

JUNE 2020 Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

Pass It On . . .

Central Office Manager Message:

Hello Everyone:

It has been a bit since we have actually got a newsletter out. This one will not be in our regular format but an attempt to get back on track at least!

We have been busy at Central Office and have tried to send out information as we have been able. We are sure your Intergroup Representatives have been keeping you all in the loop. So many changes and so many things going on!

For those of you who do not know, Central Office has been on reduced services, hours and staff since the pandemic hit. We have had one staff and many volunteers. Our priorities have been keeping the phones running and keeping our website, www.vancouveraa.ca up-to-date with meeting information. That has involved many hours of work and sharing of information from the members. Thank you for keeping us united.

Recently, June 2, to be exact, we had a Town Hall Forum. The purpose was to assist each other with getting information for coming to informed group consciences concerning moving into Phase Two of the BC restart plan. We were doing this by fact sharing, experience sharing and using principles that will keep us autonomous and unified in a loving understanding of each other. It was well attended - 260 members were there! No decisions were made but we believe everyone walked away with something to think about. Many resources were made available and we want to share them with you all. They are available at: www.vancouveraa.ca/about-us/list-of-resources/. But we will list them here as well:

Central Office Hours:

- Mon.- Fri.: By appointment for sales
- Sat.- Sun.: By appointment for sales
3457 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5R 5L5
- Phone Lines: 24/7

Office will be closed on statutory holidays. July 1, 2020

PANDEMIC TOWN HALL RESOURCES (listed for information sharing only)

- [BC CDC Handwashing Signage](#)
- [BC CDC Physical Distancing Signage](#)
- [BC Centre For Disease Control \(CDC\)/ COVID-19/ Event Planning Info](#)
- [BC's Restart Plan: Complete Guide](#)
- [Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioners Office guidance on contact tracing](#)
- [ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER: Food Service Establishments and Liquor Services](#)
- [ORDER OF THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER: Mass Gathering Event](#)
- [Safety and AA](#)
- [Safety Card](#)
- [Suggested Group Reconvening Considerations](#)
- [Technology in AA for Hybrid meetings and such](#)
- [The A.A. Group . . . Where it All Begins, P-16, pamphlet](#)
- [Virtual basket](#)
- [Work Safe BC COVID-19 Safety Plan Template](#)
- [Extension of State of Emergency to June 23](#)

If you are going to make changes to your group, kindly inform Central Office. Changes can easily be submitted via our Meeting Finder on our website. Click on your meeting's name, and at the bottom of the listing you will see:

Request a change to this listing <

Just fill in the new information and submit. We will receive it at Central Office and as quickly as we can - make the change. You may call as well.

Last - there are two motions on the floor at Intergroup. They are attached to this newsletter.

Thanks Everyone for your assistance and for a strong fellowship in Greater Vancouver!

Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00PM.
- Intergroup meeting at 7:30PM.
Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 PW: GVIS
- Next meeting: July 16, 2020 on Zoom

All members are welcome!

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

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

Tradition Six:

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities.

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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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All subcommittee's may be contacted at their email addresses for service positions. They should be contacted for meeting ID information.

Accessibility: Lori M. is the chairperson.
accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca

Phone Room Stats:

The Stats for May 2020:

*Missing 1st week as it was on the old system.

We will report complete numbers at July Intergroup meeting.

Sub-Committees: continued

Co-operation with Professional Community: Elton is the chairperson. He needs members willing to service for this important committee.

cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections: Cathy L. is the chairperson. The committee is still planning for their Corrections Roundup in the fall. The next meeting will be June 28th at 10 am using the Corrections@vancouveraa.ca Zoom site.

corrections@vancouveraa.ca.

Detox: Serena J. is the chairperson. The committee has been active with online detox panels. The committee could use support! Contact Serena to serve on this valuable committee online.

detox@vancouveraa.ca.

