

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2019

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Brad L, Helen W, Carrie B, Walt W, Lauren S, Lisa H, Tim C, Jill B, Valorie R, Diane R, Kail R, Christine B, Larry K, Ben R, Greg S, Bridgett M, Willie M, Patrick C., Louise L, Don C, Mike C, Kyle R, Patrick E. Mac F, Ann B, Geri H, Ryan B, Darcy T, Heidi E

Welcome to new GSR: Willie M and Alternate GSR Ann B

Tradition 7 Presentation – “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

District Secretary – Lisa H. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June meeting as written by Larry K and was seconded by Christine B Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Lauren S.

Lauren reported Group contributions are \$1211.49. Expenses were \$1260.75 Ending Balance was \$4826.35.

Christine B made a motion to accept Treasurer Report as reported. Larry K seconded 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.

Come join the Area 58 Delegate as she shares her experience and the outcomes of the many agenda items at the 69th General Service Conference in New York this year. Will there be a 5th edition Big Book? What's happening with LinkedIn? Are we as a fellowship self-supporting? How does all this work anyway? The report back will be held on July 24th in Brooks Hall at 6pm. Please come and join us for BBQ, fellowship, and fun!!! We look forward to seeing all of you there!!!

You asked for it and its happening!!! A GSR school will be held here in District 5 on September 7th. Please mark your calendars to join Jim F. the current Area 58 Alternate Delegate and Reilly K. Area 58 past Delegate and current Area 58 Grapevine chair for

an in depth look into the role of the GSR and connecting to A.A. as a whole. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer. Save the Date!!! I look forward to seeing all of you there.

There are many events coming up. Conferences, Campouts, and workshops Galore! OSYPAA VII Campout, Unity in Service Conference, Delegates Report Back, Regional Archives Workshop, just to name a few and so much more on the Area, District, and the Intergroup websites. Don't miss out on the fun!!!!

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.

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. If you might even have a thought of being of service to the District I ask you to please at least have a conversation with me about my experience. As always if I can be of help in anyway please let me know.

The Pacific Northwest Conference was once again a wonderful event. I was able to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, connect with so many members from outside of Area 58 and hear some amazing presentations on topics that are so important to Alcoholics Anonymous today. Unfortunately the conference is not recorded but for the first time you can go download the print versions of all the presentations on the PNC web site. You can find them at www.pnc1948.org/presentations.html. Some of my favorites are: Is Rigidity in AA our greatest Danger? Are special interest groups dividing us or fulfilling a need? Safety in AA. What are a groups options when dealing with continual bad behavior by a specific member? Perception of A.A.: A religious Cult? These and so many more are worth reading.

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

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.

No Report Submitted

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.

Helen reported that Central Oregon is not able to accommodate a group as large as our assembly in September 2020 but that the River House in Bend has been "penciled in and somewhat negotiated for the May 2021 assembly that is it seems the best we can do at this time.

Motion: Place a bid to Area 58 to host the May 2021 Area Assembly

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Kyle seconded the motion. Brad called to end debate. Greg S brought up that we need to bring back to our groups. Discussion to table the motion to bring it back to our

groups. Helen commented that River house has us penciled in so we won't lose our position. A vote was taken and it was voted by a majority vote to take it back to our groups. Motion was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

AD Hoc Committee to report on the need for an Accessibilities Chair

Ad hoc committee re: Should the District institute an Access (Accessibility) Committee
Final report:

The committee is in agreement that there is a need for an Access

Committee. This is based primarily on Kyle's interview with Renee at the IG office. While it appears the needs that an Access Committee should address are currently being met, it also appears that this is putting an undue burden on Renee.

In addition there seems to be no central clearing point for information regarding where children are welcome, safety procedures, and other things that the groups need.

Should the committee be formed-its general description can be found in

GSO Guidelines as well as our preliminary report filed last month.

There are currently no Area meetings the chair would need to attend.

Therefore a minimal budget of \$100 to cover any administrative costs, i.e. office supplies and rent if there is any.

I contacted our Area Access Committee chair asking if they were receiving any inquiries from within District 5 that would normally be addressed by a

District Access Committee. She reports none. I also contacted our District

CPC chair, Brenna, to see if they were finding any situations that an Access

Committee would normally deal with and she also reported none.

