

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

JANUARY 2020

Pass it On . . .

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society: Annual Meeting: Operating Committee elections

When:

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
at 7:30 PM

Where:

3022 E 49th Avenue, Vancouver

Who:

Any active member of A.A. who meets eligibility requirements. May volunteer to serve or may nominate any other eligible member for election to the Operating Committee.

All A.A. groups are encouraged to send an intergroup representative.

Email: GVISChair@vancouveraa.ca

For more information

All members are welcome to attend.

Open Positions:

- 3 Intergroup Officers
- 6 Operating Committee Members

Eligibility:

- Have you served as a Intergroup rep or outreach committee chair?
- We suggested 2 years sobriety
- Preferably served one full term as on the Intergroup committee

Term:

- One year

Tradition One:

“Our common welfare should come first: personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

Without unity, A.A. dies. Individual liberty, yet great unity. Key to paradox: each A.A.’s life depends on obedience to spiritual principles. The group must survive or the individual will not. Common welfare comes first. How best to live and work together as groups.

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members’ inventories?
- 2) Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abusive?

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Group Corner:

WANTED

Group stories. This section of the Newsletter is reserved for group stories. If you think your homegroup is awesome—tell everyone about it. When do you meet? What is your format like? Pass your experience on!

Simply type, hand write or come by and we will write it as you tells us!

REWARD

Groups to volunteer one calendar day a month for a four hour phone shift. The fellowship is down a group and there are none on the waiting list. Experience has shown it will be rewarding for your group members.

MISSING

Central Office is missing or needs to update some of your group members information. Please start the new year by completing and getting us an up-to-date 12 *Step/ Bridging the Gap/ Accessibility Volunteer Sheet* with us. They are available at CO, Intergroup monthly meetings, and at vancouveraa.ca.

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.

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, Jan. 21, 2020

All members are welcome!

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

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Operating Committee Elections:

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at 7:30PM.

Location: 3022 E 49th Avenue, Vancouver.

“The February meeting is also the annual meeting of the Intergroup. The chairperson will give a final report with recommendations for future consideration and conduct all business. An election of the Intergroup officers will occur. Following the election of Intergroup officers, six members of the Operating Committee will be elected.”

“Except for election of Intergroup Officers, any active member of A.A., who meets the eligibility requirements, may volunteer to serve or may nominate any other eligible member for election to the Operating Committee. A nomination does not require a “second”. Nominees must agree to accept nomination. Once nominations have been closed, a brief service history of each nominee will be given. Ballots will then be distributed to voting members, provided there are more nominees than positions to be filled. Candidates receiving the most votes will be declared elected. When the result is not clear due to a tie, a second vote will be taken between the tied candidates. In the event of a second tie, a name will be drawn from “the hat”.”

Portions reprinted from: Intergroup Operating Procedures and Guidelines:2018, p.23.

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: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca

Co-operation with Professional Community:

Email: cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections: Hello my name is Cathy L. the chairperson

Phone Room Stats:

	NOV	OCT	SEPT
12 th Step Calls	41	50	52
Al-Anon	3	5	4
Answering Service	147	180	151
General	528	582	566
Total Calls	719	817	773

Sub-Committees: continued

of the Corrections Subcommittee. Corrections meets the 1st Friday of the month at Central Office 7:00 PM. We take AA meetings into the provincial prisons in our Intergroup area. There are 4 separate institutions, in Maple Ridge, Surrey and Coquitlam. Plus, Youth Detention centre in Burnaby. The prisons keep the population in separate pods, so we cannot have one general meeting, we need to have enough people to go into all pods. The people inside provincial prisons are serving less than 2 years. Their crimes are almost 99% related to alcohol and drugs. Many of them are in a revolving door, but if they can get sober, they do not go back to jail. We can actually give them hope, they get it when we talk AA.

If you think you can carry the message in this manner contact me at corrections@vancouveraa.ca.

Detox: Starting January 2020 we will meet at 11:00am for both the orientation and committee meeting.

