

EMERALD VALLEY INTERGROUP SEPTEMBER 2020



Step 9 Made direct amends...

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

What’s happening?

Keep the EVI website useful to yourselves and newcomers – send meeting and other updates to: eviaaweb@gmail.com

Please share stories of how you and your groups are welcoming & retaining newcomers during this unique time to the EVI Newsletter: evinewsaa@gmail.com

Questions about AA?

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

Visit Us: 741 Main St. Springfield - Open Mon.-Fri. 9AM-5PM

Website: www.eviaa.org

Remembering Clancy I.

The Invisible Boat AA (Clancy I.)

Submitted by Ron R.

Staying sober was all that I wanted when I came to AA. At the time, I thought that removing the alcohol from my life, as well as the other sources of amusement, would allow me to be the great guy I pretended I was and let me look down on those whose only function seemed to be to criticize and make my life hell. Without alcohol I was convinced my “enemies” would have

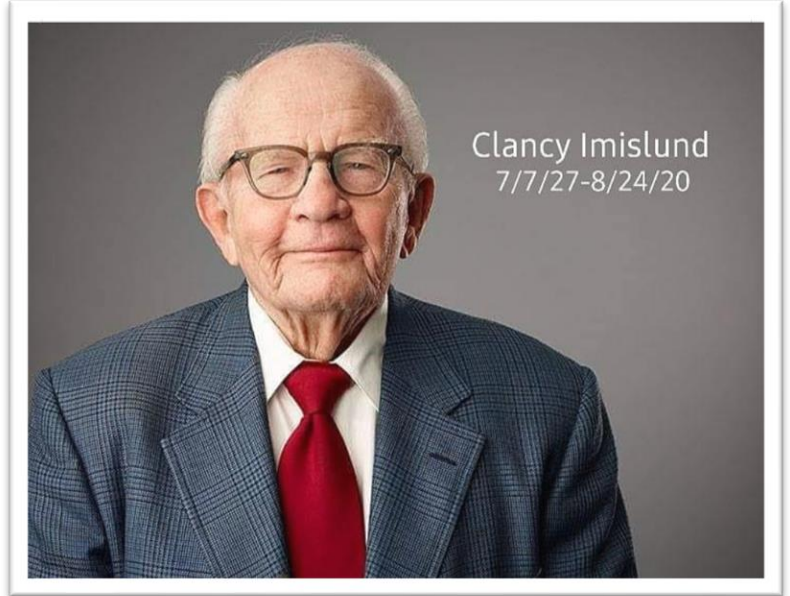
nothing to complain about and their superficiality would be as obvious as my suffering and sacrifice.

My ultimate vindication would follow forthwith.

I heard a lot about “surrender” when I came around, but until I became willing to believe a power greater than me could remove the insane ideas expressed in the opening paragraph, surrender, whether to alcohol or life itself, was inconceivable. The paradox is that until I took actions I DID NOT think would work, I had no chance of believing in anything. Only then did I begin to realize that what I thought did not have to be consistent with what I believed.

I bring all this up because lately I’ve been listening to Clancy

I’s story of “The Invisible Boat”, one of the most effective allegories I’ve encountered in recovery. I’ve heard about this lesson more than I’ve actually heard it, but it’s included as part of a weekend retreat Clancy led in Toronto in the early 90’s, (a presentation he has described as his favorite recording of the zillions of his tapes available). In the version I heard Clancy used the Invisible Boat as means of distinguishing between good and bad treatment centers, but it can be presented, I suspect, as a basic primer on the first three steps or the early stages of recovery that lead to long term sobriety.



Continued The Invisible Boat AA (Clancy I.), Submitted by Ron R.

