

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

December 12th, 2021

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Jamie S (Alt DCM), Kimber J (Treasurer), Christine B (Secretary), Walt W (Corrections), Ron B (CPC), Artha P (PI), Todd H (GSR Steps to Sobriety), Jeremy B (Firing Line Grp), Jill B (Sisters in Sobriety Grp), Helen W (Safe Harbor Grp/Intergroup Liaison), John K (Redmond Rebels), Beth M (New Horizons Grp), Anders (WFS Grp), Reed K (Men's Book Study), Sara S (observer), Mark L (observer), Kelly B (observer), Mike L (DCM D9 OTB)

Welcome to new GSRs:

Concept 12 Presentation: One minute sound clip from a Trustee on Concept 12. Clip: <https://youtu.be/UlQxCGCkztc> . Come study the Traditions and Concepts with us on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month starting on January 2, 2022, at TEC, 4pm.

District Secretary – Christine B.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November meeting as written, by Artha P. and was seconded by Kimber J. **Motion Passed.**


Treasurer Report – Kimber J.

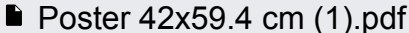
Reported November: Group contributions: \$167.20, Expenses \$398.65, Ending Balance \$9,422.38. A motion was made to accept the November Treasurer's report as delivered by Helen W. and was seconded by Reed K. **Motion Passed.**

DCM Report – Carrie B.

December 2021 DCM Report- Carrie B.


District 5: My name is Carrie, I am An alcoholic, My Home Group is New Horizons, and I'm currently serving the district as the DCM. Because we are right in the middle of Panel 72 Rotation, I would like to first welcome any newly elected GSRs. Welcome to district 5. ***"The two-year terms of an area's G.S.R.s coincide with those of its D.C.M.s and Conference delegate. So a group usually elects its G.S.R. before the assembly meeting at which the delegate is elected. September is a good month, since that gives the new G.S.R. time to study the responsibilities of the job before taking office — most often on January 1, along with the new D.C.M.s and the new delegate."*** Because we are not holding district meetings in person currently because of the pandemic, Your Alt DCM and I would like to make ourselves available to meet up with you for coffee and/or pie, and give you a New GSR Packet, go over what happens at the area assemblies, your role as a GSR, and answer any questions you may have. Please contact myself or Jamie to set up a time that works for you. *My Phone Number is 541-788-7276*

The District Literature workshop is coming up this Saturday at 2pm! I look forward to seeing you all there! I hope that you will all be heavily announcing this event at your Groups this week! It should be a great part II to the last one Kyle put on! The format will be the same and we will be giving away free AA literature again to those in attendance whose names are drawn! Presenters will be Joel S from the Modern to Modern Group in Portland, Bitty C. from the On the Rocks Group in Caldwell Idaho, our very own D5 secretary Christine B, and D5 CPC Chair Ron B! Once again, please take this info down to announce at your Group this week. Saturday 2-4 pm in the District Zoom Room. THIS room with THIS code Meeting ID: **869 0310 1724** Passcode: **164** 


So that we have more time for reports in these meetings, we will no longer be having a Tradition and Concept Study at the beginning of the District meetings. Only a short 3-5 minute presentation. However, we realize the Traditions and the Concepts are crucial for GSRs to study and to get more familiar with so please come to the Tradition/Concept Study at TEC on The 1st Sunday of the Month. January 2nd at 4pm in person at TEC in Bend. This will be an invaluable tool for GSRs, committee chairs, and the fellowship. If you don't have a new service manual by then, Jamie and Christine will have one for you at that meeting! Please look for the Flyer for this meeting in the Minutes and invite members of your Group to attend with you! 