In service:

Larry

Below are Kyle and Jill's reports:

I went to the intergroup meeting and talked to Renee about what questions she gets. She mentioned specifically that she gets a lot of calls about rides to meetings. Currently she tries to fill those using the hotline list. Likewise she has a few people who are homebound who call looking for someone to either bring them a meeting or simply talk over the phone. She has been using the hotline list to try and fulfill that need as well. She seemed to feel like the hotline list was not necessarily the best resource but it is currently the only volunteer list they have.

She has also received a few questions about safety from different meetings. These weren't concerns from members but rather groups reaching out to find resources to

resolve safety issues they were facing. She has directed them to meetings she knows has safety policies. As well as the GSO resources on safety.

She also said she would be happy to add more details if we need them.

The hotline chair wasn't at the IGR meeting but I will email them and see if they have anything to add.

Kyle

Did you get the impression that Renee wants or needs a committee working on what you've related she is currently handling?

She definitely seemed like she would like to see an accessibility chair and committee formed. It sounded like she got enough questions and requests that required extra work on her part which a committee would have been able to help with.

Kyle

Below is the email I sent to GSR's from a list provided from Brad.

Eleven groups responded. For question #1 there were 8 groups who said "yes" they are aware of individuals who are having difficulty attending meetings because of child care needs. For question #2 there were a variety of responses... For those groups that had people attend with children there were some who had rooms where children could play as long as they were not needing supervision. In some cases the church, namely Trinity Episcopal, was concerned about leaving children unsupervised due to liability. Three of the groups let people bring kids and then "figured it out". So in essence there was one semi-organized group but mostly groups which came up with solutions as problems presented. I was hoping for more responses but most surveys are like this. I think what came through is most respondents were not sure what a good path forward would be but felt that there is a need.

Jill

Brad has reviewed the report and will respond to the ADHOC committee by asking that taking another look at the needs to boil it down some more. Larry of the Ad Hoc Committee stated that much work has been done already and they stand that no more boiling down should be necessary and would stand on what has been presented.

Greg S Made a motion that The district establish an accessibilities chair & committee as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee's with a budgetary impact of \$300.00 with \$200.00 budgeted for the Committee chair to attend the November assembly.

Christine B seconded.

Debate ensued.

Lisa H asked if we had the money. The treasurer Lauren responded that we do

have the money.

Ben R called the question. All were in favor

A vote was called to determine if this was administrative or urgent. In favor of the motion being administrative or urgent 25 opposed 2.

A vote was called on the motion: The district establish an accessibilities chair & committee as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee's with a budgetary impact of \$300.00.

In favor 25 opposed 2

Minority Opinion was heard stressing that this needs to be taken back to the groups.

Brad asked if anyone wanted to change their vote. No one wished to change their vote.

The motion stands as passed.

Committee Reports

Archives- Valorie R.

There isn't much to report. I am dealing with some technical issues that have come up, and plan to focus on continuing to file and index archive materials once these have been resolved.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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

Greeting everyone & happy summer, I apologize for missing the meeting, I'm on my way to Washington for a family wedding. The CPC committee finished up information packets to local Bend lawyers this past month. We are moving along to get information packets out to local colleges for September. This last year we have contacted clergy, physicians, lawyers and finishing with schools. We are also planning on doing a CPC presentation at DHS (Department of Human Services) in August or September with Glenn from the district CPC helping. This was a goal we had set at the beginning of my term and I'm excited to see it come into fruition. With that being said, my term as CPC chair ends this coming fall and I'm looking for anyone interested in picking up this service position and continuing the work, it is a two-year term and two years of sobriety. What CPC does: Cooperation with the professional community "CPC" provides the professional community (who comes into contact with alcoholics), with information about what AA is, what AA can & can't do, and how to contact local AA. This type of service work does not require much time. Due to its nature, very often it can be done at your convenience. Yet it is still a very rewarding type of service work. You could learn a lot more about A.A. and how it works

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 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 increasingly taking on the feel of a speaker meeting; it's 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.

