

# PRIMARY PURPOSE

## VANCOUVER AREA INTERGROUP OPEN HOUSE

**ADDRESS: 2203 FAIRMOUNT AVE, SUITE A**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**



**STARTING AT  
12PM (NOON) UNTIL 3PM**

**THERE WILL BE: COFFEE, DONUTS, COOKIES**

**THE STEERING COMMITTEE  
WILL BE AT THE OFFICE  
FOR QUESTIONS  
AND ANY DISCUSSION  
YOU WISH TO BRING**

***THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR LITERATURE SALES***

**THERE WILL BE A SUGGESTION FORM AVAILABLE  
YOU CAN TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUP FOR COMMENTS FOR THE STEERING  
COMMITTEE**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

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### MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

2nd Monday	2/13
Steering Com. Mtg	5:30 pm
2nd Tuesday	2/14
District 37	Standing Comm. Mtg
3rd Monday	2/20
Intergroup Mtg	6:30 pm
3rd Saturday	2/18
District #7 GSR Mtg	10 am
Standing Comm.	11am
4th Tuesday	2/27
District 37 GSR Mtg	

### **VANCOUVER INTERGROUP**

*Is looking for a volunteer  
to chair the  
Annual Intergroup picnic  
This summer.*

*Please inquire at the office,  
12pm to 6pm Monday—Friday  
(360)694-3870*

JANUARY DONATION	CONTRIBUTING GROUPS YTD	Year to Date
300.00	<u>A New Beginning</u>	300.00
404.55	<u>A New Morning</u>	404.55
100.00	<u>Birds of a Feather</u>	100.00
50.00	<u>Broken Arrow</u>	50.00
25.00	<u>Central Group</u>	25.00
25.00	<u>Cornerstone</u>	25.00
48.00	<u>Early Birds</u>	48.00
100.00	<u>ESBB</u>	100.00
1,100.00	<u>Eastside Men's Group</u>	1,100.00
68.61	<u>First Shot</u>	68.61
109.20	<u>Fresh Start</u>	109.20
10.00	<u>McGillivray SG</u>	10.00
206.00	<u>Miracles</u>	206.00
20.00	<u>Reconciled</u>	20.00
20.00	<u>Recovery Bound</u>	20.00
160.00	<u>Saturday Night BB Study</u>	160.00
150.00	<u>Stevenson AA</u>	150.00
131.00	<u>Women's Emotional Sobriety</u>	131.00
1,250.00	<u>District 37</u>	1,250.00
4,277.36	<b><u>Sub Total</u></b>	<b>4,277.36</b>
14.00	<u>7th Tradition</u>	14.00
4,291.36	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,291.36</b>

**INTERGROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2012**

**EVENT ACCOUNT**  
Balance: 1,000.00

**PRUDENT RESERVE:**  
Beginning Balance 15,024.70  
Interest Trans. to Ckg 26.31  
Interest 1.71  
Ending Balance 15,001.71

**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**Income:**  
Merchandise Sales  
    Conf. App. 1,475.80  
    Non-Conf App. 1,956.30  
    Sub total 3,432.10  
  
Total Contributions 4,291.36  
Misc income 58.21\*\*  
    Sub Total 4,349.57  
**Total Income 7,781.67**

**Expenses:**  
Merchandise Purchases:  
    Conference 1,895.40  
    Non-Conf: 1,930.54  
    **Total 3,825.94**  
  
Operating expenses:  
    Copier/Maint. 289.59  
    IRS 519.19  
    L&I 68.00  
    St. Sec. Employ. 27.08  
    Office Supplies 56.43  
    Payroll 1,310.43  
    Postage 90.41  
    Rent 600.00  
    Sec. of State 10.00  
    Utilities 486.26  
  
    **Sub-Total 3,457.39**  
  
    **Total 7,283.33**

**Monthly checking:**  
**Jan. Ckg. Beg. balance: 3,363.16**  
**Income: 7,781.67**  
**Expenses: (7,283.33)**  
    **Sub Total: 3,861.50**  
**Trans. from Prudent R. 26.31**  
**Ending Balance: 3,887.81**

**CONCEPTS CHECKLIST**

**Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**

- 1) Does our group have a GSR? Do we feel that our home group is a part of AA as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- 2) Do we hold regular group conscience on the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- 3) Is the "collective conscience" of AA at work in my home group? In my Area?
- 4) Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of AA?
- 5) Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

**Concept II: The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.**

1) Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference ("the Conference")?

2) What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group's GSR, DCM, area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?

3) Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

**Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."**

1) Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we instruct?"

2) Do we trust our trusted servants—GSR, DCM, area delegate, the Conference itself?

**Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.**

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\* \*Copies, Room Rental, postage

## VANCOUVER INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2012

[www.vanintgrp.com](http://www.vanintgrp.com)  
[vancaa@vanintgrp.com](mailto:vancaa@vanintgrp.com)

Wayne D.. opened the meeting at 5:38pm with the Serenity Prayer, then turned meeting over to Geoff B.

## ATTENDANCE:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Geoffrey B.	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Wayne D.
<b>Position #1</b>	Judith M.	<b>Position #2</b>	Richard R.
<b>Position #3</b>	Sandy Q.	<b>Alternate</b>	Phil B.
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Kim B.	<b>Office Sec/Treas</b>	Earlyn T.
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony	Dan	

- Geoff B. read the Steering Committee minutes from 12-12-11. Moved, seconded and passed.
- Sandy Q. read the Intergroup minutes from 12-19-11.
- **HOTLINE REPORT:** Earlyn gave the report. The hotline is full. Although it does not apparently work for most cell phones, pressing \*67 blocks outgoing phone calls when returning a call from the hotline.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Event Account:**

Bal. w/no movement: \$999.97  
 INF Check: (\$20.00)  
 Adjustment: \$.03  
 Trans. from Ckg: \$20.00  
 Ending Balance: \$1,000.00

**Prudent Reserve:**

Beginning bal: \$15,024.70  
 Interest: \$1.61  
 Ending bal: \$15,026.31

**Checking:**

Beginning bal: \$4,593.68  
 Income : \$4,725.99  
 Expenses: (\$5,936.51)  
 Ending bal: \$3,363.16

Earlyn T. gave end of the year information. Adjusted \$.03 a to the event account. Also made a transfer to the event account due to a returned check from the Gratitude Dinner. Expenses included a second IRS payment from September. There were some additional payroll expenses as Earlyn was out ill. Earlyn reviewed misc. income information.

- **OFFICE REPORT:** Earlyn T. said she is still finishing up from the end of year. End of year information has been entered into the computer by Glenda from BLH Accounting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday.
- **WEBSITE REPORT:** Per Earlyn, still working on the website with Tony. The desktop copier will not fax out but will receive faxes. It needs a toner cartridge which cost \$149.00. It was decided Earlyn could order it if she feels it is needed.
- **GRATITUDE DINNER:** Earlyn stated the profit from this years dinner was \$1,927.30 after expenses.
- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - #1: Group charges were reviewed. After discussion, there was a motion made by Phil B. to change the charge policy to: charges are due in 45 days and cannot exceed \$500.00 in all charges outstanding at any one time. Sandy Q. seconded and the motion passed.
  - #2: Separate work books sku's for inventory purposes:
  - #3: Intergroup Open House: Will be held 02-11-12 from 12noon to 3pm. Wayne D. & Sandy Q. will bring donuts, Judith M. will bring cookies and decorations, Kim b. will bring cupcakes.
  - #4: Member absences: Absences were reviewed for clarification. It was determined that Wayne D. is still in good standing as the majority of his absences were of a medical nature.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - #1: Inventory: After discussion, it was decided that Earlyn will add stock number information into the description field for better product identification. Also, inventories will be done on a more sectioned off basis for higher accuracy. Also, Earlyn will contact Brenda the accountant to clarify how meeting schedules can be counted and how they can be counted without affecting the office inventory. She will also inquire as to what would be an acceptable inventory variation for the office would be. Earlyn will provide this information to the next Steering Committee meeting.
  - #2: Copier lease options: Dan S. presented information on copy machine options. Tony also gave copy machine information. It was decided to gather further information and discuss those options at the next Steering Committee.
  - #3: Geoff B. stated that Wayne D. will be sitting in for him for the February meetings.
  - #4: Phil B. reminded the Steering Committee that we need to get back to the review of the guidelines. He encouraged Steering Committee members to develop suggestions. Judith M. stated that Richard R. has already asked for this information so that any suggestions could be brought to the Intergroup Reps. in order for them to take any suggestions back to their respective groups for a vote.

The meeting was closed at 8:09 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Yours in Service Kim B., Recording Secretary

## VANCOUVER INTERGROUP MEETING 01/16/12

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The meeting was opened at 6:30pm by Wayne D. with a moment of silence followed by “The Serenity Prayer”.

