

October 2020 Newsletter

Emerald Valley

Intergroup



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Tradition 10

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name out never be drawn into public controversy.

Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Questions about AA?

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

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

EVI Website: www.eviaa.org

Find a Meeting: www.eviaa.org/meetings/

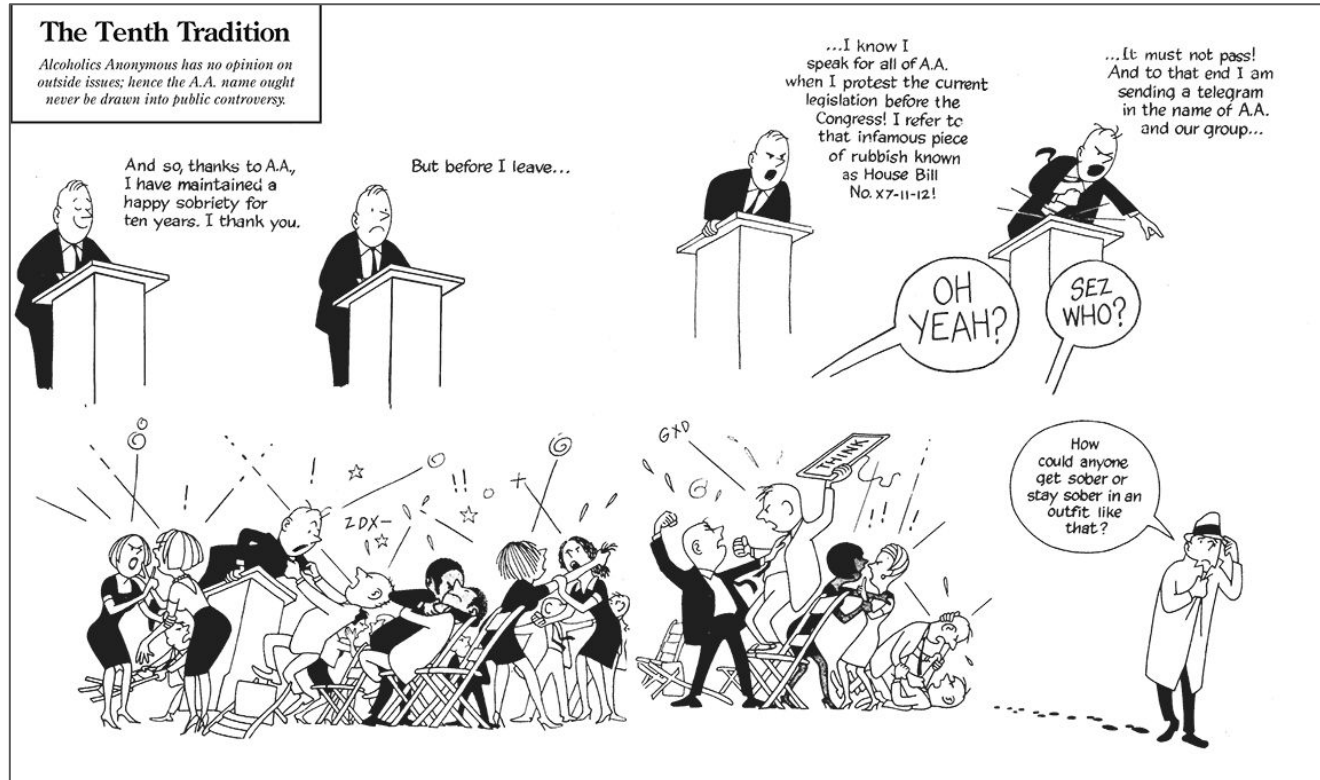
A.A.'s Tradition 10 (Long Form):

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Important Reminder from EVI's Steering Committee:

Let's leave politics outside of AA meetings, the EVI office and any other AA event. In these difficult and divisive times this is covered under at least 3 of the Traditions:

- Tradition 1, our unity is sacred.
- Tradition 5, our primary purpose is to carry the message and not our opinions.
- Tradition 10, anything except AA and sobriety is an outside issue.