Hospitals: There is presently no chairperson for this committee. The hospital meetings are mostly closed at this time so it is a great time to step up and be prepared when they do open. Contact Jen G. the OC liaison at:

hospitals@vancouveraa.ca

Public Information: Chris H. is the chairperson. The committee could use volunteers.

public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: Liam A. is the chairperson. Our phones have had many changes. We are hosting a remote/ call forwarding workshop on Saturday, June 20 see the attached poster. The committee also needs a group to take on half of the 26th of the month shifts.

telephones@vancouveraa.ca.

Treatment: Andre S. is the chairperson. This committee has been very active during the pandemic. Contact them to serve if you want to get involved with a fun lot of people.

treatment@vancouveraa.ca

Need more information about service positions?

Call 604-434-3933, email: GVISChair@vancouveraa.ca,

attention: Raman T.

Company Summary » 05/01/2020-05/31/2020 (America/Vancouver)

Total Inbound Calls

1091 75 %

Total Outbound Calls

170 12 %

Directory Updates March 2020

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

News about Meeting Listings:

- Website: www.vancouveraa.ca **not** .org

a) **Meeting Finder** changes:

i) Added Zoom local dial-in number and instructions to top of page:

Meetings

At present (04-24-2020) we do not have a printable version of our meeting list. Joining Online Meeting via phone: click here for how to: in Vancouver the number is: +778 907 2071

Search Q.

Time Meeting Location Address Region

ii) Group meeting specifics on **Meeting Finder**, we now have new categories:

- (1) Location Temporarily Closed
- (2) Online Meeting
- (3) Social distancing
- (4) Social distancing+
- (5) Social distancing+ hybrid
- (6) If there is nothing – we do not know |

7:00 am	ON AWAKENING <i>/ Location Temporarily Closed</i>	Vancouver Recovery Club	2775 Sophia St	Vancouver
7:00 am	WEST END 7 AM / <i>Online Meeting</i>	West End Community Centre	870 Denman St	Vancouver
8:00 am	HOW IT WORKS	Ladner Adult Learning Centre	4750 57 St	Ladner
8:00 am	A VISION FOR YOU / <i>Online Meeting</i>	Little House	5061 12 Ave	Tsawwassen
8:00 am	EARLY BIRD/ social distancing+ hybrid / <i>Online Meeting</i>	North Shore Alano Club	176 2nd St E	North Vancouver
8:00 am	SUNRISE SERENITY / <i>Online Meeting</i>	Online waves	715 Columbia St	New Westminster
8:00 am	RIVER GROUP/ social distancing	Sacred Heart Monastery	3900 Arthur Dr	Ladner

GSO EVENT:



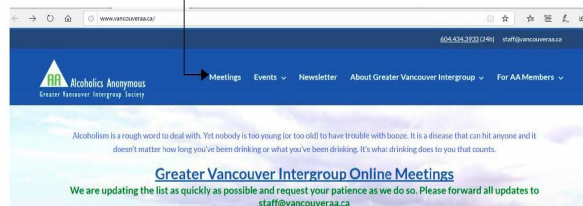
2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

Coming soon to aa.org!
July 2020



How To Change Meeting Listing on www.vancouveraa.ca.

1. Go to the Meeting Finder: [\(http://www.vancouveraa.ca/meetings/\)](http://www.vancouveraa.ca/meetings/)



2. Locate your group:

- a. You can just type the name into the search box:
- b. Search by the **day of the week** the meeting is on:

Search Q.

Time	Meeting	Location	Address	Region
7:00 am	CAN-US GROUP (online)	Church	1480 George St	White Rock
7:00 am	SINGleness OF PURPOSE (suspended)	Masonic Hall	15302 Pacific Ave	White Rock
7:00 am	ON AWAKENING (suspended)	Vancouver Recovery Club	2775 Sophia St	Vancouver

3. Once you find your group, click on it, the meeting information box appears. Click on **request a change to this listing** to send changes.

Meeting Information
Saturday, 7:00 am

Open
 Wheelchair Access

This meeting is open and anyone may attend.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4291763726>
Meeting ID: 429 176 3726

Church
6 other meetings at this location
1480 George St
White Rock
BC V4B 4A3
Canada

CAN-US GROUP

Updated March 24, 2020

[Request a change to this listing](#)

Request a change to this listing

Use this form to submit a change to the meeting information above.

