

**District 5 Oregon Area 58 District Business Meeting Minutes  
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**Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.**

**Attending:**

Brad L., Helen W., Diane R., Richard C., Steve M., Bridget M., Christine B., Kail R., Janet B., Donn C., Tim C., Kyle R., Lauren S., Mike C., Renee H., Jamie C., Brenna L., Vera F., Walt W., Patrick C., Valorie R., Jeremy B., Aaron N., Mac F., Milton Abreo (Al-Anon)

Welcome to new GSR Greg S. from Prineville Men's Straight Talk Group.

**Tradition 3 Presentation** – “The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

**District Secretary – Valorie R. (acting for Lisa H.), minutes of February 2019 meeting**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Tim C. and was seconded by Lauren S. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report – Lauren S., report for February 2019**

With \$4,775.12 plus income of \$1,026.98 and less expenses of \$846.63, the reconciled balance reported was \$4,955.47.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report as written was made by Steve M. and was seconded by Helen W. Motion passed.

Lauren asked that an effort be made to deposit checks as soon as possible.

**DCM Report – Brad L.**

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

The District will be holding a general sharing session on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 at TEC to gather feedback and further discuss the agenda items for the Area Delegate so she can carry the District's group conscious with her to the General Service Conference in May. Please remember we are not voting on anything but simply providing our feedback. Being for or against something is great information but most importantly is the **why** you or your group feels one way or another on a particular item. A common thing I heard at the area assembly was I was “for” or “against” some particular item until I read the background material. If you are passionate about an item either for or against, please do not hesitate to ask for the background materials

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(English or Spanish) so that you can make an informed decision. They are readily available, and I will gladly provide them to you.

Sadly, I was not able to attend the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) this year. Vera and I's flights were cancelled on Wednesday night for our Thursday morning departure. I was not able to rebook and get there before Saturday Afternoon. I was able to cancel all my reservations and get my airfare refunded with no penalty fees. I asked Vera to bring back the recordings of the event and will make that available if you are interested in hearing what was shared at PRAASA this year.

Registration is now open for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) June 21-23. The event will be held at the Holiday INN Portland airport. Room reservations are being accepted for the event with the room block code of ORG. This is the oldest AA conference started by Bill W. in 1948. I like to think of it as a mini PRAASA. Make your reservations today! Visit [pnc1948.org](http://pnc1948.org) for all the details.

Be sure and make a room reservation for the September Assembly. 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.

**Please** come and join The PI and CPC committees from District 5 and Area 58 to learn how to carry the message outside the rooms of AA. The D5 PI Committee is preparing to bring the message of AA into the schools within the district. We need anyone available to come and learn how to carry that message. If you are young, found sobriety at a young age, have experience in schools, or just want to be a part of, AA needs your help!!! Are you equipped to talk to your doctor, clergy, or any professional about A.A.? Come learn how to spread the message to professionals in your life through your everyday contacts. We hope to see you on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at TEC.

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.

Information about the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, July 2-5 in Detroit, MI is starting to come out. 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](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020) The D5 Web Chair will be creating a page on the D5 website so that all the information pertaining to the convention can be found in one place.

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Bonnie will be facilitating the April District meeting as I have some matters that will take me away from Bend in April.

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 – none presented.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**District Inventory Discussion**

Following the general affirmation that we treat all members of the District Committee “equally”, a discussion was held regarding the question: “How effective are we in communicating with all the groups in District 5?”

Greg S. shared his experience from spending time in both Sisters and Prineville. In these smaller, more remote areas there seemed to be a lack of home group identity. This was a problem of perception of “meetings versus groups” and where there might be not enough people.

Lauren S. talked about how, during her time in Southern California they would have “service picnics” with tables where questions could be answered about various service opportunities. There were also baseball games and raffles.

Brad L. talked about the recent District 5 “Day of Sharing” event that was held out in John Day.

Carrie B. reminded us that the AA Home Group pamphlet explains the differences between home groups and meetings – that recommends one home group, but we are welcome to attend other meetings as well.

Brad L. suggested the possibility of holding a workshop in Prineville.

