

# District 5 Oregon Area 58

## Meeting Minutes

### March 12th, 2023

**Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.**

**Attending:** Carrie B (DCM), Christine B (Secretary), Nancy B (Access), Joe H (Archives), Ron B (CPC), Walt W (Corrections), Jessie C (Grapevine/LaVina), Trisha M (Literature), Brian R (PI), John S (Website), Dawna A (GSR 24 & Alive), Chris M (GSR Attitude Adjustment), Carmack M (GSR Men's Book Study), Mario H (GSR New Horizons), Beth (AGSR New Horizons), Charles K (GSR Not A Glum Lot), Helen W (AGSR Not A Glum Lot), Joy H (GSR Page 21), Alan S (GSR Primary Purpose), Ryan M (AGSR Primary Purpose), John K (GSR Redmond Rebels), Lynn H (GSR Rising In Recovery), Anne Z (GSR Sober Sisters), Todd H (GSR Steps To Sobriety), Tim C (GSR Sunrise Group), Jake M (GSR Tuesday Night AA), Marie K (GSR Tumalo Group), Brandon C (GSR Weathering The Storm), Christina (Al-Anon Liaison), Mark L (Guest), Ron Hebron (Guest), Katie (???)

**Welcome to new GSRs:** Ryan M (AGSR Primary Purpose)

#### **Tradition 3 Presentation:**

Short presentation on Tradition 3.

See:  Trad #3 U.I.A. In depth 8 week Workshop

#### **Concept III:**

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

#### **District Secretary – Christine B.**

Good afternoon. My name is Christine. I am an alcoholic and your District Secretary.

I would like to remind all of you and encourage you to consider making yourselves available for the District Officer and Committee Chair positions coming up at the next election in October. I would be happy to spend some time with any of you thinking about stepping up to be of service.

A motion was made to accept the February Meeting Minutes by Joe H and was seconded by Ron B. **Motion Passed.**

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

## **Treasurer Report – Will D.**

Greetings District 5

My name is Will, and I am your District 5 treasurer. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

We started February with \$8,821.23

Group Contributions in February were \$1,808.40.

We also received a contribution from a member in the amount of \$258.50.

Expenses in February were \$1,018.19.

Leaving us with a balance on February 28 of \$9,869.94

We are currently behind in contributions by \$327.07 YTD.

We received a check in the amount of \$260.00 with the MEMO: Annual Contribution from a Robert F. in

Redmond. Unfortunately, there was no group name/number attached to the check and I cannot deposit

it until I know where to code it.

I would like to encourage all our committee chairs to use their budgets carrying the message in Central

Oregon. If any committee chairs need help gaining access to funds please do not hesitate to reach out, I

am happy to help. Email: treasurer@district5aa.org

To achieve the requisite contributions for the 2023 budget and finish the year with prudent reserves for

2024, we need group contributions to be: \$1,741/per month for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In unity-

Will D.

District 5 Treasurer

A motion was made to accept the February Treasurer's report as delivered by Carmack M and was seconded by Katie. **Motion Passed.**

## **DCM Report – Carrie B.**

District 5: Good Afternoon my District 5 family! What have I done this last Month?

Well, The Young at Heart Grp has me presenting on the Tradition of the Month at the beginning of their Business meetings for 5 minutes followed by 5 minutes of Q and A. I then leave after the presentation so they can do their business without an audience.

I'm also still presenting a Tradition a month at the Page 21 Group in Prineville on the Last Monday of the Month at their Monthly Speaker Meeting. The WFS Grp invited me to their Business meeting to give a presentation this month, but because I was at PRAASA I have committed to their next business meeting next month. The Primary Purpose Grp has invited me to come out to give a presentation on General Service this coming Tuesday after their regular meeting right here in this room. Alan has asked me

to prepare to present for 30 minutes about the Difference between General Service and Intergroup, why having a home group allows your voice to be heard, and how each member connects to AA as a whole. After the presentation there will be time for Q & A. The Primary Purpose Group has opened this up to anyone in District 5 who is interested. It would be great to see other GSRs there. Thank you Alan for the opportunity to be of service.

Oregon Area 58: I did attend PRAASA last weekend and have a lot of information to report. Very big stuff. It was a lot. As soon as I finalize my PRAASA report, I will look at the calendar and offer a time for everyone to come hear the PRAASA report and ask questions. I would like to be prepared first, and I am still waiting on some answers to a couple of questions I had regarding some current issues. I will let you know as soon as this is scheduled.

The Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly, March 31-April 2 being held at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport is THIS MONTH!! If you haven't already done so, please be sure to register ASAP!! I will be asking at the end of this meeting for anyone willing or needing to ride share/room share. Also, because we don't have an alternate DCM right now, so there is no Assembly Orientation, I will make myself available after this District meeting to answer any questions about this upcoming assembly and go over the agenda with all who would like to stay after.

Speaking of Assemblies, District 5 will be hosting the May assembly right here in Central Oregon! At the Redmond fairgrounds. We will need lots of physical support in hosting this event here locally. Volunteers are needed! GSRs, Ask Christine what your Home Group can do. District Committee Chairs, I hope you will ALL have a table or booth set up at this Assembly. If you don't know how to start planning for this PLEASE reach out to me and I will help you! Let's show the rest of Oregon area 58 how active our service committees are here in District 5!

### D5 DCM March2023

Last but not least, is the Pacific Northwest Conference, June 23-25 which is also being held at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport, is a MUST NOT MISS!! This is a good conference to bring your newcomers to. This is not an assembly, and there will be no voting or decision making. It is an AA Conference. The oldest AA Conference in the world. After Bill and Lois visited the Pacific Northwest in their travels Bill set the Ball rolling and this conference was created. I hope everyone is able to attend.

GSO/AAWS: The General Service Conference is coming up QUICKLY! The final Conference Agenda Item List is out and all GSRs should have received it. Along with the summaries and background information. Two of you GSRs have reached out to me and requested an online conference agenda item sharing session to prepare our delegate for the upcoming General service conference. Hopefully your group is doing this also, but because of these requests as well as requests from District 9, the District is offering a district wide session NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19th from 1pm-3pm in the District Zoom Room. Amber, our delegate will be there to listen to our thoughts, feelings and opinions on important issues that will be discussed at this year's conference, such as changes in the 12&12 and the new Big Book. WE STILL NEED PRESENTERS!! I was hoping every GSR would present on a different topic, but if someone from your group who is not a GSR would like to present they are very welcome! All members with a home group in District 5 or district 9 are welcome to participate. If someone would like

to attend and their home group is not in district 5 or 9, they are welcome to attend but not participate. Last weekend at PRAASA we had a district in Hawaii ask if they could make our event an event at their local alano club and zoom into attend. I said yes. But they understand they will only be observers as they are not part of our district. I hope to see all of you, and the members of your groups there.

Yours in Fellowship & Service,  
District 5 DCM <http://district5aa.org/>  
Carrie B. 541-788-7276  
Please announce at your Home Group

"The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. We cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance." -Cofounder Bill W.

#### **Alternate DCM Report- Vacant**

- n/a

## **Unfinished Business**

- n/a

## **Committee Reports**

#### **Assembly Host Committee: Christine B.**

Greetings! My name is Christine and I am an alcoholic. Plans are firming up as the time quickly draws near. A greater effort to sign up volunteers is ramping up. We want to show Area 58 that AA is alive and well in District 5. The Committee had voted in January to move forward with a dance on Saturday night. That has been reconsidered as new facts came to light and re-voted on. We will NOT be having a dance. Some of us will be at the Assembly here at the end of March gathering information, prepping and getting registration going. It is exciting that this has finally arrived and it's going to be a great event!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**Access Committee: Nancy B.**

Hello everyone,

I don't have a lot to report this month. I have continued with my training on setting up and running the hybrid equipment. I am grateful for Barry and Chris of Attitude Adjustments in their support of this project.

On a related note, I cleared up a misunderstanding that I had related to the amount that district will pay \$1 / month rental fee to Barry of Attitude Adjustments.

thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Nancy Boever

Archives: Joe H.

D5 Archives Report for Sunday 3/12/23 at 4 pm in person and zoom

Written report from Joe H, Karen Z

Greetings District 5,

I would like to make a motion to increase the Archives Budget. See motion.

Karen Z. has graciously volunteered to be an Archives Committee Member. Yayyyy!!!!  
We visited the repository and spent a short time (because it was so cold in the storage) going through some of the boxes in the collection. We found a banner, some vinyl records, and a bunch of cool books.

I have high graded a Deed of gift from the internet. The Deed of Gift has been modified to reflect District 5, Bend Oregon. I will include a Deed of Gift with all future contributions.