Area 58:

At the assembly the motion to “Send Down” money to GSO Failed. The Area decided to see what the Finance ad hoc committee comes up with as far as “SPENDING down” Oregon area money in Oregon area. This is a good learning opportunity. When your group sends money to the district, they should be able to expect that it is spent on the district. When your group sends money to Area, they are sending it to be spent in Oregon area, same with intergroup. This is what we call a “**Stated AA purpose**” If your Group would like to send more money to GSO, your group has a right to do that. Groups get to decide where their money is sent/spent. Groups “Send down” Districts and areas “Spend down” as to spend the money where the group sends it to be spent. If a group decides to employ Concept 7 and utilize the power of the purse, they should be able to withhold money from a certain AA entity, without the other entities sending their money to that entity they are withholding from. This is one of Our 36 spiritual Principles. I am available to anyone who has any questions about “Spending down” verses “Sending Down”

 Area Assemblies to be supported by Area contributions

GSO/AAWS: The brand new Service manual is out!! Here is a direct link to download https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf There will be an online weekly service manual study on Wednesdays at 5pm starting on Dec 15th if anyone is interested in going through the concepts in the new manual with a past trustee. All are invited. See flyer here:

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Lastly, Thank you for trusting me to serve your District.

In Gratitude, and Service,
Carrie B. D5 DCM
541-788-7276

Alternate DCM Report- Jamie S.

Hello D5! My name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is my honor to be serving as your Alternate District Committee Member.

Last Saturday we hosted the pamphlet pizza highlighting party and it was a great event and turn out.

Upcoming: THIS COMING SATURDAY Literature Workshop with free giveaways from 2-4pm in the District zoom room. We hope to see you all there! Please announce this at your Home group as well as the other meetings you attend.

The Tradition/concepts study starts on Sunday the 2nd at TEC from 4-5pm! Hope to see all our GSRs and Committee Chairs there!!

If your groups would like Carrie and myself to come to your business meeting to give a short presentation on what we do as your DCM/ADCM, and what the District does, we will make ourselves available to do so. Just email one of us to let us know when your Business Meeting is and we will be there.

In love and service, Jamie S

Committee Reports

Assembly Host Committee: Christine B.

Nothing to report at this time.

Access Committee: Mike S.

Absent. No Report.

Archives: Position Open

Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC): Ron B.

D5A58 CPC Report, December 2021

My name is Ron and I am an alcoholic from the New Horizons Group in Bend. I'm new to this level of service. I'm honored and humbled to serve as District 5's new CPC Chair, taking over from our

very own Carrie B. I'll be trying to fill big shoes over the next two years.

Last week I made in person contact with and gave Information Packets to the local Bend VA Clinic's (CBOC) primary care physicians and Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) therapists, the Vet Center, and the Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO). They were all happily surprised to see me and hear about our CPC program. I expect an enthusiastic response from all three.

Last Sunday at our District 5 Pizza & Pamphlet gathering in Redmond I made a small pitch for CPC service and seven new potential committee members from around the district signed up. Several people asked for a Physician Packet to give to their providers at their next doctors appointment. What a great idea! That night I stayed up late putting together as many new Physician Packets as I could with the materials I had. (Joan, at our Intergroup Office, is getting everything I need to make more!) This novel, to me at least, and personal approach seems like an effective way to reach even more medical professionals in our district, increasing their knowledge and understanding of A.A..

Artha, our new D5 PI Chair, and I decided to have a joint CPC/PI committee meeting on January 8th.

All our CPC materials are updated and ready for distribution. I'm continuing to study the CPC Workbook, listening to recorded CPC Workshops online, reaching out to local professionals, gathering and assigning committee members "to make contact with professional people and set up programs to increase knowledge and understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous", letting them know what District 5 A.A. can and can't do, free of charge, for their clients and patients who may have a problem with alcohol.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Your Brother in A.A.,

Ron B
CPC Chair, District 5
New Horizons Group

Cooperation With Treatment Facilities (CTF): Rob L.

Absent. Nothing to report at this time.

Corrections: Walt W.

In attendance. No Report.

Grapevine / La Vina: Position Open

Public Information (PI): Artha P.

