

The Willamette Valley Intergroup's **The Eye Opener**

July 2006

Willamette Valley Central Office

687 Cottage Street NE
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Where you can find AA Literature, coins, and recovery items

Soberfest 2007 Theme & Logo Has Been Chosen!

Eileen L. won the 2007 Soberfest Theme & Logo contest! The theme is, "Give Freely of What You Find." Eileen's spiritual logo will be shown in the August issue of the Eye Opener.

Save the Date!

February 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2007 are the new dates for Soberfest 2007, which will take place at Chemeketa Community College, Building 50. Speakers will be Kelvin D., Fargo, North Dakota; Carla M., Sherman Oaks, California; Lee C., Santa Maria, California; and Dick A., Gaines, Georgia. Mark your calendars now!

The Seventh Month

Step Seven:

"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

Seventh Tradition:

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Stay Informed!



Spend one hour at the Intergroup meeting on Monday, July 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the NEW Central Office location, 687 Cottage Street NE.

Willamette Valley Intergroup Board

Chair
Don E.

Co-Chair
Bill B.

Phone Line Coordinator
Vacant

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Vacant

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Intergroup Liaison
Vacant

Out Reach Coordinator
Vacant

Recording Secretary
Bill B.

Soberfest Coordinator
Doug H.

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Vacant

Trustee
Vacant

H & I Committee Chair
Walter R.

Willamette Valley Intergroup (WVI) is made up of elected representatives from local A.A. groups. (Representatives are usually elected at your group's business meeting). WVI serves the greater Salem area with a 24-hour phone line, sales of A.A. literature, books and coins, production and distribution of meeting lists, the Eye Opener newsletter, coordination of local Twelve Step calls, and furnishing public information speakers for non-A.A. groups and for A.A. meetings in institutions

**Willamette Valley Intergroup
May Minutes
5/15/06**

The meeting opened with the Preamble followed by the 12 Traditions.

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting. Approved.

Treasurers report: (Laura) Last month Central Office was in the red \$510.04 mainly due to payroll taxes and insurance being paid off through August. Intergroup is still looking for a new treasurer. Approved.

Office Manager: (Laura) Last month we had 274 contacts, 1147 YTD. Central Office will be closed on May 31 for Memorial Day. The only group that was meeting at Central Office was the Wednesday Women's Group has moved. They donated the 12 Tradition and 12 Step banners they had purchased to Central Office. Clint was welcomed as a new Central Office volunteer. Approved.

H&I Committee: (Walter R.) H&I is looking for people to take meetings to people that are in hospitals or that are homebound. If anyone is interested that can contact Walter or drop their name in the H&I box. Website and Computer report: (Dave) Not available.

Schedules: Woodburn (District 15) has been dropped off the list, but their meeting information is still available on the Portland and Oregon Area websites.

Eye Opener: Cori was voted in as Eye Opener Editor and Laura will act as alternate.

Secretary: Bill B. was voted in as Secretary.

District 4 liaison: (Anita) Bill D. resigned as DCM. Bill B. is now the DCM. A motion was given to vote Anita as new District 4 liaison. Approved.

Soberfest: (Leslie) All assistants are now in place. Fundraisers are being planned.

Phone Coordinator: We still need a Phone Coordinator. A suggestion was brought up that possibly put out a "want ad" to fill the position. Should have 2 years sobriety and possibly service committee experience. The question was brought up if we should have a Co-Chair. The Coordinator would coordinate the list for after hour calls, being responsible to make sure that after hour calls are covered and make sure new volunteers have adequate information. Would also aid in the transferring of forwarded calls numbers and possibly check messages from a remote location.

Old Business: None.

New Business: After more discussion on the location of the new Central Office, it was voted that we would move to the location on Cottage St. Approved. We may even get a better rate due to the fact that Alcoholics Anonymous is non-profit.

A motion was made to commend Laura for her efforts through all of this.

A moving committee was being looked at for a May 27 projected date. Volunteers needed. Several volunteers stepped forward.

Meeting Adjourned.

Opportunities for Service

Volunteers for Central Office are needed at the Central Office. Shifts are 4 hours; days and times vary. Substitutes are always needed. If this type of service work suits you, please call Laura at 503.399.0599 for details.

