

OCTOBER 2019

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

Pass It On . . .

Tradition Ten:

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

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Employment Opportunities:

Permanent, Part-Time, Special Worker Position

Hours: 122 hrs/month. May include weekends.

Wage: To be determined.

Start date: As soon as possible.

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.

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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 Intergroup.

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.

Casual, Part-Time, Special Worker Position

Hours: Mostly weekends.

Wage: To be determined.

Start date: As soon as possible.

Sobriety requirement: Preference shall be given to those applicants with over five years of continuous sobriety, all other factors being equal.

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Paid employees must be active members of A.A. and have a thorough knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. In addition, experience in the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous, both general service and Intergroup service, is a valued asset.

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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 - even during STAT holidays

Office will be closed on statutory holidays.

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, October 15, 2019

All members are welcome!

Monday, October 14, 2019

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

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Traditions Discussion Questions:



Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen? Copyright ©The AA Grapevine, Inc. Reprinted with permission

Call to Action CPC Committee:

Weekly there are requests for information about Alcoholics Anonymous from the professional community. Presently this subcommittee is not active, due to lack of a chairperson and members. We need members to step in and serve.

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. 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. Please contact Central Office staff to help out.

Sub-Committees:

Accessibility: The Accessibility Committee is responsible to explore, develop and offer resources, including literature, to make the A.A. message and participation in Alcoholics Anonymous available to anyone. Lori M. is our Chairperson and can be reached at: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca. See back page for meeting times.

Co-operation with Professional Community: **This committee is in need of a chairperson.** Contact: cpc@vancouveraa.ca.

Corrections: Welcome to our new Chairperson, Cathy L. Cathy has numerous years experience with service in the corrections area. Cathy can be reached by email at: corrections@vancouveraa.ca or come to the monthly meeting to offer your services. The committee will be returning to meeting at Central Office monthly, starting on the first Friday in October.

Detox: Serena and the committee welcome everyone who is interested to attend the monthly workshop. See the back page for exact dates and times. detox@vancouveraa.ca

Sub-Committees: continued

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 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.

The Hospital committee is presently working diligently on Phases 4 – 6 of their master project: Silver Thunder! Phases 4 - 6 consist of contacting all hospitals from North Vancouver to the South Surrey/ White Rock region in hopes of obtaining contact information for a staff member at every hospital, then meeting with them and offering our services. The subcommittee is also continuing to Chair hospital meetings, conduct patients to meetings as well as various other tasks on a weekly basis. If you or someone you know would like to help carry the message of recovery into a hospital setting, AKA Silver Thunder, contact Sean at: hospitals@vancouveraa.ca or attend the next Hospital subcommittee meeting: Central Office, September 19th, 2019 @ 7pm.

Public Information: Needs a chairperson to help facilitate the valuable twelve step work this committee does.. If you are interested please contact staff at Central Office or email: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: If you want to do the phones - please be responsible and attend the monthly telephone workshop. Dates and times are listed on the back page of this publication. telephones@vancouveraa.ca.

Treatment: Is always needing members to assist with panels and twelve step work. A day, a month, thirty years of sobriety - you are welcome. Please attend our monthly meeting! Dates and times are listed on the back page of the newsletter. treatment@vancouveraa.ca

Need more information about service positions?

Contact the subcommittee via email or call 604-434-3933, email: staff@vancouveraa.ca or come by CO at 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver -you are always welcome!

Thank you to everyone who does service!

Phone Room Stats:

	Aug	July	June
12 th Step Calls	53	79	70
Al-Anon	8	5	8
Answering Service	134	119	233
General	692	623	566
Total Calls	887	826	877

Directory Updates **October 2019**

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

New Meetings:

Sunday: "A New Freedom" 6:00pm, 1655 William Street, Van.
Monday: "Indigenous Sobriety Circle", 7pm, Cwenegitel Aboriginal Society, 13632 110A Ave, Surrey
Tuesday: "Tuesday Night Beginners Meeting" 8pm, doors open at 7pm, 9537 Prince Charles Blvd., Surrey
Tuesday: "Half Century Group" 7:00pm, 7638-6th Str. Burnaby Fellowship Centre.
Wednesday: "12:15 at the Alano-Step and Tradition" 12:15pm, 1525 W. 7th Ave., Van Alano Club.
Thursday: "12:15 at the Alano-Living Sober" 12:15pm, 1525 W. 7th Ave., Van Alano Club.
Friday: "Step and Tradition Meeting", 6pm, One Way Club, 22270 north Ave., Maple Ridge
Friday: "TGIS Beginners", 7:30pm, 1440 w.12th Ave.

