

**District 5 Oregon Area 58 District Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2019**

**Open with Serenity Prayer**

**Attending**

Brad L, Tim C, Helen W, Carrie B, Walt W, Bonnie C, Heidi E, Lauren M, Lauren S, Lisa H, Elly E., Louise L, Christi T, Kyle, Aaron G, Renee H. Phil M, Wes C, Jill B, Valorie R, Helen W, Richard R, Diane R, Kail R, Mary W, Christine B,

**New GSR's:** Mary W is new Alternate GSR for 24 and Alive

**Tradition 2 Presentation:**

**Recording Secretary - Lisa H** January meeting minutes read Tim C made a motion to accept, Louise L seconded. All approved and report was accepted.

**Treasurer Report: Lauren S**

Motion to accept was made by Carrie B Seconded by Helen W all approved and report was accepted

**January 2019 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.

I attended the Annual Area Orientation on January 19th. It was a great event full of lots of helpful information for anyone involved in service at any level. I hope you take the opportunity to attend next year so that you may bring back some of these valuable tools to your home group. Over my time in general service I have seen quite a few motions presented to the area and district that are sometimes confusing. There is a great piece on "Effective Motion Writing" from the Area Orientation that I will be modifying to reflect District 5 practice and presenting to you at a District meeting in the near future.

The Pre-Conference Assembly is February 22-24 in Medford, OR. Online registration is now open. If you are planning to attend the February assembly and have not made your reservations or registered for the assembly yet, now is the time. Pre-registration really helps the Assembly Host Committee with their preparations. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

You should have received the final agenda items for the 2019 General Service Conference. These are the things we will be discussing at the assembly in two weeks. The background material will be handed out at the assembly for you to dive into with your groups. Please remember we are not voting on anything with any of the agenda items 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. This is the information that the delegate needs to take with her to the conference. The District will be holding a general sharing session on the items on the agenda to collect input to forward to the delegate in early April.

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The Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) is March 1-3 in Irvine, CA. I have heard that the host hotel is now booked for the event but there are still rooms available in some surrounding hotels. You can find all the details at [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org). Although the pre-registration deadline is approaching and will close on February 25 th you will still be able to register when you arrive if you make a last minute decision to attend. There is still a room share available at the host hotel for a male member. Let me know if you are interested and I will put you in contact with your PRAASA bestie.

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.

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 16th at 12:30 at TEC.

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.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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

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**ALT DCM – Bonnie C.**

We are gearing up for our first workshop of 2019; Speaking at Non-AA Meetings. The CPC committee needs your help to inform the professionals in Central Oregon of what A.A is and what A.A. is not. Please invite your home group members to the Saturday, March 16th workshop here at TEC at 12:30 pm. There will be refreshments and raffles! Hope to see you all there.

Last month I was able to attend the Area 58 Orientation in Eugene with our DCM and OR Area Delegate. Valuable information on connecting our District to the Area was presented. I was also able to hear the experience, strength and hope of fellow DCM's and Area service officers and chairs. Service is alive and flowing throughout our state! There are so many ways to be of service to your fellow and the still suffering alcoholic no matter what your schedule may be. Are you available? The District would love to get you plugged in!!

I have been meeting with our beloved Archives Chair in hopes of getting involved and learning more about the preservation of our Districts history. Anyone want to join us?

Just want to leave you all with a quote that I read last week: "Our Twelfth Step- Carrying the message - is the basic service that the A.A. fellowship gives; this is our principle aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of **alcoholics in action**. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die." B.W.

Thank you for letting be of service and getting into action.

Bon C.

**OLD BUSINESS: District Inventory Discussion** - A lively discussion was had

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Carrie B Made a motion to make the Quarterly District Meeting prior to each Assembly be a Potluck with a Foundation. She suggested we spend \$40.00 to come out of our Workshop Budget line item. Everyone is invited to learn what goes on at the Assemblies and to encourage more attendance and service positions filled.

Much Discussion was had....Bonnie C called the Question Tim C Seconded  
Brad asked if this was Administrative all agreed it was  
Brad called for the Vote. All were in favor the motion passed

**Archives Report - Valorie R.**

I am glad to announce that Dave B. and Bonnie C. have stepped up and will serve with me on the District 5 Archives Steering Committee. Our committee will develop archives policies

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and will provide a group conscience for developing motions to bring forward to the district with regard to archives activities.

Collection, preservation, and indexing activities continue – there will always be more to do. Some time was spent last month printing and organizing documents from 2018.

As we preserve printed versions of documents, there are some things that you can do as regular practice which are helpful from a historical perspective, but aren't very often remembered. Please remember to:

- date your activity flyers with complete dates (including the year), and
- use headings (with dates) and page numbers for all pages of reports that you create.