Diane R. shared her past experience with another District where groups weren’t participating. A committee was formed at District and its members went out to individual meetings as a group to do outreach. It took work, tolerance, and patience, but over time participation by groups was improved.

Mike C. shared the story of Frenchie, a District Treasurer, who attended meetings until they contributed to District.

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Greg S. suggested that going to individual meetings versus holding a special event might be more effective to “meet them where they are at”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hosting of the September 2020 Assembly**

Kail offered a presentation of information from the Assembly Planning Session at the February Assembly. He collected handouts from that session that included a planning guide, host committee checklist, sample proposal/bid forms, and a sample agenda. These resources are available on the Area 58 website at <https://www.aa-oregon.org/area-assembly-planning/>

He had spoken with a number of members from the February 2019 Assembly Host Committee, and that while all reported that it had taken a lot of effort, it was worthwhile and ultimately fun. Kail emphasized that commitment and full participation would be needed from everyone in the District Committee.

If we are to move forward with a bid to host the September 2020 Area Assembly, it needs to be presented at the May 2019 Area Assembly. For our proposal, we would need to address issues of location, housing, and fundraising.

Helen W. shared her experience as registrar for the last Assembly that was hosted by District 5. She said that it was a lot of work, but it was rewarding and was fun.

The question was raised as to why it is necessary to do fundraising. Vera F. explained that it is about being self-supporting. The Area provides “seed” money at the start, and the District raises money to repay the Area. This allows smaller Districts to be able to participate. The Area is available to pick up costs when a District is unable to raise them. She reminded us that we are the Area and are actually not a separate entity. The fundraising that we do as a District provides us with opportunities to educate others about general service. It is all about building unity and community.

With regard to assembly expenses, the idea is to break even. Vera F. reminded us that there is no money-making. The meals pay for themselves, and the facility is usually the main cost. Coffee mugs sales have been a good fundraiser for past assemblies. The Area will take care of it, if the District can't raise funds.

Brad L. explained that a Host Committee Chair and Host Committee Treasurer would need to be appointed before a bid can be presented. These two positions require submission of service resumes to the DCM for consideration. Once appointed, the Host Committee Chair would appoint other positions. Job descriptions for positions and committees are found on the Area website at <https://www.aa-oregon.org/area-assembly-planning/#>

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He also said that John (past DCM, and Host Committee Chair from the last Assembly hosted by District 5) would make himself available to answer questions.

Jamie C. asked about how many might be expected to attend an assembly here. Vera F. responded that there would be as many as 300-400. She also reminded us that the Alternate Area Chair is available to assist districts with hosting activities, and she said that the Area has the experience and skills necessary to negotiate contracts, and they also provide insurance. She instructed that the District not sign any contracts.

Mike C. asked about past assembly costs. Brad L. said that the history is available on the Area website. The history since 2002 are available at: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/area-assembly-planning/#>

Bridget M. asked whether this motion should be brought back to the groups, with two important questions to consider: First, do you want to host an assembly? And second, are you will to do the work needed?

A motion was presented by Renee H. that District 5 submit bid and host the September 2020 Area Assembly (found below).

Motion was seconded by Lauren S. It was noted that a discussion had been held before the motion was made, and so voting proceeded.

It was unanimous that this motion was not urgent or administrative, and so it was tabled – to be brought to the groups for discussion.

**District 5 Motion Template**

**Submitted by: Sunday Morning Serenity, District 5,**

**Contact Name: Renee H**

**Phone Number: 541-460-1444 Email: tandrho@hotmail.com**

**Motion:**

- District 5 to submit bid and host the September 2020 Area Assembly

**Intent/Purpose:**

- To participate in the hosting of an Area 58 Assembly

**Current Practice:**

- District 5 has hosted an area assembly about every four years.
- The last assembly hosted by District 5 was in September of 2016

**Budgetary Impact:**

- There is no budgetary impact to the District 5 Committee as the Assembly Host Committee which would be formed will be responsible for raising funds to pay for the assembly by putting on events and activities.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Archives – Valorie R.**

It has been a quiet month, with progress limited to filing and organizing some of the documents since 2017. I must confess that I am currently involved more with 1<sup>st</sup> Legacy activities and am struggling a bit with time management and how to balance my “triangle”.