Emerald Valley Intergroup Bulletin - September 2020

This edition of the Bulletin looks at our current situation through the lens of the traditions. The Traditions unite us so that groups may survive to serve members.

1. Take care of yourself. This is covered under Tradition 1, you can't contribute to the common welfare unless you are taking care of you! Please, your sobriety and health are the bedrock upon which we all stand. The health of your mind, body and soul are critical.
2. Let's leave politics outside of AA meetings, the office and any other AA event. In these difficult and divisive times this is covered under at least 3 of the Traditions:
 - a. Tradition 1, our unity is sacred.
 - b. Tradition 5, our primary purpose is to carry the message and not our opinions.
 - c. Tradition 10, anything except AA and sobriety is an outside issue.
3. Following State of Oregon Laws. This is also covered by at least 3 of the Traditions:
 - a. Applying Tradition 1 at the broadest level, we consider our common welfare to include respect for the laws of our State such that our groups remain immune from citations.
 - b. Traditions 5 & 10 join to keep us focused on sobriety. Our primary purpose is to serve newcomers and members, regardless of our personal opinion. Our actions outside of AA remain ours; in meetings, at the office or at events, we should welcome newcomers and each other by showing respect for the law.
 - c. As a reminder, [State of Oregon COVID requirements](#): masks are required when you are not able to maintain a 6' separation. Group sizes are limited to 10 indoors and 100 outdoors.

- Zoom online meeting at 6:30pm.
 - Open with the Serenity prayer at 6:35.
 - Present- Leah, Chaz, Terry, Curt, Steve, Brenda, Radley,
 - Moment of silence for long time members that have recently passed.
 - **Treasure report**- Curt- Over prudent reserve, made a literature purchase that brought down some prudent reserve. Contributions are close to the budget.
 - **Bookkeeper report**- not in attendance.
 - **Old Business**-
 - **Site Search ad hoc report**- Leah, Curt, Chaz, Bruce, Radley, Emilee. Set some criteria for a new place. Set a false deadline of February 1, 2021 to move. Working with a real estate agent to find suitable locations.
 - **Document retention policy**- Non-Profit layout tells what we should be retaining. Working on 2nd draft. May be useful to have a "past motions" section on Website. Added treasurer duties. Keeping minutes of your committee meetings please and load to Google Docs or Archives. Chaz hoping to get the final draft for November.
 - **Suspended member Benito**- Recommend to continue the suspension and to review at the October Steering meeting. Implement a pathway to come back after the suspension following EVI conduct code.
 - **New Business**-
 - **Have all Committees with an EVI address?** (If yes, those currently without include Activities, Speaker Meeting, Grapevine, H&I, Literature, Meeting Guides, and Members At Large). Motion by Chaz to have all EVI service committees have an EVI email service account be assigned, 2nd by Curt, discussion, approved, will present to the EVI body.
 - **Update voting references in by-laws?** Clean up existing language in by-laws to bring them into alignment with current practices. Ad-hoc with Leah and Chaz.
 - **December body of approval of budget** (Oct. meet w/Committees, Sept. FAB (financial advisory board) meets) Approve budget in December so we need to get the process started. Chaz, Curt, Brenda, Craig. Need one more member for a total of 5.
 - **Outreach**. Need to fill both positions. Chair needs Excel and copy/paste skills.
 - **In person meetings**- More meetings are opening. Some meetings are not following State Guidelines. Please follow the guidelines. Steve to write an in "person meeting Covid protocol" and post something on the website.
 - **Debit card**- Web committee has a request to allow a debit card for use on web related issues. This does not seem like a good idea to the Steering committee.
 - Motion to Adjourn, 2nd, passed.
- Close with Responsibility Statement at 7:40.



Emerald Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Opening: Serenity Prayer at 6:34 pm.

Introductions (Quorum is 15 EVI Representatives) 16 EVI representatives present.

New EVI Representatives, new members Rachel, Emery.

