NOVEMBER 2019

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter



Tradition Eleven:

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

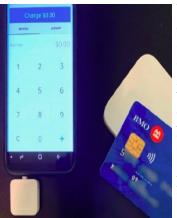
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Electronic Contributions:

The following is a reprinted article from BC/Yukon's newsletter "*Grassroots*". The reprinting of this article stems from a discussion that was held at the September Intergroup meeting, at the request of IGR we are reprinting it with permission of Area 79.

Electronic Seventh Tradition:

Generation Next is an A.A. group in District 14, Victoria, that is primarily for the young and young at heart. We recognized a problem with the Seventh Tradition in our group in 2017. Most members do not carry cash. We had nothing to put in the Seventh! We explored alternative ways of contributing to the Seventh and decided to start using the Square system in November 2017. It has been extremely successful. At first we could only accept credit cards, but within a few months, after we purchased the tap option (now \$59.99), we were able to accept debit as well.

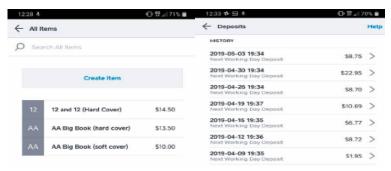


When you sign up for a Point of Sale, you need an email address so we created a gmail account specifically for our group. Once you sign up, they will send you a Square at no charge and this piece allows you to swipe cards.

(There are two versions of Square available. One uses a headphone jack, the other a lightning connector, suitable

for newer iPhones.)

In our group, we have a couple of people designated to handle Square payments during meetings. These people have the app on their phone. When we announce our reading for the Seventh Tradition, we announce that we also take debit or credit at the back of the room, identifying the person who will be receiving the payment. At this time, people may go to the back of the meeting and use their debit or credit cards. We find there is very little disruption to the meeting. After the meeting, we store the Square with the rest of our supplies.



The product allows us to differentiate between Seventh Tradition and literature sales, so the Treasurer can keep track. Examples of some of the reports available to the Treasurer may be found on this and the previous page. Individuals using the Square system have this appear on the credit card or bank statement



Common questions:



Does it need Wi-Fi?

No, but it does require an internet connection through data on your phone or Wi-Fi.

Is it hard to learn to use?

No, there are great "how to" videos available.

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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.

Monday, November 11, 2019

Intergroup Meeting:

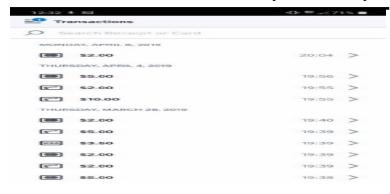
- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00pm.
- Intergroup meeting at 7:30pm.
 3022 E 49th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5S 1K9
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2019

All members are welcome!

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Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Electronic Seventh Tradition (continued):



As you will see from the following report, Square has been very successful for our group:

Month	Income	Transactions	Average \$/trans	Fees
Nov 2017	\$35.00	10	\$3.50	\$0.85
Dec 2017	\$47.00	8	\$5.88	\$1.53
Jan. 2018	\$83.50	17	\$4.91	\$2.17
Feb, 2018	\$45.00	15	\$3.00	\$1.16
March 2018	\$112	23	\$4.87	\$2.54
April 2018	\$98.75	25	\$3.95	\$2.62
May 2018	\$128.00	20	\$6.40	\$3.17
June 2018	\$61.00	16	\$3.81	\$1.34
July 2018	\$61.00	18	\$3.38	\$1.62
Aug. 2018	\$116.00	33	\$3.51	\$2.73
Sept. 2018	\$77.69	18	\$4.32	\$1.81

In love and service, Generation Next, District 14, Victoria.

