

EMERALD VALLEY INTERGROUP JUNE 2020



Step 6 Ready to remove

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Do you know where to find a meeting?

Check out the EVI homepage:
<https://eviaaweb.org/meetings/>

Check out the Meeting app:



Check out the
“Motherlist of
online
meetings”:

<https://docs.google.com/s>

Call the EVI office: 541-342-4113 24/7

Visit Us: 741 Main St. Springfield open M-F 9-5

This month in AA History...

- 1935** – *June 10* - The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually *June 17*.
- 1939** – The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is “more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon.”
- 1940** – First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.
- 1940** – One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334 1/2 West 24th St., New York City.
- 1940** – The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.
- 1941** – Ruth Hock showed Bill W. the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.
- 1941** – The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.
- 1942** – Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valentine sent six policemen to AA and they sobered up. “There are fewer suicides in my files,” he commented.
- 1944** – The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.
- 1945** – Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.
- 1949** – Anne S., Dr. Bob's wife, died.
- 1979** – AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois W., Bill's wife, in New York.
- 2000** – More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN.

Thanks to Billy C. and Nancy O. for this list, used by permission.

This month, we are fortunate to have personal submissions from EVI members. These submissions reflect opinions/beliefs of the authors and do not represent those of the body as a whole.

If you would like to submit essays, poems or artwork to the newsletter, please send those to:
<mailto:evinewsaa@gmail.com>

Steps 1,2,3 (thanks Gordon R.)

We admitted we were powerless...
But this was plain to see
This disease we have devoured us...
and dropped us to our knees

Our lives had become unmanageable...
We were spiraling out of control
It was all so incomprehensible...
Our malady has taken it's toll

We believe in a power greater than ourselves...
would restore our sanity
Release us from the bondage of self...
That one day we shall be free

Upon investigation...
We learn more than alcohol was to blame
We needed restoration...
Our thinking was insane

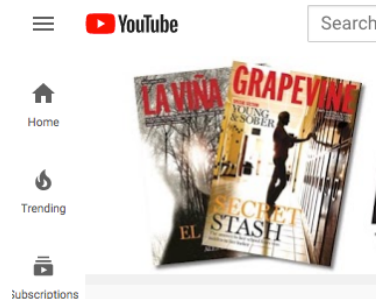
And now is the time to make a decision...
We must turn it over to Him
We're given a choice of the God we envision...
Our Spiritual Journey was about to begin

Our will and our lives now under His care...
What safer place to be
Down on our knees as we say the Lords Prayer...
Thank God for Steps 1, 2, and 3

DID YOU KNOW ?

AA GRAPEVINE HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL !

Stream personal stories, learn the history,
stay connected!



EVI May 2020 Financial Update

1. Overview - Group contributions YTD are \$10,668 which is (1.5%) over budget.
Individual Contributions YTD are \$2,128 which is (240%) over budget.
2. Expenses - Operating expenses were as expected.
3. Group Contributions - were \$1,174 for May vs Budget of \$2,516.
Individual Contribution - were \$612 for May vs Budget of \$125
4. Committee Expenses - Are as expected
5. Prudent Reserve - The surplus over prudent reserve increased by \$225 verses last month.

	Monthly	YTD	YTD Budget	+/- YTD
Contributions:	\$ 1,786	\$ 12,814	\$ 11,501	\$ 1,313 11%
Expenses:	\$ 1,889	\$ 11,884	\$ 12,673	\$ (790) 6%
Difference:	\$ (103)	\$ 930		