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

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: Close to budget with contributions, individual contributions are up. Bought a lot of literature. \$9500 over prudent reserve. Motion to approve, 2nd, passed.

APPROVE AGENDA: Add by-laws ad hoc committee, bulletin to agenda. Motion to approve as amended 2nd, passed.

Elections -

Rotating Positions: Chair and Co-chair

- Activities- Lyn would like to serve for a full term. Elected as Chair. Valerie is available as Co-chair, elected.
- H&I- Both positions are open.
- Literature- Nancy is available, elected as Chair. Dani is available as Co-chair, elected.
- Meeting Directory- both positions are open.
- Newsletter- Emilee is available, elected. Co-chair is open.
- Outreach- Both are open.
- Website- Jude would like to extend the service until December, elected. Eugene as Co-chair, elected.
- Grapevine- Brian is available as Chair, elected. Della is available as Co-chair, elected.

Open positions:

- Archives Co-chair- Still open.
- Member at Large- Bruce is available, elected.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Emails- Would like to have an official "EVI" email to pass along in each committee.
2. FAB member- (Financial Advisory Board) Helps make decisions about EVI budget with the FAB team.
3. Covid- See bulletin- Please be respectful of State Laws regarding Covid protocol. Groups represent AA as a whole. Check Traditions 1,5 and 10. Please leave politics outside the rooms.
4. Calendar- On website you can change committee address to your Zoom meeting and not the physical address at the EVI office. See Tech or Web for help.
5. By Laws Ad-hoc needs some help, contact Leah or Chaz if you can help.

Old Business

1. Document retention policy- Chaz will introduce a policy in November for non-profits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (limited to two minutes)

Steering (Chair)- Suspended member will remain suspended. No Debit card will be issued at this time. Contact Steering members for more information.

Website- Need fliers ahead of time to get them on the Web.

Newsletter- Some paper copies are in the EVI office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Oregon AA history workshop on Sept 27, 12:30-3:30 on Zoom. Details on the EVI website.

EVI speaker meeting next month.

YPAA (young people in AA) comedy night on Zoom, Sept 19, contact Brian R. for more info.

Oregon Area assembly next week on Zoom.

EVI office needs volunteers for morning shifts.

BIRTHDAYS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS- Curt 32, Valerie 5, Ellen 9.

CLOSING Responsibility Statement at 7:37 pm

The next EVI Business Meeting:
Monday, October 12, 2020
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Zoom ID: 842 479 0618
Password: 842479

EVI September 2020 Financial Report

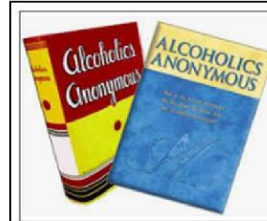
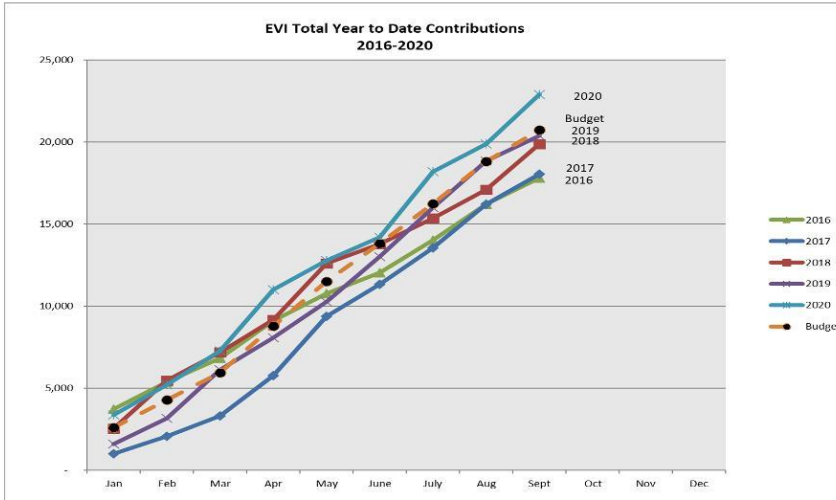
EVI September 2020 Financial Update

1. Overview - Group contributions YTD are \$18,206 which is 2.8% over budget.
Individual Contributions YTD are \$4,487 which is (299%) over budget.
2. Expenses - Operating expenses were as expected.
3. Group Contributions - were \$2504 for Sep vs Budget of \$1,749.
Individual Contribution - were \$493 for Sep vs Budget of \$125
4. Committee Expenses - Are were zero for August
5. Prudent Reserve - The surplus over prudent reserve increase by \$1,726 verses last month.

