

Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2020

Pass it On . . .

Central / Intergroup Office News

We are often asked if Central office and Intergroup are the same things. Here in Greater Vancouver they are a combined place - sort of. If you want information about Central Offices/ Intergroups in general, you can come get a copy of the *A.A. Guidelines: Central Office or Intergroup Office (MG-2)*. For more information on Greater Vancouver's, please see our website at www.vancouveraa.ca.

The office, central office, is staffed by Special Workers. At present we have four: Colleen, Linda, Margo, and Shelley. Colleen is the manager and she works full-time hours. Linda, Margo and Shelley work casual hours. They are tasked with ensuring the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous are protected in all our works. Further they work to ensure that the Procedures and Guidelines are considered when changes are being considered which might affect the operation of the Greater Vancouver Intergroup. Basically they are the ones that take care of filling the volunteer phones shifts during the day, posting events, the website, manning the literature sales, and updating the meeting directories and a few other tasks. They are the workers referred to in Tradition Eight.

Recently Central Office has gone through some cosmetic changes. The telephone room has moved to the front office. Now everyone who comes in can be greeted by the volunteers and not the paid workers. As well, the heart beat of Central Office, the phone room, is the first thing that greets newcomers. Come by and check it out.

Next month at Intergroup will be the Annual General

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.

February 17, 2020 we will be closed for Family Day.

Meeting and a new Operating Committee will be elected by the Fellowship. Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00PM will be the election, see the next page for more information.

Mike F. has been our Intergroup Chairperson for the past year. He has done a wonderful job. His service resume was not a long one when he stepped up, but he has handled the position. Unfortunately just as he is getting the position - it is his time to rotate out. Doug G. who is a past chair and has been our Finance chair this year is also rotating out. Central Office is truly grateful to both Mike and Doug for all the hard work they have provided.

Tradition Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

of A.A. World Services, Inc. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.9-10.

Discussion Questions:

- "Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?"
- Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?"
- In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?"

"These questions were originally published in the Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. While they were originally intended as suggestions for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion."

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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, February 18, 2020**

All members are welcome!

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

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Operating Committee Elections:

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

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: Please come assist us and get involved with making AA open available to everyone. We meet on February 6, 2020 at 6:45PM at Central Office. accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca

Co-operation with Professional Community: Please welcome our new chairperson, Elton D. Elton is a member of the Kitsilano Group. The CPC committee has change its meeting time to the fourth Wednesday of each

Phone Room Stats:

	DEC	NOV	OCT
12 th Step Calls	79	41	50
Al-Anon	5	3	5
Answering Service	247	147	180
General	623	528	582
Total Calls	954	719	817

Sub-Committees: continued

month. C.P.C. and P.I. now meet together. Please come and join us and help us in our Twelve Step efforts. Questions: Email: cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections: Corrections raised \$6,000.00 for 2020! Corrections takes donations all year long. They not only need funds but also persons to go into facilities. If you think you can carry the message in this manner contact Cathy L. at corrections@vancouveraa.ca.

Detox: Starting January 2020 we will meet at 11:00AM for both the orientation and committee meeting. We could really benefit from anyone who does or wants to do a detox panel coming to the committee meetings. Email: detox@vancouveraa.ca.

Hospitals: 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 at Central Office on February 20, 2020.

Public Information: We are now combining with the CPC committee every fourth Wednesday of the month. Please come be part of our efforts in doing Twelve Step work. If you have questions, contact us at: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: Please welcome iyr new chair, Liam! Liam and the committee are hard at work. There are exciting things happening with the phones in Vancouver - come join the committee at their next meeting: February 15th, 2020. If you have questions or comments contact Liam at: telephones@vancouveraa.ca.

Treatment: We are urgently seeking a group to go into Edgewood Whiterock facility to host a panel every 2nd Monday from 7-8pm. If interested please email us. We meet with Detox on February 8, 2020. 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!

Better yet, join us:

Saturday, March 8th, 2020

For, Intergroup Awareness Day!

See flyer or www.vancouveraa.ca for details.

Directory Updates February 2020

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

New Meetings:

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

Wednesday: STEP IT UP, 7:00PM 1155 Thurlow St., Vancouver. Enter off Pendrell & take elevator to 3rd floor.

Meeting Changes:

Sunday: SERENE SUNDAY, 11:00AM, 22270 North Ave, in the One Way Club, Maple Ridge. *Change of time to: Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM*

Monday: GARDEN VARIETY, 7:30PM, 10810 272nd St. Maple Ridge *New Location*

Tuesday: DENMAN BEGINNERS: 7:00PM, 1155 Thurlow St., Van., Enter on Main floor 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: FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: 7:45PM, 1607 E Hastings St. Van., *new address and start time.*

Wednesday: AA QUEER + TRANS, Wednesday, 6:30PM "*No meeting 1st Wed of month" is removed—does not apply*

Thursday: CLOVERDALE LADIES BIG BOOK, 6:00PM, 17575—58A Ave., Cloverdale *Removed from GVIS directory, Listed in Dist.43 Directory*

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

Friday: FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S MEETING, 9:00PM, 7260 St. Albans St., Richmond *this meeting was not to be deleted—is still functioning*

Saturday: JOE & CHARLIE STEP GROUP, 12:30AM *removed from directory—not a public meeting.*

