

The Willamette Valley Integroup's
The Eye Opener

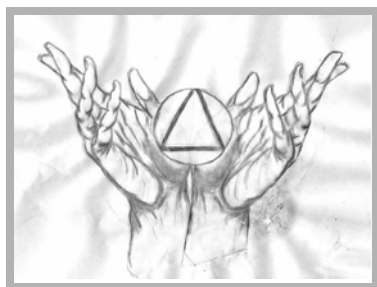
August 2006

Willamette Valley Central Office

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

"Give Freely of What You Find"



Soberfest 2007 Theme & Logo by Eileen L.

Soberfest 2007
February 16th, 17th, & 18th
Chemeketa Community College, Building 50
400 Lancaster Drive NE

~ The Eighth Month ~

Step Eight

"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

Eighth Tradition

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

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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

Willamette Valley Intergroup

June Minutes

6/19/2006

In attendance: Don E., Chair; Bill B., Co-chair; Laura F., Office Manager; Walter R., H & I Committee; Bill B., Pioneer Group; Andy K., Conscious Contact Group; Gary H., Way Home Group; Billy M., Second Chance Group; Paula F., Way Home Group; Fred D., Living Sober Group; Alan D., New Pair of Glasses Group; Dave S., Meeting Schedules and Website; Cori P., Eye Opener Editor; Angela G., 7:00 A.M. Downtown Group.

The meeting opened with the Pre-amble followed by the 12 Traditions.

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Laura reported that an audit was done on the finances and everything is perfect. Last month we were in the red & \$350.44, mainly due to an over allotment on the copier and moving expenses. Next month we should rebound, but will also have \$30.00 charge for changing over the phone to the new location. Approved

Office Manager: Laura reported that last month we had 368 contacts (1515 YTD). The H & I Committee, KISS Group and District 4 have used the new Central Office for meetings. Central Office is in need of 2 office volunteers, and also need Subs for coverage. They are going to be putting a sign on the street side of the building for Central Office. Laura thanked everyone for their help in moving Central Office. Don thanked the crew for moving and set-up. Approved.

H & I Committee: Walter reported that H & I is making new cans for donations to give to groups. Donations go for books for the Psychiatric Unit and Detox. They have dropped 1 hearing-impaired meeting due to cost. Meetings are costing roughly

\$80.00 for interpreters. Cost for books and literature are typically \$40 - \$80 monthly. They are just scraping by with the donations received. There is a need for volunteers for Wednesday and Saturday Night Hospital meetings (3 years sobriety required). The local Treatment center and Polk/Marion Jails are doing okay on volunteers, but are always looking for more support.

Website and Computer Report: Dave reported that the website has been brought up to date. New schedules are being printed on standard-sized paper to cut down on costs. The Eye Opener is available online. Hits for the website in May were 2654.

District 4: No report.

AI-Anon: No report.

Office Volunteer Coordinator: Vacant

Outreach Coordinator: Angela G. suggested that we all go to other meetings, even ones we would not normally go to, and talk about what Central Office and Intergroup does. We should suggest to groups that they send representatives to monthly Intergroup meeting.

Soberfest Report: Doug reported that 3 to 4 of the speakers for next years Soberfest are booked. The committee is doing a raffle for a copy of the original Saturday Evening Post which has the Jack Alexander article on Alcoholics Anonymous. The theme and logo for 2007 will be : "Give Freely of What You Find."

Phone Coordinator: Vacant

Old Business: Don reported that Central Office won't be able to get a Non-Profit rate for tent as previously hoped. Still looking for a Phone Coordinator (2 years sobriety required).

New Business: The District is promoting a workshop to promote service work. Paula will be planning this. The tentative date is the 3rd weekend of October. One suggestion was brought up that we ask representative from I & I and other areas to come and speak. Anyone interested can contact Paula at 503.581.3910.

It was brought up that there were concerns with anonymity in having the AA logo in the window at Central Office. It was suggested that we take it to our home groups for votes on if the sign should be prominently displayed or not. Tabled until next meeting.

Oregon area Delegate: There will be a picnic on August 6th at the Keizer City Hall Gazebo from 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

WVI Phone Line Coordinator Needed

Qualifications: Two years sobriety with AA service committee experience.

Term: Two Years.