	Monthly	YTD	YTD Budget	+/- YTD	
Contributions:	\$ 2,997	\$ 22,961	\$ 20,757	\$ 2,204	11%
Expenses:	\$ 1,863	\$ 19,640	\$ 22,007	\$ (2,367)	11%
Difference:	\$ 1,134	\$ 3,321			

PRUDENT RESERVE CALCULATION		2020 Avg	
5 Mo of 2020 Average Exp		2,411	12,055
Equipment Fund			1,000
Updated: 1/1/20			13,055
Cash Position			24,291
Surplus over PR			11,235

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.

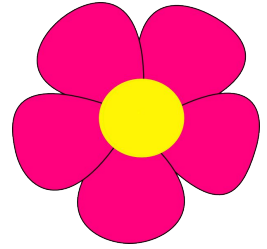
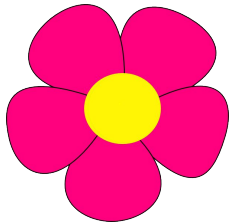


Literature Sales	Sep	YTD Sales	YTD% of Budget
AA Book Sales	544	4,489	52%
Pamphlet Sales	7	202	42%
Meeting Book Sales	4	211	20%
Grapevine Sales	35	185	42%
Total Literature Sales	590	5,086	48%

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

Living Like A Hero

By Kriket H.



How many of us give ourselves challenges
then blame the universe when we get set back
because we bit off more than we could chew ...or...
hit the “galactic panic button”
When we forget to water aunt lila’s petunia!?!?
TAKE HEART!! You’re living like a hero!
Living like a hero...doing the next right thing...
TODAY you might smile and wave at a stranger...
when yesterday you glared and gave him the finger!
Living like a hero...doing the best you can...
TODAY you might say prayers with your son as you tuck him in...
when last night you were in jail, sleeping off a drunk?
Living like a hero...paying your dues...
TODAY you could help a friend in crisis...
when yesterday you turned off the phone, closed the doors & watched t.v.
Living like a hero...keeping it simple
TODAY you maybe helped an elderly woman onto the bus,
when yesterday you gave those hi-school kids a “piece-of-your-mind”!
Living like a hero...learning from your mistakes.....
TODAY? You might remember to be kind, patient AND forgiving
of yourself and those around you...then TOMORROW...you just
maybe?
DO IT AGAIN!...take heart! You’re living like a hero.

We Love Hearing from You!

Next Month's Newsletter theme will be ***GRATITUDE***

Here are some suggested writing topics:

- ★ How has your AA program evolved during these historical times? What changes are you grateful for?
- ★ Are you new to AA? What is it like to be a newcomer in today's world? How did you find AA?

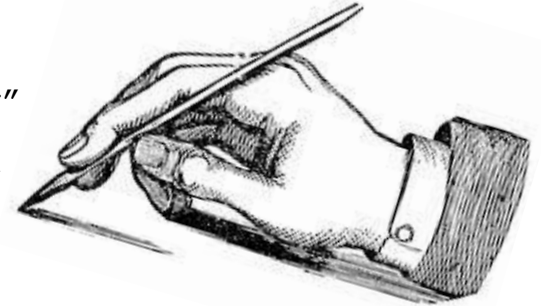
Submit short stories, poems, event flyers or artwork to the **EVI Newsletter**: eviaanews@gmail.com

A.A. Grapevine & La Viña:

