

## Save the Date!!!

**Jun 18 – District 38 Archives  
Traveling Display**

(Hosted by: District 38)

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Kirkland Congregational

106 5th Ave, Kirkland

For more information contact:

[dcm38@area72aa.org](mailto:dcm38@area72aa.org)

**Jun 24 – 26 - Pacific Northwest  
Conference**

Pendleton Convention Center

1601 Westgate

Pendleton, OR 97801

<http://www.pnc1948.org>

**Jul 8 – 9 - July Business Quarterly**  
(Hosted by: District 18)

First Evangelical Presbyterian

19800 108th Ave SE

Kent, WA 98031

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## Schedule Change!!!

### **District 55 Business Meeting**

June 21

**(Third Tuesday Every Month)**

at 7PM at

**St. Luke's Parish Hall**

**(Enter through West Doors)**

### **District 55 Activities Committee**

June 21

**(Third Tuesday Every Month)**

at 6PM at

**St. Luke's Parish Hall**

**(Enter through West Doors)**

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and

**ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 66th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE**

# District 55 News

Read online at

[district55aa.com](http://district55aa.com)

June 2016

## District 55 Handbook - Revision

The **District 55 Ad hoc Committee** completed its review and revision of the **District 55 Handbook**, and presented its **proposed draft** to the District 55 Committee, including General Service Representatives, GSRs, at the **April** meeting. **All District 55 groups were encouraged to review and discuss** the draft. **GSRs were encouraged to participate** in the process. The next **District 55 Committee monthly business meeting** will be on **June 21**, at **7PM**, at **St. Luke's Parish Hall** on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Discussion concludes when substantial unanimity or consensus is reached about changes to be made.

**All AA members are Welcome at District 55 business meetings.**

Our **District 55 Handbook** includes descriptions of each service position of the District 55 Committee. **Decisions** made by the District 55 Committee through the years are included, as well as guidelines from the **AA Service Manual**, and other general service information. Anyone interested in participating in **carrying the AA message** through serving on a **District 55 Standing Committee** will find that the **District 55 Handbook** provides important tools, and essential information.

**All AA members are Welcome at District 55 business meetings.**

Several **District 55 Standing Committee Alternate Chair** positions are **open**. A **Corrections Chair** is needed. District 55 Standing Committees have **service opportunities available now**. Please **send articles and stories** for the **District 55 Newsletter** to [dist55news@gmail.com](mailto:dist55news@gmail.com) !!!

## **Step 6 - “Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”**

“I want to be free” – *Twelve Steps Illustrated*® - P55

“..... in no case does He render us white as snow and keep us that way without our cooperation.”  
-12&12® *Step Six*, p.65.

Willingness is my key to progress. Completing the first five steps loosened my grip on the great obsession to control. Proper use of willpower became a moment to moment choice.

**Tradition 6**: “Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

“Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?” Does our use of products in our meetings constitute “endorsement”? “Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?” If our service centers sell products, are we “financing” their makers? Some of these questions were originally published in the AA *Grapevine*®

### **Concept VI**

“The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.” (The Short Form)

“On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.” (The Long Form) reprinted with permission A.A.W.S.®

We have seen that the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.’s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have.  
--*The Twelve Concepts for World Service*® - P-8.

## **DCM Report**

### **Hello to everybody in District 55!**

Hope that everyone is having a good spring. Lately, we have experienced a lot of **change within the District**. We have changed the District business meeting time and date, in hopes of boosting participation and interest of the home groups, GSRs, and anybody who might want to do some service work. The **new** time and date is the **third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Luke’s**. We will meet up stairs in the **main parish hall. Activities Committee meets at 6:00 pm in the same place**. This is something new and different. Maybe, we can **find new perspectives and ideas**. Isn’t that what it is about?

Larry and I attended the Spring Fling and Auction last month and shared a good time with all who attended. It was a good social event. I also **thank all who helped** with the event. **You know who you are!**

It is also my understanding that we have a **baseball team** this year I haven’t seen any fliers as to the practice habits all I know is **Sundays at Carrie Blake Park** for any who may be interested.

In District 55, we are still looking for some **Committee Chairs - Corrections and recently, Schedules/Answering Service**. We also have a lot of **Alternate Chair positions open**, if one would like to start out at slower pace.

**In Service, Jerry G. DCM District 55**

## **ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 66th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE**

Details about Advisory Actions are contained in **full** Conference committee reports. The **66th General Service Conference approved** that the theme for the 2017 General Service Conference will be **“Supporting Our Future.”** Presentation or discussion topics will include **Diversity -- Outreach and Attraction, Safety – An Important Consideration, and Fellowship vs. Membership**.

Text in Twelve Concepts for World Service which does not reflect current relationships at the G.S.O. **will be removed** from the Concept XI essay on page 58, and endnote 10, on page 59, **will be revised** by the Publishing Department with language noting that two paragraphs have been removed and are **available upon request from the G.S.O. Archives Department** as a reference to **A.A. history**.

The **Literature Committee considered** a request to develop a plain language version of the **Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous**, and **took no action**. While sympathetic to the spirit of the request, the committee agreed that developing a **plain-language Big Book** was **not appropriate at this time**. The committee suggests that the **trustees’ Literature Committee** explore the need for expanding the **availability of “plain-language” recovery literature**.