

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **Web Quarterly**

**October 22** @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
9 am - 10 am Fellowship and Breakfast (provided)  
10 am - 2 pm Quarterly Meeting  
7th tradition observed  
Fred Hess Kitchen @ Recreation Park  
SW 13th Street  
Chehalis, 98532

## **PI/ CPC Fall**

## **Quarterly**

**November 12** @ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Fellowship: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Workshop: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Lunch: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Breakout  
Session: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Potluck  
"Fiesta" theme! Tacos and all the trimmings will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. "Fiesta Style"  
7th Tradition observed.  
First Congregational United Church of Christ  
2401 Cornwall Ave. Bellingham

## **District 55 Hotline**

24-hour answering service  
Including information for District 55 meetings:  
Sequim, WA Only (District55)  
(360) 797-0259  
Toll Free 1 (877) 682-4143

# **GRATITUDE DINNER**

## **SERVICE**

## **OPPORTUNITIES!!!**

Setup - 9AM  
Doors Open - 5PM  
Dinner Starts - 6PM  
Program Starts - 7PM  
Speaker, Peg M., follows  
Cleanup - After Speaker!!

Event Chair - Rhonda B. Co - Rod R.  
Treasurer - Brenda C.  
MC - Neil C.  
Ticket Sales/ Table - Michael R. and Crew  
Event Set Up/Stage /Tables - Claire S. and Crew  
Table Decorations - Common Solution  
Women's Mtg.  
Event Clean up - Carlos and Crew  
Kitchen - Don D. and Crew  
Greeters - Sequim 'n Women  
Sound System - John P. Co.- Rod R.  
Hot Beverages - Sandy B. & Susan  
Cold Beverages - Shannon & Devin  
Sobriety Count Down - Jeni M.  
Speaker Chair - Beth V.  
Door Prizes - Georgette H.  
and Megan V.  
Archives - Christine S.  
Literature - Larry G.

For more info - Email  
[55activities@olypen.com](mailto:55activities@olypen.com)

Or call Rhonda B.

# **DISTRICT 55 NEWSLETTER**

Read online at

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

November 2016

## **24TH ANNUAL GRATITUDE DINNER**

◆ **November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 400 West Fir Street, Sequim

*Speaker - Peg M.*

*of Bellevue, Nebraska*

Tickets \$10 each

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

## **AT THE GRATITUDE DINNER!!!**

◆ Check the newsletter back page!

## **D.C.M REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

Hello to all in district 55, Larry and I have attended the WWA72 assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous. At the assembly they held elections for Trusted Servants positions for the new rotation. The Standing Committees will be appointed at the first of the new year of 2017. Fun and fellowship were had by all! We will have the results of our district elections at the Gratitude Banquet in November and they will be published in the December newsletter. Now we also have some activities coming upon us we have the Gratitude Banquet then the Christmas Luncheon and the Alkathon in which the Activities Committee will need volunteers to help facilitate these district events after all we are not a glum lot.

In Service Jerry G DCM Dist.55

**Step 11** - Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out

On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially **asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives**. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

- Alcoholics Anonymous®, pg. 86.

**Tradition Eleven** - Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.  
(Long form)

.....no personal sacrifice is too great for preservation of the Fellowship.

- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions®, p. B0

**Concept XI** - The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

(The long and short forms of this Concept are the same.)

## District 55 Business Meeting

### November 15

Third Tuesday of the Month!!  
7:00 PM at St. Luke's UPSTAIRS  
(5th Avenue, Sequim)  
Use the West Parking Lot and Entry  
Doors  
Doors Open at 6:45

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### GUARDING ANONYMITY ONLINE

Modern communication in A.A. is flowing from one alcoholic to another in ways that are high-tech, relatively open-ended and evolving quickly. Protecting anonymity is a major concern for members, who are accessing the Internet in ever-growing numbers. When we use digital media, we are responsible for our own anonymity and protect that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should consider whether we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.

For more information on anonymity online see pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" and the October 2010 issue of AA Grapevine on Anonymity on the Internet.

A.A.® Guidelines Internet from G.S.O., Box 459,  
Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

## Western Washington Area 72 2016 Assembly

### Our New Committee

Election of the next rotation of Area Trusted Servants occurred at the Area 72 Assembly in Vancouver in Early October. These Area Committee positions are elected by the "third legacy procedure" described in the AA Service Manual. Their service rotation will begin January 2017 and last two years.

The Election outcome at the 2016 Area 72 Annual Assembly is as follows:

**Delegate – Steve C.** Steve has been our Alternate Delegate. He chaired the recent GSR Workshop in D56, Port Townsend.

**Alternate Delegate – Alan F.** Alan currently serves as the Area 72 Chair. He chairs the Area Quarterly business meetings.

**Chair – Geene F.** Geene has been serving as Alt Chair this rotation. She previously served as our Area 72 Treasurer.

**Alternate Chair – Heather C.** Heather is our Treasurer, and responsible for maintaining records of income to Area 72. Previously, she served as chair of the Area 72 Accessibility Committee.

**Treasurer – Josie S.** Josie serves as PI Chair currently. She has facilitated creating a path for patients at Virginia Mason Hospital to receive 12<sup>th</sup> step visits from AA members.

**Alternate Treasurer – Crystal S.** Crystal is serving as DCM in District 45 in Southwest Pierce County, which includes South Tacoma, Lakewood, Parkland, Spanaway, Steilacoom.

No one was available for nominee for Trustee At Large.

### Decisions and Outcomes

Motion #1 – Assembly Seed Money - "We move to amend motion 5.1 to read: 'Seed money will be provided by the Area to Assembly Host Committee to be computed to the cost of venue deposit plus \$1000.00 for additional cost.'"

Motion Passed.

Motion #2 – Safety Literature - "We respectfully request that the General Service Office create literature regarding safety in AA."

Motion Passed.

Motion #3 – Web Steering Committee Credit Line - "The Web Steering Committee credit line is increased from \$500 to \$1000."

Motion Passed.

Young People in AA (YPAA) - Washington State Council of Young People in AA (WSCYPAA) presented a report to the Assembly expressing their desire to create a closer connection between Area 72 and the YPAA groups which reside within it. Part of their report noted that several Areas have 'YPAA Liaisons'. This discussion will likely continue in the next rotation.

### Our AA service entities are funded by contributions from AA groups and AA members

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. **AA members may contribute directly and securely online via [area72aa.org](http://area72aa.org) and [aa.org](http://aa.org).**

They send these excess funds to: District 55

Area 72

The General Service Office

**Make Checks to:** "District 55"

"Western Washington Area Assembly"

"General Service Board"

**Mail to:** District 55

Western Washington Area Treasurer

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