The **October 2020** Grapevine Special Section is "**Money and Sobriety**" featuring stories by AA members about spending, saving, giving, making amends and financial fear—in and out of AA. Also featuring stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Subscribe to the AA Grapevine: store.aagrapevine.org/subscriptions

Submit your stories or artwork to the AA Grapevine: www.aagrapevine.org/submit-your-story



Women's only meeting, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day



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**Women's International
Marathon**

**Anytime. Anywhere. 24 hours
a day. 7 days a week.**

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Pacific Women's Quest



Virtual PWQ Retreat 2020 Oct 9th & 10th

Ladies, we are having a Zoom PWQ Retreat this year. Mark your calendar and join us starting Friday night and all through the day on Saturday.

October 9th	Friday Night Pajama Party Meeting -Led by Jolene P	7 PM Pacific Time
October 10th	Step 3 Meeting -Led by Patti E	9 AM Pacific Time
	Step 7 Meeting -Led by Shawn C	11 AM Pacific Time
	Step 11 Meeting -Led by Carol G	1 PM Pacific Time
	Comedy Show -Featuring Tammy M	3 PM Pacific Time
	Speaker Meeting & Sobriety Countdown -Led by Deana G	5 PM Pacific Time

Zoom Link: 6664615861 password: Quest
Please share with your homegroup!

EVI Speaker Meeting
Sat., October 10 @ 7pm
Al-anon Maureen F &
AA Jim F - 8 years
each, from Eugene!!!
Wife & husband! It's
gonna be a good one!
Zoom 881 4226 5379
PW 717465

“Each group should be
autonomous

except in matters affecting
other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

- Tradition Four - Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions



NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY
(during a global pandemic)
USING THE 12 TRADITIONS • Pt 3 of 4

Resentments? Frustrations? Concerns?

Please join District 16 as we present some of our local members who will share their experience, ideas, suggestions and opinions on how they are navigating this pandemic using the twelve traditions. We will then open up the workshop for questions to the panel.

Saturday, October 10th
from **7:00 - 8:30pm**

Join us **Remotely**, from your phone or device

Join us Option #1 -

Video from device

<https://bit.ly/303EHUY>

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Audio via phone

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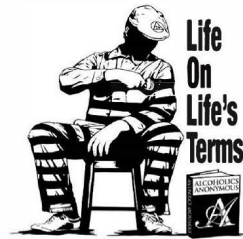
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Oregon Area's 4th Annual Virtual Corrections Conference



Annual Oregon Area Corrections Conference

Why: Celebrate and recruit Volunteers, Learn about Oregon Corrections

What: Speakers, Panel Discussions, Breakouts Sessions, and an Ask-It Basket

Who: Correctional Professionals, AA volunteers and AA members

Where: Online Zoom

When: October 17th, 2020 10AM to 12PM

#Zoom: <https://us02zoom.us/j/3033033033>

Everyone is Welcomed!

Please register by sending an email to ; cfc@aa-oregon.org

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues..”

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions..”



- Traditions Ten and Twelve - Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions



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**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
Area 44 and Intergroup Inc.
Presents
A Virtual Joint Unity Day of Sharing**



**October 24, 2020
9:00am to 4:00pm**

EST

Presenters

Jeff B. Area 44 Delegate

John H. Intergroup Trustee

Billy N. Past Delegate & Past General Service Trustee

Beau B. General Service Trustee

Zoom ID: 844 7596 1582

Password: 704071

Dial In: 1-929-205-6099

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Jimmy A. area-alt-delegate@nnjaa.onmicrosoft.com

Tom S. intergroup@nnjaa.org

Starts at 6am Pacific

**HARBOR AREA CENTRAL OFFICE
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE PRESENTS**

**A VIRTUAL RETURN
TO THE 1960
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
CONVENTION**

A historical presentation by Gerry W., Archivist for
HACO & District 4, on The 25th Anniversary
International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
held in Long Beach, CA July 1-3 1960.