Meeting Changes:

Monday: "Bay Group Beginner's Mtg" 6:30-7:30pm, AA Big Book based. **New start time**
Monday: "St. John's 12x12", 7:30pm, 2206 St. John's St., Port Moody 1.5 hr candlelight meeting. **New format**
Monday: "Frantic Serenity", 7:30pm, 15115 Roper Ave., White Rock. **New location**
Monday: "New Dawn" 7:30am 2635 Coquitlam Grill Barnet Highway. **STAT Monday start time 8:30am**
Tuesday: "Tsawwassen Tuesday Night 12 Step", Tues. 6pm Church, 5575 6th Ave, **All meetings are closed**
Wednesday: "The Lion's Grp-Beginner's" 6:30 -7:15pm, 7260 St. Alban's Road, Richmond. **New start time**
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Wednesday: "Wilson Heights" 7:30pm, 1634-41st Ave East Vancouver. **New day**
Thursday: "12 BY 12 AT 12" 12pm Waves Coffee Shop #105 -10777 University Dr., Surrey. **New location**
Thursday: "Avalon Women's Step-Drop In", 7pm, #300 -132-1 4th St. E, N. Van. **Meeting is now a closed mtg**
Thursday: "Lifeline" 8pm Memorial Centre, Pacific Spirit Church, 2195 W.45th Ave, Van. **New location**
Friday: "Friday Night Step-Men's" 7:00pm, Roundhouse Comm Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews New location
Friday: "Courage to Change" St Paul's Hosp., 1081 Burrard St., Van., Thurlow St. Entrance, 1st FL will be in Rm 6 not Rm 7 from Aug.26 to Dec.30, 2019. Also Sept.27 and Oct.25 mtgs only will be at 1147 Pendrell St. Mole Hill Society Community Room **Location change**
Saturday: "Breakfast With Bill" 8:30am, 400-1401 West Broadway, **New location. New format: no cover charge, arrive between 8:15 -8:25am for admittance to bldg.**

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Meeting Changes (continued):

Saturday: "West End Men's", 8:30pm, 1140 Jervis St., Vancouver, Gay **Change in format**
Saturday: "Who Me?" 9:30am Men's Step and 10:30am regular meeting at Pacific Spirit Church, 2195 W.45th Ave., Van., for 1 meeting only Oct.19, 2019 **Location change**
Please make sure to inform us if your meeting closes.

Discontinued Meetings:

Tuesday: "Musqueam AA" 8pm-6615 Salish Dr., Van.
Tuesday: "Burnaby 12X12" 6:00pm, 7638-6th St. Burnaby Fellowship Centre.
Tuesday: "Tuesday Night Beginners' Mtg, 7pm, 9536 Prince Charles Blvd., Surrey
Tuesday & Thursday: "Barclay Group", 7pm 1655 Barclay St., (no change in the Sun & Sat 10am and Sat. 7pm mtgs).
Friday: "Broadway" 8:00pm, 3080 Prince Edward, Mt. St. Joseph's Hospital
Friday: "Friday Night Men's" 7260 St. Alban's Road, Rich., 9:00pm.

Birthday Plan Contributions:



Central Office Birthday Plan!! Members customarily contribute: \$1, \$2, or even \$5. for each year of their sobriety.

Linda M.-Saturday Morning Dilemma 5 years.
Darrel J.-Burnaby Night Owls 21 years.

In Memoriam Contributions:

Ryan K. (May 5, 1998-Aug7, 2019)

Group Corner:

West Vancouver Group

The West Vancouver Group celebrates 70 years of AA on the North Shore. We've moved up! Our new meeting space is upstairs in "Parish Hall" at 1068 Inglewood Ave, West Vancouver.
On Monday, October 7th listen to the old timer stories! Enjoy fellowship!
Bring a newcomer! Bring an old timer! Eat cake!
Fellowship: 7:30pm.
Meeting: 8pm to 9:10pm (70 minutes for 70 years!).