What Clancy talks about is the taking of suggestions that, to the average alcoholic, appear to be ridiculous on their face. He draws a parallel between two groups of people leaving Toronto for Cleveland, each traveling by boat. In Clancy's tale the Treatment Centers offer a beautiful yacht with clean beds, excellent food and first class accommodations. The AA group's mode of transportation is a boat that only they can see and which they fully expect you to board and help power. Most of us, given this choice, opt for the Treatment center's mode of transport, but it is not until we're halfway across the lake that we learn their boat is going only halfway towards recovery. They get us started, but it is up to us to complete the journey. In Clancy's metaphor we're thrown into the lake, where we meet AA groups paddling in a boat we still can't see. And its only when we're out of options that we agree to climb into this "boat" that should not float given our view of such matters. In spite of our cynicism we're told to shut up and row; and if we do so, pretty soon we get our oars in the water, we begin to make progress and little by little the boat gains substance and its means of keeping us afloat becomes more apparent. The longer we keep at it, the bigger our boat becomes. That doesn't mean we don't need a sponsor to tell us when we're rowing with the oars upside down, but it does mean our eyes are gradually opened to a solution that we could not see before. In an interesting sidelight, Clancy alludes to the "old timers" who lose their compass and direction and before they know it their boat begins to take on water as they begin to take on alcohol. The problem is, when the old timer comes back to AA they not only face the problem of staying sober they faces this problem in a little row boat, not the big cabin cruiser to which they'd become accustomed. The disappointment keeps many from coming back to AA.

For this alcoholic, Prayer was my invisible boat; but I did not find my oars until I got down on my knees to look for them. The funny thing is, I still don't think it will work, even though I believe it has for some time now. My beliefs have "bailed out" my thoughts many times since those early days. Thank God for that Invisible boat.



A.A. Historical Events in the Month of September

Sept 1

1939 – First AA group founded in Chicago.

Sept 11

2001 – 30 Vesey St, New York. Location of AA's first office is destroyed during the World Trade Center attack.

Sept 12

1942 – U.S. Assist. Surgeon General Kolb speaks at dinner for Bill and Dr Bob.

Sept 13

1937 – Florence R, first female in AA in NY.

Sept 13

1941 – WHJP in Jacksonville, FL airs Spotlight on AA.

Sept 17

1954 – Bill D, AA #3 dies.

Sept 18

1947 – Dallas Central Office opens its doors.

Sept 19

1965 – The Saturday Evening Post publishes “Alcoholics Can Be Cured Despite AA”

Sept 19

1975 – Jack Alexander, author of original Saturday Evening Post article, dies.

Sept 21

1938 – Bill W. & Hank P. form Works Publishing Co.

Sept 24

1940 – Bill 12th steps Bobbie V., who later replaced Ruth Hock as his secretary in NY.

Sept 30

1939 – article in Liberty magazine, “Alcoholics and God” by Morris Markey.

Other significant events which occurred in September, but for which we do not have a specific date:

1930 – Bill wrote 4th (last) promise in family Bible to quit drinking

1939 – Group started by Earl T. in Chicago.

1940 – AA group started in Toledo by Duke P. & others.

1940 – Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases gives Big Book unfavorable review.

1946 – Bill & Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee Education Alcoholism founded by Marty M.

1946 – First A.A. group in Mexico.

1948 – Bob writes article for Grapevine on AA, “Fundamentals In Retrospect”.

1949 – First issue of A.A. Grapevine published in “pocketbook” size.

Source: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/a-a-historical-events-in-september/>



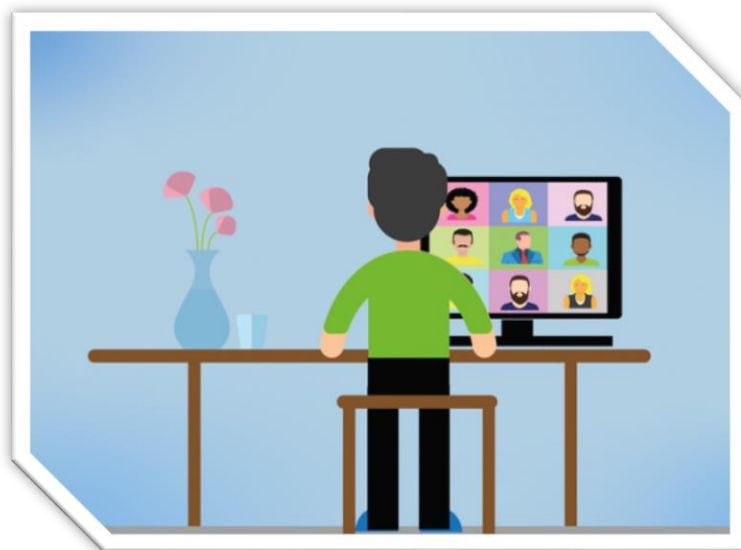
2020 September Area Assembly Online

9/18/2020 – 9/20/2020

Oregon Area 58 will be holding the upcoming September 2020 Assembly virtually on Zoom.