I still need to get the steering committee together and begin looking into possibly moving the repository to a better location.

For those of you who create reports or documents (e.g. event flyers) that might end up in our collection, please remember to use complete dates (including year) and use headings and page numbers for those items having multiple pages.

Please consider writing or updating your group history for the archives and continue to look for longtimers whose stories need to be recorded. Our history is an important part of the message we carry as a fellowship.

Consider keeping on the lookout for artifacts (books, recordings, photographs, documents, etc.) that are relevant to the history of Alcoholics Anonymous in District 5, and that we might want to maintain in our repository. Non-monetary archive materials/memorabilia are the only acceptable “donations” within the practices of our Fellowship. Wherever there is money involved – which is everything else – we need to instead use the term “contribution” as a matter of practice. This term indicates that we are responsible and are participating, in keeping with the principles of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition of self-support.

Thank you for your consideration. Contact [archives@district5aa.org](mailto:archives@district5aa.org) if you would like to get involved with archives activities or need additional information.

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

Hello district 5. I’m happy to announce CPC has completed health care workers for the district, we mailed off 86 packages this week to Redmond, La Pine & Bend Doctors. We are now moving onto the legal community for the district. I’m planning on attending the district workshop on the 16th for speaking at non-AA meetings.

I have had some issues with people committing to the committee recently, there seems to be in interest in knowing about it, but not actually helping. If you know anyone or are interested yourself, please contact me (541-404-2624). I’m looking for someone to help make address labels for the legal community, this can be done on your own time and is a great way to be of service.

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**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Tim C.**

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.

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 Sponsorship, working 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 (3) weekly Speaker Panels. Two (2) are held Tuesdays evenings at separate facilities in Redmond -- one (1) detox/ mental health, one (1) detox/ residential treatment. The third is held Saturday afternoons at St Charles Hospital in Bend. The hospital panel is open to all and appears on the C.O.I.G.A.A. schedule as "CTF Saturday Speakers". Like all panels, the CTF Saturday Speakers is not an AA meeting. It does, however, afford opportunity to hear 3-4 sober AA's share their Experience, Strength, and Hope for 10-15 minutes each. All attendees are also welcome to participate in the question and answer period. Besides weekly commitments, CTF also facilitates additional panels in Bend, Redmond, and La Pine that are convened on recurring bases of once every 2- to 10-weeks.

Last month, CTF, in cooperation with host facilities, began emphasizing the Q&A period of its panels. Formats were changed to allow more time for Q&A, and some host facilities began actively encouraging their patients/ clients to prepare questions about living sober and Alcoholics Anonymous prior to AA panels. Initial feedback from AAs and host facility contacts alike suggest this approach has been much appreciated and often quite moving. These very active Q&A sessions have also afforded CTF panelists and facilitators chance to practice the principle of humility upon which "our whole AA program is securely founded". In responding to questions, panelists have shared their experience, strength, and hope as sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous; not as sobriety or AA experts, or as lay-therapists, just as recovered alcoholics who have been shown a way out of "a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body" that typed our drinking days. In all, CTF facilitated over a dozen panels in February. Two (2) panels were canceled; one



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by the host facility due to weather, another due to the AAs being stuck in weather related traffic. Four (4) new facilitators joined the Committee. And nearly 50 sober AAs spoke on and/or facilitated panels as part of CTF's February 2019 commitments. Thank you to all who joined in!

To get involved: join CTF at an upcoming info session! We'll next gather Monday, March 25, 2019, at 5:15pm in the Hutchinson Room at the Downtown Bend Library. We also strongly suggest that all AAs interested in CTF service try to attend the "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" workshop co-presented by the D5 Public Information (PI) and Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committees on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 12:30-2:30pm at Trinity Episcopal Church (T.E.C.) in downtown Bend. And finally, as always, we ask any and all D5 AAs -- be they individuals, GSRs, and/ or other Intergroup or D5 Committee Chairs and Officers -- to join us and help carry the AA message beyond the relative comfort of our respective meetings, groups, and service structures.