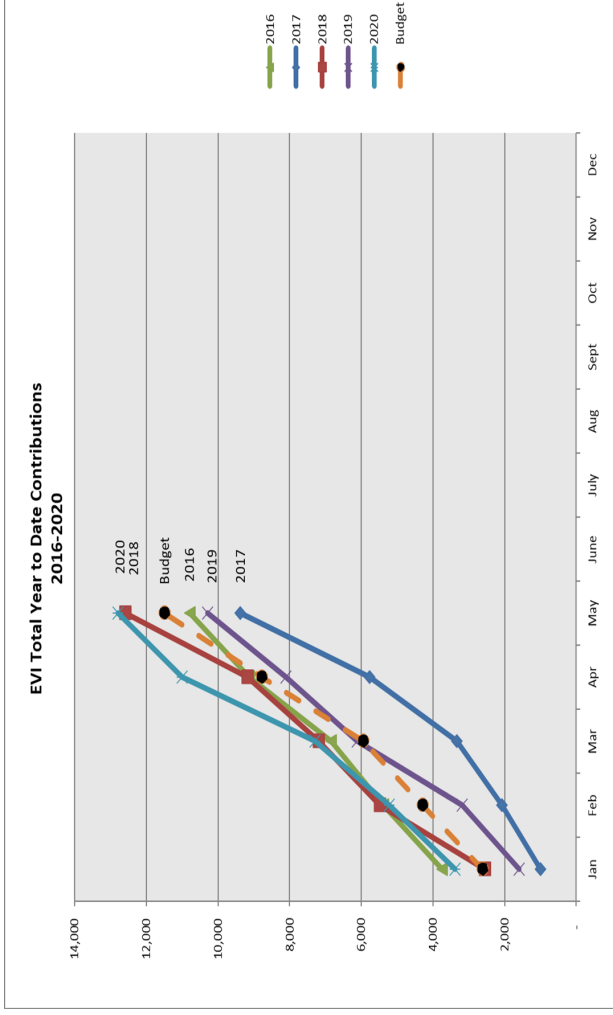
PRUDENT RESERVE CALCULATION		2020 Avg
5 Mo of 2020 Average Exp		2,411
Equipment Fund		12,055
		1,000
		13,055
Updated: 1/1/20		
Cash Position		
Surplus over PR		
		21,971
		8,916

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	May	YTD Sales	YTD % of Budget
AA Book Sales	312	3,090	58%
Pamphlet Sales	5	157	52%
Meeting Book Sales	2	208	32%
Grapevine Sales	6	133	48%
Total Literature Sales	325	3,586	55%

Note: Low literature sales for the year will mean less purchases as well. There should be no financial impact as a result.



EVI 2020 Financial Report

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Meditation		120.00
645 AM Men's Group		610.00
Abnormal Drinkers		-
ABC Group		-
Attitude Adjustment Group		560.00
Autumn Group		-
Back to Basics Junction City		200.00
Caduceus		-
Carpe Diem		175.00
Coburg Fire Stoppers		171.50
Cottage Grove Group		50.00
Creswell 12 x 12		-
Daily Reflections		-
Downtown AM group		509.14
Drop The Rock	90.00	90.00
Early Firehouse Group		-
Easy Does It		-
Emerald Park		520.00
Expect a Miracle		-
Freedom Bound		-
Freedom Of Choice		60.00
Friday Night Gratitude (Cot Grove)		-
Friday Night Stag	9.00	159.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		-
Get WI! Group	25.00	25.00
Good Grief Saturday		-
Gratitude Group		62.70
GWAD (Jesco)		50.00
Harrisburg Group		-
How It Works		-
Jasper By The Tracks Group		-
Knuckleheads		150.00
Lambda Group		-
Last Chance Study Group		336.00
Last House on the Block		-
McKenzie River Group		16.00
Men's Undisciplined		-
Monday Noon Stag		20.00
Monday Men's Stag	600.00	600.00
Oakridge Group		-
No Rules Group	300.00	1,228.00
One Day at a Time		-
Physical Awakenings		-
Plant a Seed		-
River Road Friday Night Book St		-
River Road Recovery		-
Saturday Morning Steps		150.00
Saturday Night Book Study		-
Seniors for Sobriety		71.50
Serenity on Sunday		-
Serenity Seekers West		-
Sickman's Group		-
Sisters of Sobriety		245.00
Sober Awakenings		2,043.00
SOS Group		-
Sobriety for Life		250.00
sober Chicks		40.00
Springfield Study Group		-
Stairway to Sobriety		-
Starlight Medation Group		303.00
Sunday AM B.B. Study Group		-
Sunday Women's Step Study	50.00	50.00
Sunday Night Book Study		-
Sunrise at Sunset		-
Sunrise Serenity		-

