

SAVE THE DATE!!!

September 20!

September 24 – District 55

COMMITTEE CHAIR

INFORMATION

WORKSHOP

Please come!!

Learn about service at the District level!!

Agnew Helpful Neighbors Club

1241 N. Barr Rd., Port Angeles

1pm - 4pm

Coffee and snacks provided

Email questions to *Rhonda*

55activities@olypen.com

SEPTEMBER 30 -

OCTOBER 2

Regional Forum - Pacific

Oct 7 - 9 – Area Assembly

(Hosted by: District 07)

Downtown Vancouver

Convention Center

at The Hilton at

301 W 6th St

Area 72 Assembly - Election of Area Officers

October 7, 8 & 9 in Vancouver, WA

◆◆◆ **All AAs Welcome** ◆◆◆

District 55

Business Meeting

September 20

Third Tuesday Every Month

at 7PM at 5th and Fir at

St. Luke's Parish Hall

Enter through West Doors

◆◆◆ **All AAs Welcome** ◆◆◆

District 55

Activities Committee

September 20

Third Tuesday Every Month

at 6PM at 5th and Fir

St. Luke's Parish Hall

◆◆◆ **All AAs Welcome** ◆◆◆

DISTRICT 55 NEWSLETTER

Read online at district55aa.com September 2016

DCM Report for August of 2016

My name is Jerry G. I am an alcoholic I also serve as the DCM of District 55.

I am grateful to report to the district and to the Home Groups that we have an **edited and complete handbook to present to the District Committee**. Hopefully, we can get this draft of the hand book approved. Once accepted then we can make the changes or amendments to it. We also have some Area events happening. There is the Pre-Assembly August 14th in Port Orchard hosted by the new District 43. Then, we have the **WWA 72 Assembly in Vancouver on October 7, 8, 9, 2016**. Also in October, we will be having **elections for the district at the regular district business meeting on October 18**. Our Alternate Area Delegate, Steve C, will be with us on that night to facilitate the **3rd legacy procedure**. I, as DCM, encourage all that are interested in service work to attend. As always **any AA member is welcome to attend**. If you would like to observe how the service structure operates, please come.

In Service Jerry G. DCM District 55

Are you available?

Are you available to serve?

Are you available to serve AA?

Are you available to serve AA in District 55?

District 55 Elections will be October 18

Come to District 55 Workshop on September 24!!

(Read on for more information)

Please send articles and stories to dist55news@gmail.com

District Election Information for October 18

Step 9 – “Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

“Restitution to all whom we have wronged directly or indirectly” was one of the four spiritual practices of the Oxford Group.

"The early AA got its ideas of self-examination, acknowledgement of character defects, **restitution for harm done**, and working with others straight from the Oxford Group and directly from Sam Shoemaker, their former leader in America, and from nowhere else."
- **Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age**®, pg 39

Tradition Nine – “A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

All AA members are welcome to attend and participate in AA business meetings and group conscience meetings. Voting rights are decided by each group. **In AA, there is no “they.” “We” is all there is!**

Ten Standing Committees serve, and are responsible to AA members of District 55.

Concept IX - “**Good service leaders**, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, **are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety**. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be

assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

The “**third legacy procedure**” is a special type of electoral procedure often mentioned along with AA elections. This voting process reduces the influence of political factions, and the railroading of candidates. “**Third legacy procedure**” is described in detail in the **AA Service Manual®**, pages **S21 and S22**.

District Service Positions

All of the following positions in District 55 are elected:

1. District Committee Member, DCM
2. Alternate D.C.M.
3. Treasurer
4. Alternate Treasurer
5. Secretary
6. Alternate Secretary
7. Accessibilities Chair
8. Activities Chair
9. Answering service coordinator/
Schedules Editor
10. Archivist
11. Corrections Chair
12. Literature/Grapevine Chair
13. Newsletter Editor
14. Public Information/Cooperation
with the Professional
Community, PI/CPC, Chair
15. Treatment/Bridge the Gap Chair
16. Web Servant

Rotation in District 55 occurs at the same time as Area 72 with elections falling on the even years and **service commencing on January 1st** of the odd numbered years. Should a position become vacant during a rotation an election will be held to fill the remainder of the rotation. The replacement will be eligible to stand for the position again at the next regular election should they choose.

Each district elected or appointed service officer should have an “alternate” to provide continuity when the regular officer cannot fulfill his/her duties. An alternate should be encouraged to participate fully in committee activities as they may be called upon to step into the service position as needed.

Suggestions for length of sobriety for the positions may be found in The **A.A. Service Manual** under specific job descriptions along with voting procedures Chapter One, BM-31 - [A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Services](http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf) –
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The Rest of the Story –

The smile on Lori’s face and the light in her eyes brought my daughter and me closer. My daughter, Tina, is Lori’s mother. All of the practicing and traveling has put us together more often. **I am making amends**. Tina is trying to recover, now. We are getting to know one another in sobriety.

My ex-husband, Tina’s father, and I are able to communicate, and be courteous to one another because we love our daughter and grandchildren. **I continue to make amends**.

My husband, Don, has been an angel through all of this. He is a recovering person, sober 15 years. Don is our designated chauffeur. I could not do this part of the plan without his help and support. **I admit** that I still have some fears about traveling very long distances, and getting lost. Don goes to watch, protect and cheer us on. He is our bodyguard!!

The pieces of Lori’s activities went together quick and right, without me making anything happen, **God at work**. To me, there has been nothing more beautiful to watch than God working through little Lori to teach us adults **love, forgiveness, cooperation, generosity, and wonder!!!**

- Jan S.