## ATTENDANCE:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Geoffrey B. <i>excused</i>	<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>	Wayne B.
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<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Kim B. <i>excused</i>	<b>Office Secretary</b>	Earlyn B.
<b>Representatives:</b>			
<b>Dry Tribe</b>	Jim P.	<b>FFA</b>	Blair H.
<b>Camas</b>	Craig H.	<b>Welcome Home</b>	Jason H.
<b>Lewis River</b>	Bill C.	<b>A New Morning</b>	Mary W.
<b>Friday Night HH</b>	Ed W.	<b>Cornerstone</b>	Eric B.
<b>First Shot</b>	Scott B.	<b>Lighthouse</b>	Judith M.
<b>BGAA</b>	Wayne D.	<b>Hotline:</b>	Sandy P.

There were 12 voting representatives present

Sandy Q. read the “Steering Committee” minutes

Wayne D. read the “Intergroup Meeting” minutes. Approved with corrections.

## HOTLINE REPORT:

- Sandy P. stated the hotline is full. They always need alternates.

There was discussion re: dialing \*67 in order for individual calling not to see hotline person’s phone number. The number should be \*82.

Mary M. (A New Morning) expressed concerns re changing the length of time for invoices to be paid. This will be brought up in New Business.

## TREASURERS REPORT- For December 2011: Approved.

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## INTERGROUP REPORT-

- Earlyn talked w/accountant, was told that “Meeting Schedules” are part of our inventory and needed to be included.
- It was decided not to sell wrist bands
- Tony P. will make a presentation re copier
- Gratitude Dinner: we have reservations in November
- Product codes are still in the works
- Inventory variations-Accountant has informed Earlyn that product variations are well within boundaries for inventory control

## WEBSITE REPORT-Earlyn:

- It is down again, difficulty in making schedule changes, Earlyn is working with Tony P. on this.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Please note the new date for “Open House” at the Intergroup Office is scheduled for 2-11-12, old date changed because of scheduling conflicts.
  - Nominations-Elections- has been changed until February because of medical absences. Much discussion around this. Motion made to change and accepted for postponement until next month.
- Absences- Wayne D. explained why he was unable to attend because of medical reasons and 12 step work. After apology, absences have been excused.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Picnic Chair- I.G. Reps please take back to groups and ask if anyone is interested.
- Office Policy: re: groups charging-has been changed from 15 days to 45 days. There will be a \$500 cap on all charges, with multiple invoices allowed on the books at a time. Much discussion and many concerns brought to the floor. Is this a good practice? What if we have numerous invoices out? What will we do if groups do not pay in required time frame? Is Intergroup able to handle large amounts of money being charged on the books? It was stressed that this issue could always be re-visited, if necessary. Anyone expressing concerns should come to the next Steering Committee and voice concerns. Steering Committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm at the Intergroup office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm with “The Lord’s Prayer” Sandy Q., Temporary Recording Secretary

1) Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the “Right of Participation”?

2) What does “in reasonable proportion” mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for AA paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?

3) Do we expect that, because we are AA members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

**Concept V: Throughout our structure, a traditional “right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.**

1) Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal”, to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and Conference?

2) What does our group accept as “substantial unanimity”?

3) Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the Tyranny of the minority”?

4) Does our group understand the importance of all points

of view being heard before a vote is taken?

**Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.**

1) Are we familiar with how our GSB Class A and Class B trustees serve AA? Are we familiar with how ur other trusted servants serve AA?

2) Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility” ? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

**Concept VII: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the AA purse for final effectiveness.**

1) Do we act responsibly regarding the “power of the purse”?

2) Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the GSB?

**Concept VIII: The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.**

1) Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (AA World Services, the AA Grapevine) and the General Service Board?

2) How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate service entities?

3) Does my home group subscribe to GSO’s bi monthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? The Grapevine? Do I?

**Concept IX: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.**

1) Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?

2) Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is

Our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them?”

3) Do I set a positive leadership example?

**Concept X: Every service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.**

1) Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by GSRs, DCMs, and our area delegates?

2) Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of AA? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority”?

**Concept XI: The conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power, that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;**

**LOCAL NOTICES**

**SWEATSHOP AT THE “YMCA”**

11324 NE 51st St  
Noon, Tuesday

**Has disbanded**

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**There is a new Spanish Meeting...**

**PRIMERA TRADICION**

Sunday and Tuesdays  
7pm for an hour and 1/2

St Luke’s Episcopal Church  
426 E Fourth Plain.

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**WAYFARER’S SPEAKER’S MEETING**

February 11th, 2012  
7:30 pm

Memorial Lutheran Church  
2700 E 28th Street

**PRESENTS:**

A representative of Alateen  
District 8—in conjunction with the  
ALATEEN SPAGETTI FEED  
Held prior to Wayfarers

Followed by:

**AA Speaker:** Tim W.  
from Portland, OR

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**ROAD DOGS**

Has moved to **Saturday, 5pm**

Share House, 1115 W. 13th Street  
Vancouver

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**Step Brothers Men’s Group**

Meets at the  
Faith Missionary Church  
709 NW Greeley St, Camas:

(The address was listed,  
but not the name of the church).

