

District 5 Oregon Area 58

District Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2019

Meeting was opened with the Serenity prayer at 4pm

Attending: Brad L, Helen W., Diane R., Richard C., Steve M., Bridget M., Kail R., Janet B., Kyle R., Lauren S., Walt W., Patrick C., Carrie B, Heidi E, Jill B, Larry K., Wendy H., Greg S., Christine B., Christi T., Bonnie C., Lisa H., Carrie B, Lorraine

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

District Secretary – Lisa H.

Motion to accept the May meeting minutes as written: Steve M.

Seconded: Diane R.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Lauren S.

- Group contributions: \$403.73 no new income was reported.
- Expenses: \$660.24
- Ending Balance: \$4875.61

Motion to accept Treasurer Report as written: Christine

Seconded: Larry K.

Motion Passed.

DCM Report – Brad L.

Please extend my gratitude to your groups for their contributions to the District so that we can continue to do the 12 step work of carrying the message outside the meeting rooms to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The 7th tradition workshop was an amazing and fun time full of information about the history of the tradition through the current status of GSO today. We talked about all aspects of the 7th tradition from what self-support is, why it's important, what happens when we are not self-supporting, group finances, and group checking accounts. We also talked about how it's not all about money and how it's so vital that we as members are needed to get out there and do the physical work of carrying the message. Thank you to Anne, Madeleine, and Vera for taking their time to shed light on this important tradition.

My biggest takeaway is that A.A. continues to not be self-supporting with only 41% of groups contributing.

I will be forwarding you the power point presentation that was used as well as that were

presented at the workshop from the conference about A.A.'s current financial status. Please share this information with your groups!!! If you have any questions about any of this please contact me. I'd be more than happy to go over it with you and answer any questions that I can.

The Area is again challenging each member to contribute the \$8.06 that it costs for GSO services per member in the month of August. Flyers and information have been emailed to you. If you have any questions about the challenge please don't be afraid to contact me with any questions.

There are many upcoming events. The young people of the district are want to put together a young people's committee. OSYPAA is helping them and they will be holding committee elections on June 15th. Please spread the word and attend if you are interested. Young is not just about age, being young at heart is all you need. There are flyers here with more information.

It may not seem like it but September is will be upon us before we know it!!! There are flyers available for the elected positions and the open committee positions for you to use to spread the word about these opportunities. I have reworked the D5 website and you can find details and the flyers for these openings under the "Service Opportunities" tab. Please have any and all interested parties contact me. I would be happy to share my experience and get them in contact with others who have served in these positions before. It is vital that we fill these positions so that we maintain the momentum that the current committee chairs have created and continue our primary purpose of carrying the message to all those that suffer from alcoholism.

And of course the Assembly Host Committee is going to need everyone's help and support as the preparations to host an assembly get underway.

Lots and lots of opportunities to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Service has been a big part of my program since I came to A.A. over 5 years ago. It's a simple way for me to try and repay all that has been freely given to me. As always if I can be of help in anyway please let me know.

Only 12 more days until PNC!!!! The event will be held at the Holiday INN Portland airport. This is the oldest AA conference started by Bill W. in 1948. Typically the information and outcomes from the General Service Conference would be shared at our May Assembly. However, the change in dates required a different course of action. At PNC this year all the Delegates from Areas 58, 92, 72 and 18 that participate in PNC will give a Post Conference report. This is a unique opportunity to hear about the Conference from four different perspectives. I hope to see you there! Visit pnc1948.org for all the details.

Be sure and make a room reservation for the Area's Election assembly this September. At the September Assembly you will be voting for a Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair, and Alt Chair. It is extremely important that you are there to represent your group's voice as the Area elects new leadership. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions or simply want to know more about what you are electing members to do for your group please refer to the Area Guidelines and the A.A. Service manual for the responsibilities for these positions. Half of the Area Committee Chair positions will be available too. More on that to come as I get the details

together. There are many events going on that same weekend in La Grande and it is expected that rooms will go fast. You can always cancel your reservation or transfer it to another member if you end up not being able to go.