Duties/Authority: Procure and maintain volunteers for the Twelve Step call list, procure and manage phone volunteers for off-hour Central Office phone line, maintain up-to-date contact list with volunteers and at Central Office, report monthly at Intergroup Committee meetings, maintain answering machine at Central Office; one vote at Intergroup Meetings.

Interested? Please phone 503.399.0599 and leave contact information; attend WVI monthly meeting, Monday, August 21st, 687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

WVI June Treasurer's Report

Cash Flow—Last Month
6/1/2006 through 6/30/2006

Category Description	6/1/2006-6/30/2006	% of Total
INFLOWS		
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		
7 AM Downtown Group	496.00	28.30%
District 4	5.00	0.30%
Good To Be Here	75.00	4.30%
Home To Stay	100.00	5.70%
KIS-S Group	190.95	10.90%
Pioneer Group	51.45	2.90%
TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	918.40	52.40%
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
Anonymous	116.30	6.60%
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	116.30	6.60%
INTEREST INCOME	0.11	0.00%
OTHER INCOME		
Copier Use	15.00	0.90%
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	15.00	0.90%
SALES		
Al-anon	2.00	0.10%
Literature	388.65	22.20%
Medallions	247.00	14.10%
Misc.	5.50	0.30%
Special Orders	28.00	1.60%
Stickers-Decals	4.00	0.20%
Tape&CD Sale T-Mar Consignment	28.00	1.60%
TOTAL SALES	703.15	40.10%
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,752.96	100.00%
OUTFLOWS		
BANK CHARGES		
Other BANK CHARGES	-10.00	-0.60%
TOTAL BANK CHARGES	-10.00	-0.60%
COPIER	140.94	9.00%
INVENTORY PURCHASE		
Medallions	171.10	11.00%
Special Order Medallions	10.00	0.60%
TOTAL INVENTORY PURCHASE	181.10	11.60%
MOVE	125.86	8.10%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	29.66	1.90%
PAYROLL		
Other PAYROLL	555.45	35.60%
TOTAL PAYROLL	555.45	35.60%

POSTAGE & DELIVERY	15.60	1.00%
RENT	456.00	29.20%
TELEPHONE		
Other TELEPHONE	66.94	4.30%
TOTAL TELEPHONE	66.94	4.30%
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,561.55	100.00%
OVERALL TOTAL	191.41	100.00%

ACCOUNT BALANCES As of 6/30/2006

Bank Accounts	
Checking	4,990.60
Money Market	1,907.46
TOTAL Bank Accounts	6,898.06

Note: Last month's issue had a mistake made by the Editor. The Way Home Group made a contribution of \$250.00 which was not originally listed.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jerry
August 1, 2002

June M.
August 9, 1992

Mo P.
August 22, 1986

John W.
August 1, 2004

Trudy R.
August 12, 1996

Brenda W.
August 22, 1997

Roger
August 2, 2001

Keith H.
August 13, 1988

Aaron M.
August 23, 2005

Eugene G.
August 2, 2002

Martha B.
August 15, 1988

Gabe P.
August 27, 2002

Monica W.
August 2, 2005

America M.
August 15, 1995

Leslee L.
August 31, 1986

James R.
August 7, 2004

Peggy Sue K.
August 15, 2003

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.

Dan W.
August 8, 2003

Jack L.
August 21, 2002

Pacific Regional Forum

June 23-25, 2006

Seattle, Washington

What a great weekend! I can only hope that all or most of you will attend and participate in a Regional Forum. This is the place where you will meet and talk to the Trustees, GSO and Grapevine, La Viña staffs, past and present Delegates from the entire Pacific Region, and hundreds of sober Alcoholics. There were 571 in attendance, about 20 from Oregon. The program was awesome. There were 28 presentations and workshops, with 2 Ask-It Basket sessions.

Eric Knudsen, Delegate panel 56 Area 58, Oregon, gave a presentation on "The Spiritual Principle of Responsibility; Concept One in a Changing World." Eric did a great job, and he will be at our District 4 Picnic on Sunday, August 6th at the Keizer Gazebo with his Post-Conference Report. There were 4

People from District 4 in attendance: BJ B., Fred D., Billy M., and myself. One of the highlights for me was Billy M. (our new District 4 Archivist) met and talked with Amy Filiatreau, the Archivist from GSO. Look out – Billy's on fire and headed your way!

