

# EMERALD VALLEY INTERGROUP DECEMBER 2019



## Step 12 Spiritual Awakening

*“Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps,  
we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice  
these principles in all our affairs.”*

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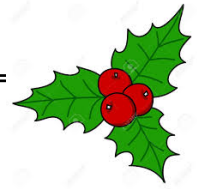
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## **Traveling over the holidays?**

Download the Meeting Guide app  
from Google Play or  
the App Store to  
locate a meeting!



A holiday message from Bill W.  
*Thank you to Ron R. for sharing !*



TO ALL MEMBERS

Greetings On Our 10th Christmas

1944

Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World.

How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing it's full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

Great indeed, our blessings!

And so,-- Merry Christmas to you all-- from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Bill Wilson



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feedback! [eviaaweb@gmail.com](mailto:eviaaweb@gmail.com)

# \*\*\*EVI Speaker Meeting\*\*\*

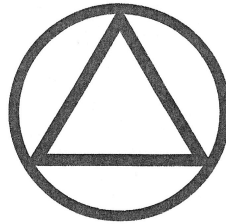
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## Holiday Potluck hosted by EVI

Dinner at 5 – Meeting at 7

Turkeys Provided - Please bring a side dish

4445 Royal Ave, Eugene, Or  
(Bethesda Lutheran Church)



Raffle and refreshments

### December 14, 2019

Alanon Speaker: Barb W – Eugene  
AA Speaker: Karla B - Springfield

#### Meeting changes and additions:

New or change?	Name	Day/Time	Location
Change	Monday Night Men's Stag	OLD: Monday 8:00 – 9:30pm NEW: Monday 7:30 – 8:30pm	4330 Willamette St.

# EVI November 2019 Financial Update

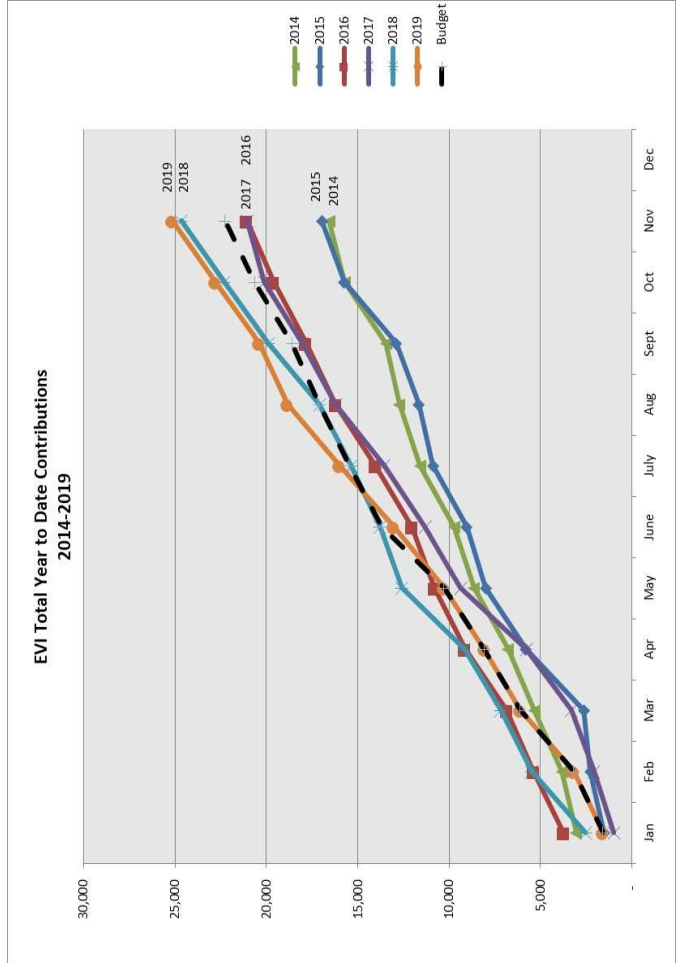
Overview - Group contributions YTD are \$2,715 (14.8%) over the revised budget. The increased cash position of \$1,983 is predominately from Literature (\$1,830) as we continued to use the credit from returned books earlier this year. We also had a small operating loss of <\$61> and positive effect from cancelling old checks from 2018 and earlier that were never cash (\$214).