Last month, fifteen (15) of CTF's sixteen (16) scheduled panels were held. A handful of AA members, who planned to attend a panel at the hospital in Bend, held an impromptu meeting when the CTF facilitator did not show as scheduled one Saturday. One (1) new facilitator joined the CTF Committee. One (1) Home Group committed to sponsoring a panel/ meeting at St Charles Bend the second Saturday, every other month starting in August! And two (2) other Home Groups have made soft commitments to begin sponsoring a "Saturday Afternoon at the Hospital" every month and every other month, respectively. At present, CTF seeks AA members and/ or Home Groups (Hospital panel/ meeting only) for the following ~15 commitments:

- St Charles, Bend (every Saturday, 1:30-2:45): ~5 facilitators/ groups

- Every other month commitment
- General information regarding this panel/ meeting is included at the end of this report
- Best Care Residential, Redmond (every Tuesday, 7-8pm): 3 facilitators
 - Monthly, or every other month commitment
- Brooks Detox, Redmond (every Tuesday, 7-8pm): 6 facilitators
 - Monthly, or every other month commitment
- Pfeiffer IOP, Bend (2nd Wednesday AM, every 3rd month): 1 facilitator
 - Sept & Dec 2019; March, June, Sept, & Dec 2020
- Pfeiffer In-Patient, LaPine (1st Monday, every other month): 1 facilitator
 - Nov 2019; Jan, March, May, July, Sept, & Nov 2020
- Serenity Lane, Bend (Weds night & Fri Morning every 10-weeks): 1 facilitator
 - Every 10-weeks beginning 1/8 & 1/10/2020

CTF Commitments are typically 2-years. AA experience and literature suggest that “solid sobriety [i.e., experience practicing AA’s 12 Steps], a knowledge of the Traditions and absolute dependability are qualifications needed to serve.” The next CTF Committee meeting is Monday, 9/30, from 5:30-6:45pm in the Hutchinson Room of the Downtown Bend Library. Members of the CTF Committee will begin visiting Home Group business meetings over the coming quarter.

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

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Correctional Facilities – Walt W.

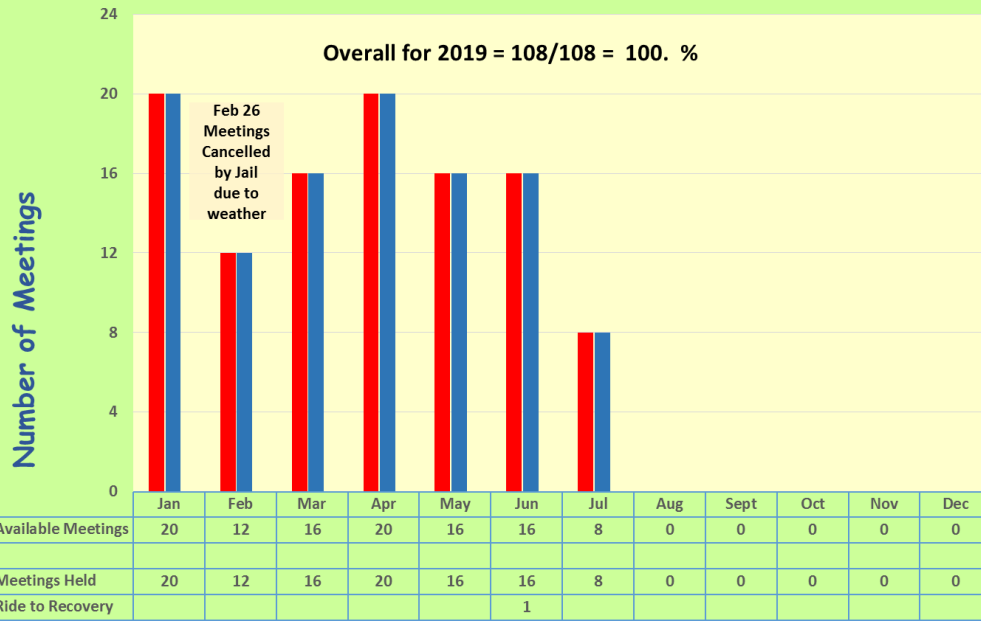
Things are running smoothly, All available meeting were covered since last report, maintaining the 100% coverage so far for 2019 (108 available meetings, 108 meetings facilitated year to date).

One person took advantage of our ride to Recovery program.