December 10, 2021

My name is Artha P., and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is WANAGL and we meet Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at Noon. My sobriety date is September 11, 2000. I do not do this alone; therefore, I have a sponsor and a bunch of Sponsees that I treasure.

I am the new PI (Public Information) Committee Chair for District 5. I want to thank everyone who gave me such a warm welcome and thank those who continue to help this member succeed-You know who you are.

The great news is that I and Ron B. have nailed down our first initial PI/CPC Committee Meeting for after the holidays on Saturday, January 8, 2021. (Location and time tba.) The agenda/goals are the following: Committee member introductions; Introduce members to the extremely loooong Contact List; Putting various AA Pamphlets out to various towns like Madras, Lapine, Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Warm Springs, and Sisters, etc.; and we are still looking into taking a panel into schools as our first adventure to reach out to young folks.

I continue to gather up committee members as we stand at 6 inc., myself. I am still searching for committee members to serve Lapine, Warm Springs, and Madras, with some possible irons in the fire. (Please take this back to your groups.) I can be reached at 315.723.8867 or arthadutcherpugh@gmail.com.

I am working closely with the D5 CPC Committee Chair, Ron B. who the PI members and I will be glad to work with to get the message out to the community which encompasses the professionals and the alcoholic, and I am delighted to have him join us at our committee meeting on January 8, 2021.

Last but not least, I had the opportunity to attend the Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Virtual Assembly November 19-21, 2021. I was introduced to Bonnie R (503-752-6910, pi-n@aa-oregon.org) who is the Area 58 North PI Committee Chair. She was full of knowledge, and I will learn a lot from her too.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to be of service to D5.

Artha P.
PI Committee Chair
315.723.8867
D5aa.pic@gmail.com

Website: John S.

Absent. Nothing to report at this time.

GSR Reports

We are not a Glum Lot - Charles K

December 2021 Group GSR Report

My Name is Charles and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is We Are Not a Glum Lot. Our Group meets MWF in Bend Oregon, at the Church of Christ.

Since we currently have Quarterly business meetings, as new GSR I have not yet had an opportunity to attend a business meeting. I am exercising the "Right of Decision" from Concept 3, after conversations with other Trusted Servants.

Our group was one of the first to switch back from Zoom meetings to In-Person meetings, last June. We have a policy of Everyone Masks Up, even when speaking; and , we provide free masks to newcomers or forgetful members. We serve coffee and tea, so masks can be lowered for sipping, of course.

For our January business meeting, I have proposed a change to monthly business meetings.

In Service,

Charles K

GSR

We Are Not a Glum Lot

ctk787@gmail.com

541-588-0426

Steps to Sobriety - Todd H.

Hello D5

The steps to sobriety group is still working hybrid meetings for your zoom or in person serenity pleasure. We also are still offering our awol meeting working thru the steps as a group on Tuesday nights 530 to 7 for the next few months.

Thanks for my sobriety

Todd H

Gsr

Steps to Sobriety

New Horizons - Beth M.

GSR REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021

My name is Beth and I am the New Horizons Interim Alt. GSR reporting for our group this month.

Our group is still meeting online Monday – Thursday at noon. We are temporarily holding our business meetings online at this time due to colder weather and conditions of the pandemic.

In our last business meeting our group held elections and we elected new officers. Mario H. is

our new GSR and Sarah B. is our new Alternate GSR. We are excited to have them represent our group and they will begin their two year terms in January 2022 and will be present at the next District meeting.

As I rotate out of my position, I want to acknowledge how fulfilling an experience it has been serving my group in this capacity. I have appreciated participating at District level and have learned so much about the importance of embracing Traditions and Concepts not only within my group but in the greater A.A. community. These principles are the guardrails that our fellowship runs along providing unity for us as a whole to carry the essential A.A. message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic. I am delighted to know our new Alt. GSR will have the same enriching opportunity.

For more information regarding meetings, updates and upcoming events, visit our website NewHorizonsgroupaa.com.

