

Save The Date!

District Events

May 5th, 9am – 6pm
**District 55 Cinco de Mayo
Fiesta and Auction**
Sequim Prairie Grange
290 Macleay Road, Sequim

***Please donate gently used items for
this AWSOME auction!***

**Items for Raffle include an HDTV,
a Keurig Coffee Maker and PIES!**
Go to district55aa.com for details.

June 9th, 9am – 3pm
Founder’s Day Picnic
Sequim City Transit Center
190 West Cedar, Sequim
Go to district55aa.com for details.

Area Events

See <https://area72aa.org/events/>

District 55 Open Service Positions

Panel 67

Archives Chair

Corrections Chair

Treatment Chair

“Autumn Gathering on the Peninsula”

This event will take place on September 15, 2018. We are asking for support from as many of the Olympic Peninsula groups as possible. We would appreciate both people to work on the event at various committee positions plus individual group financial donations. Individual group donations should be a minimum of ten dollars. Several groups have already stepped up with financial contributions. Some groups may have money to donate and no people; others may have people and no money. Other groups may have both.

ALL ARE APPRECIATED.

Financial donations can be made by check, money order or cash and sent to:

Peninsula Autumn Gathering, Ed McGiveney,
5426 138th St NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

The next committee meeting will be held Apr. 8, 2018 at West Sound Improvement Club, 4109 E St, Bremerton, WA at 1:30 Pm. Any AA member from the peninsula districts who wishes to participate in the planning is asked to attend.

This will be classified as an AA social/service event with speakers, plays, meeting, pot luck dinner, panels, drawings, door prizes, sobriety countdown, and more! We will have a dance to close the day. It will open at 9am for fellowship, then a meeting at 10am. We ask for help with clean up beginning at 11pm. This event will require a large number of AA members to commit for the whole event from organizing to clean-up.

There will be tickets printed and sold for the “DINNER AND DANCE ONLY”

All other daily events will be free of charge.

District 55 Newsletter

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DCM Report

Hello District 55

We are into our second year of Panel 67. As most of you know we are short a few chair people. Michael R. is filling in for Treatment but we are still in need of someone to fill the positions of Corrections Chair and Archives Chair. If someone in our AA community has an interest in participating in district service in any of these positions, just contact me or any other of our district committee and come to the March District Meeting on the 20th of March.

We have several other events in play that are happening over the next several months. Please see the Web site for times and dates. District 55 also has the pleasure of hosting the 2018 Pre-Assembly this year. We hope members will get involved and help organize and put on this event. More news will be available after the April Quarterly. The Pre-Assembly will be taking place sometime in August. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Cinco de Mayo Festival on the 5th of May. Don’t forget to get your tickets for the 43” TV and the Keurig Coffee maker for \$1.00 each.

Larry G. (DCM District #55)

We of Alcoholics Anonymous...

Estimates of AA groups and Members as of January 1, 2017¹

	<u>Groups</u>	<u>Members</u>
United States	61, 258	1, 276, 165
Canada	5,078	86, 237
Correctional Facilities	1,413	34,903
Outside U.S. and Canada	50,555	2,103,184

¹The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O., and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

**WWA72 JANUARY QUARTERLY
PORT ANGELES,
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

Motion #1:

That Western Washington Area 72 will publish the Third Edition of Our Stories Disclose, A History of the Western Washington Area of Alcoholics Anonymous 1939-2002, to be updated through 2018.

Moved by District 8, Seconded by District 40, **motion approved to be added to assembly agenda.**

Motion #2:

We move that in the spirit of self-support, the Area Committee hires a Tax/CPA professional to complete our annual tax return and may be consulted at the discretion of the Treasurer and/or Alt Treasurer for general accounting issues and bookkeeping best practices. The estimated annual budget for Tax/CPA professional consulting will be set by the Area Treasurer and Finance Committee and approved each year with the Area's annual operating budget."

Moved by District 19, Seconded by District 27, **motion approved to be added to assembly agenda.**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve District 55 – Julie P., Newsletter editor

Motion #3:

That the Area will fund the Area Corrections Chair to attend the National Corrections Conference annually, covering travel, lodging, registration and meal expenses.

Moved by District 17, Seconded by District 43, **motion approved to be added to assembly agenda.**

Housekeeping Motion:

District 24 would like to request the use of the Area's translation equipment for our annual Gratitude Banquet, March 17, 2018. Expenses to be covered by the requesting District.

Motion not approved by the body.

UP-COMING AREA EVENTS

Area April Quarterly
April 6th & 7th
Long Beach, WA

Area Treatment Quarterly
April 14th

Area Accessibilities Quarterly
April 21st

**2018 PNC-PACIFIC NW
CONFERENCE**
June 22nd to 24th

Details at;
<https://area72aa.org/event/>

Contentment

What is Contentment? According to Webster's dictionary, ***Contentment is the state of being happy and satisfied.*** You know, I think that's happened for me. I've been in the program for a little while now. I've gotten to know some people, make some friends, work with sponsors, and work with what I call mentors in the program. I think for the first time in my life, I can honestly say I am content with who I am and that's happy, joyous, and free.

This hasn't happened over night. Believe me and my sponsors. They will be the first to tell you! I had the opportunity to finish my fourth and fifth step this year, and I feel like a whole new person. I don't know how to describe it. Other than, I no longer feel like I have a black shadow cloud following me around in the distance. It was a lot of hard work!! But newcomers, and anyone who hasn't done it yet, Do it!! But of course, do step three and then four and five! Don't be afraid of it! It will change your life!

Before I did this step, I was pretty content. I have friends, I am responsible, I have a program. I like myself. And yes, women in the program, I think I almost love myself!! The women in the program have told me that they were going to love me until I could learn to love myself. And I think I am there. Little by little, I am ok, and ok with myself, my past, and my present. Accept the things I cannot change but change the things I can. I can longer change the past. We never can, we can use it to help others, but don't stay there. I can change me! And you can, too! You can find contentment!

Megan, V.

District 55 HOT Gossip

The "**Bridge the Gap**" program is in need of volunteers. This important program helps integrate people who are newly out of treatment with the AA community. For details please see Michael, G.R. at "Under New Management" on Mondays.

The **Corrections Committee** takes meetings to *Clallam Bay Corrections Center, Olympic Corrections Center, Clallam County Jail and Clallam County Juvenile Facility.* This important program is in need of volunteers.

INMATES DO NOT GET MEETINGS UNLESS WE BRING THEM IN
Please see Kathy N. or Sally C. at Duck-in or Brenda C. at Sequim'n Women

An abundance of **Grapevine articles and magazines** can be purchased through the District 55 Literature Chair. Please see Beth V. at Sequim'n Women