Email: detox@vancouveraa.ca

Hospitals: The Hospital committee is presently working diligently on their project: Silver Thunder! The project consists 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. We are particularly in need of AA members with weekday availability between 9-5pm to meet with, and present AA to hospital staff. In addition, we are in need of people to chair hospital meetings, conduct patients to meetings as well as various other tasks on a weekly basis. There are no sobriety requirements and no AA service experience required.

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, January 16th, 2019 @ 7pm

Public Information: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: telephones@vancouveraa.ca

Treatment: treatment@vancouveraa.ca

Need more information about service positions? Call 604-434-3933, email: staff@vancouveraa.ca or come by Central Office: 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver — you are always welcome!

Directory Updates January 2020

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

New Meetings:

Sunday: THE FOUR HORSEMEN: 1:00PM, 7638—6th St. Burnaby.

Tuesday: NOON REFLECTIONS: 12:15PM, 682 Gibson's Way, Salvation Army Hall, Gibsons.

Wednesday: RIFF RAFF GROUP: 7:00PM, 1655 Barclay St. Van., Sunset Towers Garden rm.

Wednesday: TWISTED SISTERS: 7:00PM, 7277 King George Hwy, Surrey, mtg in the small rm.

Wednesday: RENEGADE WARRIORS: 8:00PM, 2775 Sophia St. Van.

Meeting Changes:

Monday: INDIGENOUS SOBRIETY CIRCLE: 7:00PM, 13632—110A Ave., Surrey. *New name:* formerly DRY DOGS: *Fall Directory correction.*

Tuesday: DENMAN BEGINNERS: 7:00PM, 1155 Thurlow St., Van., Enter on Main flr from Thurlow St. *new directions to mtg rm., Fall Directory correction*

Tuesday: DENMAN GROUP: 8:00PM, 1155 Thurlow St., Van., Enter on Main flr from Thurlow St. *new directions to mtg rm., Fall Directory correction*

Wednesday: TWISTED SISTERS: 7:00PM, 7277 King George Hwy, Surrey, mtg in the small rm. *New name,* formerly: NEW WOMEN'S AA MEETING:

Wednesday: ROYAL OAK GROUP: 7:30PM, 4812 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby, rm 3030. *New mtg rm*

Wednesday: FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: 7:45PM, 1607 E Hastings St. Van., *new address and start time.*

Thursday: STEP/DISCUSSION—BEGINNER: 8:00PM, 1068 Inglewood Ave., West Vancouver. *New start time.*

Friday: LAITY ST. BIG BOOK DISCUSSION: 7:00PM, Ridge Meadows Hospital, conf rm 1 North near Sacred Space. *New mtg rm*

Discontinued Meetings:

Sunday: COME OUT AND SOBER UP: 7:00PM, 7638 6th St., Burnaby.

Thursday: 12:15—AT THE ALANO—LIVING SOBER: 1525 W 7th Ave Van.

Discontinued Meetings (continued):

Saturday: OVER THE HILL: 6:30PM 15869 Pacific Ave, White Rock .

Saturday: SATURDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHT: 8:00PM, 724 Trueman Rd., Gibsons.

Corrections Roundup Message:

From all of us on the 37th annual Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society's Corrections Roundup Committee, thank you to the volunteers who showed up on November 16th to help make this year such a huge success once again. Thank you to those groups and individual members who donated tickets – we had 10 members from inside the walls in attendance, as well as another 20 currently living in recovery homes. Every one of them appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed the fellowship and the speakers. 200 tickets were sold and a total of 163 people registered to share in panel presentations, call up meeting and speaker sharing, followed with an ice cream social. Our gross income was \$7500. leaving a surplus of approx. \$5600.

In addition to raising funds to pay for A.A. literature for those incarcerated, the Roundup is also an opportunity to encourage “outside” members to meet members currently serving time in the Provincial Institutions locally and to consider serving as sponsors for meetings inside and/or Bridging the Gap contacts.

Several years ago, those institutions moved from Burnaby & Vancouver to Surrey & Maple Ridge. As many of you know, next year the Roundup will be moving closer to the institutions we serve. Posters will be circulated in the new year and we hope to have a huge turnout and your continued support both financially and physically.