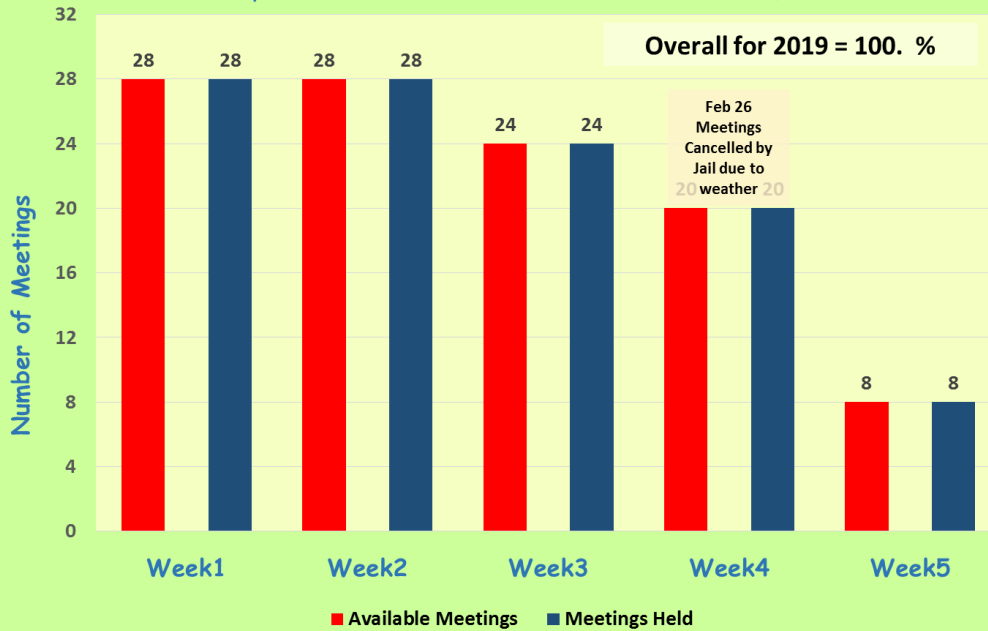
Ordered 2 more cases (60 copies) of the Grapevine Magazine

Thank you for letting me be of service

Deschutes County Main Jail AA Meetings 2019



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Grapevine – Mike C.

I have had a relatively laid-back month as your Grapevine chair:

- Keep It Simple Saturday monthly business meeting in Bend - set up a table and made a presentation
- Monday Night Live monthly business meeting in La Pine - set up a table and made a presentation
- Central Oregon Committee of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (COCYPAA) event planning meeting last week. I hope to serve a bit on their steering committee, as well as assist them with having AA and AA Grapevine Literature available at their future events.

As I mentioned last month, 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 have received 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 COCYPAA!

Please let me if you wish to have me visit your meeting, business meeting, potluck, etc. I have for sale at least one copy of each book AA Grapevine publishes, plus several copies of some, as indicated above. Yours in love and service,

Mike C

grapevine@district5aa.org

Central Oregon Grapevine Guy

Public Information (PI) – Donn C.

All is well for PI as we enter my last quarter as chairperson. It's hard to believe it is the final chapter for me in this position. That said, I am confident, that my alternate, Ryan B. will do a fine job continuing on with the work that began for this current committee a year and a half ago.

Currently, the committee is getting July schedule deliveries executed and each member is taking on more of them after dividing up my own usual route. We have added Rim Rock Trails Treatment services of Bend and two Madras locations to our list of established locations, which is nice. Although the school panel did not get booked this

year, we have a lead in Sisters for one in the fall, and it is my hope that the 2020 version of this committee has more panels in addition to that. That is all for now.

Thank you & "All the Best"

Donn C.

Website – Vacant

GSR Reports

Eastside Early Risers - Valorie R.

Our group meets at 7am Monday-Friday, upstairs in the Heritage Hall of First Presbyterian Church. All meeting formats are AA literature-based, our meetings are well-attended, and our 7th Tradition is healthy. There is a mix of sobriety from newcomers to those with decades. At present we do a little group inventory by asking questions related to the Tradition of the month at each business meeting, which is held the 1st Tuesday each month following the regular meeting. We decided at our last meeting to participate in the \$8.06 Area Challenge. All of our service positions are filled, except for Alternate GSR.

In June we had the opportunity to serve as sponsor of the Intergroup Potluck Speaker Meeting. Even though it was scheduled on the same weekend as both the PNC and the Ochoco Campout, everything turned out as it should.

Safe Harbor – Helen W.

Things are generally going well at the Safe Harbor Group. We are consistently seeing newcomers and visitors. Our funds are healthy and we pass contributions up the line as we can.