A very sad item to report is that "Ice Cream Mike" from La Pine passed away in December, before we could arrange to interview him and record his story. Along with him went many details of AA history for the La Pine groups which are now lost.

Please consider creating a group history or suggesting a long timer for interviewing – these are stories that need preserving, and I cannot over-emphasize the importance of this activity.

Thanks to GSR's for continuing to take back information to their groups about the importance of archives. Remember that, "archives carries our message over time". I am available should you have any questions.

If you are working with others who need to be of some service, there is no time requirement to participate. It is a wonderful way to be connected to our Fellowship. Please have them contact me at [archives@district5aa.org](mailto:archives@district5aa.org) or call (541) 306-0895.

YILAS, Valorie R.

**Grapevine Chair - Mike C: No Report Submitted**

**Public Information Chair - Don C**

PI is wrapping up deliveries of Jan. - March meeting schedules for the district at this time.

Things are going well as we have just begun to do outreach to senior centers and retirement communities with Carly, our new trusted servant, heading that mission. The biggest news for us is the nailing down the date of March 16<sup>th</sup> for the Speaking at Non-AA meetings workshop put on by PI/CPC, and Are 58's Joe S., along with help from our own DCM - thank you Brad for your engineering this. The flier is good to go and will be distributed ASAP and we in PI & CPC hope to see a decent turnout. Please, any district committee members/GSR, feel free to come down and join us and bring a sponsee or two!

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**CPC Chair – Brenna L**

Hey guys I won't be making the Sunday meeting, CPC is still working on Redmond health care workers, I was hoping they would be in the mail tomorrow, but it looks like the person working on it needs an extension, :). Thanks and see you guys soon.

**Treatment Facilities - 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. 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."

CTF has recently added two (2) weekly Speaker Panels at detox facilities Redmond. These new panels are held every Tuesday, from 7-8pm, at two (2) separate detox facilities -- one mental health, the other residential alcohol and drug treatment. This year alone, these two (2) commitments will require coordinating ~100 panels and over 400, 10-15 minute slots for sober AA members to share their experience, strength, and hope with alcoholics who've not yet reached Alcoholics Anonymous. There are currently three (3) AA members with commitments to facilitate these ~100 panels in 2019. CTF also facilitates a Speaker Panel at St. Charles Hospital in Bend from 1:30-3pm every Saturday. This panel is open to anyone who wishes to attend and appears on the current Intergroup Meeting Schedule as "CTF Saturday Speakers". Currently, two (2) AAs have commitments to coordinate the ~200, 10-15 minutes slots needed to facilitate these 52 Saturday Speaker Panels in 2019.

Outside weekly panels, CTF cooperates with various other treatment facilities, coordinating Speaker Panels once every four (4) to ten plus (10+) weeks depending on the facility's needs. At present, a woman sober in AA is needed to coordinate and facilitate a Speaker Panel at a women's facility in LaPine. This panel is held the first Monday of every other month and is open to woman only. The next panel is slated for March, provided a facilitator is in place. CTF also hopes to establish cooperative relations, including panels, with the numerous sober living houses, assisted living facilities, mental health facilities, Veterans Organizations, homeless shelters, and other hospitals throughout District 5. There are currently two (2) AAs with commitments to verify and update all existing CTF contact information, as well as focus future direction. To get involved: join CTF at an upcoming meeting/ info session! We'll next gather Wednesday, February 27, at 5:15pm in the Hutchinson room at the Deschutes County Library in downtown Bend. We'll also get

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together at the same time and location on Monday, March 25. 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](mailto:d5aa.ctf@gmail.com)