Please let me know what I can do 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)

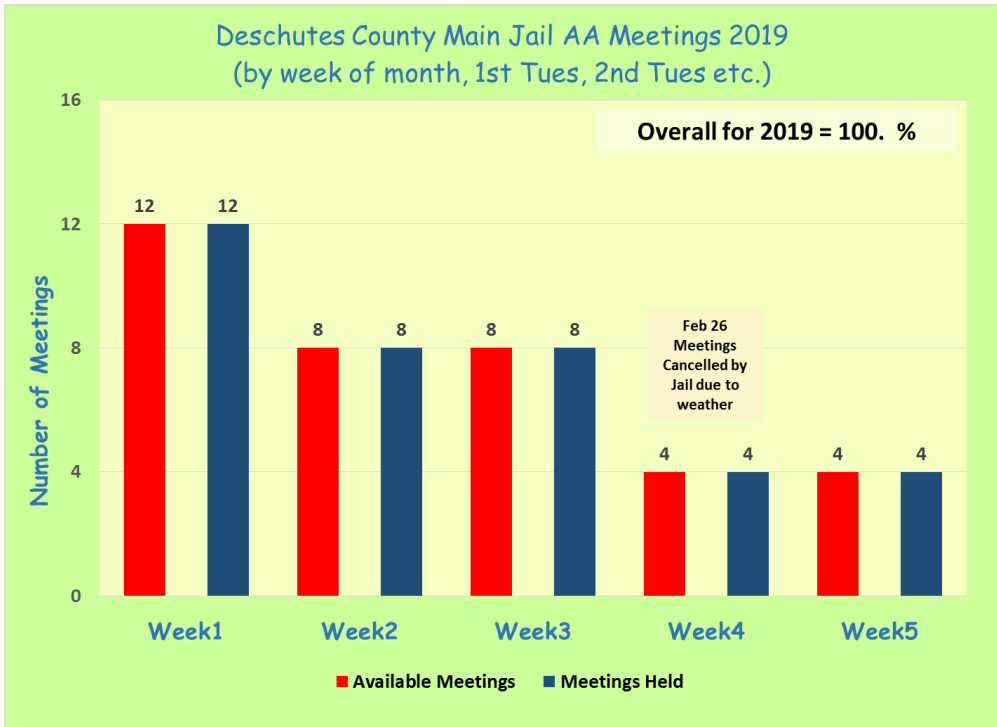
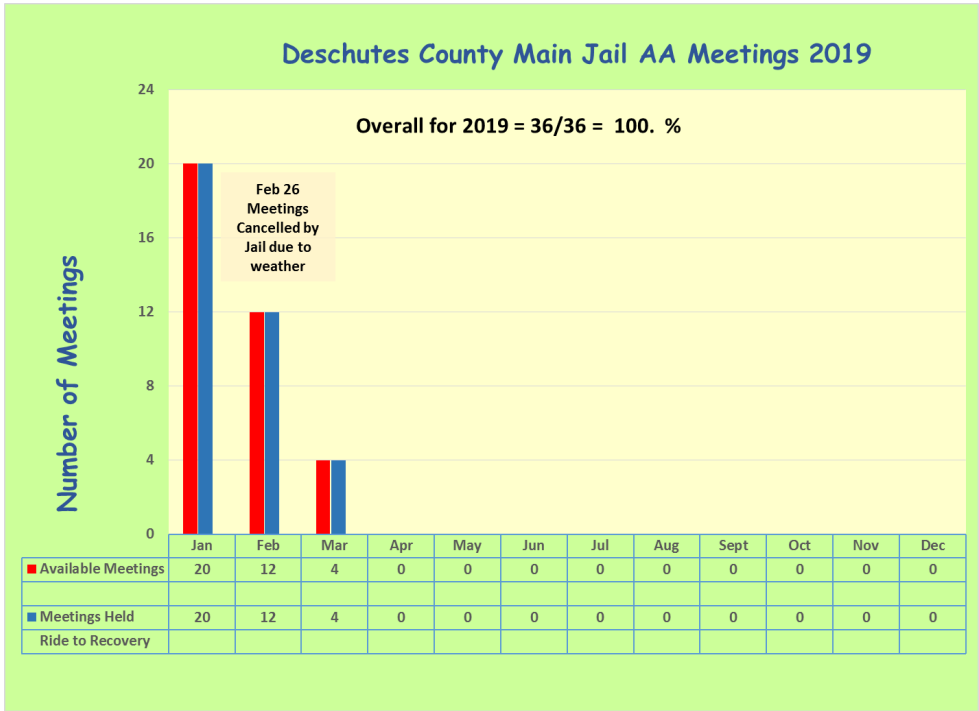
**Correctional Facilities – Walt W.**