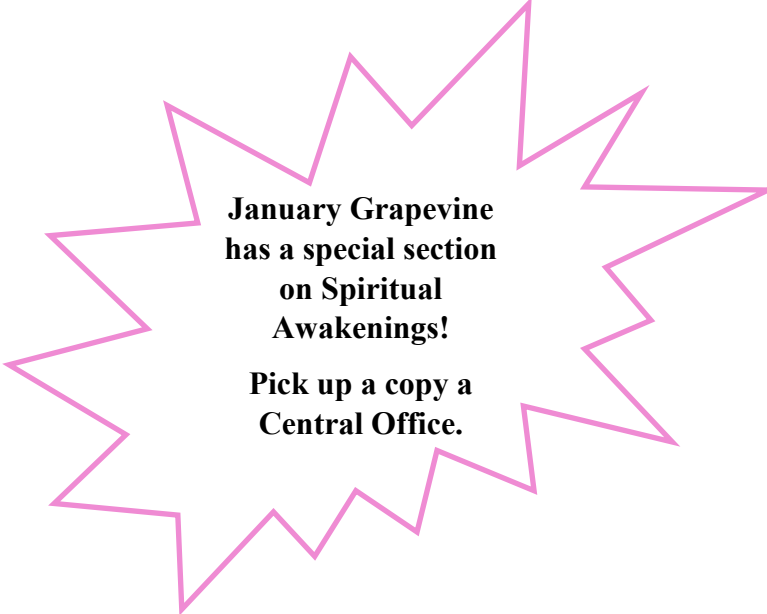
Discontinued Meetings:

Thursday: GOT TO GROW OR GOT TO GO, 7:00PM, 176 2nd St. E., North Vancouver.

Discontinued Meetings (continued):

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

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



January Grapevine
has a special section
on Spiritual
Awakenings!

Pick up a copy a
Central Office.

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 two groups 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.

Upcoming Events

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

Events:

- Jan.26: SUNDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK: Anniversary Potluck**, 7:00PM, 15302 Pacific Ave, The Masonic Hall, Downstairs, White Rock . Turkey and Ham ,Potluck,.
- Jan.27: VANYPAA 4TH DIMENSION COMEDY SHOW** 6:30PM, Granville Island Stage, 2502 Duranleau St. Van \$10
- 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.
- Feb.18: INTERGROUP: ANNUAL MTG, OPERATING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**, 7:30PM, 3022 E.49th Ave.Van
- Feb.29: VANYPAA ONE DAY ROUNDUP-LEAP OF FAITH**, St.Mary’s Ukranian Hall, 3150 Ash St., Van \$20
- March 21: Soberfest**, St.Pat’s Church Auditoriuu, 22589 121 Ave. Maple Ridge \$25 presale Tickets incl. breakfast & dinner
- 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
- April 17-18: VERNON 10TH ANNUAL CARRY THE MESSAGE – BEING OF SERVICE**, Peach Lutheran Church, 1204 30th Ave., Vernon, BC \$25
- April 24-26: NORTHWEST GIRLSTOCK, 5TH Annual Women’s Big Book 12 Step Conference**, 4 Points Sheraton Hotel, Bellingham, WA Register online: www.nwgirlstock.org
- May 22-24: CELEBRATE SOBRIETY 2020**, Croation Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr., Vancouver For ticket prices, go to www.celebratesobriety.ca
- June 1-13: VERNON ROUNDUP, 48TH ANNUAL**, Trinity United Church, 3300 Alexis Park Drive, Vernon. \$30 incl. Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Intergroup Events:

Feb.18: INTERGROUP: ANNUAL MTG, OPERATING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, Intergroup Mtg, 7:30PM, 3022 E.49th Ave.Vancouver

BC/YUKON AREA 79 EVENTS:

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

Birthday Contributions:

Jonathan H.: 4th Dimension: 5 years!



In Memoriam:

Elisabeth G.: Lougheed Speaker Meeting.

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.

Want the Newsletter by Email?:

Sign up for our monthly E-newsletter. Please visit www.vancouveraa.ca. Scroll to the bottom of page and sign up. The Newsletter will be emailed out to you monthly.

Sub-Committees Meeting Dates:

2020	Feb	Mar
Accessibilities @ 6:45PM	6	5
Corrections @ 7:00PM	7	6
C.P.C. @ 7:00PM	20	19
Detox Mtg & Workshop@ 11AM	8	14
Hospitals @ 7:00PM	20	19
**Intergroup Meeting @ 7:30PM	18	17
**Intergroup Orientation @ 7:00PM	18	17
Public Information @ 7:00PM	26	28
Telephone Workshop 10AM, Mtg	15	21
Treatment @ 10:00AM	8	14
**Meeting location is not Central Office		

Group Information Updates and Newsletter Submissions

GREATER VANCOUVER INTERGROUP SOCIETY (GVIS)

Changes will **NOT** be made unless a group officer submits the request to **GVIS staff: 604-434-3933**

<input type="checkbox"/> New Group or Name	<input type="checkbox"/> New Date and / or Time	Today's Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> New Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Deleted Meeting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Meeting Details	<input type="checkbox"/> New Format	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Correction	<input type="checkbox"/> Round-Up

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose--that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Tradition 5 (the long form). A.A.'s Traditions suggest that a group not be named after a facility or member (living or deceased) and that the name of a group not imply affiliation with any sect, religion, organization or institution
"Unless there is approximate conformity to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, the group... can deteriorate and die." — 12 & 12, P. 174

NEW GROUP NAME/NEW INFO/NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Group Name: _____

Meeting Day and Time: _____

Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Effective Date: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

MEETING DETAILS

Type

Open: Closed:

Format:

- Beginner
- Big Book
- Discussion
- Speaker
- Step
- Step / Tradition
- Topic

Special

- Gay
- Men's Meeting
- Woman's meeting
- Childcare available
- Wheelchair accessible
- No meeting on stat. holidays

Facility Type:

- Corrections
- Detox
- Hospital
- Treatment

Language (if not English): _____

Comments: _____

Submit to:

3457 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5L5 or
staff@vancouveraa.ca or FAX: 604-434-2553