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

### Corrections – Walt W

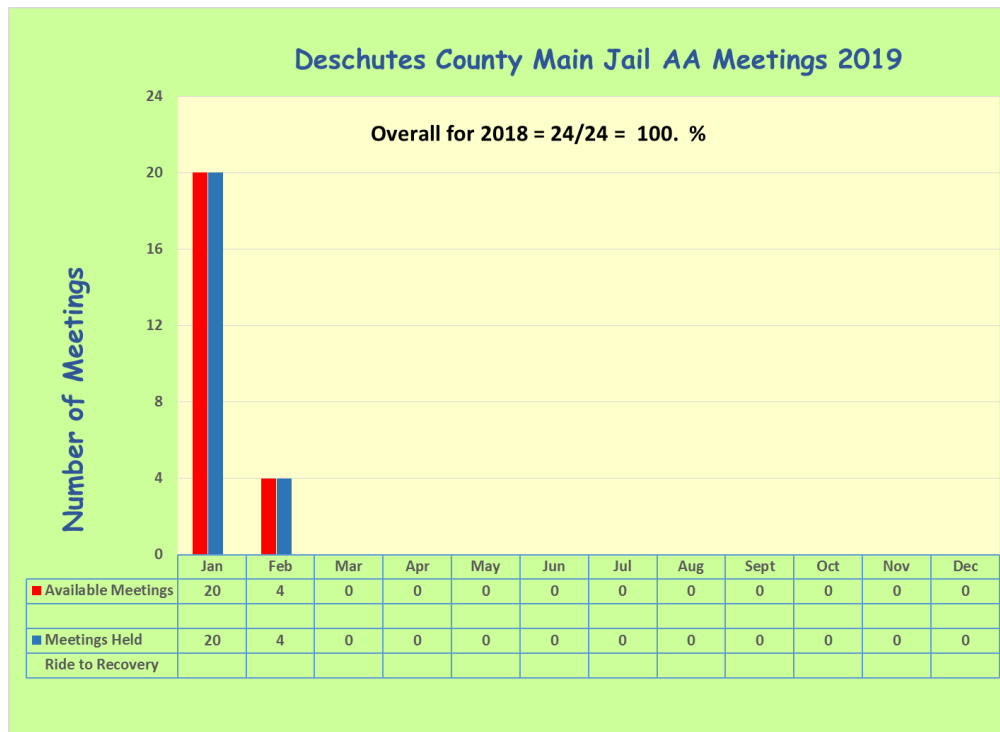
Covered all Available meetings since last report, resulting in 100% coverage so far for 2019.  
No takers for ride to Recovery program.

Have adequate supply of Literature for us and Jefferson County

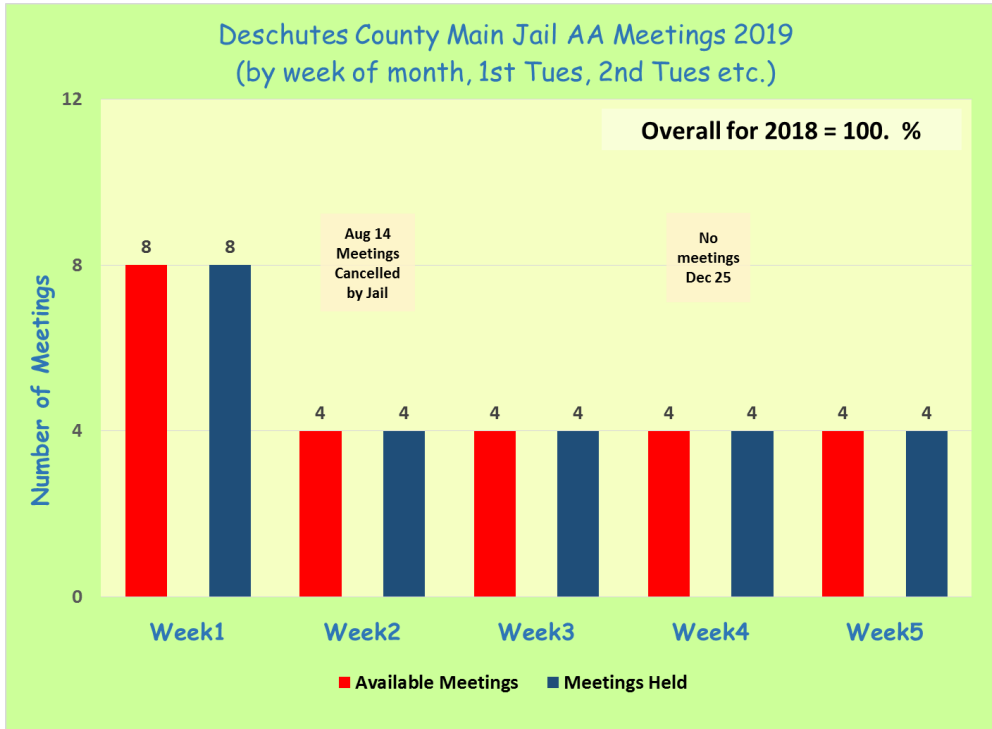
That's all the District Corrections news for this month.

Thanks for letting me be of service

Walt W.



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**Website Chair – John**

Email change over to assigned district Gmail addresses occurred on 12DEC18. If you have not done so yet, Please send an email to [webmaster@district5aa.org](mailto:webmaster@district5aa.org) FROM your new Gmail account to verify its working. Thanks to those that have...