The Ask-It Basket questions were interesting as always. AA's in the audience had a lot of input, Pro and Con on every question. There will be a final report from GSO on the Forum sent to those who participated. I will make copies for all GSR's (who attend District meeting) to share with their groups. The next Pacific Regional Forum will be in Spokane, Washington the weekend of August 29th – 31st, 2008. Hope to see you there!

Yours in Service,

Announcements

District 4 Moves Monthly Meetings

District 4 meetings will now be held on the 2nd Thursday (not the 3rd) of each month at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty SE, 7:00 p.m.

District 4 Picnic Sunday, August 6th

Food, fun, fellowship, and the Delegate's Post-Conference report. At the Keizer Gazebo, 930 Chemewa NE, 1:00—4:00 p.m. Hot dogs/hamburgers provided. Bring side dishes and chairs/blankets. All are welcome!

New Meetings

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, Noon: Freedom From Bondage. First Congregational Church, 700 Marion St. NE, 2nd Floor Gathering Room. Open, handicap accessible, non-smoking.

Tuesdays, Noon: Recovery First. First Congregational Church, 700 Marion St. NENE. Closed, handicap accessible, non-smoking.

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. : True Colors. First Congregational Church, 700 Marion St. NE. GBL-T friendly, handicap accessible, non-smoking.

Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC)

Hermiston, Oregon,
Hosted by Oregon Area 58
June 30 - July 2, 2006

The first PNC met in Vancouver, British Columbia, in May, 1948. PNC has been an annual event ever since and is still the oldest continually occurring conference in A.A. This year's site for the PNC was Hermiston, Oregon. We arrived on Thursday so we could attend a local A.A. meeting and eat at three of Hermiston's best restaurants.

This year's conference theme was "Sponsorship, Service and Self Support in a Changing World." Friday's panel, entitled "Self Support in a Changing World", focused on money problems when getting anyone involved in general service. The consensus of the speakers was that A.A.'s service structure must provide adequately for all and should be prepared to give assistance, if available, to those who otherwise cannot afford to participate. Friday evening concluded with an A.A. speaker meeting featuring Robin O. from Ellensburg, Washington.

Saturday morning brought two panels. The first, "Service in a Changing World", addressed the real issues facing people in an increasingly busy world and advancing technology. Eric K., Area 58 Delegate, and Anne M., Area 58 Chair, both participated in this panel. The second panel, "Sponsorship in a Changing World", focused on issues related to the fact that 12th Step techniques from 1935 are of less use in the modern world. Gus P., Area 58 Treasurer, participated in this panel.

Lunchtime was followed by an Al-Anon speaker meeting with Susan G. from Eugene. This in turn was followed by the PNC business meeting. The final panel of the day, "The Home Group in a Changing World", focused on some timeless problems: spirit of rotation, the meaning and uses of the home group, and avoiding rumors and gossip.

Saturday night's banquet was followed by an A.A. speaker meeting featuring Mark S., a past delegate from Oregon Area 58. This was followed by a dance, but I opted for sleep instead. Sunday's hosted breakfast was followed by the Ask-It-Basket. Nine previous and current delegates from Washington, Oregon, and Alaska were able to field about two dozen questions.

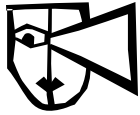
A final prayer closed PNC 2006 and we dispersed until next year. Please join us for PNC 2007 in Wenatchee, Washington on a weekend in late June or early July. About 200 people attended this event, about 100 were from Oregon Area 58 and four were from District 4.

Many thanks to District 4 for encouraging me to attend this event.

Yours in service, and loving it,
Fred Davis
Treasurer and Alternate DCM
for District 4

Consider This...

"There are many ways to die. You can pass on, pass away, keel over, croak, go to meet your maker, follow the grim reaper, sing in the choir celestial, or have another drink." - Gary H.



August Calendar

Sunday 6th

District 4 Picnic and Delegate Post-Conference Report, Keizer Gazebo, 930 Chemewa NE, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8th

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

Thursday 10th

District 4 Committee Meeting
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty SE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 12th

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

Monday 14th

12th Step Committee
687 Cottage Street NE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 19th

8th Annual AA Ladies Luncheon
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
1444 Liberty SE, Noon

Monday 21st

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

Wednesday 23rd

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

Friday 25th

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

Saturday 26th

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

Saturday 26th

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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