In Gratitude,

Beth M., Interim Alt. GSR

541-771-8980

bgmcsquared@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Serenity - Lauren S.

Hello, my name is Lauren and I am an Alcoholic. My home group is Sunday Morning Serenity at 10 AM on Zoom. We are a small lively group. Our Zoom id is 838 6097 628 Password is Serenity. I am the contact person for this meeting.

Also, I went to COIGAA to print the minutes for October and November minutes, I was not able to. The minutes could not transfer to my site. I could not give my report for November to my meeting. Our business meeting meets the first Sunday of the Month. I hope to see you at Sunday Morning Serenity at 10 AM

Take Care and Have a Healthy, Happy, Safe and Sober Holiday.

See you next year

In Fellowship and Service

Lauren S.

The Firing Line - Amanda B. / Jeremy B.

The Firing Line GSR/AGSR report:

The Firing Line Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday night at 7:30pm on the Zoom platform. We hope to get back to in-person meetings, but that is on hold. We are a Big Book Study except for the last Monday of the Month which is a speaker meeting. December speaker meeting will be on 12/27. There will be a short presentation on Tradition 12. Everyone is invited to attend.

In love and service

Redmond Early Risers - John T.

Good afternoon, my name is John T Alternate GSR for Redmond Early Risers. I'll be filling in for Kimber J today. We meet Monday through Friday 7am at Zion Lutheran Church in

Redmond. Our group had our monthly meeting this past week and voted on the motions that were tabled from last month and voted in all new Secretaries, alternate secretaries, and how to split contributions for the next few months.

Thank You,
Kimber

Home Away From Home - Pilar TC

Home Away From Home Group Report December 2021

Hello Family and Feliz December

The Home Away From Home Group have resumed Spanish and English speaking meetings via virtual platform. The English speaking meeting currently meets every other Wednesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, and the Spanish meeting is every other Thursday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Attendance for the English speaking meeting consists of approximately 25-30 people, including new members to Alcoholics Anonymous. Unfortunately our Spanish Speaking meetings were not able meet last month due to internal affairs.

I am excited to share that inside members are currently meeting on their units to continue to share the message with one another. Inside members sponsoring other inside members is also happening!

The spirit of rotation is also alive and well! Our next rescheduled business meeting will be held on the Wednesday before Christmas . Inside members are looking forward to filling and rotating out of a number of service positions. An order for AA chips to distribute at the next birthday meeting is being shipped out to help celebrate! Inside members are eager to get things “going” again! This will likely be my last business meeting as the HAFHG’s proxy GSR. It has been one of my greatest honors and privileges to be of service to this meeting and its members. I have learned so much in this position and from my fellows behind that walls.

As always, any AA approved literature contributions to the HAFHG are still welcomed and greatly appreciated. Literature is of true value to them at this time. Your contributions continue to be the AA light to our inside members! I love to keep in mind, that “literature can go where we can’t!”.

If any groups and/or individual members are interested in sponsoring a La Viña or Grapevine subscription to our inside AA members or would like to contribute other AA approved literature, you can contact myself or Tim C.

Another way to be of service to our inside members is to register with GSO for the Corrections Correspondence Service that matches inside member with outside members. If you would like more information please visit:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/corrections-correspondence-service.

Currently, the badging process has been placed on hold until further notice. There are still ways,

however, that we can be of service! If you have any questions please speak to Tim C or Pilar TC.; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com.

Sisters in Sobriety - Jill B.

Sisters in Sobriety meets on Saturdays at 5 at TEC for a face to face meeting and on zoom for the Cyber version. The meeting attendance has been fluctuating for both formats but the face to face meeting seems to be gaining in attendance particularly for people new to the program. The face to face meeting Saturday Dec. 11 had 10 attendees with four people new to sobriety. The zoom format fluctuates from 3 to 11 according to members attending in that format.