Meetings Feb 26 were cancelled due to weather, but all other available meetings were covered since last report, maintaining the 100% coverage so far for 2019.

No takers for ride to Recovery program. Received and sent to Madras one case of Big Books and 30 "It Beats Sitting in a Cell" pamphlets.

That's all the District Corrections news for this month. Thanks for letting me be of service, Walt W.

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**Grapevine – Mike C.**

Mike reported that he was sick in January, was travelling in February, and has been shoveling during March.

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**Public Information (PI) – Donn C.**

Our committee has managed to wrap up all spring schedule deliveries by our self-imposed deadline of the second week of February. Thanks to all who participated! I'm proud to say we've achieved the long-awaited goal of finally getting into hotels with AA literature, as well as the Bend Senior Center. I'm excited to be able to report this as it's been a long time coming. Additionally, we've finally begun a subcommittee for outreach in the retirement /convalescent world with new helpers in that arena.

For now, the next big thing will be the Speaking at Non-AA Meetings Workshop, in Bend, on 3/16. And then April will be just around the corner with our next printing of District meeting schedules to deliver. As things thaw out in spring, I expect to be hitting the road in the name of another long-awaited goal of hitting remote district meetings in the name of outreach with PI/CPC. That is all I have to report.

Thank you & "All the Best", Donn C.

**Website – none given**

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**GSR Reports:**

**Eastside Early Risers – Valorie R.**

We meet Monday through Friday in the Heritage Hall of First Presbyterian Church at 7am. Attendance continues to be from 25-40 per meeting, and our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is good. All of our service positions are filled, excepting for Alternate GSR.

Participation at our monthly business meeting is growing, and there were 15 home group members at the last one, which lasted 35 minutes. This is tremendous progress for our group to allow this time for discussion.

Although I had been looking forward to it, I was at the last moment unable to attend the February Assembly. However, my group is looking into the items on the conference agenda. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve Eastside Early Risers.

**Home Away from Home DRC – Tim C.**

Meetings are held twice each week, with 12-50 inmates in attendance. Sobriety ranges from 6 months to 20 years, and many participate in monthly business meetings.

One meeting each month is set aside to celebrate anniversaries, and two meetings each month are set aside for speaker meetings (one with a speaker from “inside” and the other with a speaker from “outside”). Other meetings are literature studies, and they will begin a Traditions Study shortly.

This meeting is supported externally, as all their literature comes from outside support.

**Huntington HUT – Diane R.**

1. 9 meetings each week.
2. Average attendance 15.
3. Successful Secretary’s Workshop done March 9. Topics were commitment, education, giving back, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, Singleness of Purpose, Spirit of Rotation, Responsibility, Alt. Secretary, and Representation at the Group Conscience Committee meeting, Traditions, Autonomy, Structure, and Rule 62.
4. Working on more literature racks to increase number of pamphlets and improved visibility.
5. Have purchased the Anonymity plaque for the meeting room.
6. Continued focus on Singleness of purpose and the newcomer.

**Living Sober – Christine B.**

The 7:00 Redmond Monday Night Living Sober Group meets at Grace Gate Community Church. Attendance is sizeable, in part because Redmond Best Care joins us and a number coming out of Best Care choose to stay on.

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At our last business meeting I gave my report on the assembly. There was interest, and even excitement, about getting involved and opportunities in service. Members of my home group, as well as the KISS and the How and Why of It home groups, will be meeting at my home, on March 24th, to go over tabled motions from the assembly as well as agenda items so that we may share our thoughts with our delegate.

On March 23rd we will be having our Old Timers meeting, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. You may bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre if you would like to. We look forward to seeing you.

