

February 2021 Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter

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CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS:

Greetings Greater Vancouver Intergroup Members:

February is an exciting month at Central Office. Our biggest excitement has been the election of three new members to the 2021-22 Operating Committee term. We welcome:

- Andre S., from Aloha Spirit Group
- Diamond D. from There is a Solution Group
- Lucie McN., from Loughheed Speaker Group

Remaining for another term are:

- Raman T., from 4th Dimension Recovery Group, as your Operating Committee Chairperson
- Gordon K., from Keep it Simple Group, as your First Vice-Chairperson
- Jen G., from Tuesday Night West Vancouver, as your Second Vice-Chairperson
- Gayle L., from Daily Reflections Group
- Gord S., from Friendship Circle Group
- Jill P., for King Albert Serenity Group

For the Finance Committee, Michael F., former Operating Committee Chairperson will be the incoming Chairperson of Finance. Welcome back Michael. Unfortunately this means Jonathan H., from 4th Dimension Recovery, will be rotating out. We want to thank Jonathan for his many years of service to Greater Vancouver Intergroup. You were greatly appreciated and your service and dedication were phenomenal.

Intergroup continues to have its monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month, presently we are online. The meeting ID is 604 434 3933 and the password is GVIS. All groups are invited and encouraged to send a

Central Office Hours:

- Mon.- Fri.: 8:00AM to 6:30PM **By appointment only**
- Sat.- Sun.: 9:30AM to 1:00PM **By appointment only**
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- Phone Lines: 24/7

Office will be closed on statutory holidays.

member to carry the Group's voice but also to be part of keeping us united so we can effectively do Twelve Step work in our community of Greater Vancouver.

At the time of writing this, Greater Vancouver Intergroup currently covers 20 regions (cities), has 358 Groups, 679 meetings in 200 locations. We are strong and well serving the program in many different formats.

Our 24/7 hotline ([604-434-3933](tel:604-434-3933)) has switched to a more refined system. The phones are still being answered remotely—meaning the phone room at Central Office is still closed and members are answering from their homes. With this new system they have better access to each other and their private numbers are no longer being used. The members answering the phones are logging in to Central Offices phones and using our system. If you are interested in finding out more about the service position of answering phones, any member, may attend the monthly phone workshop on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10am. The next one is Saturday, March 20, 2021 and the meeting ID is 604 434 3933 with the password GVIS. A special one will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 (a flyer is attached). Keeping the phones functioning so we can be there whenever anyone reaches out is a priority for Central Office/ Intergroup. This responsibility requires - the membership (you) — to step up and serve. Many of you have been extraordinary in your service during the pandemic! Thank you!

Finally we have a new book on sale! It is an exciting little book with great photos from the archives of A.A.®. It is on sale for \$16.75 Canadian including tax. You can purchase it [on-line at our bookstore](#) or [call](#) or [email](#) and [make an appointment](#) to come and pick it up.

Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00PM .
- Intergroup meeting at 7:30PM.
Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 PW: GVIS
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021.**

All members are welcome!

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

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: Welcomes its new Chairperson, Jamie S., of Port Moody Sunday Group. The committee meets on the *1st Thursday of every month, 6:45pm, Meeting ID: 987 6106 0478, PW: GVIS.* If you want to join her—just show up at the meeting or email her at: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca.

Co-operation with Professional Community: hello from Elton D., chairperson of C.P.C. we *meet the 4th Thursday of every month, 7:00 pm, Meeting ID: 987 8477 1407, PW: GVIS.* We need a Vice Chair, and Secretary for the Committee. We welcome anyone with a desire and passion to work in Cooperation with the Professional Communities with or without experience. Contact Elton at: cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections: Welcome to Viki E., the new Chairperson, and thank you to Cathy L., the outgoing Chair. This committee meets *1st Friday of the month, 7pm, Meeting ID: 933 0639 1691, PW: 121212.* It is not necessary to attend the prison meetings to volunteer as a committee member. To sign up – you can fill out the contact form at: www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/volunteer/corrections/. Donations for the Corrections literature fund can be made to through the contributions page at www.vancouveraa.ca

You may contact Viki at corrections@vancouveraa.ca.