Upcoming Events

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

Events:

Oct.7: West Vancouver Group 70th Anniversary: 7:30 pm socializing, mtg 8pm-9:10pm 1068 Inglewood Ave , West Vancouver.

Oct 11-12: Vancouver Roundup: 181 Roundhouse Mews Tickets \$30, Vancouver Go to www.vanroundup.com

Oct.12: Sponsorship: 2-4pm EDI Club, 7277 King George Hwy, Surrey. Speakers, refreshments

Oct.19 : Richmond Roundup: South Arm Community Hall 9020 Williams Rd, Richmond \$25-Includes Dinner

Oct.26: North Shore Sobriety Day: 10:30am to Midnight NS Alano Club, 176 2nd St. E. North Vancouver

Oct.26: More Will Be Revealed: Dist.37 Annual Service Day, 1pm-Midnight Centennial Park Leisure Centre Hall, 14600 North Bluff Rd., White Rock Parking \$2-24 hrs.

Nov.2: New Westminster District 34 Roundup 11am- 1 :00am, \$15, Centennial Lodge Queens Park, New West

Nov 8-9: Blueprint for Recovery Conference: Rosedale Hotel, Vancouver \$25, more info contact Mathew 604-720-0045 / blueprintforrecovery19@gmail.com.

Area Happenings:

Oct. 4-6: 2019 BC/Yukon Area 79 Voting Assembly. Hosted by District 60: 100 Mile House, BC. For more information: www.bcyukonaa.org/events.



Intergroup Events/ Meetings:

Sept. 28: Sponsorship Breakfast. St. Mary's Ukrainian Church Hall, 3150 Ash Str., Vancouver. Starts at 10am. Cost is \$20.00. More info at: www.vancouveraa.ca/event/breakfast-with-your-sponsor.

Nov. 16: Freedom From Bondage: Corrections Literature Round-up. Operating Engineers Hall, 4333 Ledger Ave, Burnaby. Starts at 9am. Cost is \$20.00. More info at: www.vancouveraa.ca/event/34th-annual-corrections-roundup.

202 International Convention AA:



July 2-5, 2020: **Love and Tolerance Is Our Code**, Detroit Michigan. Registration forms are available at Central Office.

Groups Call To Action:

Fall 2019 Meeting Directory coming soon. Please update information by Oct 1 with Central Office. Check that your Group information is correct and up-to-date both online and in print.



Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong—promptly admitted it.

Lol or told Central Office when our listing is.

Next Newsletter Deadlines:

Oct. 10 for November.

For posters to be mailed out with the newsletter there is a \$20.00 fee.

Sub-Committees Meeting Dates:

2019	Oct	Nov
Accessibilities @ 6:45pm	3	7
Corrections @ 7:00pm at Central Office	4	1
C.P.C. @ 7:00pm	17	21
Detox @ 10:00am Workshop @ 11am	12	9
Hospitals @ 7:00pm	17	21
*Intergroup Meeting (IGM) @ 7:30pm orientation for new Reps at 7pm	15	19
Public Information @ 7:00pm	23	27
Telephone @11am Workshop @ 10am	19	16
Treatment @ 10:00am	12	9
*IGM & Orientation are not at Central Office		

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Freedom From Bondage Corrections Roundup

District Challenge

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society Corrections Sub-Committee is the only committee that does not receive funding through Central Office.

We depend solely on the proceeds from our annual Roundup to provide literature for Provincial Institutions in the Greater Vancouver area.

In the Spirit of Love and Service

We are pleased to announce that we would like to involve all groups and district members to participate in collectively challenging each other in supporting our annual Corrections Roundup by selling tickets and attending this special day in giving back to those who are new and just arriving in the Fellowship of AA.

Another purpose of holding this event is to invite individuals residing in Correctional Facilities to attend and enjoy the day of activities with fellow members; Unity, Service and Recovery.

We are asking all GSR's for their support in encouraging new members and their sponsors to attend and experience service in action, whereby members are practicing love and service in their journey of recovery.

A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole.

All proceeds go toward literature for inmates.

Operating Engineers Hall
4333 Ledger Ave., Burnaby, BC
November 16, 2019