous. telephones@vancouveraa.ca

Treatment: Could use your assistance - just to share your experience or be part of. Call CO, drop in or email: treatment@vancouveraa.ca

Need more information about service positions?

Call 604-434-3933, email: staff@vancouveraa.ca or come by CO at 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver — **you are always welcome!**

[Thank you to all who do serve!](#)

Directory Updates July 2019

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

New Meetings:

Thursday: “The River Group Beginners Meeting”, starting July 4, 2019, 3900 Arthur Dr., Ladner, 6pm

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

Sunday: “Gay Men’s Sex and Intimacy Meeting” 1110 Comox St. Vancouver—7pm — Closed

Sunday: “Truth or Consequences”, EDI Club, 7277 Prince George Blvd, Surrey — 3:00pm

Meeting Changes:

Sunday: “Come Out & Sober Up” 7:00pm “7638—6th Street Burnaby fellowship Centre, *new name* “*Come Out & Sober Up*”—*lgbtq*

Monday: Sherbrooke RCH Meeting, 6:30 pm, Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster *correction—this meeting has not canceled!!*

Monday: “Strathcona Men’s Step Meeting” *new time is 9pm* 3874 Trafalgar Street @ W 23rd Ave Vancouver

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

Friday: “Candies and Candlelight”, 7:15pm Snug Café, 445 Trunk Rd., Bowen Island *address corrected*

Thursday: “The River Group Beginners Meeting”, starting July 4, 2019, 3900 Arthur Dr., Ladner, 6pm replacing former 6pm Closed Discussion meeting *format changed*

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

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

Group Corner:

The River Group History

The River Group held its first meetings in the spring of 1998 at the Fisherman’s Hall located at 4481 Savoy Street in Ladner. The Vancouver Intergroup Society helped get the group going by providing a starter kit which included AA Books and a variety of literature. Meetings continued for about a year Monday to Friday at 6PM until the hall could not accommodate all of the meetings due to other booking concerns. The young group then moved in 1999 to the Sacred Heart Parish School at 3900 Arthur Drive. Here the group eventually added another meeting on Saturdays at 9:00AM. In 2003

Group Corner (continued):

the group then moved to the small room on the south side of the building behind the Augustinian Monastery on the Sacred Heart Parish grounds. As time passed the group added 8AM meetings Monday to Friday, a 9AM Sunday meeting and Noon meetings 7 days a week. In the fall of 2010 the membership had outgrown the small room and moved to the large room on the north side of the building where it continues to hold 21 meetings a week. For the past 7 years the group has hosted an annual Christmas party in the larger back hall and the group celebrates cakes on the First and Third Fridays at 6PM.

Capilano Group History

Capilano Group was created by Sandy B. The first meeting was in Sandy’s home and was started on April 21, 1951. When the meeting grew to 15 members, all men, they decided to move into a back room of the Red and White Food Store on Capilano Road. This was the time that birthday cakes cost \$1.35, a pound of coffee was \$0.99, and rent was \$15.00 a month.

As the meeting grew, women started to attend, and it then moved to the United Church on Pemberton and 22nd Ave. Finally the meeting moved to its present location, the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. During the 1970’s and 1980’s, Cap Group had nearly 70 members and often hosted meetings of over 100 members of AA. Some of the women of the group were very active. They created a step group that met every Thursday for over 40 years. Three of these women still meet weekly.

One member of Cap Group that many in the North Vancouver/Vancouver area were familiar with was George J. George often greeted newcomers with humor and enthusiasm, shared mightily from the podium, was willing to sponsor any newcomer, and could be counted on to have a cigar lit and smoking. Actually, many members of the group, both men and women with really good long term sobriety, were willing to talk with and walk with the newcomer.

With the passing of many long time members in the last 15 years, the attendance at Capilano Group has grown smaller. We remember with great affection the members who walked before us and showed us the way. On the meeting podium sits a second edition Big Book containing photographs of those members, they are with us in spirit at Capilano Group every Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Continuing to preserve the traditions that were so willingly passed on to the existing members today, Capilano Group is a warm and welcoming meeting, is very active in service, encourages and supports the Newcomer as they trudge their Road of Happy Destiny .

Upcoming Events

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

Events:

July 12-14: Esk'etemc, 42 Annual AA Alkali Lake Roundup, Campout Fri-Sunday.campout@Pow-Wow Arbor Contact: Fred 250-440-5889 (Evenings)

July 19-21: 2019 Roserim Lake KISS Campout, Info: Bill M 604-741-1132 Campout and Meetings

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

Aug.16-18: White Rock 35th Annual Round-Up: Pass It On, Star of the Sea, 15262 Pacific Ave, Contact: Darren J. 778-319-1441

Aug.16-18: Salt Spring Island's 27th Annual AA Rally email: rallyonsaltspring@gmail.com / saltspringaa.org Pre-registration, Farmers Institute, 351 Rainbow Rd

Aug.17-19: Miracle Beach Roundup Sobriety Campout, Miracle Beach ProvPark, Comox Valley, Contact: John, 250-616-3835 Parksville

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

Sept.28: Breakfast With Your Sponsor, 3150 Ash St, Vancouver. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available Aug.1st. Get them early because we sell out.

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:

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

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

Birthday Contributions:

- Jessie W. of Reflections.



Next Newsletter Deadlines:

July 11th for August / Aug.15th for Sept

For your post to be mailed out, there is a \$20.00 fee.

We will photocopy your posters for a fee.

Want the Newsletter by Email:

Sign up for our monthly Newsletter.

Please visit www.vancouveraa.ca/newsletter/

Scroll to the bottom of page and sign up. The Newsletter will be emailed out to you.

2019	July	Aug
Accessibilities @ 6:45pm	4	1
**Corrections @ 7:00pm	5	2
C.P.C. @ 7:00pm	13	15
Detox @ 10:00am Workshop @ 11am	6	10
Hospitals @ 7:00pm	18	15
**Intergroup Meeting @ 7:00pm	16	20
Public Information @ 7:00pm	24	28
Telephone @11am Workshop 10am	20	17
Treatment @ 10:00am	13	10
**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.

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