I have received 2 contributions to the archives in the last month.

1. A tri fold glossy brochure from the 1995 San Diego International Conference. That was the 60<sup>th</sup> annual. I have attached a picture. Fun Fact: I spoke with Joan at the Intergroup, and she may have a book and a pin from the conference to contribute.

-Contribution made by: Larry S. from Tumalo Friday Night Speaker Meeting.

2. I received a 3 ring folder used at the Central Oregon Speaker Meeting. This meeting lasted for approximately 30 years. It did not reopen after Covid. The meeting was held on the first and third Fridays at 7pm, Eastmont Church on Eagle Road. The binder has the meetings format, readings, and some laminated cards with numbers on them that they used as place holders for speakers to share.

-Contribution made by John P. from the We are not a glum lot meeting. A Deed of gift was signed.

I have attached 2 pictures of the current storage, and 2 pics of the brochure from San Diego.

Feel free to contact Joe H with any questions comments or concerns directly by cell phone at 541-948-4475.

Or email me at:

[Archives@district5aa.org](mailto:Archives@district5aa.org)

**(Pictures didn't transfer - CB)**

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Ron B.**

Hello District 5. I had the pleasure of meeting with Brian, our PI Chair, to discuss cooperation and plans between CPC and PI. However, I've been remiss with regard to having committee meetings as well as getting materials to our outstanding CPC committee member so she can help get the ball rolling on our packets, despite her many friendly reminders. I owe her and District 5 an amends and a heartfelt thank you for your patience and understanding over the last several months. I will endeavor to show my gratitude with effective action in the future. Until our next meeting, thank you.

Your brother in service,

- Ron B

**Treatment Facilities (CTF): Brian W**

Here are our committee updates since the last district meeting, and the Chair (Brian) would like to thank Ron H. for stepping in to cover his absence at this meeting:

- The first panel at Bestcare Bend was a great success, and will continue
- We brought aboard one more committee member and they will deliver a panel to Turning Points in Bend. Our committee is now nine committee members and one committee chair.
- We held our business meeting on 2/25. Full minutes here:

[☰ Treatment Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes 2023-02-25](#) and here are the

highlights:

- Four of our ten committee members showed up, the rest had conflicts. We decided to change how we schedule our business meetings in order to be more accommodating to those who were not present.

- We would like to invite other district chairs to be present and have a voice at our committee meeting. When the date is scheduled, I will make every effort to invite district committee chairs and their committee members.
- One of our panelists had been bringing AA Big Books to clients at in-person panels out of their own pocket. To this, we voted to fund providing big books (and only big books and pamphlets to keep our message focused). Following this report, I will make a motion to request a budget line item to increase our budget to cover big books for clients at panels
- We discussed providing pamphlets to treatment facilities. We learned previous discussion indicates we should only provide pamphlets from this list
  - ☰ Treatment Setting Pamphlet Racks .
- Ron H is going to take on our first draft of Bridging the Gap guidelines. We believe connecting people in treatment with their first AA meetings post-treatment is important, and that we have been putting it off long enough. We hope to have an approved set of guidelines to present within the coming months.

Thanks for letting me be of service

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 Chair - Cooperation with Treatment Facilities Committee  
 District 5 AA - Area 58  
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**Corrections: Walt W. PLEASE ANNOUNCE!!!!!!!**

The jail is moving closer to in person meetings. In a meeting with the Programs Director, the Volunteer Coordinators (NA, AA, etc) were given new guidelines for approval for the program. So right now, no one is approved. Sobriety time has been increased to 3 years, time out of jail has been increased to 5 years. Also an additional form needs to be filled out (a job application as I understand it) and another background check. So far this has eliminated 2 of our current volunteers and 2 potential applicants. I have been making my objections known, written and verbally.

An orientation is required. Some attended last year. Another will be held on May 13. So right now we are in a recruiting phase so potential applicants can attend the May orientation. I would like to ask the GSR's to announce in their homegroups anyone interested in bringing AA meetings into the jail to send an email to the Corrections contact in the District Website. They have given me a deadline of March 17 (but have always accepted applications after the deadline) Thanks for your assistance.

Yours in service  
 Walt W

**Grapevine / La Vina: Jessie C.**

Hi, my name is Jessie and I am the District 5 Grapevine/La Viña Chair. My homegroup is now the New Horizons Group.