How effective is your group at fulfilling its primary purpose. What is your group's message? Are you self-supporting? Is your group cooperating or affiliating with outside entities? An inventory can shed some light on these questions and many more. I have a bunch of information collected from A.A. literature and other group's experiences that I can share with you. If you are looking for a facilitator for your group's inventory I can help with that too. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, is July 2-5 in Detroit, MI. Registration will open on September 9th. You will be unable to reserve a room from one of the room blocks until you register. Advanced registration is \$115 until April 14 at which time the fee will rise to \$140. So mark your calendars. I will continue to forward you all the information that I receive and there is more information available on the AAWS website. You can find it here: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020

I don't even know really where to start except to say that my trip to New York, the opportunity to be there during the General Service Conference, touring the General Service Office, the special treat of meeting the staff at GSO, sitting on the steps at 182 Clinton Street where Bill got sober and wrote the Big Book, with friends new and old, standing at the entrance to the building where Town's Hospital was, visiting Bill and Lois's house, Stepping Stones, sitting at the table where Ebby Thatcher suggested to Bill "Why don't you choose your own conception of God?", sitting at Bill's desk where he wrote nearly everything but the Big Book, hearing the guide tell stories of Bill and Lois's time there and to do all of that and so much more with two people that have been a part of my journey since I walked into A.A. was so much more than I ever imagined and nothing short of amazing. I really don't have words to describe the feelings and connections I felt while there. If you ever get the chance I would highly recommend you visit someday and experience these things for yourself. It is an experience that I will cherish always.

Thank you all for being here today and participating in connecting Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

I am ever grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and service,

Brad L.

Alternate DCM Report-Bonnie C.

Hello District 5!

Thank you to all who attended the 7th tradition workshop yesterday. So much valuable history and information was given to all who participated. Our spirituality and the 7th tradition is so important to our fellowship as a whole. Anyone whom would like some of the current financial facts and figures to take back to your group please let me know, I would be happy to share. What you can do right now is to inform your group on our 8/06 \$8.06 Area Challenge.

Here is the who, what and the why of it all: In 2018 GSO provided services to 1,418,177 A.A. members at a cost of \$11,426,835. That is \$8.06 per A.A. member for the whole year! If every member contributed \$8.06 once, it would support all of the services GSO provides to all groups, for one year! Groups pass a Special Basket or Can in addition to the regular 7th Tradition. Each member contributes \$8.06. Individual members can send money or contribute online any time. Remember this is in addition to what you put in the basket to support your group. On August 6th each group collects the contents of the can or basket and writes a check (or money order) ** for the amount contributed. Cut on the dotted line and be sure to enclose form with your payment to get credit for your contribution. Contributions can also be made online at aa.org. Seems so simple yet there are many whom are uniformed so please take this back to your home groups, sponcies and sober brothers and sisters.

I have been rereading about the sixth tradition for the month of June *“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”* (12x12, 6th tradition.) It has made me think about any problems I have that drain my energy from fulfilling our primary purpose - carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Do my problems result from concerns about money, property, or our prestige? Am I giving my time and energy to worthy causes that have brought to a standstill in my progress in A.A.? Have I been dedicating my primary efforts to outside activities or to carrying the message? This month has been a reflection on how I am helping to unify this fellowship for I feel unity ensures recovery through service. Our fellowship has many, many ways to be of service. Good news! These opportunities will never run out!!! I would love to just put a plug in for open and upcoming ways to be of service at the District level however anyone with any amount of sobriety or available allotment of time can do something to make a difference. Please just reach out and ask. There are many flyers up here for you to grab with information to move forward about service or feel free to just ask.

