

SAVE THE DATE

December 31 – January 1 –

District 55 New Year's Alcathon

American Legion Hall
107 E. Prairie, Sequim

January 6 – 7 –

Area 72 Committee Quarterly

Seatac Community Center
13735 24th Ave S.

January 16 –

District 55 Activities Meeting

6PM at St. Luke's UPSTAIRS
(5th Avenue, Sequim) Use the West Parking
Lot and Entry

January 16 –

District 55 Business Meeting

7PM at St. Luke's UPSTAIRS Use the
West Parking Lot and Entry Doors - Open at 6:45

January 28 –

WW AREA 72 GSR SCHOOL

Hosted by District #55
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
107 E. Prairie St. Sequim
9:00AM – 3:00PM++

For more information go to
district55aa.com and area72aa.org

Incoming DCM Report

My name is Larry G and I am an alcoholic. I will be representing District 55, in panel 67, as your DCM or **District Committee Member**. It is a great honor for me to serve you in this capacity.

In my first report, I would like to express my **gratitude to our outgoing DCM – Jerry G.** for his devotion to his position over the past 2 years. I have learned many things from him, and I appreciate the assistance he gave me. I would also like to **extend my gratitude** to the remainder of the Panel 65 committee for all their efforts to make it successful. I commend those who are staying on to help me and express sadness for those who have decided to move to other things. We will miss you.

The first thing on my agenda for the new year will be to attend the **area quarterly** in early January. I will have all the new news for the first of the year when we have our first district meeting in January.

The second thing on the agenda will be the 2017 **GSR School/Workshop** being hosted by District 55. It will be held at the American Legion on Prairie St, on January 28, 2017 from 9am to 3pm approximately. Flyers will be ready and available at the December district meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Larry G. (Incoming DCM District 55

◆◆◆ Additions to District 55 Committee ◆◆◆

Secretary – Sally C.

Accessibility Chair – Dave C.

DISTRICT 55 NEWSLETTER

Read online at district55aa.com January 2017

District 55 New Year's Alcathon

Beginning December 31 - 12pm continuing
until January 1 - 11:30am

◆◆◆◆ All AAs and Families Welcome ◆◆◆◆

at American Legion Hall at

107 E. Prairie, corner of Sequim & Prairie, Sequim

The home of Early Birds and Nooners AA® Groups will be the venue for extra special meetings during the coming holiday season. The District 55 Activities Committee is seeking volunteers to chair meetings all through the night, New Year's Eve, and New Year's morning. **Coffee Makers needed!!!**

Service opportunities are available!!

Setup 9am – Saturday, December 31

Cleanup 1130am – Sunday, January 1

Coffee and tea provided! Please bring goodies and snacks to share!

2017 GSR School / Workshop

January 28

Presented by Area 72. Hosted by District 55.

American Legion Hall on Prairie St, 9am to 3pm

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Go to district55aa.com for details. ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

- ◆ Are you available?
- ◆ To serve AA?
- ◆ In District 55?

District 55 Service Positions Available

Treasurer
 Alternate Treasurer
 Alternate Secretary
 Corrections Chair
 Schedules Editor/Answering Service Coordinator

For more information about these General Service Positions **contact your G.S.R., Larry G., DCM or Dana C., Alt DCM**

- ◆ Complete job descriptions are available in the District 55 Handbook.

**COMBINED
 District 55/22
 CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**meets
 EVERY second Sunday
 at 4PM at
 711 EAST SECOND ST.
 Port Angeles**

**MALES ARE
 ESPECIALLY NEEDED!!**

**District 55 Hotline
 24-hour answering service
Including information for meetings**

In District 55:
 360-797-0259
 877-682-4143

First Big Book®

My first Big Book was not bound, and did not have 164 pages. My first Big Book had a warm smile, a sobriety date, and an active recovery program. She shared honestly and with a good dose of humor. At my first AA meeting, she was delighted that the speaker's tale of alcoholic disaster mirrored her own. That night was the first time anyone had told her story. When tragedy struck her life, she shared that too. I listened as she described turning her program to stay sober into action to stay alive. Because of her example, I knew to listen for my story. Sure enough, when I was desperate for a solution, I heard my story. After being sober for a while, I experienced a great loss. Her example of courage and honesty was a model to follow. She taught me that sharing pain can cut fear, and build love. To that first good example of AA, and to all of the Big Books that I have seen during my recovery,
"Thank you for my sobriety!!"

Service Opportunities Available!!

Ten "Standing Committee" Chairs are part of the District 55 Committee. To learn about the committees and join in the fun, come to the District 55 Business Meetings!!

Exercise your right to participate!

All AAs are Welcome!!

A STORY OF "BEGINNINGS" IN FRACTURED AA QUOTES

This is the **beginning** of the end. Recovery **begins** when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength, and hope. By going back in our own drinking histories, we could show the **beginning** of a fatal progression. Even before our drinking got bad, people **began** to cut us off. I was **beginning** to pay very dearly physically. Nothing more was required of me to make my **beginning**, the **beginning** of the end of his old life, and the **beginning** of his emergence into a new one. We can further add that a **beginning**, even the smallest, is all that is needed. He made a **beginning**. We **commenced** to rely upon A.A. for the solution of his alcohol problem. We **commenced** to get results. He has **commenced** to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves. We **began** to be possessed of a new sense of power and direction, provided we took other simple steps. When we **began** to do that, we received the gift of faith.

We feel that elimination of our drinking is but a **beginning**. If you have already made a decision, and an inventory of your grosser handicaps, you have made a good **beginning**. **Beginning** with Step Four, we **commenced** to search out the things in ourselves which had brought us to physical, moral, and spiritual bankruptcy. We have **commenced** to see their terrible destructiveness. We **began** to suspect how much trouble self-delusion had been causing us. We **began** to see that the world and its people really dominated us. We **begin** to learn right relations with people. We **commenced** to make many fast friends. It was the **beginning** of true kinship with man and God. We **begin** to feel the nearness of our Creator. The only urgent thing is that we make a **beginning**, and keep trying. We **began** to fear pain less. It is the **beginning** of the end of isolation from our fellows and from God. This was only a **beginning**, though if honestly and humbly made, an effect, sometimes a very great one was felt at once. Step Four is but the **beginning** of a lifetime practice. Relieved of the alcohol obsession, most of them **began** to talk of God. As **beginners** in meditation, we might [try] to take in the deep meaning of each phrase and idea. As part of his rehabilitation he **commenced** to present his conceptions to other alcoholics. **Begin** to dwell on the hopeless feature of the malady. Alcoholics who still had their health, their families, their jobs, and even two cars in the garage **began** to recognize their alcoholism. It is our great hope that all may **begin** and will join us on the high road to a new freedom.

Our AA service entities are funded by contributions from AA groups & AA members.

AA members may contribute directly and securely online via area72aa.org and aa.org.

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. They send these excess funds to:

<u>District 55</u>	<u>Area 72</u>	<u>The General Service Office</u>
Make Checks to: "District 55"	"Western Washington Area Assembly"	"General Service Board"
Mail to: District 55	Western Washington Area Treasurer	General Service Office
P.O. Box 1985	POB 535	Post Office Box 459
Sequim, WA 98382	702 Kentucky St. STE 535	Grand Central Station
	Bellingham, WA 98225-4200	New York, NY 10163-0459