My main priority continues to be gathering the information of all the Grapevine/La Viña reps across the district. GSRs, if your home group has a GV/LV rep, please give them my contact information so they can be on my committee. My email is [Grapevine@District5aa.org](mailto:Grapevine@District5aa.org).

I will be attending the COIGAA St. Patrick's Day Speaker Meeting on March 17th from 6pm-9pm with my board and Grapevine books.

**Literature: Trisha M.**

Hi all,

This last month I've started learning what my role is and can be as Literature Chair.

I've been to two Literature meetings or workshops which were packed with info. I've gotten contact info for those who can help me and answer questions. I also picked up pamphlets for GSR packets and study edition big books which were a hit at my home group BB study as well as the newcomer packets.

I am looking forward to getting out to some other BB studies this month where I can offer literature.

Also I plan to pick up more supplies so I can be of service at any workshops or District functions.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Trisha M

D5 Literature Chair

**Outreach: Vacant - Learn More**

As you know this position is still available. Please continue announcing this open D5 Committee Chair position in your Home Group as well as at the meetings you attend that are not a part of a group and do not have a GSR. Please see Outreach committee guidelines here: [D5 Outreach Committee Guidelines](#) or look them up on District5AA.Org under the Outreach Committee Thank you everyone for your service!

Carrie D5 DCM 541-788-7276





# OUTREACH CHAIR POSITION

DO YOU ATTEND A  
LOT OF MEETINGS?  
ARE YOU WILLING TO  
MAKE ANOUNCMENTS?  
DO YOU HAVE MORE  
THAN A YEAR SOBER?  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
GET INTO GENERAL  
SERVICE?

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position send an email  
to the DCM at:  
[dcm05@aa-oregon.org](mailto:dcm05@aa-oregon.org)

**SUPER  
EASY  
AND FUN  
POSITION!**

**Public Information (PI): Brian R.**

Hi District 5,

PI is going alright. We added a new committee member Jena from NHG, I think she will be a great addition. We are continuing to get our literature out there. Last week we were accepted into Cascade East Transit and are able to put flyers and information at the Hawthorne station. I have a meeting next week with someone from The Source, a local publication about getting an ad in some of their publications. I'm still on the search for more committee members and any information any of you may know about concerning upcoming wellness fairs or community events that we may be able to set a booth up at.

Yours in Service,  
Brian R

**Website: John S.**

My name is John Stark, and I am your alcoholic D5 Web Chair.

Here is my update for March 2023:

Website traffic for the past 30 days:

As of this past Wednesday, we have had 3,227 unique visitors to the website. That is a bit of an drop from February by a couple of hundred visitors.

NOTE: Unique visitors are only counted once even though someone may return to the site multiple times over the past 30 days.

Our top five visited pages for the past 30 days are:

1. Calendar Page
2. GSR Page
3. Contact Page
4. D5 Committee Job Descriptions Page
5. About D5 page

Our busiest website traffic days for the past 30 days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

My activities this past month:

- Calendar updates.
- Added and/or removed flyers from Home page and Calendar/Announcements page.
- Finished up remaining email accounts for active committee chairs.

Reminder:

Please contact me first if a link is broken, a file is missing, or anything else that has to do with the District5aa.org website. The same for any D5 committee email issues. Thank you.

A couple additional items (recurring):

- I am happy to add any events, etc. to the website that you wish as long as they meet the District 5 Guidelines.
- Please review your specific page (GSR, Committee, etc.) and let me know if you want anything added or removed.

(Requests for postings can be sent directly to the webmaster).

That's all from me! Have a great March everyone and remember to keep smiling.

Regards,  
John S  
D5 Web Chair

## **GSR Reports**

### **Tuesday Night AA (Jake - GSR)**

My name is Jake and I am an Alcoholic.

My home group is Tuesday Night AA. Our group meets Tuesday nights at 7pm at Bend Church of the Nazarene. The church is located on 27 th just south of Neff. We are an open, one hour discussion meeting most weeks. On the first Tuesday of every month we have a speaker meeting. Come join us to hear some of the amazing stories of a wide range of local members. We serve coffee and we have dums dums :P.

We have been seeing twentyish people at our meetings recently. We have not been seeing many new comers, but we have been seeing a diverse group of non homegroup members joining us. We always appreciate seeing other members of the community. We are also a fairly small home group so if you know of any folks who are looking for service opportunities at the group level we always have openings for individuals to contribute.