Detox: Serena, the Chairperson is always looking for panel speakers that are willing to be in a WhatsApp. Minimum requirement is 3 months sober and an ability to throw down a message of hope. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. To sign up – you can fill out the contact form at: <https://www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/volunteer/detox-service/> or contact Serena at detox@vancouveraa.ca or attend the committee's monthly meeting, *2nd Sunday of every month, at 1:00 pm, Meeting ID: 861 133 3250, PW: GOD.*

Hospitals: This committee is presently without a

Sub-Committees: continued

Chairperson and Jen G., the Operating Committee liaison is maintaining it. If you want to be of service, this committee would gladly accept you! Contact Jen at hospitals@vancouveraa.ca

Public Information: Joel invites you to attend the monthly meeting, on the *4th Wednesday of every month, at 7pm, Meeting ID: 997 1983 8692, and PW: 1935.* The following service opportunities are available: Vice Chair position is vacant (intent is to fill Public Information Chair role beginning October 2021) and respond to inquiries from the public submitted to Central Office - direct service work talking with potential newcomers! Next Public Information meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 2021. For more information contact Joel at: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: Sean B., is the current Chairperson. This committee meets on *the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meeting ID: 950 4042 2897, PW: Gratitude as well as hold a workshop on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Meeting ID: 604 434 3933, PW GVIS.* Present Service opportunities are needed individual members for the 10pm - 2am phone shifts. The next Telephone subcommittee meeting is online, March 9th @ 7pm. Contact Telephone Chair, Sean B. via email: telephones@vancouveraa.ca. Sign-up for phone shifts online: <https://www.vancouveraa.ca/about-us/volunteer/telephone-service/>

Treatment: Andre S., has stepped down as the Chairperson. Our gratitude is expressed to him for all his great work. The committee is seeking: Treatment Subcommittee Chair, Literature Delivery person, Communications Liaison, Information organization person and Panel Chairs & Speakers. Please contact the committee at treatment@vancouveraa.ca. They meet with Detox each month. *2nd Sunday of every month, at 1:00 pm, Meeting ID: 861 133 3250, PW: GOD.*

Need more information about service positions?

Call 604-434-3933, email: staff@vancouveraa.ca or contact any of the subcommittees or our Operating

Committee Chairperson, Raman T. at

GVISChair@vancouveraa.ca.

Thank you to all who serve and contribute.

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

Telephone Workshop

Special Edition



Thursday, March 4, 2021

@ 6pm

This workshop will only cover the new phone system—everyone is invited to attend.

- How to access it
- How to use it



Meeting ID: 604 434 3933

Password: GVIS

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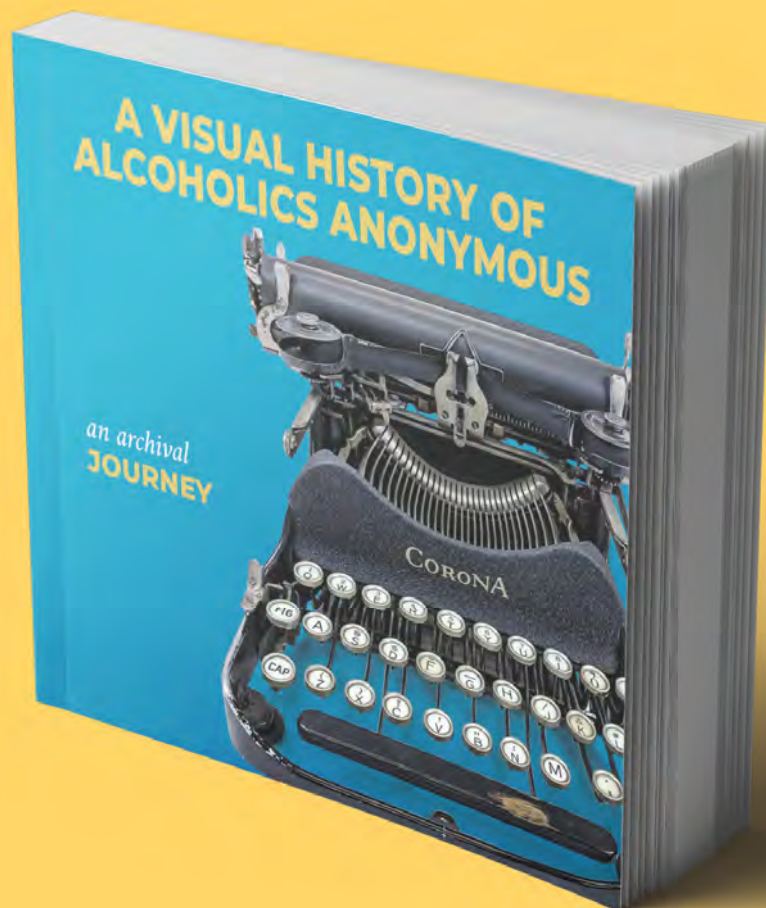
A VISUAL HISTORY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

An Archival Journey

Lavishly illustrated, this lively tour through A.A.'s history is told in hundreds of iconic images never before published in one volume. Illuminating descriptions walk us through powerful moments in our shared history — from the people, places and things integral to A.A.'s early growth, and forward to today's vibrant, international Fellowship. Includes a special focus on Detroit in A.A.'s history and updated coverage of recent innovations in A.A. group life.

