

# Big Book®

## Bonfire Bonus!!!

We will be sharing some of the favorite words from the Big Book® chosen by

### **Anonymous A.A.® Members**

***“I fully conceived that I am an Alcoholic...”***

***“God could and would if he were sought...”***

***“Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today...”***

***Have some fun!!***

**Find the page without google!!**

**Hint:** Check out the stories!

A regular feature until all of the “bonfire” favorites have been printed. **Thanks for sharing!!**

**May 29 - Duck In Group Potluck, Birthday & Speaker Meeting**

At St Luke’s on 5<sup>th</sup> Street begins at 6PM.

**Speaker is long-timer Carolyn F from Bainbridge Island.**

***Come Celebrate All May Birthdays!!!***

### **The rest of the story...**

My job entails taking youth to A.A.® meetings. I go to meetings that I would not choose. One such place is a dingy, old, small town donut shop. Three times a week, in early evening, **it transforms into a life-saving space.** There are no tables, no circles or squares. We sit in booths. The microphone is rather intimidating, the small speaker often fails, and **the people still come.**

Many days, **I am tuckered out**, mentally, physically and emotionally, and have **forgotten to ask God to take charge.** I have become a busy-holic, work-holic, and gotten quite a bit older. With my physical age, and the progression of my disease, **days are mostly a challenge.**

One day, frazzled by life, I thought, “I can’t wait to get this meeting over, kids dropped off, and go home to recharge.” Within five minutes of sitting down with **my dreary self-centered thoughts**, I was very aware that I felt **better than I had all day.** It was profound. There it was....the **beauty, the power, the life-saving miracle** that I forget about until I am in it.

So, for that one hour, at least, I am humbled. **This is the only reprieve I have from my disease, self-centered fear.**

-- Fran S.

# **District 55 Newsletter**

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May 2015

## **General Service Events**

### **2015 Area 72 Delegate’s Report from the General Service Conference**

- **Report and Lunch - June 6** - 9am - Fellowship, 10am - Report, & 12pm - Lunch. Hosted by Peninsula Districts 10, 22, 43, 55, 56 at 508 S Francis St, Port Angeles, (Bethany Pentecostal Church)
- **Report and Picnic - June 13** - 11am - Picnic, 12pm - Report, (Spanish Translation Provided) Hosted by Central Districts at Dunshee House SASG, 303 17th Ave. East, Seattle, WA
- **Report and Picnic - June 28** - 11am - 3pm. Hosted by Northern Districts at Pioneer Park (Located off Pioneer Parkway, east of Rainbow Bridge), La Conner WA

### **Area 72 July Business Quarterly - July 10 - 11, 2015,**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 101 East 38th Street, Tacoma, WA

### **2015 Western Washington Area 72 Assembly - October 16 - 18, 2015 -**

Bell Harbor International Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA

Online Registration Forms are at [area72aa.org](http://area72aa.org)

## **Unity and Fellowship Events**

### ***District 55 Softball Fun at Carrie Blake Park - Come play!!!***

Noon every Sunday - Equipment provided - Call Mike L. (Duck In) or Jim W.

### ***Founder’s Day Meeting & Picnic - Saturday, June 6 9am -??***

Pioneer Park, 309 E. Washington, Sequim!

***AA Meeting will follow Lunch!***

If you want to help, contact Rhonda at [55activities@olypen.com](mailto:55activities@olypen.com)

**All A.A.s, Families and Friends are welcome!!**

Please send your stories and articles to [dist.55.news@gmail.com](mailto:dist.55.news@gmail.com)

## Thoughts on Concept Five

“Throughout our world service structure, a traditional **“Right of Appeal”** ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”

In granting **“Right of Appeal,”** A.A. recognizes that minorities perform a most valuable service. Asserting their **“Right of Petition”** compels a thorough, ongoing discussion of important issues. The **well-heard minority** is, therefore, our chief protection against a hasty, uninformed, misinformed or angry majority.

This principle of the **“Right of Petition or Appeal,”** reminds us to **encourage** all minorities to file minority reports whenever they feel a majority to be in **considerable error.**

When a minority considers an issue to be such a grave one that a **mistaken decision** could seriously affect A.A. as a whole, that minority may have an **actual duty to present a minority report** to the General Service Conference.

## ***Our Stories Disclose...: A History of the Western Washington Area of Alcoholics Anonymous, 1939-2002***

is a compilation of origin stories of our Groups and Districts. This book is the third such history of our Area. Publishing another edition, which will reflect the current face of A.A. districts and groups in Area 72, is being considered.

The history of **District 55**, which began in October 9, 1993 at the Assembly, and its groups, fills about ten of the 666 pages of the Second Edition of ***Our Stories Disclose...***

While founding members of Sequim’s first group, **Duck In**, are no longer here, our first D.C.M., **Sally C.**, is still active in A.A. service work, as we all can attest!!

The hardcover edition of ***Our Stories Disclose...*** is available from the **Area 72 Archives Committee** for **\$7.50**. I am preparing to order some of these books, receive them at the **July Quarterly**, and deliver them at the **July District 55 Business meeting on Sunday, July 19.**

If you want to buy one of these books, and be included in this order, please **email me at [dist.55.news@gmail.com](mailto:dist.55.news@gmail.com).**

## **NEW Literature Committee Chair & GRAPEVINE® contact for DISTRICT 55**

Larry G. is the new District 55 Literature Chair. Contact him at **Duck In** meetings on **Friday and Sunday**. Larry needs three more volunteers to help with set-up of displays at various functions. This is a great way to have fun while serving your district!

## **“Keeper of the Flame: Box 4-5-9®”**

One of the perks of being a G.S.R. is getting a subscription to *Box 4-5-9*, the bulletin from the A.A. General Service Office to groups and members. Although the name and format have changed over the years, the bulletin is almost as old as the *Big Book®* and the G.S.O. The first issue of the “A.A. Bulletin” was mailed on November 11, 1940. The 1966 Holiday issue marked the beginning of the current name and format. Box 4-5-9 was, and is, the postal box number for the A.A. General Service Office in New York.

-- excerpted from *Box 4-5-9*, Spring 2015

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**District 55 Business Meeting is Every third Sunday at 5PM, basement of St Luke’s on 5th**  
**District 55 Activities Committee meets Every third Sunday at 4PM, basement St Luke’s**  
**Combined District 55/22 Corrections Committee meets Every Second Sunday at 4PM** at 711 East Second Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362 - Male volunteers are especially needed.  
<> **District 55 AA Hotline - Pick your time to answer 12-Step calls!!! - Contact Dana C.**

**New AA Hotline numbers for Sequim are 360-797-0259 and 877-682-4143**

Our service entities are funded by contributions from A.A. groups. Many groups make a plan about dividing their funds beyond what is needed for group expenses, including sending the GSR to the Assembly, and a prudent reserve.

They send these excess funds to:	<u>District 55</u>	<u>Area 72</u>	<u>The General Service Office</u>
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