

Save the Date!!!

May 7, Saturday

Archives Quarterly

Fellowship: 9:00 AM

Business: 10:00 AM

McMicken Heights Baptist

3754 172nd St, SeaTac

May 15, Sunday

Delegate Report

Fellowship: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Delegate Report: 10:00 AM - Noon

Lunch: Noon - 1:00 PM

7th Tradition observed.

Delegate Report: 1:00 PM

(Hosted by: D10, D22, D43, D55, D56)

Max Hale Center,

285 5TH ST, Bremerton

Parking across the street at the

Diamond Parking Lot will be free.

May 20-22, F, S, S

17th Olympic Round-up

Recovery Through Action

Vern Burton Convention Center

308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles

www.olympicroundup.org

DISTRICT #55 REPORT:

Our District 55 has been busy this past quarter with co-hosting the Area Quarterly in January, Valentine's Day pot luck in February, the Pre-Conference in March in District #22, and the GSR Workshop in District 56, Port Townsend, on April 9. Our PI/CPC Committee is active in the community, as are Accessibilities, Web Servant, Treatment, and Hot Line. We have an awesome Newsletter. Literature is feeding the needy. The Ad hoc committee is ready to present to their draft revision of "District 55 Handbook." We look forward to a busy spring with our annual Spring Fling and Auction on April 30 and the Olympic Roundup in May. I had pre-registrations to bring to the April Area Quarterly in Olympia, but vehicle troubles forced me to cut my trip short. I was so looking forward to seeing everyone again. I got off easy. Jerry was down in California. A mad cow jumped out of the bush, hit his car, totaled it and took off. They now have an arrest warrant out for the cow for leaving the scene of an accident, possibly impaired. (Sorry Jerry, I could not resist.) Yours in Service, Larry G, Alt DCM Dist 55

DISTRICT 55 NEWS

Read online at: district55aa.com

May 2016

District 55 Committee Business Meeting

◆◻◆◻◆◻◆ NEW Date, Time & Place ◆◻◆◻◆◻◆

Starting May 17, Third Tuesday of the Month

◆◻◆ Activities Committee Meeting ◆◻◆

May 17 at 6PM

Use the West Parking Lot and Entry Doors, "Upstairs"

St. Luke's on 5th Ave, Sequim

◻◆◻ District 55 Committee Business Meeting ◻◆◻

May 17 at 7PM

Doors Open/Coffee Made/Agendas ready at 6:45

Meeting starts at *promptly* at 7PM

<><><><> All A.A.s Welcome!!! <><><><> All A.A.s Welcome!!! <><><><>

District 55 Service Opportunities

"Thanks!" to those who often show-up, set-up, and clean-up!

We could not get along without you!! -- Rhonda

Activities Committee: Are you willing to serve as Alternate Chair? Help with the Gratitude Banquet? Please **join us** to plan more opportunities to share our recovery and fellowship. Rhonda B: activitiesdistrict55@gmail.com

Answering Service: Do you have time to help a still suffering alcoholic on the phone? Our AA answering service provides meeting information and such. They do not make a 12th step calls. **We do!!** We need A.A.s to select time slots to make/receive those vital calls. Dana C: answeringservicedistrict55@gmail.com

Literature/ Grapevine®

Are you available to display and sell literature? Larry keeps the District 55 supply of books and pamphlets. He wants help to meet request to visit groups. **Will you help** by sharing with groups how to get literature? Larry G:
alt.DCMdistrict55@gmail.com

AM I WILLING AND ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE LIMITATIONS OF AA HELP, EVEN IF SOMEONE GETS MAD?

<><><> All A.A.s Welcome!!! <><><>

District 55 Corrections Chair

Purpose: To facilitate and coordinate volunteers to provide regular AA meetings to the correctional facilities in Districts 55 and 22, that work together to carry out this service.

- ✓ Provide literature to the correctional facilities
- ✓ Cooperate with Bridging the Gap Coordinator in bridging inmates into AA
- ✓ Attend monthly District 55 business meetings
- ✓ Attend Area72 Corrections quarterly meetings

“YOUR JOB NOW IS TO BE AT THE PLACE WHERE YOU MAY BE OF MAXIMUM HELPFULNESS TO OTHERS,” -BB®, 102.

... because of your own drinking experience **you can be uniquely useful** to other alcoholics. So cooperate; never criticize. To be helpful is our only aim.
Alcoholics Anonymous®, p89.

General Service Conference

The G.S.C. serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada. The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

Circles of Love and Service® – P-45

DO I BELIEVE THAT AA OLD-TIMERS CAN BE “SUFFERING ALCOHOLICS”? DO I HELP AND LEARN FROM THEM?

GENERAL SERVICE

BOARD: The **21 trustees** of A.A.’s General Service Board (U.S. and Canada) are **part of the Conference**. Fourteen trustees are **alcoholics** (Class Bs); seven are **non-alcoholics** (Class As). – P-45

Step Five: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

If I stop moving forward, then my disease will take over. **Fear was a natural reaction** to my impending confession. Confronting the **nature of my wrongs** and admitting long-held **secrets** was **terrifying**. Step Four prepared me to **find enough courage** to experience **honesty** on a deeper level than in my first-step admission.

Tradition Five (long form): Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Every single **A.A. service** is designed to make more and better **Twelfth Step work possible**.

- Bill W., *Grapevine*® October 1967

Critical in efforts to carry the message across boundaries of geography, culture, language, and race are the **World Service Meeting and interim zonal meetings**, designed to provide forums for A.A. delegates to share **experience, strength, and hope** about their common problems and solutions. The **primary purpose of service meetings** is to seek ways and means to **carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who still suffers**. - *Box 4-5-9*®, Spring 2016

Concept V: 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.

At A.A.’s General Service Conference pains are taken by the presiding officer to make sure the minority has a second opportunity to present its views. After extensive debate on an issue, followed by a vote in which a “substantial unanimity” is reached, those opposed are polled individually to see if they wish to speak further to their minority view. In fact, instances can be cited in which this minority view was so compelling that the Conference reversed itself. This is A.A.’s **“Right of Appeal”** in action. The same principle should apply to meetings of all A.A. service entities. On a key issue, the minority has the actual duty of presenting its views. This **“Right of Appeal”** recognizes that minorities can be right. Even when they are in error, a minority still performs a valuable service. They compel a thorough debate on vital issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.

“Trusted servants,” according to Bill, “are almost always a small, but truly qualified, minority.” In exercising their “Right of Decision” (see Concept III), therefore, trusted servants are duty bound, in their own meetings, to give special attention to the minority voice.

P-8, *The Twelve Concepts of World Service Illustrated*®