1. Expenses - Operating expenses were as expected.
2. Group Contributions - Group contributions continue to be strong
3. Committee Expenses - H&I spent down there budget by purchasing more Big Books.
4. Prudent Reserve - We are above prudent reserve by \$4,123

	Monthly	YTD	YTD Budget	+/- YTD
Contributions:	\$ 2,339	\$ 25,801	\$ 22,270	\$ 3,531 16%
Expenses:	\$ 2,400	\$ 25,315	\$ 25,871	\$ (556) 2%
Difference:	\$ (61)	\$ 487		

PRUDENT RESERVE CALCULATION	
6 Mo of 2018 Average Exp	11,898
50% of 2019 Committee Budget Increases	1,535
Equipment Fund	2,000
Prudent Reserve	15,433
Cash Position	19,556
Surplus over PR	4,123

A Prudent Reserve shall be maintained to protect against short-term fluctuations in revenues or expense and ensure consistency in operations. If adverse changes in revenue or expense are determined to be systemic, the prudent reserve is intended to provide operating expenses to afford EVI the time necessary to resolve the operations issues.



Literature Sales	November	YTD Sales	YTD% of Budget
AA Book Sales	1,477	11,128	96%
Pamphlet Sales	88	674	120%
Meeting Book Sales	109	1,434	70%
Grapevine Sales	58	535	82%
<b>Total Literature Sales</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>13,771</b>	<b>92%</b>

EVI 2019 Financial Report

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Meditation		120.00
645 AM Men's Group		40.00
Abnormal Drinkers		50.00
ABC Group		540.00
Attitude Adjustment Group		687.97
Autumn Group		300.00
Back to Basics Junction City		150.00
Caduceus		-
Carpe Diem		210.00
Coburg Fire Stoppers		141.50
Cottage Grove Group		-
Creswell 12 x 12		30.00
Daily Reflections		-
Downtown AM group		1,076.00
Drop The Rock		297.00
Early Firehouse Group		-
Easy Does It		-
Everyone's Welcome		225.00
Expect a Miracle		193.20
Freedom Bound		-
Freedom Of Choice		470.00
Friday Night Gratitude (Cot Grove)		80.00
Friday Night Stag		120.95
Following the Directions		180.00
Get Will Group		-
Good Grief Saturday		50.00
Gratitude Group		-
GWAD (Jesco)		-
Harrisburg Group		75.00
How It Works		650.00
Jasper By The Tracks Group		-
Knuckleheads		102.00
Lambda Group		-
Last Chance Study Group		180.00
Last House on the Block		-
Men's Freedom Bound		208.50
Men's Undisciplined		156.00
Monday Noon Stag	600.00	600.00
New Freedom		720.00
Oakridge Group	25.00	25.00
No Rules Group	600.00	1,600.00
One Day at a Time		391.28
Physical Awakenings		300.00
Plant a Seed		175.00
River Road Friday Night Book St		-
River Road Recovery		200.00
Saturday Morning Steps		658.23
Saturday Night Book Study		125.00
Seniors for Sobriety		50.00
Serenity on Sunday		-
Serenity Seekers West		410.00
Sickman's Group		-
Sisters of Sobriety		300.00
Sober Awakenings		2,384.50
SOS Group	40.00	40.00
Sobriety for Life		805.75
Springfield Men's Stag		50.00
Springfield Study Group		-
Stairway to Sobriety	50.00	350.00
Step 123 Women's Group		30.00
Sunday AM B.B. Study Group		150.00
Sunday Women's Step Study		50.00
Sunday Night Book Study		134.20
Sunrise at Sunset		300.00
Sunrise Serenity		-

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Sunrise Sobriety Group		125.00
Sunrise Sobriety Group (Coos Bay)		-
Terminally Unique		-
The Way Home		588.00
There is a Solution		65.00
Thurston Bell Ringers		-
Thursday Night Rush Hour C.G.		250.00
Thursday Night Reflections		100.00
Thurs Night Group		-
TNT		250.00
Tuesday Night Young Peoples		-
Try God Group		1,041.00
Upon Awakening		100.00
unknown		-
Vintage Group	150.00	721.15
Voyagers		-
Wed Beginners Group		25.00
Wednesday Women's Big Book Study		224.74
Wednesday Night Men's Stag		75.00
We're Working On It		100.00
Where The Rubber Meets The Road		-
Woman's How It Works		70.00
Women's Big Book Study		250.00
Women's Road to Recovery		400.00
Women In the Solution		350.00
Women's Step Study		-
Young Ducks		-
Total Contributions/Group	1,465.00	20,916.97

EVI Contributions--Other

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
District Contributions		
Dist 20		30.00
District 6	240.00	240.00
Total District Contributions	240.00	270.00
Contributions/Individual		
Faithful Fivers		400.50
Individual - Other	115.40	1,214.92
Total Contributions/Individual	115.40	1,615.42
Contributions--Other		
EASYPAA		-
ORCYPAA	515.33	515.33
Fund Raiser		350.00
Assembly Host Com		-
Summerfest		500.00
Contributions--Other	515.33	1,365.33
FundRaising		
Activities		636.47
CPC-PI		-
Speaker Meeting		725.00
FundRaising	-	1,361.47





# Emerald Valley Intergroup Business Minutes

November 11, 2019

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Introductions (Quorum is 15 EVI Representatives) 21 representatives,

New EVI Representatives 1 new representative

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** motion to approve, 2nd, passed. Copies available of the revised by-laws.