**Men's Straight Talk – Greg S.**

We meet at the Rebel's Roost on Saturdays at 7:30am. Attendance is 6-12 members. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is well-managed, and our rent has been paid through the end of the year.

**Monday Night Sunriver – Bridget M.**

I've missed a few meetings due to illness but, most have been smaller than usual. Weather has been an issue.

**New Horizons – Kail R.**

New Horizons is continuing to grow more active as a group. We meet 6 days a week and many of the meetings are standing room only. We strive to be a group that is welcoming and to be a safe place to find recovery for the alcoholic who is looking for a way out of the morass of alcoholism.

On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> we held a workshop focused on the "Home Group". There were short presentations by those that hold service positions in New Horizons, describing their service position and how they do it. It was really a wonderful day spent with wonderful people and lots of good food. A big thank you goes out to Alan H. (the group's workshop chair) and all those who helped to put the event on.

We continue to look for ways to do things as a group to foster that sense of unity and belonging.

On Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, after our noon meeting, members will be discussing Conference Agenda items in preparation for coming to an informed group conscience which we can pass on to our delegate.

I am truly blessed to serve such a fine group of former misfits who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body.

**Rule 62 – Aaron N.**

The group is getting better and keeping well together. Service positions are filled. Some rotating and some new. There are some new positions, and there are new

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home group members. Attendance continues to be strong, even pushing through in spite of recent winter conditions.

**Safe Harbor – Helen W.**

Well, our group is doing well, having welcomed 624 alcoholics to our meetings last month. The Tuesday through Thursday averaged 155 attendees. Monday and Friday meetings averaged 56. We had 7 brave people attend during the snow storm. Most of our positions are filled, the exception being the birthday person. Secretaries are preserving the spirit of rotation by stepping out of their position and allowing other alcoholics to serve. We are also sending our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition money “up the line” in service to AA, as a whole.

The Monday night meeting is the only meeting in our group that is closed. March is the 3<sup>rd</sup> month and focusing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition has provided an opportunity to discuss the difference between a closed and open meeting and who can be an AA member. I used the pamphlets “Problems Other Than Alcohol” and “The AA Group – Where It Begins,” to help members understand how those who are dually addicted fit into our program.

Difference between closed and open groups

- Closed meetings are for AA members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and have “have a desire to stop drinking.”
- Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous’ program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholic can attend open meetings as observers.
- At both types of meetings, the AA Chairperson may request participants to confine their discussion to recovery from alcoholism.
- Whether open or closed, AA group meetings are conducted by AA members who determine the format of their meeting,
  - (from ***The AA Group – Where It All Begins***, pg. 13)

Who is an AA member?

- Can nonalcoholic pill or drug addicts become AA members? NO
- Can such a person be brought to an open meeting for help and inspiration? YES
- If so, can those nonalcoholic pill or drug users be led to believe they are AA members? NO
- Can a pill or drug taker, who also has a genuine alcoholic history, become a member of AA? YES
  - (From ***Problems Other Than Alcohol***)

Sadly, I could not attend the Area Assembly. I felt a little bit like the alcoholic that was stranded on the roof of his house and pleads to his Higher Power to rescue him but refuses all the help that came his way. My HP was hinting that I shouldn’t go, which I ignored. Finally, It broke my car. Then I listened!

**Sisters in Sobriety – Lauren S.**

Meetings are on Saturdays at 5pm, with a potluck on the last Saturday of the month.

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**Sunday Morning Serenity – Renee H.**

About 90+ people attend each week. They hold a business meeting once a month, and home group members hold service positions.

**The Firing Line – Jeremy B.**

We meet at the Bethlehem Inn, with an open Speaker/Discussion meeting Mondays at 7:30pm and a closed Literature study meeting Thursdays at 7:30pm.

We have struggled a bit with service positions and rotation.

**Thursday Men's Book Study – Richard C.**

Nothing new to report.

**Tumalo Book Study – Louise L.**

Greetings from the Tumalo Monday book study and Friday Speaker Meetings group! It was wonderful to have participated in the last Assembly with several if you. Glad we are home safely!

We are in the planning stages for a Group Inventory. Planning also to Host the July Speaker Pot Luck Meeting.