Please note this is <u>not</u> intended as an endorsement of the Square product. It is merely what is working for Generation Next. Groups are encourage to explore all alternatives currently available

Accessibility:

Is always looking for members. Come join us if you want to do service that is all about making AA inclusive for all. As well sign us to be of assistance for members with barriers to meetings. See the back page for dates and times.

accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca

Co-operation with Professional Community:

This committee is in need of a chairperson. Please come and offer your services if you can. They meet at the same time as Hospital committee each month. See the back page for dates and times.

cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections:

Is requesting for members to help out with going into the prisons and to serve on the Round-up committee. See the back page for dates and times.

corrections@vancouveraa.ca

Sub-Committees:

Detox:

Is the committee to serve on - if you have the time and are willingness to commit to monthly meetings of the committee and then attendance at a detox panel. See the back page for dates and times.

detox@vancouveraa.ca

Hospitals:

This committee is a "pocket of enthusiasm"! They are working hard to get to persons in hospital. If this interests you - join them at their monthly meeting. See the back page for dates and times.

hospitals@vancouveraa.ca

Public Information:

This committee is in need of a chairperson. See the back page for dates and times.

public.info@vancouveraa.ca

Telephone:

If you are a group telephone representative - please attend the monthly meeting of the committee. See the back page for dates and times. There are need for members of all types within this subcommittee.

telephones@vancouveraa.ca

Treatment:

This committee meets monthly. There are things to do and not do when attending a treatment meeting. Come to the monthly meeting and find out what. See the back page for dates and times.

treatment@vancouveraa.ca

Need more information about service positions?

Call 604-434-3933, email: staff@vancouveraa.ca or come by Central Office at 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver — you are always welcome! All committee meetings are open to any sober alcoholic with a desire to serve.

Thank you to everyone who does Service!

A special thank you to everyone who helped out and attended the Annual Sponsorship Breakfast!

Phone Room Stats:

	Sept	Aug	July
12 th Step Calls	52	53	79
Al-Anon	4	8	5
Answering Service	151	134	119
General	566	692	623
Total Calls	773	826	826

Directory Updates November 2019

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

New Meetings:

Sunday: "A NEW FREEDOM" 6:00PM, 1655 William St. Vancouver

Sunday: "ALIVE AFTER THE DRIVE-BEGINNERS"

7:00PM, 320 E 15th Ave., Vancouver

Sunday: "SUNDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY" 8:00PM, 14455—104th Ave., Surrey, Church upstairs in N/W rm.

<u>Tuesday:</u> "HALF A CENTURY GROUP" 7:00PM 7638 6th St. Burnaby Fellowship Centre.

<u>Tuesday</u>: DEEP COVE NEWCOMERS, 7PM, 3625 Banff, Ct, North Vancouver. Starts Nov 5/2019.

<u>Wednesday:</u>"12:15 AT THE ALANO–STEP AND TRADITION" 12:15PM, 1525 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver Alano Club.

<u>Wednesday:</u>" NEW WOMEN'S AA MEETING 7:00PM, 7277 King George Hwy Surrey EDI Club mtg in small room.

Thursday: "12:15 AT THE ALANO-LIVING SOBER" 12:15PM, 1525 W. 7th Ave., Van Alano Club.

<u>Friday:</u> "ANVIL NOONER AT 1:00" 1:00pm, 777 Columbia St., New West. 4th Flr.

Meeting Changes:

Monday: "NEW DAWN" 7:30AM., 2635 Barnett Hwy., Coq., Stats mtg starts at 8:30AM

Wednesday: "WILSON HEIGHTS" 7:30PM, 1634 41st Ave., E Van., new day

<u>Thursday:</u> "GEORGE PEARSON HOSPITAL" 7PM, 650 W 57th Ave., Van <u>new location.</u>

<u>Thursday:</u> "LIVE & LET LIVE" 8:00PM, 1825 W 16th Ave., Van. *Wheelchair accessible*

<u>Friday:</u> "FRONT RUNNERS" 8:00PM, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Roundhouse CC, 2nd floor in Multi Media Rm <u>new mtg room location.</u>

<u>Friday:</u> "LAND OF THE MOSS" 7:00PM, 19700 Salish Rd., Pitt Mead. *new start time*

Saturday: "PAGE 13" 7:30PM, 659 E 52ND Ave., Van., new location.

In Memoriam Contributions:

In memory of Ted E.