In grateful service,  
Jake Marshall  
GSR  
Tuesday Night AA

### **Sisters in Sobriety (Katie - GSR)**

I took over as our groups GSR in early January of 2023 and I am happy to be of service. This is a women's meeting that meets once a week at 5pm on Saturday at Trinity episcopal church in Bend Oregon.

Since about say early 2020 our group has mushroomed a lot in size and we have all of our positions filled. Our group has 14 homegroup members. No coffee is ever made at our meeting, but we do our thing with tea. We have a fellowship dinner after our 5pm meeting each first Saturday of the month.

Chandra (AGSR) will go in my place to the assembly at the end of this month because my baby girl also will turn 1 at the end of the month and I didn't get sober so I could miss that.

Tabled items: Timer if our group is over 10 people because sometimes our meetings get a little big. We want people to be able to contribute to the meeting. We don't need to have one specific person do this. A homegroup member will do this as needed.

Thanks for your time,  
Katie H. of sisters in sobriety homegroup member\*

### **Page 21 (Joy H - GSR)**

Greetings :5. My name is Joy and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Page 21 Group in Prineville. Our group continues to meet every Monday at 11:30 for social time followed by a Big Book study from 12 to 1. We are happy to be able to meet in the warm, cozy basement of the Prineville Christian Church located at 1685 Lynn Blvd. Our speaker for this month is Dave G. from the Early Risers

Gr. in Bend. On March 27th Dave will be sharing his experience, strength and hope with us. Our group will also be welcoming our D-5 DCM Carrie B whom will be sharing with us a short presentation on tradition 3. There is an Ask It Basket for any questions on this tradition that will be answered by Carrie. At 1 p.m. I invite everyone to share a hot lunch and yummy dessert with us.. I would like to take a moment to express our appreciation to our past Alt. DCM Jamie for her diligent service while holding this position. It was a pleasure working with you. As a member of the Treatment Facility committee I have completed my orientation with our DCM Carrie B. I attended the February TF meeting where we discussed moving forward in bringing AA into the Prineville Best Care facility. My group has taken positions as Greeters for our May Service Assembly that will be held in Redmond on the 19-21st. Please come join us this month in Prineville to welcome our guest speaker, share a meal and enjoy the camaraderie. In loving service, GSR Joy

**Tumalo Group (Marie K - GSR)**

My Name is Marie and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is Tumalo Friday night. Our Group meets at the Tumalo Church 7:00 Friday is a Speaker/Participation Meeting and Monday Book Study at 6:00 We meet every two months on the second Friday of the month. Howard D has accepted as Alternate GSR. All other positions are filled. Our last meeting was held February 10th. One issue of business we discussed is to form a committee to rewrite the Safety Statement to apply to our group. Our next meeting will be April 10th.

In Service,  
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GSR  
Tumalo  
Group  
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Marie1087@earthlink.net

**24 & Alive (Dawna A - GSR)**

D5

We are excited to have a GSR and IGR now. 24 & Alive is getting more connected and informed with Intergroup and D5.

24 & Alive had meeting each day at 5:30 pm at the Redmond Alano Club. Saturday evening is 12x12 study. Sunday evening is Big book from cover to cover. We also have a Sunday 10 am Meditation meeting, practicing the 11th step.

We do have service positions open.... Meeting Secretary's. These service positions are for 3 months. We are sending our GSR to pre-conference assembly March 31st through April 2 with our group Conscience.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service

24 & Alive GSR

Dawna A

**Attitude Adjustment (Chris M - GSR)**

Attitude Adjustment meets @ 7AM Monday-Friday at TEC. All meetings are also HYBRID.

Tuesday is an As Bill Sees It meeting, Thursday is a Big Book Study with the last Thursday of each month being a Traditions meeting. M/W/F are open topic with the exception of the last Wednesday being a Grapevine meeting.

Attitude Adjustment hosted the Intergroup Potluck last month. It was very well attended. It was my first potluck, and I had a great time. It's a great way to be of service to your home group and I look forward to attending others throughout the year!

We had a discussion regarding non-binary phone lists at our last business meeting. One home group member suggested calling the San Francisco Intergroup Office and asking them what they do. I have not done this yet but think it was a good idea.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Chris M.