4.75" x 3.75", 416 pages.

Release date: February 14, 2021



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**Originally developed as the souvenir book for the
2020 International Convention in Detroit.**

BILL AND BOB

The spark was struck



Bob met Bill on Mother's Day, May 12, 1935, at Henrietta Seiberling's home. The two Vermonters had a lot in common – most significantly, their alcoholism. Bob later said of Bill, "[He] was the first living human with whom I had ever talked who knew what he was talking about in regard to alcoholism from actual experience." As Bill put it, "The spark was struck." He stayed in Akron for three more months.

A still from a rare film of Bill W. and Dr. Bob at Stepping Stones in the early 1940s.



Now Alcoholics Anonymous tackles the LADY SOUSE Problem

How this most unusual group of reformed drunks meets the added opportunity to help, because of the increase in feminine tipping (shown by hospital records and by women's feet on the bar rail)

WOMEN attribute the increase in feminine tipping directly to the increase in cocktail parties, and the increase in the number of women who attend them. Whether the woman the lady barfly is a problem...

alcoholics were referred to as "souses" and "elbow benders." And compromises sometimes needed to be made: Bill allowed a photograph of himself and other A.A.s to appear, without captioning, in a March 1941 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* because he knew how important the Jack Alexander article was to A.A.'s future. However, especially early on, the press...

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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The Travels of the Big Book

Big Books, top row, left to right: Icelandic, Thai and simplified Chinese; bottom row, left to right: Greek, Farsi, and Mongolian. Spread: Swahili.

Interior spreads from A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous.



ICYPAA Young people in A.A.

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ICYPAA posters through the years.

A.A. Moves into the Future

In 1958, a meeting of young A.A.s from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), and it has flourished ever since. Young people's groups try to counter the words that they may hear from friends and even family – that they are simply too young to be "real" alcoholics – as well as to bring the newcomer into the mainstream of A.A. recovery.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE: Jokes from Grapevine



"Who cares about the future — where the hell was I last night?"
— A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar

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"I'm not powerless over alcohol. I just can't get up."
— A Rabbit Walks Into a Bar

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A.A.s Jatter Worldwide

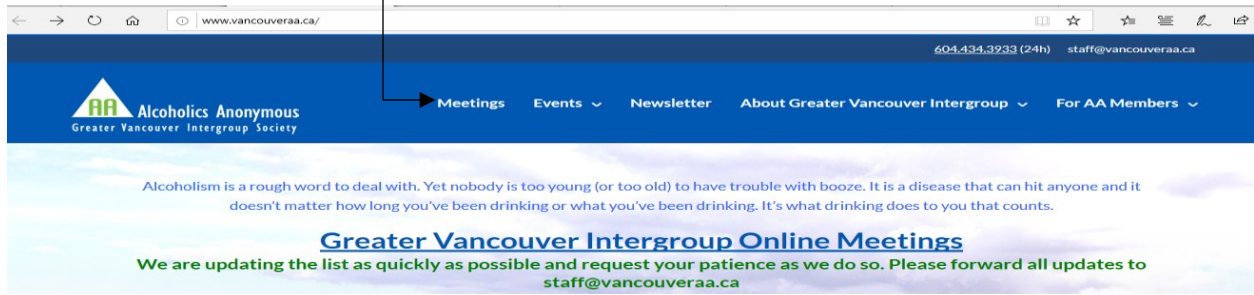
There are encouraging trends that indicate that A.A. is continuing to spread (and take root) across the globe. The number of licenses A.A.W.S. grants for translation of literature has skyrocketed. A.A. is growing more rapidly in areas including Iran, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, India, China and Cuba. The biennial World Service Meeting has seen encouraging growth, from 41 to 45 countries and 60 to 72

Banner from the World Service Meeting in 1986.

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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:

The screenshot shows search filters: Search, Q, Everywhere, Saturday, Any Time, Any Type, List, and Map. Below the filters is a table of meeting listings:

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.

The screenshot shows the meeting information box for "CAN-US GROUP" on Saturday, 7:00 am. It includes details like "Open", "Wheelchair Access", and the meeting ID. Below the information is a "Request a change to this listing" button. To the right is the form for requesting a change, which includes fields for "Your Name", "Email Address", and "Message", and a "SUBMIT" button. A callout box labeled "3a." contains the text: "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. If you run into problems – contact us at: 604-434-3933. You may text us as well – 604-434-3933!