The whole group finally met on zoom Saturday December 11 to decide what to do with respect to format and to elect a new treasurer and GSR. This process was impeded for the last year due to the split into two meetings. I am happy to say that we elected two new secretaries, one for each meeting, a new treasurer and a new GSR. The new GSR Rita S will begin in January with Chandra as the alternate GSR. Jill B, the current GSR will continue until the January District meeting. Both groups were clear that it is important to keep both the zoom format and the face to face option. The face to face option seems to attract people new to sobriety and the zoom option makes attendance possible for people with children and also those who may not have reliable transportation. It was a good outcome and it will be a good year.

Sincerely

Jill B.... GSR for now

WFS - Brenna L. / Anders

WFS Report 12/12/21

WFS continues to meet Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7pm, we are meeting hybrid on Zoom and live in the TEC basement room. Our meetings are starting to increase in the number of people attending, we have an average of 20-30 people per meeting on Wednesday/Sundays and Friday's are a smaller book study. We have quite a few service positions to fill within our group, this has been a struggle since COVID hit, hopefully we will be able to fill more service positions in the future. Brenna attended the November virtual assembly and Anders will be attending the monthly meeting for December.

Thank you,

Brenna L. GSR

Safe Harbor - Helen W

Safe Harbor Group Report

12/12/2021

Helen W., GSR

Safe Harbor is meeting at the Methodist Church at 5:30 pm, Tuesday – Friday.

Our attendance has been variable, ranging between 4 – 15. We have seen several newcomers and short timers come to the meeting.

An issue came up about a surveillance camera on the room. The facilities manager told us it was not functional now, but they have plans to activate it soon. Because of this, and to protect our member's anonymity, we have decided to find another location.

We set Dec. 21st as a deadline to find a new location. We are hoping to begin meeting at the new location at the first of the year. If we do not find a new location by then, we will temporarily suspend meeting until a new site is found.

Men's Book Study - Reed K.

Dec. 12th, 2021

My Name is Reed K. I am the General Service Rep., for the "Men's Book Study", Bend Oregon. Our group meets every Thursday night 7:00 pm for one hour, currently a Hybrid online, and in person, at St. Helens Hall in the Fireside Room, 231 NW Idaho Ave. Bend, Oregon, 97701, across the street from TEC. Our ID and Pass Code can be found on the intergroup web site, coigaa.org.

Yours in Service, Reed K

Report prepared and sent, 12/12/2021

Liaison Reports

Intergroup: Helen W

The only activity for last month's Intergroup Meeting was the election of officers and Chairs.

Here are the results.:

1. Vice-Chair (open)
2. Treasurer (open)
3. Newsletter Chair (open)
4. Schedules Chair (open)
5. Hotline Chair (Lauren)
6. Potluck/Speaker Meeting Chair (open)
7. Website Chair (Jordan)
8. Advisory Board Member #1 (Diane W.)
9. Advisory Board Member #2 (Becky)
10. Interim Intergroup Chair (Frank)

As you can see, we still have several positions to fill. We are ready for a second election this month if we have members who would like to stand for a position.

Alanon: Vacant

YPAA: Vacant

Unfinished Business

- Vote on Motion to purchase Big Books & Grapevines to place in neighborhood lending libraries. \$1,750. - **Motion Passed.**
- Vote on Motion to purchase Big Books (English & Spanish) & Grapevines/La Vinas for jail & prison. \$650. - **Motion Passed.**
- Vote on Motion to withdraw Access Committee position at District 5 level. \$0 - **Motion Failed.**

New Business

- Budget - Kimber will send out worksheets to Committee Chairs. Not expecting much to change but expecting there to be actual spending in 2022.