So, mark your calendars: **November 14, 2020** at the **Heritage Hall 12460 Harris Rd, Pitt Meadows, BC.**

Group Corner:

We've run out of stories! Tell us what is so special and/or unique about your group. Tell us why it's a great place to bring a new member or a long-timer. Sent us a photo of your hall. Give us your best sales pitch ever!

Upcoming Events

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

Events:

Dec.17: CAPILANO GROUP ANNUAL TURKEY NIGHT DINNER, Gloria Dei Church, North Vancouver 1110 Gladwin Dr. 7:30PM

Dec.20: READ THE BOOK: 7:00PM, Holiday Potluck 11601 82 Ave. Delta.

Dec.20: FRIDAY NITE BLUE CARD: 8:00PM, Christmas Potluck 8:00 PM., 3151 York St., Port Coquitlam.

Dec.21: SATURDAY NIGHT SOBRIETY: 7:00PM Holiday Potluck 10553 148 St. Surrey.

Dec.22: UNITY SERVICE RECOVERY: 8:00PM 7147—124 St. Surrey.

Dec.23: SAINTS WE AIN'T: 6:30PM 11838—88 Ave. Delta.

Dec.26: TRADITION 3: 8:00PM, Potluck , 4618 110 Ave. Surrey.

Dec.24: THERE IS A SOLUTION: 8:00 PM, St. Patrick's Church, 2881 Main St., Van.

Dec.24: CHRISTMAS EVE MEETING: 11PM. North Shore Alano Club, 176 East 2nd St., North Van.

Dec.31: NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE: Speaker, dinner & dance party. Doors open 6:30PM, buffet dinner 7:30PM. 11040 River Road, at Trinity Lutheran Hall, Delta. Tickets \$25 until Dec.15th, \$30 from Dec.16th., Tickets available from Central Office

Jan.1: THE OLD TIMERS MEETING: New Years Day, 1:00PM 176 East 2nd St., North Van. North Shore Alano Club.. Fellowship, coffee, snacks, Meeting from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

Jan.26: SUNDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK: Anniversary Potluck, 7:00PM, 15302 Pacific Ave, The Masonic Hall, Downstairs, White Rock . Turkey and Ham ,Potluck,.

Feb.8: DISTRICT 43 GRATITUDE DAY: 8:00AM— Midnight, 22756 48th Ave. Southridge Fellowship Church, Langley. \$20, Includes breakfast & buffet style Dinner, Bring a dessert to share.

Feb.16: HEART TO HEART: 11:15AM 15996 84th Ave., Surrey., Fleetwood Community Centre . \$20. Dinner and Dance All meetings are with no door charge.

April 10-12: NORTH SHORE ROUND UP: Tickets \$45, early bird \$40 before March 1st, Vancouver Convention Centre East, 999 Canada Place, Van. www.northshoreroundup.com

BC/YUKON AREA 79 EVENTS:

Jan.10-11th: Quarterly: Hosted by District 6. Parksville Comm Ctr, 132 Jensen Avenue E., Parksville, BC.

Apr.3-6: Pre-Conference Assembly: Hosted by District 70. Vernon, BC.

Birthday Contributions:

Kim P.: Lougheed Speaker: over 4 decades!

Richard H.: King Albert Serenity: 4 years!



In Memoriam:

Corky: Steveston Grp - R.I.P.

Next Newsletter Deadlines:

Feb. issue: Jan. 16th / Mar. issue: Feb. 13th.

Email submissions to: newsletter@vancouveraa.ca.

For posters to be mailed out in the newsletter there is a \$20.00 fee. The February issue will be mailed out.

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Sub-Committees Meeting Dates:

2020	Jan	Feb
Accessibilities @ 6:45pm	2	6
Corrections @ 7:00pm	3	7
C.P.C. @ 7:00pm	16	20
Detox @ 11am	11	8
Hospitals @ 7:00pm	16	20
**Intergroup Meeting @ 7:30pm	21	18
**Intergroup Orientation @ 7:00pm	21	18
Public Information @ 7:00pm	22	26
Telephone @ 11am Workshop 10am	18	15
Treatment @ 10:00am	11	8
**Meeting location is not Central Office		