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Sunrise Sobriety Group		320.00
Sunlight of the Spirit		25.00
Terminally Unique		-
The Way Home		28.00
There is a Solution		25.00
Thurston Bell Ringers		-
Thursday Night Rush Hour C.G.		-
Thursday Night Reflections		-
Thurs Night Group		-
TNT		-
Tuesday Night Young Peoples		-
Try God Group		400.00
Upon Awakening		-
unknown		-
Vintage Group		200.00
We Are Not A Glum Lot		230.00
Wed Beginners Group		-
Wednesday Women's Big Book Study		-
Wednesday Night Men's Stag		-
We're Working On It		-
Where The Rubber Meets The Road		-
Woman's How It Works		140.00
Women's Big Book Study		80.00
Women's Road to Recovery	100.00	125.00
Women In the Solution		130.33
Women Expect a Miracle		100.00
Young Ducks		-
Total - Contributions/Group	1,174.00	10,668.17

EVI Contributions--Other

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
District Contributions		
Dist 20		-
District 6		-
Total District Contributions	-	-
Contributions/Individual		
Faithful Fivers	60.00	100.00
Individual - Other	551.65	2,027.75
Total Contributions/Individual	611.65	2,127.75
Contributions--Other		
EASYPAA		-
ORCYPAA		-
Fund Raiser		-
Assembly Host Com		-
Summerfest		-
Contributions--Other	-	-
FundRaising		
Activities		-
CPC-PI		-
Speaker Meeting		-
FundRaising	-	-





Emerald Valley InterGroup Business Agenda

May 11, 2020

Opening: After a Zoom password delay. Serenity Prayer at 6:45pm

Introductions (Quorum is 15 EVI Representatives) 15 members

EVI Representatives

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to pass, 2nd, and approved.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: Contributions remain strong. \$8691 over prudent reserve. PayPal page is bringing in contributions. Motion to pass, 2nd, approved.

APPROVE AGENDA: added outreach co-chair. Motion, 2nd, passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (limited to two minutes)

Steering (Chair) Working on documenting future chairs and committees.

Office Coordinator: Radley, getting some new volunteers. Going well. See steering minutes about office and telephone conduct.

Outreach: Clint is trying to get in touch with "all" meetings. Getting important info to the groups.

Speaker Meeting: Zoom meeting was good.

CPC/PI: Meeting on Zoom Tuesday May12. Email Byron. Reaching out to community to let them know we are still here.

Meeting Guides: Attempting to find status of all listed meetings.

Website: Jude, Get events to list on Website. Eugene has been updating the website meeting list. Web visits are still higher than last year. Always trying to improve. Covid bulletin is available.

Diverter: Spencer, been going well. Thanks to individuals taking weekend day shifts. Need a group to take Saturday and Sunday nights. Overall, going well. Diverter packets are available.

Newsletter: Della, digital copies are available and share with other members. Always looking for local stories.

Tech Support: Matt, development site in progress for testing. Looking into storing digital info. Zoom meetings through New York intergroups are FREE, we may be able to use their account for large meetings. Did the 1st Saturday speaker meeting, over 150 attendees. Working on user manuals.

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Open positions:

- Office Coordinator Co-Chair. Please take to your groups.
- Outreach Co-chair. Charlie is available. Elected.

2. Tabled motions:

- A. Vote on Speaker Meeting motion - The EVI Speaker Meeting Chair and Co-Chair positions become two-year terms. If approved next rotation would be March of 2021. Motion passed. Minority opinion, some want to change their vote, Passed.
- B. Vote on inclusion of Tech Committee motion - the addition of a Tech Committee was approved at a previous meeting. The updated language brings the by-laws current with what we practice. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Newsletter Co-Chair is open. Please take to your groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chaz, By-laws update available, email Chaz. Mary, more “meeting in a pocket” books will be coming soon. Matt, 1st Saturday. 5pm, Matthew M (San Diego) will be speaking. EVI speaker meeting, 7pm 2nd Saturday in June. Jude, postponed workshop that was supposed to happen in May will need new info. Mary, Women in AA workshop in Oakland CA, Motion, to place the Women in AA workshop on EVI website. 2nd, Proposed addendum as to location be on the Archives page. Passed, Minority opinion, motion failed.