Be an AA Angel: a few members put together a song/dance routine for the pleasure of Soberfest a few years back. I has become such a big hit that we continue to get requests from other Intergroups and Areas to perform about four times a year. We are looking for a few people to fill gaps created by moves, sicknesses and marriages. It is a great way to enjoy sobriety and fellowship with other members and contribute to the AA society. If you are interested or would like further information, contact Jane A. at 503.362.6625.

Copy Paper/Postage Stamps Needed

The Central Office has an on-going need for white copy paper in size 8 1/2 x 11", and for postage stamps. Please consider sharing.

Did You Know?

H & I takes AA into hospitals and institutions, and also pays for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing at special meetings during the month. H & I' s money comes from each home group's support. Most meetings pass a can specifically designated for this purpose. Fill 'er up!

WVI May Treasurer's Report

CASH FLOW - Last Month
5/1/2006 through 5/31/2006

Category Description	5/1/2006- 5/31/2006	% of Total
INFLOWS		
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		
7 AM Downtown Group	516.00	17.08 %
District #4	5.00	0.17 %
KIS-S Group	38.00	1.26 %
North Santiam Group of AA	30.00	0.99 %
Pioneer Group	275.31	9.11 %
Recovery At Noon	150.00	4.97 %
Saturday Night Live	10.00	0.33 %
Way Home Group	250.00	8.28 %
Woodland Action Group	50.00	1.66 %
TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	1,324.31	43.84 %
INTEREST INCOME	0.10	0.00 %
OTHER INCOME		
Copier Use	15.00	0.50 %
Other OTHER INCOME	50.00	1.66 %
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	65.00	2.15 %
SALES		
Book Cover	32.00	1.06 %
Greeting Cards	3.00	0.10 %
Literature	1,097.04	36.31 %
Medallions	402.50	13.32 %
Misc.	10.15	0.34 %
Stickers-Decals	4.00	0.13 %
Tape & CD Sale T-Mar Consignment	77.00	2.55 %
TOTAL SALES	1,631.69	54.01 %
TOTAL INFLOWS	3,021.10	100 %
OUTFLOWS		
BANK CHARGES		
Other Bank Charges	10.00	0.30 %
TOTAL BANK CHARGES	10.00	0.30 %
COPIER	197.61	5.88 %
INVENTORY PURCHASE		
Literature	950.50	28.28 %
Medallions	241.50	7.18 %
Special Orders	15.95	0.47 %
TOTAL INVENTORY PURCHASE	1,208.15	35.94 %
LICENSES & PERMITS	25.00	0.74 %
OFFICE SUPPLIES	755.60	22.48 %
PAYROLL		

Other Payroll	555.45	16.52 %
OUTFLOWS, continued		
TOTAL PAYROLL	555.45	16.52 %
POSTAGE & DELIVERY	15.80	0.46 %
REISSUE	50.00	1.49 %
RENT	456.00	13.57 %
TELEPHONE		
Other TELEPHONE	61.76	1.84 %
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,361.54	100 %
OVERALL TOTAL	-350.44	100 %
ACCOUNT BALANCES As of 5/31/2006		
Bank Accounts		
Checking	4,789.30	
Money Market	1,907.35	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	6,696.65	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Anne T.
July 3, 2003
Karen K.
July 4, 2000
Ken C.
July 5, 2002
Randy M.
July 7, 2003
Brandi W.
July 9, 2001
Shelley B.
July 11, 2002
Dan S.
July 13, 1999
Tammy
July 13, 2002
Woody H.
July 14, 1981
Ethan O.
July 14, 2005

Dwight
July 15, 2002
Steve C.
July 19, 1997
Dan P.
July 20, 2004
Kathy C.
July 21, 1983
Alene
July 21, 1989
Carl L.
July,21, 1992
Gene H.
July 21, 1999
Greg H.
July 21, 2002
John C.
July 23, 2001
Staci
July 23, 2001

Amy M.
July 24, 2002
Ginny B.
July 24, 2003
Dan M.
July 28, 1968
Ian S.
July 28, 1989
Coop
July 28,2001

*Have your sobriety birthday
printed here. Send name/
sobriety birthday date
to Eye Opener Editor, c/o
WVI Central Office, 687
Cottage Street NE, Salem
OR 97301.*

AAs BEHIND BARS smile to Offer," a woman

June 14, 2006 New York, NY AA Grapevine, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, also know as "Our Meeting in Print," published its annual special issue AAs Behind Bars.