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Special Raffle at the end of presentation

OCTOBER 24, 2020 | 2:00PM- 4:00 PM

ZOOM ID: 684 769 7069

PASSWORD: 1960

**Free to
Attend!**
ALL ARE WELCOME

*This is a fundraiser and all funds go to
Harbor Area Central Office, 3450 E Spring St #109, Long Beach, CA 90806*

hacooa.org



*More will be
revealed...*

WACYPAAXXIV

Western Area Conference of Young People in AA

Downtown Missoula, MT

June 3 - 6 2021

Visit wacypaaxxiv.org
for more information

PNC 2021

Pacific Northwest Conference

Save The Date

Friday, June 25 - Sunday, June 27

Red Lion Hotel - Wenatchee, WA

#PNC2021 PNC1948.org

PNCChair@Area92AA.org

PNCReg@Area92AA.org

A.A. Historical Events in the Month of *October!*

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

Oct 1 1941 – Local news reports 1st AA Group in New Haven, CT.

Oct 1 1957 – Book “A.A. Comes of Age” published.

Oct 2 1944 – Marty M. founded National Committee Education Alcoholism, later became National Council on Alcoholism.

Oct 3 1945 – AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.

Oct 5-7 1972 – 2nd World Service meeting held in New York.

Oct 5 1988 – Lois W. died.

Oct 6 1941 – 900 dine at Cleveland dinner for Bill D., AA #3.

Oct 8 1988 – Memorial Service for Lois W at Stepping Stones, NY.

Oct 9-11 1969 – 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.

Oct 10

1943 – 6 of 1st 9 AA's attend clubhouse anniv. in Toledo.

1970 – Lois reads “Bills Last Message” at annual dinner in NY.

1988 – Lois is buried next to Bill in Manchester, Vermont.

Oct 13 1947 – The Melbourne Group held its first meeting in Australia.

Oct 14 1939 – Journal of American Medical Association gives Big Book unfavorable review.

Oct 15 1904 – Marty M., early AA woman, is born in Chicago.

Oct 17 1935 – Ebby T., Bills sponsor, moves in with Bill and Lois.

Oct 20

1928 – Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.

1939 – Cleveland Plain Dealer begins series of articles on AA by Elrick Davis.

Oct 22 1963 – E. M. Jellinek, alcoholism educator and AA friend dies.

Oct 24

1943 – Bill & Lois start 1st major A.A. tour, returned Jan 19, 1944.

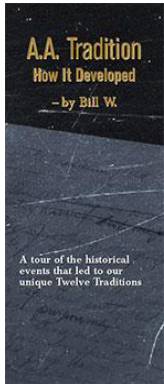
1973 – Trustee's Archives Committee of AA has its 1st meeting.

1994 – National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence celebrates 50 years.

Open EVI Service Positions!

- Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Chair & Co-Chair
- Meeting Directory Chair & Co-Chair
- Outreach Chair & Co-Chair
- Newsletter Co-Chair
- Archives Co-Chair
- Office Volunteers
- CPCPI Committee needs a Secretary

Descriptions of each EVI Service Committee:
www.eviaa.org/evi-info/evi-committees
Come to the next EVI Business Meeting on
10/12/2020 at 6:30PM to stand for a position!



Did you know that all A.A. Pamphlets are available for free online?

View, download & print A.A. pamphlets:
[www.aa.org/pages/en us/aa-literature](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/aa-literature)

A.A.'s General Service Office Box 4-5-9 Quarterly Newsletter

In the most recent Box 4-5-9 Newsletter, A.A. World Services announces a new book coming soon!