Your Name

Email Address

Message

Just fill in the information – give a telephone number if possible. And click submit.

4. We are updating the list as quickly as possible and request your patience as we do so.
5. It will take us perhaps 5 minutes but maybe an hour or two but we will post it quickly.
6. The app Meeting Guide updates at noon and midnight from our website.
7. The spread sheet at: [Vancouver Intergroup Online Meetings.xlsx](#) is update as needed, usually three times a day.
8. If you run into problems – contact us at: 604-434-3933. You may text us as well – 604-434-3933!

BC YUKON AREA 79 EVENTS:

2020 BC/YUKON AREA 79 JULY QUARTERLY:
July 17 to 19, 2020

www.bcyukonaa.org/events/

NOTICE OF MOTION
SUBMITTED AT JUNE 16, 2020 INTERGROUP

AMENDMENT TO GUIDELINES

The Corrections Outreach Subcommittee for the Greater Vancouver Intergroup Society (GVIS) hereby moves to amend the Procedures and Guidelines on page 27 as follows:

Part of the outreach subcommittee's action plan might include events such as the Corrections Round-up. In the case of a round up, the outreach subcommittee will appoint a chair and treasurer.

The Guideline currently reads as follows:

Part of the outreach subcommittee's action plan might include events such as the Corrections Round-up. In the case of a round up, the outreach subcommittee will appoint a chair and treasurer for ratification by the Operating Committee.

Past practice (prior to the adoption of the current P & G) was for the subcommittee to retain full responsibility for hosting the roundup, including setting up a committee to manage it. Experience shows that sometimes a change can occur in the ad hoc committee leaving little time to re-organize another committee. Needing to await the approval of the Operating Committee can prove to be unwieldy. Further experience has shown this 2nd level of "approval" is often simply a rubber stamp. Neither experience is acceptable in our Society of "Trusted servants".

SUBMITTED BY: CORRECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: CATHY L.

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Presented at June 16, 2020 Intergroup Meeting

Motion:

To contribute \$200 per month to District 42's plan to air the AA PSA which will be broadcast on 104.3 The Breeze 4 times a day everyday on a continual basis until the agreement is renegotiated or cancelled.

History or Current Practice:

- PSAs have been in use for over forty years on TV and radio
- Three current video PSAs are in circulation currently with 2 more under development per a 2019 advisory action
- Roughly 800 committees around Canada and USA are involved in P.I efforts, including but not limited to placing PSAs on local TV and radio stations
- The decision to make PSAs is made by group conscience of members of the General Service Conference, which is comprised of 93 Area delegates from all over USA and Canada, A.A.W.S & Grapevine Directors, the general service board of trustees, and a handful of AAs who work as staff
- Each time a PSA is approved by the GSC the conference has also directed GSOs to pay media outlets to professionally distribute PSAs

If Passed

Intergroup will contribute \$200 per month (\$2400 per year) towards the funding of the PSAs. The PSA will be broadcast on 104.3 The Breeze 4 times a day for a duration of 30 seconds between the hours of 9pm - 6am everyday.

If Not Passed:

Intergroup will not participate in the funding of the PSAs

For Further Consideration:

- 104.3 The Breeze coverage area reaches from Bowen island to Abbotsford
- The key demographic that The Breeze reaches is men and women ages 35-64
- The radio station broadcasts to 465,526 people on a weekly basis
- The Breeze has offered a 2 for 1 deal on the air time
- Original value of the arrangement is \$65,520 per year
- The total expenditure will be \$14,560 per year (Intergroup would contribute \$2,400 per year if the motion passes)
- Total savings of the arrangement \$50,960
- This arrangement will only commence once funding has been secured for the rest of the amount needed to purchase the air time.
- Current PSAs are available for viewing and listening on the GSOs AA website www.aa.org
- More info on P.I work can be found in the P.I workbook or in the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"

Motion Submitted By:

Andre S. - Treatment Chair - June 2020

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