This special issue, July 2006, is filled with powerful stories about the challenges of staying sober while incarcerated and about how important spreading the message of hope and recovery in prisons is for members inside and out.

AA Grapevine is a staple free so that this distributed to all corrections including those that do not have material.

People working in correctional programs are publishing an annual special "prison issue" because it provides the clients with valuable information on how AA works and what meetings are like.

Some of the articles in this issue are:

"Bloom Where You are Planted," how one AA stays sober inside with and without meetings.

"Orbiting the Moon," with no in-house AA meetings, this inmate relies

on outside correspondence and personal Big Book study to stay sober.

discovers AA in prison, then sponsors women in her unit to give back what was given to her.

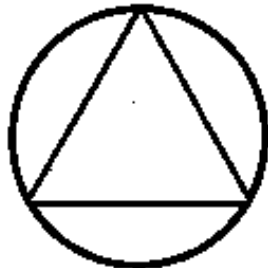
"No Record Required," you don't need a rap sheet to tell your story inside, says a member who discovers the rewards of "planting seeds of recovery among juveniles.

Interview with Jim Estelle, who served as a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee of AA's General Service Board from 1977 to 1986 and was its chair from 1993 to 1997. Jim worked in the corrections field in California, Montana,

director of the Texas corrections in the 1970's. Carrying the AA message is more urgent than addressing the growth of carrying the message

issues of this issue or orders to either the

AA Grapevine or our bimonthly Spanish-language magazine La Viña, please go to www.aagrapevine.org or call customer service at 1.800.631.6025.



For just so long as we were convinced that we could live exclusively by our own individual strength and intelligence, for just that long was a working faith in a Higher Power impossible.

This was true even when we believed that God existed. We could actually have earnest religious beliefs which remained barren because we were still trying to play God ourselves. As long as we placed self-reliance first, a genuine reliance upon a Higher Power was out of the question.

That basic ingredient of all humility, a desire to seek and do God's will, was missing. - Twelve and Twelve, p. 72

"During my morning prayers I say aloud what God already knows but I need to hear again and again...that it is God's will I wish to know and follow today. During my morning meditation I listen to God's will, and never judge it. To do that I first must surrender my mind and open my heart to every thought and image I receive but do not direct." - from Gary H.

Share your own, or your favorite , inspiration with Eye Opener readers. Submit to aasalem@open.org with first name and last initial.

AA Grapevine Launches Audio Grapevine

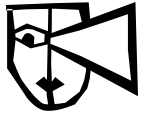
June 14, 2006 New York, NY AA Grapevine, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as "Our Meeting in Print," launches Audio Grapevine, AA Grapevine Magazine in audio format.

As one of AA's founders, Bill W., expressed it in 1946, "The Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement...The Grapevine will try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs."

In keeping with AA Grapevine's mission to carry the AA message, AA Grapevine inaugurates Audio Grapevine, a truly portable "meeting in print" that members can listen to on the road, in the gym, or when they cannot get to a meeting. It's also helpful to AA's who have difficulty reading or who don't have much time for reading.

Audio Grapevine offers all the stories from two months of the AA Grapevine magazine - stories of personal recovery, spiritual growth, and hope, plus PO Box 1980, the Editor's Note, and jokes. It's all available at www.aagrapevine.org to download and listen to anytime, anywhere.

It all began with one alcoholic talking to another. It continues with Audio Grapevine at www.aagrapevine.org.



July Calendar

Saturday, July 8th

Take the Cotton Out (TTCO)
Speakers Meeting
Faith Lutheran Church, 4505
River Rd. N., Keizer, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 10th

H & I Committee
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11th

Keep it Simple Speaker (KIS -S)
Committee Meeting
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 17th

WVI Committee Meeting
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 20th

District 4 Committee Meeting
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 22nd

Keep it Simple Speaker's (KIS-S)
Meeting
Morningside Methodist Church
3674 12th Street SE, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26th

Take the Cotton Out (TTCO)
Committee Meeting
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 28th

Soberfest Committee Meeting
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 29th

Corvallis Speaker's Meeting
Corvallis Good Samaritan Hospital,
8:00 p.m.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Meetings posted at:
<http://www.dhh12s.commeetingschedule/htm>

For links to other Intergroup websites visit
www.aa-oregon.org/aameetings.htm

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