BIRTHDAYS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Jennie 7 years. Kurt 4 years

CLOSING Responsibility Statement at 7:42

6-1-2020 EVI Steering Committee Minutes



- Zoom online meeting at 6:30pm.
- Led by Chaz in Leah’s absence.
- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Approved agenda.
- Introductions: Curt, Terry, Mary, Chaz, Steve, Radley, Meg, Spencer, Jude
- Treasurer’s report: Contributions slightly below budget. Should break about even for the month.
- Bookkeeper is not here.
- Updates:
 - Office – Radley: Not a lot of new items. Updating social distancing policy. Still need volunteers for all shifts especially for weekends.
 - Social distance policy update: **Per the EVI Steering Committee, the EVI Office Social Distancing Policy shall be: NO MORE THAN twelve (12) PEOPLE ALLOWED IN EVI AT ANY ONE TIME (VOLUNTEERS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS COUNT) THE SIX FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING RULE IS ALSO IN EFFECT AND MUST BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.** Motion by Curt to move to the body, 2nd, discussion, passed.
 - Possibly have the Steering committee meet in person if the people are comfortable meeting in person. Concern about anonymity and contact tracing. Allowing stay at home members to have a connected experience. Chaz to discuss with Leah, will plan to meet on Zoom in July.
- Policy on financial documents and executed contracts (retention times and storage) related to the Speaker Meeting. Documents are in a binder Curt has. There is no policy to retain old documents. Might be good to have a policy. Will discuss at July’s meeting.
- Discussion about Zoom meeting attendance.
- Diverter, Spencer, still needs group reps for Saturday and Sunday nights, would be good if there was enough individuals to rotate shifts during the day.

Motion to Adjourn, 2nd, passed.

Close with Responsibility Statement at 7:30

Reconsidering the Lord's Prayer**

By Carol D.



In the beginning of AA, before there was a Big Book, folks in those early meetings would read from the Bible for spiritual messages, and close with the Lord's Prayer, which is found in the New Testament. It made sense back then because it was what they had on hand and Christianity was the faith of most early members. Few, if any, would have been unfamiliar with the prayer or thought twice about its use. Then came the Big Book, and today it would feel very odd to hear someone read a Bible passage at a meeting, as though it was AA approved literature. But the use of the Lord's Prayer continues.

Even decades after the creation of the AA the Preamble, stating that "AA is not allied with any sect or denomination," this New Testament prayer remains a common way of closing many meetings across the country.

As the decades of my sobriety have passed, I have gone through my own journey about this prayer. At first embracing it, since when I entered AA I identified as a Christian and this prayer was comforting. Later, as my faith and affiliations changed, I justified its use by translating it into how it fits with the 12 Steps. Today, more and more people come to AA from a variety of faiths, or none at all, and my own journey with a higher power, *as I understand it*, has changed dramatically. Now, I find the use of this specifically Christian prayer, found in specifically Christian scripture, out of place in AA meetings, and more importantly, contrary to our principle of non-affiliation.

In addition to the Serenity Prayer, our literature contains many spiritual passages we can choose from – prayers that are not allied with any sect or denomination. I was many years into my sobriety, and many miles from the place I got sober, when I first heard the Third and Seventh Step prayers used to end meetings. It took me a while to memorize them, but those prayers felt right as soon as I heard them. Business meetings and district meetings I have attended often close with the AA Responsibility Statement, and that feels right.

With so many original prayers in our own literature, maybe it's time to consider retiring the Lord's Prayer from our fellowship, much like the Bible was retired when the Big Book appeared. When newcomers attend a meeting that is held in a church and closes with the Lord's Prayer, how can they help but think we are a Christian organization. I wonder how many people have walked away thinking that AA is not as inclusive as we hope to be.

Something to consider - and pray about?

Hello to all in Oregon Area. I received a letter from our Regional Trustee, Kathi F .and I thought I would share with you all.

Last week the Trustees Finance Committee approved and recommended to the GSB a **drawdown** of up to \$3,000,000 from the reserve fund to cover salaries rent and other expenses. On Thursday, the GSB voted unanimously in favor of this.

Contributions and Literature sales are way down due to the fallout of Covid 19. For March, Literature sales were budgeted at \$1.2 million and had closer to 200,000. Contributions were budgeted at around \$800,000 and we ended up with around \$380,000. This takes the reserve fund from 9.4 months to 7.2 months. Please pass on the information that contributions are needed. I know many groups have just started to set up 7th Tradition contribution plans in their online meetings. The office will be cutting their expenses however contributions will still be needed. Please remind the members in your districts and groups that they can make online contributions and recurring contributions. Also encourage groups and members to purchase Carry the message GV's for those that can no longer attend meetings like those behind the walls.