January '19 content count: 8  
 February '19 content count (to date): 5  
 4th 2018 Quarter Archive Final Tally: 48

“CCF Committee’ page debugged (again), third time, site still appears unstable, though it has settled down of late, likely as we are posting less content.

Have gone back over “GSR Resources” page and of the last pass thought, all appears to be ok...

Primeros Pasos (Spanish Speaking Meeting) content archived for now, as a problem was reported with meeting space & time. Can be resurrected as needed.

However! Higher Power has a Rule 62 sense of humor and can apparently write html code... if you “see something (wrong), say something” (please) and let us know for timely upload, repair or update.

I will travel to AZ for brief snow birding, from later Feb. to Mid-March. I will endeavor to

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keep site updated. Though I do request that content generators please add a week or so of additional lead time for postings as I am unsure of where I will be and what internet access I will have.

Yours In Service,  
Peace,  
John P.458.202.0943 [webmaster@district5aa.org](mailto:webmaster@district5aa.org)



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**GSR Reports:**

**Rule 62- Aaron N**

Our meetings are going strong last business meeting was very constructive. We filled all our positions. I am looking for time lines for terms and sobriety times.

**Tumalo Meeting: Louise L**

We had our meeting and all positions were filled. All is going well

**Girls Gone Sober - Heidi E**

We meet Thursdays at 7:00 in Redmond Best Care ladies also attend which we love. At our business meeting we talked about using a timer and we are talking about maybe adding another women's meeting. We voted to contribute to GSO, District and Intergroup we are a newer meeting only 2 years old. I will start encouraging people to come to the Area orientation meeting and I am in need of an Alternate GSR.

**Eastside Early Risers - Valorie R**

Our group meets at 7am Monday through Friday in the Heritage Hall of the First Presbyterian Church on 9th Street, across from Bend High.

Things are going well for us, and we are growing in size and effectiveness. Our 7th Tradition remains healthy, and we recently adjusted our distributions. Meetings are very well attended, and all positions are filled excepting for Alternate GSR. We continue to have newcomers visit and stay, and we support the "still suffering alcoholic", regardless of the length of their sobriety.

**24 and Alive – Lisa H**

We had our Group Conscience meeting last Saturday we changed our time and are getting better attendance. We had a lot of discussion about our format and made some changes to it. I announced possibility of doing a group inventory not much interest...Mary W has stepped up to be an Alternate GSR very grateful.

**Sunday Morning - Rene H**

Hi everyone, The Sunday Morning Serenity group continues to have a large number of AA members show up for this meeting, so much so that we regularly run out of chairs. We had a good turnout at our last business meeting, with more positions being filled. All is going well.

**Safe Harbor – Helen W**

The Safe Harbor Group meets Monday through Saturday at the First United Methodist Church Community Room. All meetings are open, except for Monday Night. Tuesday is a new-comers meeting and Thursday is a Step Study.

I am happy to report that, at our last business meeting, we elected Lori T. to fill our Alt. GSR position and Tabitha D. is our new IGR Representative! Both positions have been unfilled

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for quite a while. We thank both members for stepping into two important service positions! We do have an opening for the Grapevine Representative. Jerry F. has served in that position and has done a bang-up job!

The total meeting attendance last month was 951. Meeting attendance averages around 35. In fact, last night was 20 despite the snow! 7th tradition donations average around \$28 per meeting.

As well as having a solid core of regular attendees, we see many newcomers and returning alcoholics in our meetings.

YILS,  
Helen W.

**Living Sober Meeting Redmond – Christine B**

Our business meeting was postponed we are doing a workshop the old timers meeting I am going to the assembly.

**Home Away from Home - Elly E**

The Home Away From Home Group (HAFHG) of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday, from 7:00-8:30 pm, and Sunday, from 2-3:30 pm. Meetings are held in the Deer Ridge Correctional Institute (DRCI) which is a men's minimum/medium security prison in Madras, OR.

Meeting attendance typically ranges between 8-40 inmates varying in lengths of sobriety. Thursday meetings are AA literature based.

The first Sunday of every month is our business meeting and we celebrate milestones of sobriety. The second Sunday is an open discussion meeting. Third and Fourth meetings are speaker meetings, outside speaker/inside speaker respectively.

The HAFHG of Alcoholics Anonymous holds 104 meetings per year; a responsibility currently shared 2-4 volunteers. There are 9 badged volunteers in total, 3 of which are home group members. We have 2 volunteers who have dedicated to facilitate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and 1 dedicated to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday for consistent volunteers each Sunday. All guests and volunteers are welcome as well. We have one outside sponsor whom is our point of contact with the administrative prison officials. To support the HAFHG with your physical presence, please speak to Tim C. (Outside sponsor), Elly E., Roberto F.; call or text : 541-819-0448 or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com

We have a total of eight trusted service positions, all of which are filled. They include Recording Secretary, Treasure, Thursday Secretary, Sunday Secretary, Literature & Birthdays, Refreshments/interim secretary, proxy-GSR, and Outside Sponsor.