**CENTRAL GROUP**

**Spaghetti Feed/Potluck**

**February 19th**  
**(meeting 11:30 am;**  
**potluck following at 12:30pm)**

**1501 Columbia Street, basement**  
**Come join us, 50/50 raffle!!**

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**NEW MEETING!!!**

**PAMPHLETS PLUS MEETING**  
**(CENTRAL GROUP)**

Thursday, 6pm  
1501 Columbia Street

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**CENTRAL GROUP**

Has a 12 pm (noon) meeting  
On Friday  
1501 Columbia Street, basement

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**NEW WOMEN’S GROUP**

**W.I.S.H.**

Women’s Inspirational  
& Spiritual Help AA

Xchange Recovery Center  
7735 NE Highway 99, Hazeldell

Tuesday, 7:15pm

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**FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR**  
**SPEAKER’S MEETING**

**February 3rd, 7:30 pm**

**Speaker #1:**

Boston John

**Speaker #2:**

TBA

Zion Lutheran Church  
NE 4th Ave & Garfield, Camas WA

Birthday celebrations  
and fellowship after the meeting

that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

- 1) How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power?”
- 2) How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?
- 3) Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all AA members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
- 4) Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, wher possible, substantial unanimity?
- 5) As guardians of AA’s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- 6) Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
- 7) Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?

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**DISTRICT AND AREA EVENTS**

**Archives Quarterly, Saturday, February 4th, 2012** Marymount Event Center, 325 152nd Street E, Tacoma WA. Fellowship 9am, Business meeting 10am to 3pm. Lunch Provided.  
Contacts: [archivist@area72aa.org](mailto:archivist@area72aa.org) and [dcm29@area72aa.org](mailto:dcm29@area72aa.org)

**PI/CPC Quarterly, Saturday, February 11th, 2012,** United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave., SE, Olympia WA Fellowship 9am, Business meeting 10am to 3pm. Potluck around 12pm, main dish provided.  
Contacts: Vern J., [pi@area72aa.org](mailto:pi@area72aa.org) or Mark M., [cpc@area72aa.org](mailto:cpc@area72aa.org)

**Corrections Quarterly, Saturday, March 17, 2012.** Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church, 5701 McArthur Blvd, Vancouver WA Fellowship 9am, Business meeting 10 am to 30m, Lunch at noon, main dish provided, potluck side dishes/desserts.  
Contact: [corrections@area72aa.org](mailto:corrections@area72aa.org)

**Access Quarterly, Saturday, April 21, 2012,** St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle WA. Fellowship 9am, Business meeting 10 am—3pm. Lunch provided, side dish potluck.  
Contact: [archivist@area72aa.org](mailto:archivist@area72aa.org)

**FYI: District 7 website is: [aadistrict7.com](http://aadistrict7.com)**

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 HAPPY HOUR SPEAKER'S MTG 7:30 PM CAMAS	4 OB's SPEAKER'S MEETING
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 WAYFARER'S SPKR'S MTG 7:30 PM  PI/CPC QUARTERLY
12	13 STEERING COMM MTG 5:30 PM	14 DISTRICT 37 STANDING COMMITTEE 7 PM	15	16	17	18 DISTRICT 7 GSR MTG 10 AM  DISTRICT 7 STANDING COMM. 11AM
19	20 INTEGROU MEETING 6:30 PM	21	22	23	24 CENTRAL GROUP BIRTHDAY MTG 8 PM	25
26	27	28 DISTRICT 37 GSR MEETING 7 PM	29			

# MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 HAPPY HOUR SPEAKER'S MTG 7:30 PM CAMAS	3 OB's SPEAKER'S MEETING
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 WAYFARER'S SPKR'S MTG 7:30 PM  PI/CPC QTRLY
11	12 STEERING COMM MTG 5:30 PM	13 DISTRICT 37 STANDING COMMITTEE 7 PM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 CENTRAL GROUP BIRTHDAY MTG 8 PM	24 DISTRICT 7 GSR MTG 10 AM  DISTRICT 7 STANDING COMM. 11 AM
25	26 INTEGROU MEETING 6:30 PM	27 DISTRICT 37 GSR MEETING 7 PM	28	29	30	31

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***SUGGESTION INPUT SHEET***

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***Name*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Phone Number*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Any comments without names and a contact will be disregarded.*

***Please return to Vancouver Intergroup***