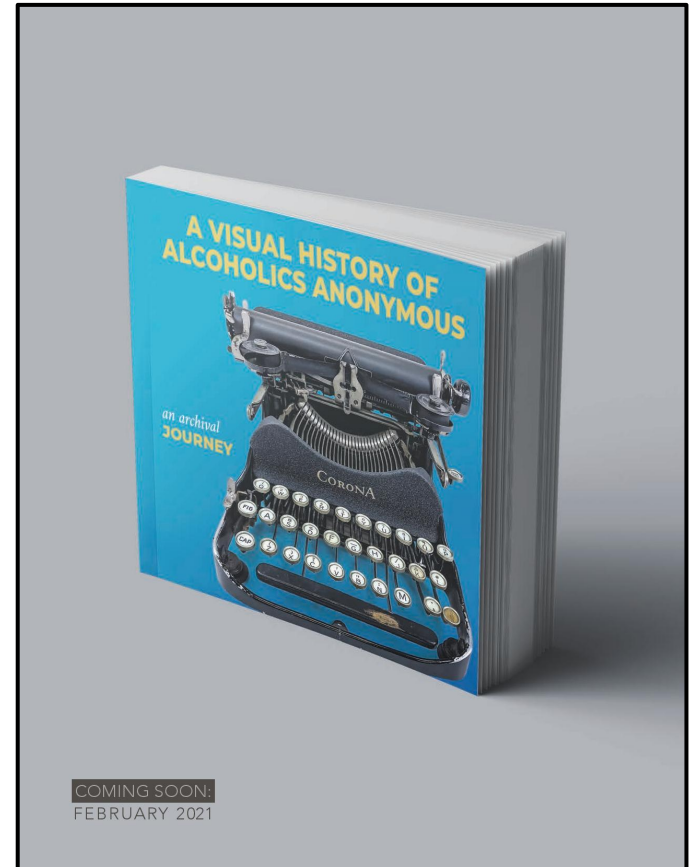
A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous will be available in February 2021!

Read the full Box 4-5-9 Fall 2020 Newsletter:

https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_fall20.pdf

Subscribe to the Box 4-5-9 Newsletter:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso



E.V.I.'s Trusted Servants Roster

Emerald Valley Intergroup – Trusted Positions Roster (as of 9/2020)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Rotation Date</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email</u>
Activities Chair Co-Chair	Lyn M Valerie G	9/14/20 9/14/20	9/13/21 9/13/21	Call EVI Office for Trusted Servant Phone Numbers <u>541-342-4113</u>	eviarchives@gmail.com
Archivist Chair	Mary C	07/8/19	None		evicpci@gmail.com
Bookkeeper	Craig R	6/11/2018	by 6/12/23		evidivter@gmail.com
CPC/PI Chair Co-Chair	Syerra Byron M	3/9/20 3/9/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		evichairperson@gmail.com vicechairrevi@gmail.com
Divertor Chair Co-Chair	Spencer L John W	4/13/20 4/13/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		evisecretary17@gmail.com
EVI Cmte Chair Vice-Chair	Leah B Chaz D	12/10/18 12/10/18	12/14/20 12/14/20		evitreasurer2@gmail.com
EVI Secretary	Terry M	12/10/18	12/14/20		
EVI Speaker Mfg 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		
Grapevine Chair Co-Chair	Brian R Della	9/14/20 9/12/22	9/12/22 9/12/22		
H&I Chair	OPEN				
Literature Chair Co-Chair	Nancy W. Dani R.	9/14/20 9/14/20	9/13/21 9/13/21	evinewsaa@gmail.com emeraldvalleyintergroup office@gmail.com	
Mfg Directory	OPEN				
Newsletter Chair	Emilee S	9/14/20	9/13/21	evioutreach@gmail.com	
Office Coord. Co-Coord.	Radley C Bruce W	3/9/20 6/8/20	3/8/21 3/8/21	eviaatech@gmail.com eviaatech@gmail.com	
Outreach Chair	OPEN			eviaaaweb@gmail.com evwebcco@gmail.com	
Tech Support Chair & Co.	Matt S. Dave P	1/13/20 2/11/20	3/8/21 3/8/21		
Website Chair Co-Chair	Jude M Eugene E	9/14/20 9/14/20	12/10/20* 12/10/20*		
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*		
MAL	Bruce G.	9/14/20	12/10/20*		

As of 9/2020 Archivist Co-Chair, H & I Chair and Co-Chair, Meeting Directory Chair and Co-Chair, Newsletter Co-Chair and Outreach Chair and Co-Chair are OPEN