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:** looking for a new vice-treasurer for next month preferably with financial skills. Doing well on contributions. Motion to approve, 2nd, approved. Committees please use your budget. Literature return is a credit at GSO.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Add email contacts and open positions. Morton to pass amended, 2nd, passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (limited to two minutes)

**Steering** (Chair) New Newsletter and Website. Tell you groups. Landlord may be in the adjoining office at any time. We could loose our lease if there is smoking/vaping on the property and/or if it is too noisy with or without profane language. Some new signs are being added.

**Grapevine;** New publications are in stock. Grapevine has been around since 1945.

**Office Coordinator;** Gregory is back, more or less. Need volunteers. 12 step call list needs volunteers.

**Activities;** Costume party was fun and made some money. Potluck 12-14-19 before EVI speaker meeting starting at 6:00. Bingo and dessert potluck on 11-23-19.

**Hospitals & Institutions;** H&I needs volunteers. Monthly meeting is the last Wed. of the month at EVI.

**Outreach;** Open

**Speaker Meeting;** New sound system position person is Bruce. "Ugly" sweater contest at potluck.

**CPC/PI;** Service position list is available. Contacting teachers. Check it out on website. Need volunteers.

**Meeting Guides;** Quiet, made all updates. Meetings on website app.

**Website;** New website is live 11-18-19. "Meeting Guide" app has EVI meetings. Old website is dead. [eviaaweb.org](http://eviaaweb.org) is temporary address until 11-18-19. Link on old website. Give feedback. 1-2pm on Saturday, 12;30-2:30 on Sunday 11-17-19 if you want your committee on the new website.

**Archivist;** Putting stuff on website. Had items at "Ocooberfest".

**Literature;** Sent books back for credit. \$2155 in credit minus \$460. Leave message in backroom mailbox or send email to literature committee.

**Diverter;** Going as expected, operating as it should. One group is rotating out of diverter for Sundays.

**Newsletter;** New format. Send electronic copies. Send in articles, experiences in local AA events. Does your group like the financial information in the newsletter. Send feedback to Della.

**Al-anon;** Jo-Ann is the new liaison. Holiday auction, 1st Saturday breakfast with an AA speaker. Can they have an "alateen" schedule in our newsletter? Brought in some Alanon schedules.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Open positions. Please take open positions back to your group

Office Coordinator co-chair; Activities co-chair; Outreach chair and co-chair

**NEW BUSINESS** -

2020 budget proposal: See flier. Adjustments have been made. Please review with your group. New budget amount for Office Coordinator stipend. New building costs \$3016 more per year than our previous location. Prudent reserve is going down. Voting on budget next month.

Email contacts; Get new email address to website. Use a transferable email not a personal email.

New open positions in December, vice treasurer, 2 member at large,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS;**

**BIRTHDAYS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS;** Victoria 1 year, Brian 32 years, Tim 26 years,

**CLOSING** Responsibility Statement

## Area 58 Assemblies coming in 2020

### February 2020 Service Assembly

- 02/28/2020 - 03/01/2020
- Portland

### May 2020 Service Assembly

- 05/15/2020 - 05/17/2020
- The Dalles

## 12-2-19 EVI Steering Committee Minutes



- Open - Serenity Prayer at 6:30 pm
- Introductions: Curt, Terry, Mary, Craig, Bruce, Clint, Leah, Chaz, Matt, Amanda, Gregory,
- Treasurer report: \$2715 over budget for the year. Cleaned up bank account. Currently over prudent reserve.
- Budget discussion. Ready for vote next week.
- Bookkeeper report: Please remind volunteers to write the name of the group when they make contributions, especially cash contribution.
- Committee synopsis: Clint updated sheet with EVI committee positions explained.
- Landlord update: December 7th is Springfield parade. Heat pump is not keeping up. Landlord may have had it looked at. Substance in the toilet that looks like chew was left in the toilet overnight and the landlord was not happy. Please flush the toilet after you are done. Can we make a checklist for closing? Motion by Chaz, 2nd, to make a checklist, passed. Mary will make a checklist.
- Noise issue. Chaz asked about noise paint, and it was not well received. Maybe some baffling material installed on the wall. Moved desk. Maybe that is enough with the decibel monitor. Unplug or push button to turn off over 90db beeping alarm.
- Smoking issue. Seems to be getting better. No complaints.
- Al-anon request to have a combined activity in the EVI newsletter and on the calendar. Agreed to contact GSO and find out what our experience is. Leah will call GSO.
- Tech support committee; Matt: General Service Office, Area 58 and some Intergroup's have a tech support committee; Matt proposes a new committee to provide tech support for website, archives, newsletter, office, treasurer, etc. Email management.
- The Steering Committee moves the addition of a The Support Committee to the body.
- Closing with the responsibility statement.