For more information, visit the Oregon Area 58 website:

www.aa-oregon.org/events/2020-september-assembly/



EVI August 2020 Financial Update

1. Overview - Group contributions YTD are \$15,802 which is (1.6%) below budget. Individual Contributions YTD are \$3,994 which is (209%) over budget.
2. Expenses - Operating expenses were as expected. The exception is Literature where we spent \$1,113 more than sold on a restock.
3. Group Contributions - were \$792 for Aug vs Budget of \$1,873. Individual Contribution - were \$910 for Aug vs Budget of \$125
4. Committee Expenses - Are zero for August
5. Prudent Reserve - The surplus over prudent reserve decreased by \$1,336 verses last month.

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>+/- YTD</u>
Contributions:	\$ 1,702	\$ 19,962	\$ 18,810	\$ 1,152
Expenses:	\$ 1,926	\$ 17,776	\$ 19,698	\$ (1,922)
Difference:	\$ (224)	\$ 2,185		

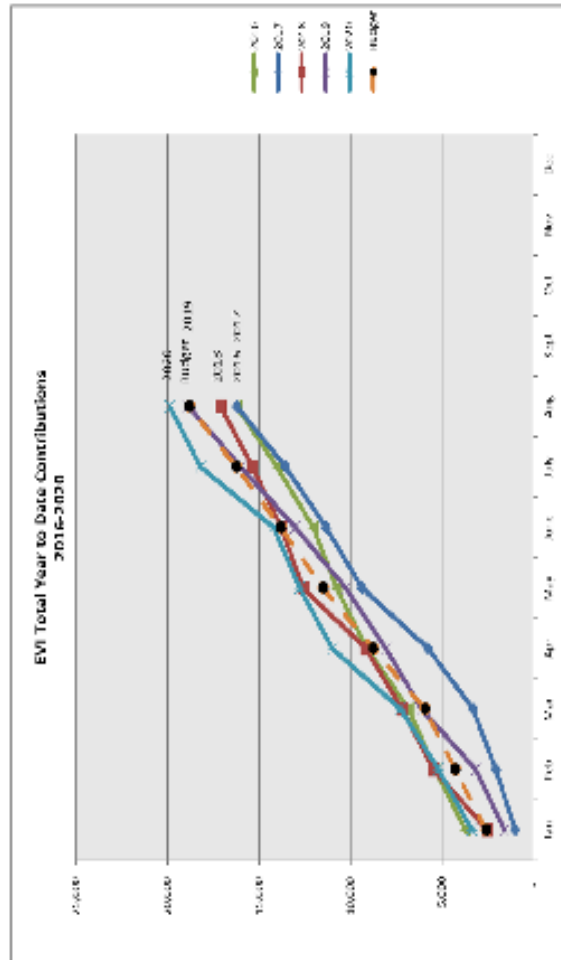
PRUDENT RESERVE CALCULATION		2020 Avg
5 Mo of 2020 Average Exp		2,411
Equipment Fund		12,055
		1,000
		<u>13,055</u>
Updated: 1/1/20		
Cash Position		22,565
Surplus over PR		9,509

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	Aug	YTD Sales	YTD % of Budget
AA Book Sales	471	4,489	52%
Farmfollet Sales	32	202	42%
Meeting Book Sales	2	211	20%
Grapevine Sales	29	185	42%
Total Literature Sales:	534	5,086	48%

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



FVI 2020 Financial Report

	<u>AUG</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Meditation		120.00
645 AM Men's Group	240.50	918.50
Abnormal Drinkers		50.00
ABC Group		-
Attitude Adjustment Group	101.00	813.00
Autumn Group		-
Back to Basics Junction City		200.00
Caduceus		-
Carpe Diem		275.00
Coburg Fire Stoppers		171.50
Cottage Grove Group		50.00
Creswell 12 x 12		-
Daily Reflections		-
Downtown AM group		925.76
Drop The Rock		90.00
Early Firehouse Group		-
Easy Does It		-
Emerald Park		529.20
Expect a Miracle		-
Freedom Bound		-
Freedom Of Choice		60.00
Friday Night Gratitude (Cot Grove)		-
Friday Night Stag		224.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		-
Get WI! Group		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		25.00
Monday Men's Stag		600.00
Oakridge Group		-
No Rules Group		2,028.00
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		3,763.00
SOS Group		-
Sobriety for Life		250.00
Sober Chicks		60.00
Springfield Study Group		-
Stairway to Sobriety		-
Starlight Meditation Group		303.00
Sunday AM B.B. Study Group		-
Sunday Women's Step Study		50.00
Sunday Night Book Study		25.00
Sunrise at Sunset		-
Sunrise Serenity		-