Meetings have been well attended, wonderful speakers on Fridays at 7:00 and Monday book study at 6:00 has grown.

I am at a Silent Retreat so unable to be with you.

**Tuesday Night AA – Kyle R.**

Tuesday Night AA has been braving the weather this month. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 at the Church of the Nazarene on 27th St. This included a wonderful meeting of 5 during the snow storm, which included a newcomer to the area happy to find a meeting open during the storm. Being in such a small meeting reminded me of how wonderful it can be to share the message of this program and beauty of alcoholics working with one another.

Other than that meeting, our attendance has been averaging around 20-25 members, with an average of about 10 home group members at our business meetings. We continue to regularly have newcomers attend our meeting and we do our best to make them feel welcome and encourage them to keep coming back.

I deeply enjoyed the February Assembly and the fellowship that accompanied it. I especially enjoyed our discussion of the agenda items for the Literature committee and I look forward to continuing that discussion with my group and hopefully getting my fellow home group members involved in the district discussion day.

Our home group has made the decision to begin studying the traditions and concepts at our business meetings. As soon as we manage to pick a piece of literature to work out of we'll be beginning that journey.

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**WFS – Brenna L. (alt GSR)**

WFS continues to have good meeting participants we meet three nights a week. We still have game night the second Friday of the month with pizza and fellowship. We are celebrating our 61st Birthday as a group on May 15th, 6pm potluck with speakers, everyone is welcome. Thanks, WFS.



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**Intergroup Report:**

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

A lot has transpired since I was voted in, so I will try to keep this brief and focus only on the highlights.

First and foremost, Jerry, our chair has recently moved out of the area. This was a sudden decision and it has left us without a chair. The chair position is open immediately, and because I am the vice chair, so it then falls on me to chair the Intergroup meetings, I'm here to beg anyone who has even the slightest organization skills and or who has ever served The Central Oregon Intergroup to consider stepping up and taking this position as my piece of the puzzle is our twelve traditions and my service history has always been in general service, I will not pretend to know anything about Intergroup or how it runs. I am willing to do it; however, I am definitely not the most qualified man for the job.

In other news, we've gotten the potluck chair filled, as well as the entertainment committee chair, but we still need a newsletter chair.

The last Intergroup meeting we decided to start including the financials and contributions in the meeting minutes to be posted online in the spirit of trying to be transparent for all members. Now even members who are not in service will have access to their Intergroup treasury report.

The Prineville Corned Beef and Cabbage Speaker Meeting is coming up March 23rd from 5pm-9pm \$12 per ticket for this event \$5 for children over 12, children under 12 free

We wrote a check to Trinity Episcopal church for damages occurred with their piano at the New Year's Eve event this year. Office manager Jan was very understanding and did not want money. We decided to make Financial amends anyways in the amount of \$125 to cover the damages. If they don't cash the check so be it.

Thank you for allowing me time to report on your local Intergroup, Carrie B.

Renee H. added that she had received some new posters, and that there is a new pamphlet available, A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues—and their sponsors (P-87).

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**Closing Announcements:**

Speaking at Non-AA Meetings Workshop March 16<sup>th</sup> @ TEC 2:30pm

Conference General Sharing Session April 7<sup>th</sup> @ TEC 2-4pm

District Committees are always in need of help

It is important to have serious discussion with groups regarding the tabled motion for District 5 to host the Area Assembly in September 2020.

Looking for possible Assembly Host Committee Chair and Treasurer servants – please submit service resumes to [dcm@district5aa.org](mailto:dcm@district5aa.org).

You can locate the Job descriptions and responsibilities here <https://www.aa-oregon.org/area-assembly-planning/>. You can also contact the Area Chair and Alternate Chair for further shared experience and to further define the expectations of these two important roles.

Brad L. will be sending a number of emails containing minutes/flyers, information on the motion for assembly hosting, Area motions outstanding, with minutes from the February Area Assembly, and questions for consideration for Vera F. related to her upcoming Conference assignment to the Conference Literature Committee (she is asking for groups to discuss these questions).

Bridget M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Lauren S.

This motion passed and the meeting was closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm