

The Willamette Valley Intergroup's
The Eye Opener

September 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

Unity Through Service

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District 4 and Willamette Valley Intergroup

Questions? Find the answers on

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Morningside United Methodist Church
3674 12th St. SE, Salem, OR

Potluck Lunch at noon
Hot dogs and hamburgers provided.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Panels include: WVI/Central Office, District 4, Corrections, and Ask-It Basket

Sponsors, Bring your sponsees – Sponsees, Bring your Sponsors
Newcomers to Old-Timers Welcome and Wanted

Information: Paula F., 503-581-3910 or 503-931-2306;
Bill and BJ, 503.763.7555; Fred D. 503-551-9795

~ The Ninth Month ~

Step Nine

"Made direct amends to these people, except when to do so would injure them or others."

Ninth Tradition

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Willamette Valley Intergroup Board

Chair
Don E.

Co-Chair
Bill B.

AI - Anon
Sally

Phone Line Coordinator
Diana W.

Bridging the Gap Chair
Vacant

Eye Opener Editor
Cori P.

Intergroup Liaison
Anita

Out Reach Coordinator
Angela G.

Recording Secretary
Bill B.

Soberfest Coordinator
Doug H.

Treasurer
Vacant

Trustee
Vacant

12 Step Committee Chair
Vacant

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
July Minutes**

In Attendance: Don E., Chair; Bill B., Co-Chair; Laura F., Office Manager; Bill B., Pioneer Group; Andy K., Conscious Contact Group; Gary H., Way Home Group; Billy M., Second Chance Group; Fred D, Living Sober Group; Dave S., Cori P., Living Sober Group; Anita C., Conscious Contact Group; Lisa A, Living Sober group; Peggy E., Living Sober Group; Greg P., Capitol Discussion Group; Sallee, AI-Anon.

The meeting opened with the Pre-amble, Serenity Prayer and the 12 Traditions.

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting. Approved.

Treasurers Report: (Laura) All bills are current. Due to 1st quarter taxes and residual moving expenses, Central Office was in the black \$191.41. YTD actual/budget numbers are looking good, but we are coming into slow months for contributions. Approved.

Office Manager Report: (Laura) Central office had 327 contacts for the month of June and has had 1842 contacts YTD. Central Office is also going to consider phone messages as contacts. Chris M. has joined as a new volunteer and Connell has returned as volunteer. Laura is still trying to get a parking permit so that the Office Manager can park in the residential parking, saving the limited parking for visitors. A "WVI Central Office" sign has been placed on the street side of the complex. Approved.

H&I Committee, (Andy K.) Walter R. has stepped down as Chair. Trevor is the new Chair, with Andy K. as Co-Chair.

Website and Computer report: (Dave) Schedules are up to date with Bridgeway meeting added. There was a question on whether Detox is Profit or Non-Profit. It was decided to list Bridgeway as one of the facilities that H&I serves. Motion to change approved. The Eye Opener is on

the website.

Intergroup Liaison: (Anita C.) No meeting last month.

District 4: No Report.

Al-Anon: (Sallee) No Concerns. Working on getting free literature for Central Office. Approved.

Office Volunteer Coordinator: Vacant.

Outreach Coordinator: No Report.

Soberfest: (Doug) All speakers are now booked. Still working on registration pricing. The raffle for the Saturday Evening Post is doing well. The entertainment for this year will be provided by Randy, the DJ from last year. The Al-Anon speaker will be Sandy J.. The monthly Soberfest meeting will be moving due to Central Office being too small. Literature for Soberfest will come from WVI.

Phone Coordinator: Vacant.

Old Business: (Don E.) General Service Office was contacted regarding having the "AA" triangle symbol versus having the letters "AA" in the window. They said it was up to the individual committees to make that decision. It was decided that we would have the letters "AA" for better identification for individuals needing to find it. Approved.

New Business: There was a concern brought up that links on the website such as Mapquest would take users to "businesses ads." It was suggested to look for alternatives such as an Adobe based map that would just have the map without an outside link. Will be discussed further. A motion was put in to have a E-mail link for the Eye Opener Editor on the website. Approved.

There are still positions open at Central Office. Office Volunteer Coordinator, Treasurer and Phone Coordinator. We need to spread this info to our home groups to get filled. Cori will make cards to take to groups with the positions,

requirements, terms. Outreach is still looking for a alternate.

Don E. Will be having a appreciation potluck/picnic for the volunteers of Central Office. It will be on August 13, 2006. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. With Don.

Meeting adjourned.

Thank You

A special "Thank You" to members for the donations of 8 1/2 x 11" copy paper and postage stamps.

Central Office Carries What you Need!

Did you know that Central Office carries **LARGE PRINT** Big Books? They also carry many other AA books, literature, and coins. If you don't see what you want in the lobby, it can be special-ordered for you (payment upon order, please). There is also a large selection of speaker CD's—these not only make great gifts but are a great way to get a meeting in your home or car.

Get the Word Out!

Get the word out regarding events and news by emailing your information to Web Master Dave at salemaaweb@yahoo.com. The website is looking great and is getting viewed regularly...so put it to use for you!

Email Eye Opener Submissions!

Share information, experience, hope, and strength! Email articles, etc. to the Eye Opener:
wvi_eyepener@yahoo.com.

TELEPHONE		
Other TELEPHONE	63.56	2%
TOTAL TELEPHONE	63.56	2.25%
VOID	0	0%
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$2,828.76	100%
OVERALL TOTAL	\$31.19	100%
ACCOUNT BALANCES -		
As of 7/31/2006		
Bank Accounts		
Checking	5,021.67	
Money Market	1,907.58	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$6,929.25	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Joe W.
September 1, 1982

Helen B.
September 3, 1973

John A.
September 5, 1976

Shasta C.
September 5, 2002

Jess M.
September 6, 2003

John R.
September 6, 2004

Janet T.
September 7, 1999

Sue K.
September 7, 2004

Chris
September 9, 2002

Daniel N.
September 10, 2003

Geraldine R.
September 11, 2001

Toni H.
September 11, 2002

John J.
September 11, 2003

Leslie L.
September 11, 2005

Debi F.
September 12, 1983

Lee T.
September 14, 1996

Walt R.
September 17, 1976

Gabe W.
September 18, 2002

Teri A.
September 19, 2003

Brad C.
September 22, 2002

Jim J.
September 24, 1992

Jay D.
September 26, 2001

Linda L.
September 26, 2003

Patrick P.
September 26, 2005

Jeannie C.
September 28, 2001

Philip W.
September 28, 2001

Robert G.
September 28, 2002

Thomas C.
September 30, 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.

Oregon Delegate Delivers Post-Conference Report at District 4 Picnic

Editor's Note: Due to space constrictions, this is only part of Fred D's. submission. (For the rest of the story, please click link)
www.open.org/aasalem/gsc.htm.

The General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous held the 56th annual General Service Conference in April, 2006 in New York City. In attendance were the 93 area delegates and 43 representatives of other aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous. On August 6, 2006, Eric K, Oregon Area 58 delegate, was the featured guest at a District 4 picnic held on the grounds of the Keizer City Hall. At this picnic Eric gave a presentation of his experiences at the General Service Conference. The following paragraphs give a summary of Eric's presentation.

One major consideration at this conference concerned finances. A significant report by Gary Kluksdahl, Southwest Regional Trustee, addressed a number of important issues related to the finances of Alcoholics Anonymous. Before 1990, membership and literature

sales were steadily increasing which meant that GSO was well financed and remained financially healthy. During this earlier period profits from literature could be used to cover any shortfall in group donations and any excess funds could be used to reduce literature prices.

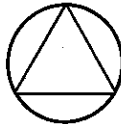
However times have changed. Gary made several points in his report: Membership in A.A. has remained fairly constant for the past 15 years. The number of groups has not changed much either. Literature sales, especially sales of pamphlets, have declined significantly over the same period. Publishers other than Alcoholics Anonymous World Services have entered the picture and are able to offer some literature at competitive prices. Operating costs have been increasing over the past 15 years. Donations have not kept up with the increase of operating expenses.

Live in the Solution

Volunteers are needed to answer our phone lines during the hours that the office is closed. The phone line is simply switched over to your number for any amount of time that you are willing to provide.

There is a list of people willing to do 12 Step calls should that be the need. This is an extremely important function of A.A. Can you imagine having the inclination to finally make that call only to have no one answer?

Diana W. has stepped up to be the Phone Coordinator for this irreplaceable service. Please call Central Office at 503.399.0599 and say that you are willing to help for one or two hours a week. Give freely of what you have been given!



H&I Committee Funding - Your Donations at Work

The H&I Committee is totally funded by donations from local AA groups – from you. The committee does not receive any money from Willamette Valley Intergroup, Central Office, the District or Oregon Area.

The money for the committee comes from the “Little Green Cans” that some groups pass around at their meetings to collect loose change while other groups contribute a percentage of their collections to the committee. You also see the “Little Green Can” being passed around at the TCCO meeting to collect money for the H&I Committee.

Money contributed to the H&I Committee purchases books, pamphlets and other AA literature for Polk County Jail, Salem Hospital Psychiatric Unit and Bridgeway Treatment Facility as well as other non-state institutions. **The alcoholics at these facilities eagerly await any AA related material that we can provide.** The committee also pays for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing at TCCO meetings and other local meetings.

Look for the H&I treasurer's report on the H&I Committee Bulletin Board at Central Office. You will also find the committee members names and contact information on the board. If you have any questions or want to be of service, please call us.

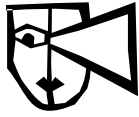
If you want to know where your contributions are going or wish to change the way the committee is distributing the money it receives, please join us at our meetings. We welcome participation – we need representatives from area groups to help us better serve our area and AA. If you have questions or concerns about how the money is collected or spent or other concerns about the committee, PLEASE JOIN US! We meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Central Office.

In loving service,
YOUR H&I Committee

District 4 Picnic—Another View

A good time was had by all was a phrase my parents and Grandparents used a lot and I thought it would be a great way to sum up District 4's picnic. 60 people filled the park around the Keizer Gazebo to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. The food was great (how come it always tastes better outside). Our speaker, Eric K., treated us to information from the General Service Conference seasoned generously with humor. All too soon the day was over and it was time to pack up and go home. District 4 thanks all who came and we missed those who could not make it. We hope to see all of you next year

Bj Bey
District 4 PI Chair



September Calendar

Monday 4th

KISS Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9th

TTCO (Take the Cotton Out) Speaker's Meeting
Faith Lutheran Church
4505 River Road N, Keizer, 7:30 p.m.

Monday 11th

H & I Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 14th

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

Friday 15th—Sunday 17th

It's a She Thang, "Sunlight of the Spirit"
Seaside Convention Center
Information: www.soberinseaside.com

Monday 18th

WVI Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 23rd

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

Wednesday 27th

TTCO Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

Friday 29th

Soberfest Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 30th

Corvallis Speaker's Meeting
Corvallis Good Samaritan Hospital
3600 NW Samaritan Drive, 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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