EVI ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTS ITS HOLIDAY  
DANCE

DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00 TO 10:00

MUSIC BY

***ROCK 'n REWIND***



**\$5.00 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR**

COFFEE PROVIDED 

POP, HOT DOGS AND CHIPS ON SALE DURING THE DANCE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOCATED AT

1166 OAK ST EUGENE



## This month in AA History:

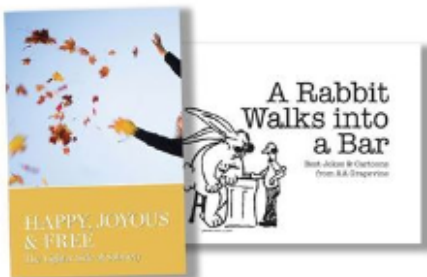
- 1934 – Bill and Lois start attending Oxford Group meetings
- 1938 – Twelve steps written
- 1939 – Bert the Tailor lends Words publishing \$1000
- 1941 – First AA Group formed in Dallas
- 1948 – Dr. Bob’s last major talk in Detroit.
- 1950 – Grapevine article signed by Bill and Dr. Bob recommend establishing AA General Service Conference
- 1955 – “Man on the Bed” painting first appeared in Grapevine
- 1979 – Akron Beacon (newspaper) reports the death of Henrietta Sieberling



## Grapevine publications make PERFECT holiday gifts !

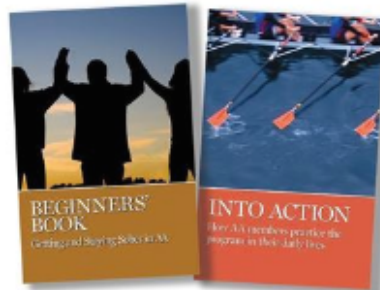
Check out these titles and many more at the EVI office

### THE LIGHTER SIDE



The Lighter Side Book Set

### FOR BEGINNERS



For Beginners Book Set

### THE HEARTBEAT OF AA



The Heartbeat of AA - Bookset

**Enough**  
By Teresa S.

All my life it wasn't enough,  
Never enough,  
What is enough?  
When have you had enough?  
Why can't I have enough?

I always wanted more than enough.  
The bottomless pit in my soul was *never* full.  
The thirst was *never* quenched.  
The fire was *never* extinguished.  
The sores were *never* healed.  
The ache was *never* deadened.  
The dreams were *never* realized.  
The laugh was *never* real.

The tears were real,  
The pain was real,  
The fears were real.  
What happened.....

I had had enough, I hit that bottom of the bottomless pit – I hit China.  
I hit that place that you cannot describe, you only know what I mean  
If you have been there--to hell and back.

The forked road was there –  
Give up and follow me God said or continue the other way.  
I was scared, but I said. "I'll try,"  
God said "A Day at a Time, I'll never give you more than **WE** can handle".

The hole in my heart was gently sewn back together with unconditional love,  
The water for my thirst now gushes eternally to my lips,  
The fires of my fears and worries smolder not to return,  
sprayed with trust when they try to rekindle.  
The sores are only faint red scars on my mind, there as a reminder of the pain gone by.  
The ache in my soul is at peace now, no longer firm in lonely agony.

The dreams- so many are coming true.  
The laugh comes from my toes real and full like Santa.  
The tears are now tears of gratitude and appreciation for the beauty and fragileness of life.

I have finally gotten enough,  
My cup runneth over, I now know that that means.

\*\*For up to date calendar information, please visit: <https://eviaaweb.org>

## DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday speaker meeting 1:30 - 3:00pm  EVI Activities Committee 5-6pm	<b>2</b> EVI Steering Committee Meeting 6:30pm	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Dist. #6 GSR Meeting- EVI Office	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday speaker meeting  Potluck – 5:30  Speaker – 7:00
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> EVI Business Meeting  6:30pm	<b>10</b> CPC/PI Committee  6:30pm	<b>11</b> Grapevine Committee  6:00pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> EVI Speaker Meeting 7pm  <hr/> Springfield Holiday parade 2pm. EVI parking will be limited
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> H&I Meeting 6:00pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday speaker meeting  Potluck – 5:30  Speaker – 7:00
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