GSR Att Adj

**Steps To Sobriety (Todd H - GSR)**

Howdy District 5,

Steps to sobriety group is loves celebrating sobriety and this months spiritual gurus whom will be celebrating on the last Friday of the month at 530 pm will be

Lee 1 year

Trisha 20 years

Tom M 29 years

Todd H 29 years

Roy 33 years

Renee H 36 years

Eldrid 43years

It's also not too late to see how we walk through the steps as a group our Tuesday night awol meeting at 5 30pm is currently on step 7 always fun to see people doing this and see the growth live and in person!

(Come support the New Comer meeting on Saturdays at 8:00).

Thanks for my sobriety;

Todd H

Gsr

Steps to Sobriety

**Rising In Recovery (Lynn H - GSR)**

My name is Lynn H. and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is Rising In Recovery Group. We are an online only group and meet at 7:00-8:00 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Our last Business meeting was March 3 rd covering Feb. events.

GSO: Proposed Agenda Items submitted pertaining to Online Groups PAI 83:

"That Zoom or hybrid groups not be included in the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous." PAI 181: To create a Delegate Area for Online Groups."

Both reviewed by the Trustees General Conference Committee and NOT forwarded to Conference as a separate agenda item. Now under item VII Policies/Admissions, item E of approved Agenda Items.

The Ad Hoc committee for participation of online groups decided "More shared experience is needed regarding online groups".

Area 58: Spoke with past registrar who brought forward the motion for an online district in Area 58. This motion passed; however none of the online groups have come forward with their own District Committee Member (DCM) to register.

Dist. Level: I learned the group conscience decides whether an online group GSR must live within the district they affiliate with as long as they can attend district meetings online. Our current group conscience is "must live in dist."

Group Level: Filled all week-day meeting leader positions (3 mo. term) and voted for new Intergroup Rep. (Carol H.) who will be replacing Diane R.

Issue: Higher Power is reminding us to fact check first, before any vote happens. Consequence/lesson: We will have a "special election" to select a new Business Meeting Facilitator next Friday, but current person serving does not rotate out until end of May!

Sent out survey to all on phone list and as of Thur. only 8 responses, waiting for any week-end responses.

In gratitude and service,

Lynn H. GSR

Rising In Recovery Group

### **Weathering The Storm (Brandon C - GSR)**

My name is Brandon and I'm an Alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

My Home Group is "Weathering The Storm"

Our Group meets at Miller's Landing Park, Monday – Friday at 7:00am:

o Monday = 12 & 12

o Tuesday = Big Book

o Wednesday = AA Approved Literature

o Thursday = "As Bill Sees It"

o Friday = Speaker

With winter here, our daily attendance averages (15)

We had our monthly business meeting on Friday, March 3rd, as is scheduled on the first Friday of every month. Pertinent topics discussed included:

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:

a. Our contributions breakdown

b. Decided to contribute:

i. 40% to District

ii. 40% to Intergroup

iii. 20% to GSO

2. Environment:

a. Since we meet outdoors year-round we have equipment to regularly maintain

b. Often our business meetings are dominated with discussion around nurturing our Group's physical environment, general livelihood and personality

Lastly, there is a rumor floating around that Weathering The Storm is shutting down. This is blasphemy! In short, we were simply looking for a new volunteer(s) to assist with hauling and setting up our heaters each morning, and that trivial issue has since been resolved.

In Service,

Brandon C.

GSR "Weathering The Storm"

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**Primary Purpose (Alan S - GSR)**

GSR Report 3/11/2023

Primary Purpose Group

My name is Alan S and I am honored to serve as GSR for the Primary Purpose Group.

We met M-F @ 530p in the TEC meeting room in Bend.

Before my report I would like to introduce Ryan M. He stood for the new Alternate GSR position and was unanimously voted in! I'm really looking forward to working with Ryan to provide consistent reporting of D5 business and activities to our home group.

Our group membership has increased and meeting attendance has increased in each of our meetings. Our business meeting March 6 was well attended with all positions filled. After my report to the group about February D5 meeting minutes, many members expressed interest in district activities and the agenda items for the pre-conference assembly. But there was a large contingent who expressed some degree of a lack of understanding about the general service structure. Upon request, our DCM Carrie has agreed to provide a 30 minute explanation of the AA general service structure as well as a description of how our Intergroup (COIGAA) serves our local AA community. There will be a q&a session following her presentation. This will be March 14th at 640p at the TEC meeting room following the Primary Purpose meditation meeting at 530. All are welcome to attend.