	<u>AUG</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Sunrise Sobriety Group		320.00
Sunlight of the Spitt		25.00
Terminally Unique		-
The Way Home		485.00
There is a Solution		25.00
Thurston Bell Ringers		-
Thursday Night Rush Hour C.G.	150.00	300.00
Thursday Night Reflections		100.00
Thurs Night Group		-
TNT		-
Tuesday Night Young Peoples		-
Try God Group		504.65
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 Men's Noon Group		100.00
Wednesday Nights Men's Stag	300.00	300.00
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		125.00
Women In the Solution		130.33
Women Expect a Miracle		100.00
Young Ducks		-
Total - Contributions/Group	791.50	15,802.14

FVI Contributions-Other

	<u>AUG</u>	<u>YTD</u>
District Contributions		
Dist 20		-
District 6		1,400.00
Total District Contributions	-	1,400.00
Contributions/Individual		
Faithful Fivers	35.00	215.00
Individual - Other	875.35	3,779.00
Total Contributions/Individual	910.35	3,994.00
Contributions-Other		
EASYPAA		-
ORCYPAA		-
Fund Raiser		-
Assembly Host Com		-
Summerfest		-
Contributions-Other	-	-
FundRaising		
Activities		-
CPC-PI		-
Speaker Meeting		-
FundRaising	-	-



Soberfest

2020 HAS GONE

VIRTUAL

Sept 12th, 2020 10am-3pm

Al-Anon
Speaker

AA
Speaker
BILL C.
Torrance, CA

Speaker
Panel
AA In The
Digital Age

www.SOBERFEST.net

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All money goes to help put on future Soberfests

Veneta Gratitude Group September Speaker Meeting

Debra B.

From Eugene, Oregon

Sat. September 26, 2020 6:30 p.m.

**To be held outside / Northside of
Valley United Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
25133 E. Broadway – Veneta, Oregon
Bring your chair and join us.....**

**State Imposed Outside Activity Conduct
(Social distancing of 6 feet or more,
masks worn if there is any doubt
of maintaining these requirements)**

Contact Doug M for details 541-954-4369

History of AA in Oregon

Presented by District 19

LEARN ABOUT:

- HISTORY & TIMELINE OF OREGON AA (12:30-2:00)
REILLY K, NICK F, & MARK N
- ACCESSIBILITY IN OREGON AA (2:00-2:30)
SARAH M
- OREGON AREA LINGUISTIC DISTRICTS (2:30-3:00)
- AA IN OREGON INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES (3:00-3:30)

WHEN/WHERE:

SUNDAY • SEPT. 27 • 12:30-3:30PM

ON ZOOM:
MEETING ID: 398 304 172
PASSWORD: 97401

Historia de AA en Oregon

Presenta el Distrito 19:

APRENDER ACERCA:

- HISTORIA Y CRONOGRAMA DE OREGON AA (12:30-2:00)
REILLY K, NICK F, Y MARK N
- ACCESIBILIDAD EN OREGON AA (2:00-2:30)
SARAH M
- DISTRITOS LINGÜÍSTICOS DEL ÁREA DE OREGÓN (2:30-3:00)
- AA EN COMUNIDADES INDÍGENAS DE OREGON (3:00-3:30)

CUANDO/DONDE:

DOMINGO • 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE
12:30PM - 3:30PM

EN ZOOM:
ID DE LA REUNIÓN: 398 304 172
CONTRASEÑA: 97401



Three Rivers BigBook Weekend III

Eastern Washington's Woodstock of AA

September 25th 26th & 27th 2020

At the Riverfront Hotel & Convention Center
50 Comstock Street, Richland, Washington 99352



Get registration costs and Information at
<http://www.threeriversbigbookweekend.org>

"WHERE THE RIVERS MEET"

A New Style BigBook Weekend with 8 Guest Speakers emphasizing BigBook Steps and Topics into their stories. The place chosen for this special gathering is at the confluence of three large river systems, which, when including the many tributaries that flow from the great Cities, Counties and States of Montana, Idaho, Canada, Oregon and Washington.....

