

Big Book®

Bonfire Bonus!!!

Some of the favorite words from the Big Book® chosen by

Anonymous A.A.® Members

“To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends- this is an experience you must not miss...”

“Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us...”

“The fact is that most alcoholics ... become(s) ... non existent ... at certain times...”

What a giggle!!

- A regular feature until all of the “bonfire” favorites have been printed.

Thanks for sharing!!

Founder's Day 2015

Founder's Day is the day that we in Alcoholics Anonymous celebrate the miraculous meeting of our founders, Bill W. and Dr Bob on June 10, 1935. This year marks the 80th anniversary of that momentous occasion. Millions of us owe our very lives to that meeting. **In Sequim on June 6th, in the bright sunshine, many alcoholics celebrated the day with an abundant potluck, hamburgers, hot dogs and lots of coffee and soda pop. There were kids and dogs, old and young, Frisbees flying here and there, and much camaraderie, laughter and smiles.**

The District 55 Archives were on display complete with priceless first editions, and pictures of district events and deceased members from many years past. **It was a good time to reflect on our roots** and to give thanks in our hearts to those who forged the way for us today. There was also a large display of AA literature, complete with lesser known volumes and pamphlets.

Much thanks is due to all the volunteers that set up, manned the barbeque, and kept the food coming. You all know who you. **Special thanks, however, to our Activities Chair, Rhonda B. who did a fine job organizing the whole event.**

- - Christine S.

District 55 Newsletter

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Some Recommendations from 2015 General Service Conference

- * **Implement** Phase 1 of the G.S.O.® plan to translate pre-Conference and Conference material into Spanish and French beginning 2016, the **66th General Service Conference**.
- * **Approve**, with a change, the video public service announcement, “Doors,” developed by the trustees’ **Public Information Committee**
- * **Improve the relevance and usefulness** of the aa.org website on a timely basis, by enabling A.A.W.S. Board to produce and post audio/video service material on aa.org

* **2016 General Service Conference**

Theme: *“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts”*

Workshop topic: *“Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation.”*

Some “Advisory Actions,” recommendations, regarding A.A. Literature

- * **Undertake a comprehensive revision** to the re-titled pamphlet *“Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services,”*
- * **Update** the pamphlet *“A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic”* to include a wider range of A.A. recovery experience, and revise the title of the pamphlet
- * **Gather a wide range of A.A. recovery experience** from members with mental health issues and from sponsor of such members for inclusion in literature on this topic.

Happy 80th Birthday to AA®

International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous®

July 2-5 in Atlanta, GA

Please send your stories and articles to dist.55.news@gmail.com

Prerequisites

When I came to A.A., I was ready to begin with Step One! My sponsor said that I had to answer two questions, make two decisions, before I would be ready to tackle those steps.

She asked, "Do you want what we have?" At that moment, I wasn't sure what they had! I just did not want what I had. After studying my group of drunks for a while, I noticed they had camaraderie, conviviality and comfort based on their physical sobriety. "Yes, I want that!"

She asked, "Are you willing to go to any length to get it?" I wasn't too sure about that! She helped me by suggesting that I could be willing, to be willing, to be willing, to go to any length. I imagined the necessity to live in a tent in Zimbabwe. The actual requirement was not nearly so exotic.

For me, the question is, "When my heart has broken, when my mind has shattered, and when my body has betrayed me, am I willing to ask for help?" "Am I willing to reach out to an alcoholic, rather than to alcohol?" The moment that I answer "Yes," I am ready to begin a program of recovery and action.

-- Anonymous

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 volume 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 collection includes early letters, and stories of visits by Bill and Lois before there were "Areas" and "Districts."

When Washington was divided into two Areas, the Spanish-speaking district went into Area 92 of Eastern Washington. In July 1996, at the Quarterly, the Area 72 committee created a non-geographical Spanish-speaking district, District 1.

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.

DCM Report: Hello to all out there in District 55 of Alcoholics Anonymous!

We have had a couple of busy months here! We have been working on a new meeting format. Our hope is that this new format will help us to move efficiently through our district business. I appreciate the patience our GSRs and members have shown. I know that change can come hard to us alcoholics. Change is what we do, "sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly."

A word about our District 55 Activities committee - I understand that I missed a beautiful day, and great time at the Spring Fling and Auction. Thanks to all who helped, also to those who donated things and time, and all others for supporting District 55 Activities Committee. Also, District 55 Activities Committee hosted the Founders' Day Picnic. District 55 Archives Committee and Literature/Grapevine Committee created displays. The food was good and plentiful, especially the potluck items. We had a good meeting afterward. What a beautiful day!

We need a chair person for the District 55 Archives Committee. If you are interested in serving as District 55 Archivist, please contact me, your GSR or another member of the District committee, before July 19, or come to the July 19 District committee meeting.

Thanks for letting me be of Service!

In Service. Jerry G.

Opportunities to Put Gratitude into Action

◀◀◀◀ ALL A.A.s ARE WELCOME and ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!! ▶▶▶▶

District 55 Business Meeting - 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 - Males are especially needed.
District 55 Literature Committee Chair & GRAPEVINE® contact is Larry G. Contact him at Duck In meetings on Friday and Sunday. Larry needs volunteers to help at functions.
<> 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

Fourth of July Beach Party @ Port Williams 11am to 4pm

>>>>Hotdogs and Beverages provided<<<<<

Please bring your family & friends, a side dish, and a chair!!!

Hosted by your District 55 Activities Committee!!!

District 55 Softball @ Carrie Blake Park Sunday @ Noon

>>>>Equipment provided every Sunday<<<<<

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

Contact Mike L. @ Duck In or Jim W. or just Come play!!!

General Service Events

Area 72 July Business Quarterly - July 10 - 11

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 101 East 38th Street, Tacoma

2015 Western Washington Area 72 Assembly

October 16 - 18 @ Bell Harbor International Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way Seattle, WA

Online Registration Forms are at area72aa.org