Group conscience agreed to increase our monthly rent to TEC 50\$.

An old business topic regarding gender pronouns in the reading and discussion in the Wednesday Big Book study meeting was treated as an item of discussion. The consensus was to address the antiquity in the writing in regards to pronouns before the reading starts instead of trying to read the book with neutral pronouns which could really get confusing. No motions were made or further discussion. The topic was rested with hope that the 5th edition will likely address pronoun concerns. Any input from other groups or those who have insight about this topic is welcome and appreciated!

I'm very grateful to be a part of service with you all!

Your friend,

Alan

(541) 647-9174

**Sunrise (Tim C - GSR)**

The Sunrise group meets at the First Presbyterian Church Monday through Friday at 7am. Each day is guided by AA approved literature. Our attendance is going and we are seeing some newcomers. We continue to contribute to GSO, Area 58, D5 and COIG. We continue to work on bylaws.

(Finished Safety Guidelines).

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Tim C

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Tim C

[Goducks1968@gmail.com](mailto:Goducks1968@gmail.com)

### **La Pine Men's Group (Willie M - GSR)**

The group is very strong and abides by the principles of A.A. We are fully self supporting. We have a strong core of members who have years of sobriety, who are examples to our new comers.

We are so blessed to have had the privilege to see many miracles in our recovery group. All of our service positions are filled.

A group campout is planned for the end of August which we look forward to.

Grateful to be of service  
Willie M G.S.R.  
La Pine Mens

### **New Horizons (Mario H - GSR)**

My name is Mario and I am an Alcoholic. My group is New Horizons. Our group meets Monday - Thursday at noon at TEC (Trinity Episcopal Church) 469 NW Wall St, Bend, Oregon.

Monday 11 step study and first Monday of the month is a tradition presentation, Tuesday Big Book study, Wednesday Speaker meeting, and Thursday Beginners meeting. It has been a great month! We have 2 new members! On March 2nd we have our business meeting and we had attendance of 18 members, is very motivating to see the members of my group participating and working hard. On March 18th we are going to have our Karaoke dance Party, I am really happy that we as a group spend time outside the rooms of AA. Our group is gather to review the General Service Conference Committee Agenda Items on Thursday 3/23/23, it is very important to us that as a group, we have our group conscience ready to be sent to our delegate before the General Service Conference.

For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our website:

[NewHorizonsGroupAA.com](http://NewHorizonsGroupAA.com).

Yours in Service,

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## **Liaison Reports**

**Intergroup: No Report**



**AI-Anon: Christina L.**

In the spirit of cooperation and not affiliation, District 5 AI-Anon has the following updates:

- We are excited to be moving forward with standing up Alateen in Central Oregon. Our Alateen coordinator is looking for Alateen sponsors; if you are a dual member of AA and AI-Anon you are welcome to serve in this way.
- There is a brand new AI-Anon meeting on Tuesdays at noon in Tumalo at the Tumalo Church
- I'm working on getting some paper AI-Anon meeting schedules; I should have them next month
- I am looking for an AI-Anon speaker for the Intergroup March 25 Speaker Potluck; if you are an AA and AI-Anon member, and you would be willing to tell your AI-Anon story, please see me.

Thank you for allowing me to grow in my recovery through this service position,

Christina  
AI-Anon Liaison

**YPAA: Vacant**

## **Ask-it-Basket Questions**

- Trouble filling service positions.

## **New Business**

- **DISTRICT PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA SHARING**
- Archives Motion: To increase "Storage and Keys" budget line item to no more than \$1,700 per year, in order to move it to a safer and larger, 7.5' x 10' conditioned space.

# Closing Announcements / Questions

- Open Service Positions: Alt DCM, Outreach.

Motion to extend meeting by Ron B for 10 minutes:  
Motion Seconded by: Todd H.  
Motion **passed**.

Motion to adjourn: Carmack M.  
Motion Seconded: Marie K.  
**Motion passed.**

**Meeting was closed with Why Do We Need A Conference?, from page 40 of the service manual at 5:38pm.**

## **Tools for GSRs**

D5 Ask-it-basket:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLmZpf2ID4qdx14XVkyYpxq2-NvnLPQdUm6aT7gEB1vrcLw2g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

[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](#)