I'm hoping that you are all keeping well and are still excited about carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Much Love, Jim F

NO MAUDLIN GUILT

*Day by day, we try to move a little toward God's perfection. So we need not be consumed by maudlin guilt. .
AS BILL SEES IT, p. 15*

When I first discovered that there is not a single "don't" in the Twelve Steps of A.A., I was disturbed because this discovery swung open a giant portal. Only then was I able to realize what A.A. is for me:

A.A. is not a program of "don't"s, but of "do's."

A.A. is not martial law; it is freedom.

A.A. is not tears over defects, but sweat over fixing them.

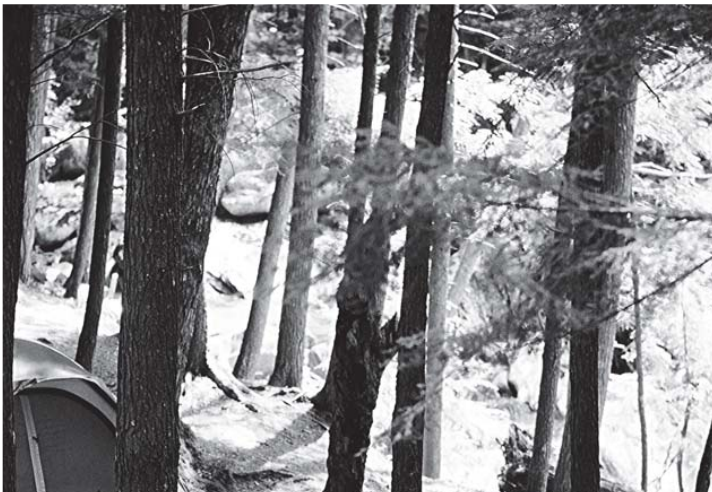
A.A. is not penitence; it is salvation.

A.A. is not "Woe to me" for my sins, past and present.

A.A. is "Praise God" for the progress I am making today.

From the book Daily Reflections

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Events begin August 14

8 p.m./Friday - Open Meeting

1 p.m./Saturday - Open Meeting

6:30 p.m./Saturday - Raffle/Potluck

7 p.m./Saturday - Speaker Meeting

10 a.m./Sunday- Spiritual Speaker

23rd Annual

Alsea Falls

AA Campout

Hubert K McBee Memorial Park

August 14 - 16, 2020



Steve W. - 541-246-5884



Fear No Evil

Though we of A.A. find ourselves living in a world characterized by destructive fears as never before in history, we see great areas of faith, and tremendous aspirations toward justice and brotherhood. Yet no prophet can presume to say whether the world outcome will be blazing destruction or the beginning, under God's intention, of the brightest era yet known to mankind. I am sure we A.A.'s will comprehend this scene. In microcosm, we have experienced this identical state of terrifying uncertainty, each in his own life. In no sense prideful, we can say that we do not fear the world outcome, whichever course it may take. This is because we have been enabled to deeply feel and say, "We shall fear no evil -- Thy will, not ours, be done."



GRAPEVINE, JANUARY 1962

AA Speakers Share Their Experience, Strength, and Hope

Find web addresses and more information on the eviaa.org website

First Saturday Speaker Meeting	Potluck at 6; Speaker at 7	1st Sat. Monthly
First Sunday Speaker Meeting		First Sun. Monthly at 1:30 Pm
EVI Speaker Meeting	AA & Alanon Speakers & Raffle	2nd Sat. Monthly 7 PM
Alvadore Fireside Group		Third Monday Monthly 7 PM
Living Sober in Veneta		Third Saturday Monthly at 6:30 PM
Rule 62	Potluck and Speaker 6 PM	Last Friday Monthly
Try God: Five and Dime –	Two Speakers	Every Friday Night at 7 PM
Women's Bedrock Speaker		Every Thursday at 6:30 PM
Gratitude Group Cottage Grove		Every Friday at 8 PM
Primary Purpose Group		Every Sunday at 7 PM