ALL COME TOGETHER FOR A BIGBOOK WEEKEND IN RICHLAND WA!

Good Food, Great Speakers, Focus on BigBook and Recovery Topics, Affordable Venue, Great Location on the Columbia River.

Come Join Us!



Emerald Valley Intergroup – Trusted Positions Roster (as of 8/2020)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Rotation Date</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email</u>
Activities Chair	Lyn M	10/14/19	9/14/20	<i>Call EVI Office for Trusted Servant Phone Numbers</i>	eviarchives@gmail.com
Archivist Chair Co-Chair	Mary C OPEN	07/8/19 9/09/19	None None		
Bookkeeper	Craig R	6/11/2018	by 6/12/23	541-342-4113	evicpcpi@gmail.com
CPC/PI Chair Co-Chair	Syerra Byron M	3/9/20 3/9/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		
Diverter Chair Co-Chair	Spencer L John W	4/13/20 4/13/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		evidiverter@gmail.com
EVI Cmte Chair Vice-Chair	Leah B Chaz D	12/10/18 12/10/18	12/14/20 12/14/20		
EVI Secretary	Terry M	12/10/18	12/14/20		evisecretary17@gmail.com
EVI Speaker Mtg Chair & Co	Kay S Patty W	3/11/19 8/12/19	3/8/21 3/8/21		
EVI Treasurer Vice-Treasurer	Curt M Brenda M	12/09/19 12/09/19	12/13/21 12/13/21		evitreasurer2@gmail.com
Grapevine Chair Co-Chair	Alan Brian R	9/10/18	9/14/20 9/14/20		
H & I Chair Co-Chair	Kurt G. Patrick S.	7/8/19 9/09/19	9/14/20 9/14/20		
Literature Chair Co-Chair	Jennie B Nancy W	9/09/19 10/14/19	9/14/20 9/14/20		
Mtg Directory Chair & Co-Chair	Ellen P Pat C	9/10/18 10/14/19	9/14/20 9/14/20		
Newsletter Chair Co-Chair	Della T Emilee S	9/09/19 8/10/20	9/14/20 9/14/20		evinewsaa@gmail.com
Office Coord. Co-Coord.	Radley C Bruce W	3/9/20 6/8/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		emeraldvalleyintergroup office@gmail.com
Outreach Chair Co-Chair	Clint C Charlie S	12/09/19 5/11/20	9/14/20* 9/14/20*		evioutreach@gmail.com evioutreach@gmail.com
Tech Support Chair & Co.	Matt S. Dave P	1/13/20 2/11/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		eviaatech@gmail.com eviaatech@gmail.com
Website Chair Co-Chair	Jude M Eugene E	1/13/20 3/9/20	9/14/20* 9/14/20*		eviaaweb@gmail.com eviwebco@gmail.com
MAL	Amanda W	06/10/19	12/14/20*		
MAL	Steve R	12/09/19	12/13/21		
MAL	Meg S	2/11/20	12/13/21*		

As of 8/2020 Activities and Archivist Co-Chairs and 1 Member at Large are open



Emerald Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2020

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Introductions (Quorum is 15 EVI Representatives) 16 reps

New EVI Representatives Melody, Denna. Welcome

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

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: Contributions are over budget, No expenses, \$10,845 over prudent reserve. There is no plan at this time to distribute money without a motion from the groups. Please continue to donate to EVI as usual, we do not know how long this situation will last and what expenses will be coming up. Motion to approve, 2nd, passed.

APPROVE AGENDA: Add to new business, "bulletin". Motion, 2nd, passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (limited to two minutes)

Steering (Chair) Safety policy on conduct in EVI office has lead to the suspension of a member. Please practice COVID protocols when representing AA at in person meetings.

Grapevine- No report

Office Coordinator- No report

Activities- No report

Hospitals & Institutions- Kurt; Zoom at Serenity Lane. A lot of positions rotating.

Outreach-Clint; collecting contact information. Had 31 responses. Went to Zoom meetings to ask for a contact. Clint is rotating next month.

Speaker Meeting- Bruce; Kay is absent. Zoom on Sept 12, looking for an Al-anon speaker.

CPC/PI- Syerra- presented at Summerfest.

Meeting Guides- Ellen; Thanks to Eugene for keeping online MG updated.

Website- Jude; Eugene is keeping things updated. Tech is making a "how to" slideshow for rotating members to adjust to the new position.