Closing Announcements / Questions

- Open Service Positions: *Interim positions until next years rotation:* Archives, Grapevine/La Vina.
- Weathering The Storm - Meetings in person. May choose to become a group.
- Why is District doing the Christmas Alcathon and why will it not be in-person? What about the in-person event being organized? *District offered help to Intergroup and has organized a Zoom Christmas Alcathon, at the request of Intergroup. It will be on Zoom because we were told no food, no beverages, and masks worn correctly at TEC. We are not prepared/able to police that and can do a better job on Zoom. District is not involved with and has no reliable information on the in-person event we are told is being planned. It is our understanding that Intergroup is not involved either.*
- Literature/Pamphlet workshop Saturday, December 18th. 2:00-4:00 on Zoom. ID: 869 0310 1724 PC: 164
- D5 has been asked to put on the Christmas Alcathon this year. It will be on Zoom. The theme is **"It's A Small World"**.
 - 8am Christmas Speaker in Germany.
 - 10am Christmas Speaker in South Africa.
 - 12:00 noon Christmas Speaker in Scotland.
 - 2pm Christmas Speaker in Australia.
 - 4pm Christmas Speaker in Mexico.
 - 6pm Christmas Speaker in Washington, USA. Hosted by District.
- Music. Fellowship. Meetings. Talent. Games. Giveaways. For Fun and For Free.
- Christmas day on Zoom 7:30am to 7:30pm. ID: 869 0310 1724 PC: 164

Motion to adjourn: Artha P.
Motion Seconded: Reed K.
Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 5:02pm.

Links for GSRs to print out and share with their Home Group:

Alcathon:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q00b0ANAV388tk7khmp4sqvS2BYXj9_f/view?usp=sharing

Workshop:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_nl4FsTwO9NzY-yA7au7VTTQyHZ4M3M_/view?usp=sharing

Tradition/Concept Mtg:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XWG61TnluLuCZpyenQ1HNlrX13K0CfwH/view?usp=sharing>

Alcathon Planning Committee Meeting Information:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VEv5uYqcGyzHWnmvdxwPmnpzkOERHxacobSN7I63SHA/edit?usp=sharing>

Tabled Motions: N/A

Tools for GSRs

[GSR report ideas for District report \(1\) \(2\).pdf](#)

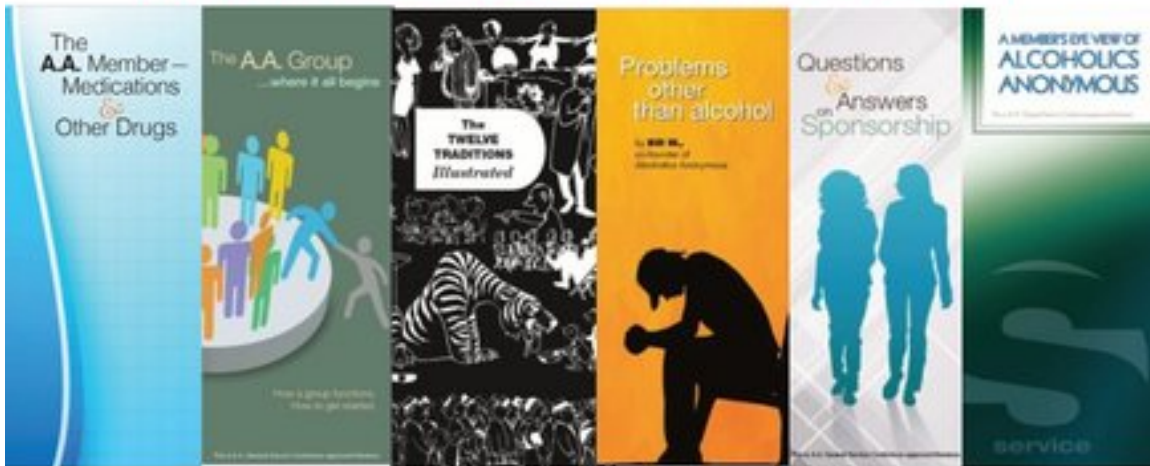
[Sample GSR Report to your Group \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

[Service Resume Ideas: Service Resume for DISTRICTS \(5\).pdf](#)

GSR Pamphlet: [P-19 - GSO General Service Representative](#)



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"Online Pamphlet Presentation"
(Plus a No-cost Raffle! For Fun & For Free!!)

