JUNE 2021 Greater Vancouver Intergroup Monthly A.A. Newsletter Pass It On . . .

CENTRAL OFFICE/ INTERGROUP UPDATE:

Hello Greater Vancouver Fellowship:

We sure do miss having you all be able to drop in and say hello at Central Office! All though we remain by appointment we are still open and in the office daily. The Special Workers are all back and providing services to the members.

Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at 6:30pm your Greater Vancouver Operating Committee is inviting you all to a Town Hall meeting to discuss Step 3 of B.C,'s restart plan on our meetings. See the **poster attached** to this newsletter. We realize some groups will remain or return to face-to-face, some will stay online, some are moving outdoors to parks and some will become hybrid. How do you all feel about this? How can we facilitate these changes?

Many groups and meetings are starting to request changes to their listings. It is important you continue to check our <u>website</u> for them. Please check your own group/ meeting listing to verify for accuracy so we can all find you and support the still suffering or new alcoholic. We would like to also remind you all to update your Twelve Step lists! This can be done on our website at the following link: <u>CO 12 Step/ Bridging the Gap/ Accessibility List - Greater</u> <u>Vancouver Intergroup Society AA (vancouveraa.ca)</u>. We do not remove any names unless your group or the individual member requests us to.

The Intergroup Out-reach subcommittees have been active during these crazy pandemic times. Many thanks to the wonderful Chairpersons and members of each committee! Many of these committees would really benefit from your support at this time. All of them are pleading for you to come do some service with them.

Your Intergroup Representatives/ Telephone Representatives will be discussing the helpline (phone line) at the next Intergroup Meeting on Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 at 7:30pm. We want to know, do you all want to stop remote calling? Do you want to come back to Central Office to answer the phones during the evenings and weekends. If so, when and with what precautions or not? We need your feedback. The changes that were made we did some rather quickly and this time we the blessing of time to discuss and plan. Our Telephone Committee has been putting on informative Telephone Workshops. The topics include how to take a twelve step call and how to assist a new comer find a meeting or connection for that ever so important identification to happen. For more information see the next page under, telephone committee.

If your group does not have an Intergroup Representative maybe now is the time you want to elect one! Intergroup is part of the way we remain united in Greater Vancouver. We are meeting online still. The third Tuesday of every month. The meeting ID is 604 434 3933 and the password is: GVIS. However, there is space for a few of you to come to Central Office and join our Chairperson here in the office. Just call the office to arrange it in advance.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at either the Town Hall forum or at the next Intergroup Meeting, till then stay healthy, happy and sober!

Central Office Hours:

- Mon.- Fri.: 8:00AM to 6:30PM By appointment only
- Sat.- Sun.: 9:30AM to 1:00PM By appointment only
- 3457 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC, V5R 5L5
- Phone Lines: 24/7 Tel: 604-434-3933
- Bookstore appointments Tel: 604-800-5770

Office will be closed on statutory holidays.

Intergroup Meeting:

- Orientation for new Reps at 7:00PM .
- Intergroup meeting at 7:30PM.
 Meeting ID: 604 434 3933 PW: GVIS
- Next meeting: July 20, 2021 @ 7:30pm

All members are welcome!

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

Intergroup Page: Unity, Service, & Recovery

SUBCOMMITTEES:

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: Chairperson, Jamie S. The committee meets on the 1st Thursday of every month, 6:45pm, Meeting ID: 987 6106 0478, PW: GVIS. Service **Opportunities:** Next meeting is **August** 5th **a 6:45pm** for more info: accessibilities@vancouveraa.ca. with **Co-operation** Professional **Community:** Chairperson Elton D. The committee meets on the 4^{th} Thursday of every month, 7:00 pm, Meeting ID: 978 8477 1407, PW: GVIS. Service Opportunities: We are in need of 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. Our next meeting will be held on July 22 at 7pm for more information, contact Elton at: cpc@vancouveraa.ca

Corrections: Chairperson is Viki E. This committee meets 1^{st} *Friday of the month, 7pm, <u>Meeting ID: 933</u> <u>0639 1691</u>, <i>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/

<u>corrections/</u> Contact Viki at <u>corrections@vancouveraa.ca</u>. Our next meeting is **August 6th @ 7:00pm**

Detox: Serena J., is the Chairperson. Minimum requirement is 3 months sober and an ability to throw down a message of hope. To sign up – you can fill out the contact form at: <u>https://www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/volunteer/detox-service/</u> or contact Serena at <u>detox@vancouveraa.ca</u> or attend the committee's monthly meeting, 2nd Sunday of every month, at 1:00 pm, <u>Meeting ID: 920 3898 8341, PW: GOD.</u>

Hospitals: Hospitals Subcommittee is looking to rebuild the committee that brings AA meetings, literature, and the Bridging the Gap Program to hospitals and care facilities in the Greater Vancouver Area. Looking to be of service? Email <u>hospitals@vancouveraa.ca</u> or join us when Hospitals meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm on Zoom, the next meeting being Thursday, July 15th, 2021. <u>Meeting ID: 921 9271 4652 PW:</u> hospitals

Public Information: Chairperson is Joel T. The monthly meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of every month, at 7pm, <u>Meeting ID: 997 1983 8692</u>, and PW: 1935. The following service opportunities are available: Recording Secretary position is vacant. Respond to inquiries from the public submitted to Central Office - direct service work talking with potential newcomers! Next Public Information meeting is Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM. For more information email: public.info@vancouveraa.ca.

Telephone: Sean B., is your 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 include the need for individual members for the 10pm - 2am phone shifts. 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/. Sign-up for phone shifts online: https://www.vancouveraa.ca/about-us/volunteer/telephone-service/.

Next Telephone subcommittee meeting: July 13th @ 7pm. Next workshop is: July 17th @ 10am

Treatment: Chairperson is Colin, and this committee is looking for enthusiastic individuals. Contact him by email at: <u>treatment@vancouveraa.ca</u>. They meet with Detox each month. 2^{nd} Sunday of every month, at 1:00 pm, Meeting ID: 920 3898 8341, PW: GOD. Next meeting is: Sunday, July 11th, 2021

All committees need your skill and experience! To find out more about each committee, go to: https://www.vancouveraa.ca/for-aa-members/intergroup/

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