Archivist- Mary, Hard copies for materials. Looking for Group histories. Audio recordings are available in the EVI office. Hope to get MP3's on web in the future.

Literature- Nancy; Literature is pretty slow. Order is going in Tuesday.

Diverter- John; Still need a group for Sunday night. Men's 6:45 am took the Saturday slot. 12 step contacts are in the diverter packet. Need more women on the 12 step list.

Newsletter- Della; had remembrances of members that recently passed. Great job. Check out the fliers in the Newsletter.

Tech Support- Matt; making a slide show to help Web members. Setting up committee Google drives to make items available and have a safe "shared" space.

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Open positions:

- Newsletter Co-Chair- Emilee is available. Elected.
- Activities Co-Chair- Take to your group.
- Archives Chair and Co-chair- Hillary resigned. Mary is available for Chair. Mary has a bylaw conflict by being a "Member at Large" and holding a "Chair" position. Motion to waive conflict until the end of the "Member at Large" commitment in Dec. 2020, 2nd, motion withdrawn. Mary will step down as Member at Large. Mary is elected.

- Archives Co-chair is open, take to your group.
- New EVI Representative letter- has been updated. Please use the latest version.

NEW BUSINESS -

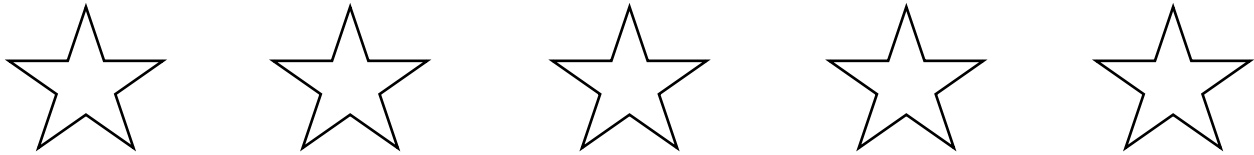
1. **Document retention update-** Chaz, is creating a document with recommendations. Committee meetings, please retain your meeting minutes.
2. **Cory Neu email-** The Landlord will not be renewing the EVI lease. We will have until the end of March 2021 to find a new space. "New space Ad-hoc", Leah, Chaz, Bruce, Radley, let Leah know if you want to be on the ad-hoc committee.
3. **Rotating September positions-** Chair and Co-chair for: Activities, Grapevine, H&I, Literature, Meeting directory, Newsletter, Outreach, Website. TAKE TO YOUR GROUP!
4. **Bulletin;** Please share with your group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Elections next month for rotating positions. Call EVI office if you want to be added to the monthly EVI Zoom invite.

BIRTHDAYS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS-

CLOSING at 7:39

Responsibility Statement



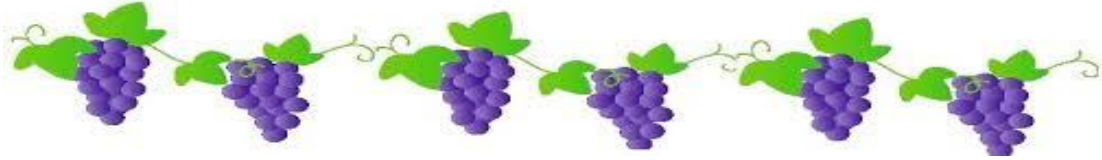
EVI September Elections!

Service Positions available in September 2020:

- Activities Chair & Co-Chair
- Literature Chair & Co-Chair
- Outreach Chair & Co-Chair
- Grapevine Chair & Co-Chair
- Meeting Directory Chair & Co-Chair
- Website Chair & Co-Chair
- Hospitals & Institutions Chair & Co-Chair
- Newsletter Chair & Co-Chair

Descriptions of these committees can be found here:

<https://eviaaweb.org/evi-info/evi-committees/>



Read or listen to stories about Step 9 in the Grapevine Archives!

“A New View”

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/2020/sep/new-view>

“Back In Court”

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/2020/apr/back-court>

“All Things Are Possible”

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/2020/feb/all-things-are-possible>

More stories on Step 9 available at [aagrapvine.org](https://www.aagrapevine.org)

Complete list of the AA Grapevine’s “Step 9” archived stories:

[https://www.aagrapevine.org/archive?f%5B0%5D=steps traditions concepts%3A572](https://www.aagrapevine.org/archive?f%5B0%5D=steps+traditions+concepts%3A572)