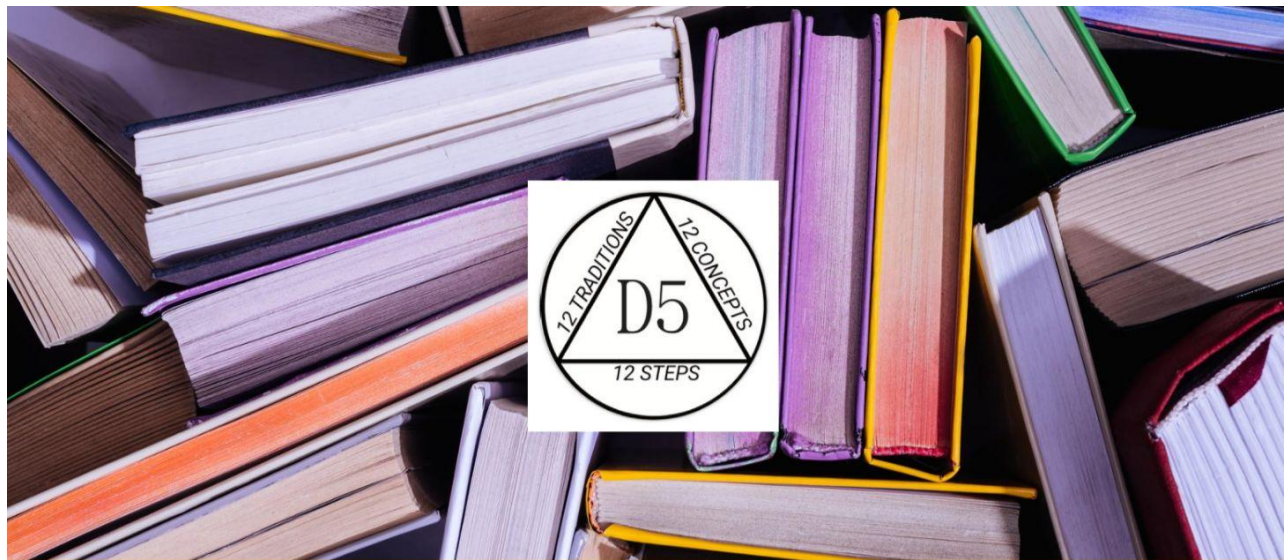


Saturday
Dec 18th
2pm-4pm
(Pacific Time)

*How do you use
the pamphlets?
Come hear local
members sharing
their experience
with our pamphlets*

Zoom ID: 869 0310 1724 PC: 164

For more info Contact dcm05@aa-oregon.org
Or visit district5aa.org



NEW MEETING STARTING JANUARY

Traditions & Concepts Study
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday each month

The **12 Steps** ARE our message
The **12 Traditions** PROTECT our message
The **12 Concepts** PERPETUATE our message



When:

4:00pm Sundays
1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of every
month



Where:

TEC (*Trinity
Episcopal Church*)
Downtown Bend
469 NW Wall St,
Bend, OR 97703

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It's A Small World Themed Central Oregon Christmas Alcahthon

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1 hour and 15 min meetings – Fun & fellowship between

8am – The Attitude Adjustments Grp Hosting Christmas in Germany

10am – Redmond Earlyrisers Hosting Christmas in South Africa

12pm – The Not A Glum Lot Grp is Hosting Christmas in Scotland

2pm – Tuesday Night AA Grp Hosting Christmas in Australia

4pm – The Safe Harbor Grp Hosting Christmas in Mexico

6pm – Spk Mtg – Don L. From Bellingham WA.

Zoom Room will be open from 7:30am to 7:30pm PST All Day Christmas

Zoom ID: 869 0310 1724 PC: 164

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