Birthday Plan Contributions:

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



Discontinued Meetings:

Monday: "THE MESSAGE" 7:00PM, 4405 W. 8th Ave., Van..

Tuesday: BURNABY 12X12, 6PM, 7638-6th St.

Burnaby Fellowship Centre.

Tuesday: TUESDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS MTG, 7PM,

9536 Prince Charles Blvd, Surrey

<u>Wednesday:</u> " AA QUEER & TRANS STEP 11 MEDITATION" 8:00PM , 1661 Napier St. Van.

Friday: BROADWAY, 8PM, 3080 Prince Edward, Mt.

St. Joseph's Hospital

Friday: FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S, 9PM, 7260 St.

Alban's Road, Richmond.

FALL 2019 MEETING DIRECTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER.

Group Corner:

Seasonal Celebrations:

Is your group celebrating with a special holiday meeting? If so please communicate the information to staff@vancouveraa.ca and we will maintain a special event posting on our website.

Check these listings for something to do over the holidays.

Send us your group story about how you spent the holidays and we will print it

Happy W Holidays

Traditions Discussion Questions:



- 1) Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
- 2) Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?

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Upcoming Events

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

Events:

Oct.21: Willingdon Heights Anniversary Alanon and AA Speakers, potluck, meeting starts at 8pm, 4304 Parker St. Bby 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, l:00PM-Midnight, Centennial Park Leisure Centre Hall, 14600 North Bluff Rd., White Rock Parking \$2-24 hrs.

Oct.31: **Happy Destiny Meeting**, Speaker Series, 8PM, Tricia C. from Ferndale Unity, Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St., Vancouver Free parking available.

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

<u>Nov 8-9</u>: **Blueprint for Recovery Conference:** Rosedale Hotel, Vancouver, \$25, more info: <u>blueprintforrecoveryl9@gmail.com</u>.

Nov.10: Steveston Group 64th Anniversary Dinner at 6:30PM, Meeting at 8PM, 3720 Broadway St., Richmond

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

Nov.23: The 3 Legacies Workshop: Recovery, Unity, Service 1pm to 4pm, Scott H, Past Canada Trustee at Large, North Shore Alano Club, 176 E.2nd St. N. Van Nov.28: Happy Destiny Meeting, Speaker Series, 8PM, Bob M. from SOS Group, Bellingham, Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St., Van. Free parking available.

<u>Dec.07:</u> **Ladner Saturday Night 62nd Ham Dinner**, after the meeting, bring a side dish, 960 48th Ave. Ladner 8pm

<u>Dec.14:</u> **Edmonds Noon Sobriety Holiday Celebration**: St. Alban's Church, 7717 19th Ave., Burnaby. 10AM start - 90 min. meeting, followed by potluck luncheon, and fellowship. A sobriety countdown too!

<u>Dec.24</u>: **Christmas Eve Meeting**, 11pm, North Shore, Alano Club, 176 East 2nd St., North Vancouver

<u>Jan.1:</u> The Old Timers' Meeting, New Years Day, fellowship, coffee, snacks 1pm to 1pm Meeting from 2pm to 4pm, North Shore Alano Club, 176 East 2nd St., North Vancouver

2025 International Convention AA



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

Area Happenings:

Jan. 10, 2020: **BC/Yukon Area 79 Quarterly.** Hosted by District 6, Parksville, BC. For more information: www.bcyukon.org.

Intergroup Events/ Meetings:

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.

Next Newsletter Deadlines:

For December newsletter it is: November 14th, 2019 For posters to be mailed out with the newsletter there is a \$20.00 fee.

Sub-Committees Meeting Dates:

2019	Nov	Dec
Accessibilities @ 6:45pm	7	5
Corrections @ 7:00pm	1	6
C.P.C. @ 7:00pm	21	19
Detox @ 10:00am Workshop @ 11am	9	14
Hospitals @ 7:00pm	21	19
**Intergroup Meeting @ 7:30pm Orientation for new reps at 7:00pm	19	17
Public Information @ 7:00pm	27	25
Telephone @11am Workshop 10am	16	21
Treatment @ 10:00am	9	14
**Meeting location is not Central Office	•	

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