Behind the scenes, there is a bit of turmoil that most members are not part of. Our monthly business meetings have experienced some behaviors that are emotionally upsetting. A disruptive committee member engaged in bullying behavior by stating, "Either you do it my way, or I will quit my position" in an aggressive manner. Ever since I have been going to Safe Harbor, we have not called on people after periods of silence. That is what was told to me. The person calls on people and says it is in our bylaws. Unfortunately, we do not seem to have a copy of the bylaws. I asked the secretary to loan be his notebook of minutes several times. I want to go through the minutes and extract what I can from them. I still don't have it. At the present time, the business meeting is a hung jury and hard feeling are festering. On a personal note, this whole thing has brought forth a person demon and I am having a hard time resolving it.

At the next business meeting, I plan to bring up the idea of safety in AA and Principles

before personalities. I have contemplated whether I should remain as GSR. I don't need that kind of stress.

We are Not a Glum Lot – Larry K.

Riverbend Church, 334 NW Newport Ave, Bend When: Mon, Wed (closed meeting), Fri; all at noon Attendance: 40-70 variable 7th Tradition: About \$50 avg. Open service positions: Alt GSR Problems: None at this time

Girls Gone Sober – Thursday

Girls Gone Sober meets at the Alano Club in Redmond on Thursday's at 7:00 pm and on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month for a Big Book study at 4:00, also at the Alano Club.

Attendance is still up and down for the Thursday meeting, but it's still going strong. The attendance on Sunday's is growing every week even though it's a new meeting. The ladies are saying good things about this new meeting!

The business meeting attendance is still minimal, but we're getting positions filled on the rotation schedule. After discussing ideas for a safety plan, we tabled it for the next meeting. We still need an alternate GSR and a treasurer (in November). These positions are difficult to fill due to the length of sobriety requirements.

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.

24 & Alive – Lisa H

I was unable to attend my business meeting due to a schedule conflict.

Tumalo – Louise L

Greetings from Tumalo Monday 6:00 book study and Friday 7:00 Speaker Meetings. Happily reporting that we completed our group's inventory! We held 3 gatherings and went through the inventory questions and the associated tradition 4 per session. I think we love each other even more than before!

We have our service positions fleshed out and attendance is great.

Happy summer, see you at the Ogden Campout!!

Are We Done Yet? - Ben R.

Sat 7:30 pm First Presbyterian.

We have been busy as a home group, recently electing a data chair and employing google docs to organize our group's info. Our group has begun to work with CTF to help sponsor the panel at the hospital. Currently we have agreed to hold the panel once every other month and encourage other groups to do the same. Our attendance has been better than expected with 40-50 folks every Saturday.

COCYPAA - Central Oregon Committee of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous – Ben R.

We are excited to announce that we have finished elections for our committee, held our first business meeting, and begun planning our first event. We are looking at cohosting music and games in the park on August 10th, we will have all the details and fliers soon. We have been asked by the OSYPAA host committee to provide speakers this coming Friday at the OSYPAA campout. We are looking forward to growing the young people's community in central Oregon and being of service to all alcoholics.

Intergroup Liaison Report – Carrie B.

My name is Carrie, I am 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 our local intergroup and General Service

Intergroup Hotline Chair Mac of the Attitude adjustments group, is still working on putting some workshops together on how to do 12 step calls

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The Intergroup Newsletter should be published soon. I was hoping to have some with me today, but it seems they are not ready as of yet. But I've been told anytime... so be on the lookout.

Please get your note papers ready and right these dates down for your home groups
Upcoming non district related events in the order of even dates are as follows:

- Thursday July 18th through Sunday July 21st Ogden Campout
- Saturday July 27th Intergroup Potluck Speaker Meeting will be held upstairs in Brooks Hall and hosted this month by the Tuesday Night Group of Alcoholics Anonymous that meets on Tuesday nights Fred S will be the AA Speaker.
- Monday the 29th Firing Line Monthly Speaker Meeting will be hosting Frank W. Intergroup Secretary from the Living Sober Big Book Study and his new bride Stephanie W. from the Attitude Adjustment group.

- Saturday August 10th Redmond Potluck Speaker Meeting
New Horizons hosted a SOP Workshop, and audio of that is available by CD through your DCM or send me an email request and I will send you an MP3

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Carrie B. Vice Chair COIG
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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 Jill B. –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.
- **Save the Date!!! GSR SCHOOL!!!! When September 7th** More details coming soon!!
- With **September rapidly approaching** and new officers to be elected (DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer) 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