I had the honor of being our Area 58 Delegates guest at the General Service Conference this past month in NYC. There is no way I am able to put into words or describe this experience other than to say how truly and deeply grateful I am to have had such an opportunity. To sit in the weekly Friday morning GSO AA meeting, attending the 69th General Service Conference banquet, sitting on the steps of 182 Clinton Street, walking around the outside of Towns Hospital, taking a tour of Stepping Stones, seeing some special archival material, visiting GSO, meeting fellow alcoholics from all over the US and creating new forever friendships impacted my sobriety in a vast and never ending manor. I am truly blessed and lucky to be a member of this fellowship. The selfless dedication, endless hours of research, report writing, cataloging, responding, being available and sitting until ones buns becomes numb is absolutely ongoing from our members being of service everywhere and the special workers employed by GSO. If your looking to elevate your program and strengthen your sobriety it's so simple to do so. Get a service position and change your life and the lives of others. This is what it is all about and remember...this shit is fun!

Forever grateful and all about that service,

Bon. C.

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.

We have the Area Chair making an offer to the River House to see if they can accommodate us and negotiate a contract. Until that time we are pretty much in a holding pattern. If the River House cannot accommodate us there is no other place for those dates that is big enough for us. I will report more as I know it. Yours in Loving Service Helen W.

Accessibilities Ad-Hoc Committee: Larry K.

Larry reported that they have been looking over and discussing the actual guidelines for the position and it is quite detailed and has many levels. He and the committee will be meeting again soon to give a report at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

District Inventory Discussion:

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Valorie R.

No Report for June

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Brenna L.

CPC is going great, we are getting over 100 legal packets out to Bend attorneys and working on Redmond as well. Thanks Brenna.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Tim C.

CTF COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT -- 6/9/19 The Primary Purpose of District 5's Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) Committee is to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Experience with alcohol is *the* one thing all AA members have in common; sharing our members experience in the AA Program of Recovery with those yet to reach, or find their way back to Alcoholics Anonymous focuses this Committee's efforts. Your Cooperation with Treatment Facilities Committee is simply a

conduit to help connect you, your Group, and/ or your Committee to alcoholics, particularly those receiving treatment for alcoholism, though not established in AA. The next CTF Committee meeting is Monday, 7/8, from 5:30-6:45pm in the Hutchinson Room of the Downtown Bend Library.

As a basic “tool” for pursuing its Primary Purpose, CTF facilitates Speaker Panels, where 3-4 sober AA members share their experience with our Program of Recovery for ~10-15 minutes each. Panels typically close with a question & answer period focused on the AA panelists’ experience with in the Steps, meetings and home groups, challenges in sobriety etc. AA literature and meeting schedules are also available at CTF panels. *Please note that personal experience receiving medical and/ or therapeutic treatment for alcoholism is not the focus of CTF Speaker Panels, nor is it a qualification to join a CTF panel.* AA experience and literature suggests that “solid sobriety [i.e., experience practicing AA’s 12 Steps], a knowledge of the Traditions and absolute dependability are qualifications needed to serve.”

At present, CTF facilitates panels at treatment facilities in Bend, Redmond, and LaPine on recurring bases of once every 2- to 10-weeks. CTF also facilitates (3) weekly Speaker Panels.

Two (2) are held Tuesdays evenings at separate detox/ mental health, and detox/ residential treatment facilities.

The third is held Saturday afternoons at St Charles Hospital in Bend. This panel is open to all and appears on the C.O.I.G.A.A. schedule as “CTF Saturday Speakers” -- there are no regularly scheduled AA meetings on Saturday afternoon in D5. This speaker panel affords an opportunity to hear 3-4 sober AA’s share their Experience, Strength, and Hope for ~15 minutes each. CTF urgently asks all GSRs and D5 Committee Members to help generate support for this panel as all facilitators recently stepped down. AA’s presence at Central Oregon’s largest hospital may be discontinued. Please consider facilitating a panel, announce at your Home Groups, and consider having your Home Group “sponsor” a weekly panel once, say, every other as a standing commitment (details to take to your group are included at the end of this report).

Last month, all of CTF’s sixteen (16) scheduled panels were held. One (1) new facilitator joined the CTF Committee. And two (2) facilitators ended their commitments this month. In total, the Cooperation with Treatment Facilities committee needs approximately 8-10 facilitators and/ or Home Groups to make 6-month or 2-year commitments to facilitate weekly and more infrequently recurring panels, respectively. The next CTF Committee meeting is Monday, 7/8, from 5:30-6:45pm in the Hutchinson

Room of the Downtown Bend Library.

Please let me know what I can do to help connect you, your group, and/ or service committee with those yet to reach, or find their way back to Alcoholics Anonymous. For fun and for free, with love in active service,

Tim C. <d5aa.ctf@gmail.com>

541-819-0488 (voice only, call for alternate contact number for texting)

REQUEST THAT YOUR HOMEGROUP CONSIDER “SPONSORING” A SATURDAY SPEAKER PANEL/ DISCUSSION MEETING AT ST CHARLES BEND ON A RECURRING BASIS

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How You Can Help:

- Have your home group “sponsor” 1x Saturday every other month
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 - No solid commitment is needed up front! We can simply try it out!

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How the CTF Committee Will Support Your Group:

- Maintain the cooperative relationship with St Charles Hospital, the host facility
- Provide AA literature packets and Big Books for distribution at the speaker panel/ discussion meeting
- Provide, and/ or cooperate with your group to develop a Format for the speaker panel/ discussion meeting
- Help connect your group to other AAs in District and Area also committed to carrying the AA message into treatment/ medical facilities
- Ensure the scheduled speaker panel/ discussion meeting happens

Thank you for considering this service request! Please let me know how I can help connect you and your group to still suffering alcoholics

Tim C, for District 5 CTF, 541-610-4431, d5aa.ctf@gmail.com

Basic Information re: CTF Committee & Speaker Panels

Correctional Facilities – Walt W.

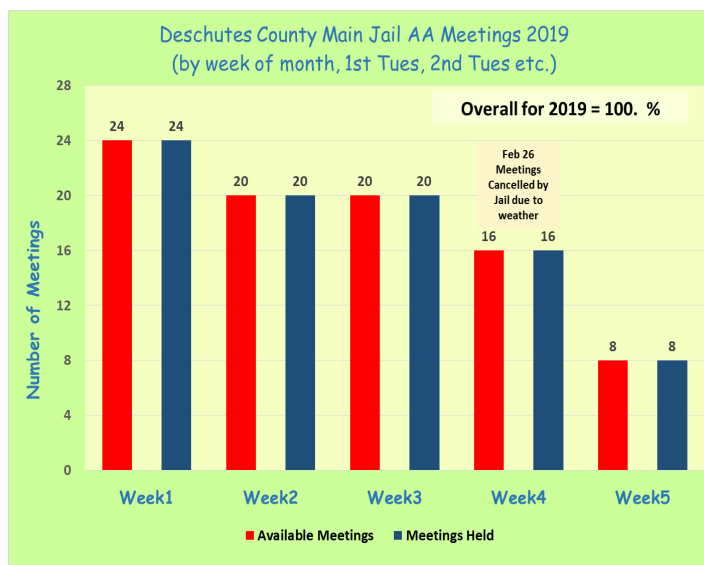
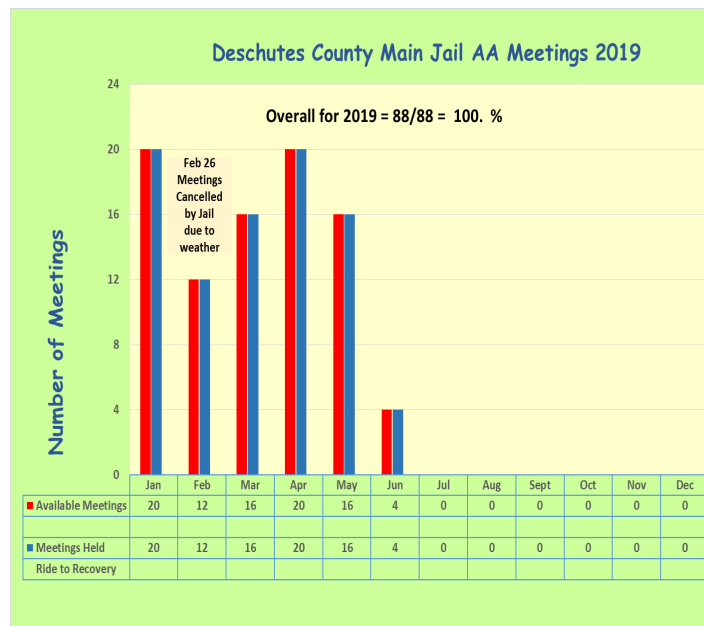
All available meeting were covered since last report, maintaining the 100% coverage so far for 2019 (88 available meetings, 88 meetings facilitated year to date).

No takers for ride to Recovery program.

Spoke with someone who is working in the final stages of construction of the Crook County Jail in Prineville. The current jail does not have the proper facility for meetings but we've been told the new one will. The person suggested waiting until mid-July to approach them about starting meetings there.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Walt W.



Grapevine – Mike C.

I have been many places, and met many lovely people, as your Grapevine chair:
St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage in Prineville - set up a table, made a brief presentation, and sold several books

Attitude Adjustment monthly business meeting in Bend - Made a presentation

24 and Alive monthly business meeting in Bend - made a presentation

Safe Harbor monthly business meeting in Bend - made a presentation

Living Sober monthly business meeting in Redmond - set up a table and made a presentation

Are We Done Yet Young People monthly business meeting in Bend - set up a table and made a presentation aagrapevine.org has issued 2 new books this year

One Big Tent - Atheist and Agnostic AA Members Share Their Experience, Strength, and Hope

- Take Me To Your Sponsor - Best Jokes and Cartoons Regarding sponsorship from AA Grapevine I made an order of books from aagrapevine.org, including several copies of the 2 new books, as well as Voices of women in AA and also Young and Sober. I am hoping to make these available more generally at meetings I attend. In particular with the organizational efforts of BENDYPAA!

And I have attached a pdf of all books sold by AA Grapevine.

Yours in love and service,

Mike C

grapevine@district5aa.org

Central Oregon Grapevine Guy

Public Information (PI) – Donn C.

Dear all, the following is the report for June in Public Information:

Summer is here, and it's gonna be a busy one for PI. It's a summer mission for us to visit meetings in the more remote areas, reaching out in the name of unity and service in our district. This is a task that has only just begun in late May with a trip to Burns to attend their meeting, which meets at the local hospital over there. We were five total, and they were very glad to see someone from D5 visit their group. I was able to give a brief presentation on PI as well as get their input on participating more at the district level. I look forward to hitting more of these outlying area meetings in the beginning in July.

Public Information will once again have a booth at the Warm Springs Health Fair, which precedes the annual summer powwow there at the end of this month. If anyone would like to come out, just email me for the information. After that, it'll already be time to deliver new meeting schedules. I hope everyone has a fun and safe Fourth of July holiday, and I'll see you next month!

Website – Position Unfilled

GSR Reports

24 & Alive Redmond – Lisa H

We had our business meeting and only 5 people were present it was the same day as the Beginning of Summer Picnic. All meetings are going well EXCEPT for a very disruptive person that continually came to meetings. He was dealt with a few times and finally the police had to be called and he was escorted out and asked not to return. We are working on a Safety Plan and received help from other groups that have had the same issue and have come up with some policy. We were very grateful for the help. We are working at establishing some committees to help with bylaws for our meeting and safety policy.

Living Sober – Christine B.

The Redmond living Sober Group meets Monday nights at 7 pm at Grace Gate Community Church on Hwy 97 and Veterans way, Behind Verizon and Cindy's Chinese Restaurant. Attendance at our last business meeting was good. Most service positions are full, we are adding more, Our meeting attendance is sizeable but, with many new comers - Most from Best Care - unable to contribute money is tight. We would like to see growth in attendance, including people with more time and looking for service opportunities. We have made a shift away from the Living Sober book and are experimenting with other formats. Quiet month with not much new to report.

Men's Straight Talk – Greg S We are doing well, we have about 10 men regularly. We are trying to figure out when to have a business meeting the men don't see a need for it I am working on changing that.

Monday Night Sunriver – Bridget M.

we meet Monday nights from 7-8:30 in the pozzi building at the mature center in Sunriver. all service positions are filled except for Alt GSR to take over my position at the end of august. Numbers are good, tourists are finding us and grateful to have a meeting close by.

Keep it simple Saturday- Jim M I am the new GSR for this group and I will try to attend the assembly. KISS is 35-40 people that attend regularly, Business meeting was held yesterday and our finances are doing well

Attitude Adjustment – Phil M Alternate GSR Our Business meeting is 18-20 members, we approved a CTF person to help in March meeting. We had a safety issue come up but working as a group to resolve. Attendance is great and we have many service positions we are hoping to fill next month.

We are not a Glum Lot – Larry K We meet at Riverbend Church our attendance is very good we usually have 45 to 50 people at every meeting. We have no alternate GSR we only have Group Conscience meetings quarterly

Rule 62 – Patrick Our Attendance is good there are about 50 people with lots of young people. Our 7th tradition is ok as we only meet once a month. We are trying to make some contributions but our funds are still light

Safe Harbor – Helen W. Last month, we showed an increase in attendees. There were 700+ as opposed to around 600 the month before. We usually have 4-6 attendees with less than 30 days at each meeting. We have 35 home group members. Our finances are sound. We have one open position for Monday night secretary. I feel that the group members are doing an excellent job accepting service commitments, but we are still struggling with getting group members to attend our business meetings. We are planning to change our business meeting to Friday or Saturday after the regular meeting. That is about all for this month! Yours in Loving Service, Helen W.

Sisters in Sobriety –Jill B We meet here at TCS at 5:00 on Saturday we had a very successful women's retreat that was sold out practically the minute they became available. We have usually 25 women that come on a regular basis.

Sunday Morning Serenity – Renee H.

Our meeting is going well. We have most of our service positions available and will be holding our elections the last Sunday in June. It is been fun to see our home group members getting more involved and have more ideas relating to service.

Thursday Men's Book Study – Richard C. Nothing new to report.

Tuesday Night AA – Kyle R. Not much to report attendance is good. We have fliers for our speaker meetings on Tuesday now.

Intergroup Liaison Report

My name is Carrie, I'm an alcoholic. My home group is New Horizons. I am currently serving as vice-chair for Central Oregon Intergroup. This is a liaison position between Intergroup and General Service

Since the last assembly:

Hotline Chair Mac of the Attitude adjustments group, has asked the intergroup committee to consider helping him out with a workshop on how to do 12 step calls. Who to bring with you on a 12 step call, what to bring with you, where to take the person, to the Hospital, to detox, to a meeting... The intergroup has voted to do this workshop, and it looks like we may be doing a series of these 12 step call workshops, but not until fall.

Speaking of flyers, a local member recently contributed a ton of printer ink along with a really nice new printer to our intergroup office! This makes color copy's only .10 each for any group that may need to print flyers or announcements! Feel free to contact our intergroup office manager Renee for more information.

3 new meetings in Bend, and 1 new group have been formed since last quarter:

1. A Gathering of Men, Sundays @ 7 am, 16 NW Kansas, Bend, Men's Meeting
 2. Veterans at the Ranch, Fridays @ noon, 65920 SW 61st, Bend, Veteran's Meeting
 3. Sisters in Recovery, Sundays @ noon, 1435 NE 4th Street, Suite B, Women's Meeting
 4. Living Sober Men's Big Book Study Group Tuesday @ 7 pm 1854 NE Division, Bend
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service!
Carrie B. Vice Chair COIG
541-788-7276 JandCBlake@gmail.com

Closing **Announcements**

Want to serve on the Assembly Planning committee? You can locate the Job descriptions and responsibilities here <https://www.aa-oregon.org/area-assembly-planning/>. Please contact Helen W. for more information.

Larry K. -motion to adjourn Jim M. –Seconded Motion passed. Meeting was closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm

GSR's- Things to take back to your Group:

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The time has come to start considering to stand for the open positions in the District election which will be held on September 8, 2019. The following positions will be open for your consideration District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate District Committee Member, Secretary, and Treasurer. Not sure what these positions entail. **No need to worry!!** You can find the responsibilities for all of these amazing opportunities to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in the District Guidelines located here on the District website:

<http://www.district5aa.org/files/documents/b08ed3a9-ea93-4620-ae87-9d86f3d8e398.pdf> .

If you have further questions feel free to contact any of the incumbent officers or the DCM. Dcm05@aa-oregon.org or 435-612-2449.

- With **September rapidly approaching** and new officers to be elected there are also several District Committee positions that will be available. The committee positions will be appointed by the newly elected DCM. The committee chair positions that will be open are Web Site Committee Chair, Public Information Committee Chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Chair, and the Correctional Facilities Committee Chair.

It is vital that all of these positions are filled and that this work continues and that as a District **we maintain the momentum** that the current committee chairs have put so much into. Not sure what these positions entail. **No need to worry!!** You can find the responsibilities for all of these amazing opportunities to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in the District Guidelines located here on the District website: <http://www.district5aa.org/files/documents/b08ed3a9-ea93-4620-ae87-9d86f3d8e398.pdf> . If you have further questions feel free to contact the DCM. Dcm05@aa-oregon.org or 435-612-2449.

- **The District 5 AA Meeting schedule is now available on the app: Meeting Guide.** You can find more information about this exciting new way to find a meeting at <https://meetingguide.org/>

Inventory, Inventory, Inventory. Let's clean out the closet! How effective is your group at fulfilling its primary purpose. An inventory can shed some light on that and help you be more effective. I have a bunch of information collected from A.A. literature and other group's experiences that I can share with you. If you are looking for a facilitator for your group's inventory I am available to do that as well.

- **District Committees need your help!!!** The District Committees are in

need of help. Help is needed to do all the current work that has been established and there are so many other ways that the committees can carry the message if they only had the hands to help do it. **Please** continue to announce the need for committee help within the district at the meetings you attend. I have found it helpful to also to share that the commitment can be tailored to fit your availability. The commitment can be as little as 1-2 hours every 3 months or as much as you are able to do. Every little bit of help counts.

- **The Home Away From Home Group needs volunteers!** We meet Thursdays, 7-8: 30 pm, and Sundays, 2-3: 30 pm, in Deer Ridge Correctional Institute (DRCI), near Madras OR. DRCI is a men's minimum security prison. We urgently need AAs - - women or men -- to make firm, sustained commitments to help maintain this corrections meeting. Thursday meetings are literature based. The 3rd Sunday is a speaker/ discussion meeting. Other Sundays are open discussion meetings. Attendance ranges between ~12-40 inmates of varying lengths of sobriety. AAs interested in supporting the Home Away From Home Group must first attend as a "visitor" before beginning the process of becoming a "credentialed volunteer." Visitor clearance usually takes 1 week; completing all requirements for volunteer credentials can usually be done in 3-6 months of 1st visit. Please contact Tim C (541-610-6404) for more information or to obtain a background check form.

- Ride to Recovery: **Volunteers are needed** to take inmates to meetings as they are released from jail. Please contact Walt W. for more information on this new and exciting program in District 5. correctionalfacilities@district5aa.org 713-586- 9150

- District 5 Archives: **Preservation and history of our experience is vital** to those yet to come. Would you like the District 5 Archives display or an Archives presentation to come to your home group or activity? Do you have something from the past that you would like to add to our Archives? Would your home group consider developing written record of its history? Is there an "old- timer" in your home group whose story should be preserved? For details, contact your District 5 Archive Chair at: archives@district5aa.org