Reports were given by our trusted servants

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Outside Sponsor Report:

Information including 2019 District, Area, Assembly, General Service Conference, and International Convention was announced.

Two of our outside HG members have been facilitated 3 of a 4-week "Back to Basics" workshop at Two Rivers Correctional Institute. Approximately 40 inside-members of the "Free on the Inside" Group of AA have joined.

3 frequent HAFHG guests should obtain volunteer badges in the coming months.

A volunteer has been helping coordinate upcoming outside-speakers. We have our outside and inside speakers for February.

We should have materials available onsite to begin an AA Traditions study this month. This will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday night meetings of each month.

3 questions were announced for those members who care to provide some useful information:

1. Previously, a released inside member now outside member was hosting a "Back to Basics" sessions held on the housing unit. Is this still occurring? No, now it is a Big Book Study.
2. Who has experience working the 12-Steps as they appear in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous? 8 members
3. Who has experience working the 12-Steps as presented in another Fellowship? 10 members

GSR report:

The upcoming assembly agenda items were presented. Unfortunately, the items that were to be voted on for the assembly were left in the GSR's car...and it's a lock down facility. No further discussion was held.

Old Business: Ad-hoc committee formatted a committee and a Thursday Book Study meeting format. The Thursday Secretary solicited feedback from other group members and created a draft of the new format. The AA Preamble will be included, "How it Works", "12 - Traditions", "Daily Reflection" and "AA related announcements. There were questions raised about the new format excluding the anonymity of the group for the new comers. The decision to include the statement in the format was voted on and passed to include. A new draft will be presented at our next business meeting.

New Business: One position needs to be filled.

Our Sunday Secretary position was announced as being open as of February 22 (our current secretary is being released!!!) We will continue to announce the position open and voted on in March.

**Redmond Rebels – Janet B**

New Alternate Lorraine is the new Alt GSR

The attendance is good approximately 25 people, money is good all is going well.

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**WFS – Lauren**

We had our bis meeting added 2 new home group members our meeting is going strong.

**Tuesday Night AA- Kyle R**

Tuesday Night AA has been going strong. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Church of the Nazarene on 27th St. We continue to be self-supporting and our meetings have been drawing good numbers and a regular addition of new home group members. Our service positions are filled, including a new Speaker Getter, Moira. If you would like to speak for us don't be afraid to track her down. I am looking forward to attending the assembly, and thank you for letting me be of service.  
Kyle R.

**Mens Book Study- Richard R**

Elections last month and most positions were filled. Meeting attendance is strong

**Attitude Adjustment – Phil M Alt GSR**

Our Bix meeting is 18-20 members we approved a CTF person to help March meeting. We had a safety issue come up and we used some of the safety guidelines to remedy the situation

**Huntington Hut - Diane R**

Attendance at each meeting varies greatly 10-25 depending on the day and time. Elections for some of the GCC (Group Conscious Committee) will be this coming Tuesday. There is a Secretary's Workshop scheduled for March 9, 2019 12-2.  
Submitted with love in service.  
Diane Richards, GSR

**New Horizon – Kail R**

New Horizons continues to grow, at most meetings it is standing room only. Our latest Group Business Meeting was held on February 5th with 23 home group members in attendance and six people who were in attendance to declare their membership as Home Group Members. We continue to have multiple members make themselves available for any open service position within the group.

Our new Literature chair (Carrie B.) (Thank you Denise for your service as our past literature Chair) has revamped our newcomer packets with more relevant pamphlets for the new person. She has also developed a literature packet for the person who has become a new Home Group Member.

We have started our first ongoing group activity, Taco Tuesday which is held on the last Tuesday of each month, and are looking for other things to do as a group to encourage the idea of having a true connection among members. These activities are for New Horizons Home Group members only.

One of the things that I enjoy most about our business meetings is that we have fun, can

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laugh and not take ourselves so seriously. What we do is important but if we start to think that we are we will be in serious trouble.

Lauren made a motion to adjourn and Helen S seconded All in favor.... meeting Closed with the Responsibility Statement at 5:35

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- **Save the Date:** The District will be holding a general sharing session on April 7<sup>th</sup> for discussing and gathering feedback from the district's groups concerning the 2019 General service Conference agenda items. Details to follow.
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- **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.
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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](mailto: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](mailto:archives@district5aa.org)