

December 2020 Newsletter

Emerald Valley

Intergroup



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***The EVI Office is open
7 days a week again!***

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Step 12

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

Questions about AA?

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

Visit Us: 741 Main St. Springfield
Open Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM, Sat-Sun 9AM-4PM

EVI Website: www.eviaa.org

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

A.A.'s Tradition 12:

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

Spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Subordinating personal aims to the common good is the essence of all Twelve Traditions. Why A.A. could not remain a secret society. Principles come before personalities. One hundred percent anonymity at the public level. Anonymity is real humility.

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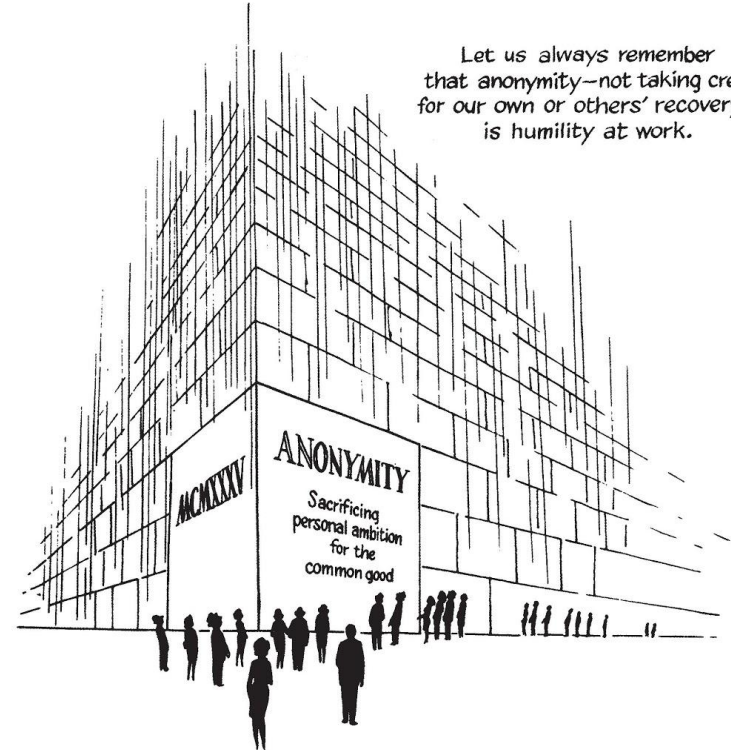
Pamphlet 47 - Understanding Anonymity



The Twelfth Tradition

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Let us always remember that anonymity—not taking credit for our own or others' recovery—is humility at work.



Emerald Valley Intergroup Bulletin - November 2020

1. We know alcohol isn't done with us! Neither is COVID. Please let's not drink today and please, let's all wear a mask.
2. EVI nearly always needs office volunteers; there are also other service opportunities available. You can always view the EVI Service page on the web at: <https://eviaaweb.org/evi-service/> or call the office to volunteer. <https://eviaaweb.org/evi-service/>
3. The list of meetings on our website is being updated and streamlined
 - a. There are a good number of meetings that existed prior to COVID that are not meeting either in person nor via zoom.
 - b. These meetings are categorized on the website as "location temporarily closed".
 - c. To de-clutter the website, we will no longer show those meetings that are not happening now.
 - d. All the details about those meetings are being retained and the meetings will be re-installed on the web once COVID-related closures and restrictions are lifted.
 - e. We appreciate all the updates that members provide us so that the web is a resource for newcomers and members.

State of Oregon COVID Requirements:
govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19



Emerald Valley Intergroup Business Agenda

November 9, 2020

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Introductions (Quorum is 15 EVI Representatives) 12 EVI Reps. present, not a quorum, we will not be able to vote during this meeting.

New EVI Representatives- None

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: (no voting)

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: (no voting) Group contributions are close to budget, individual contributions are way up. \$58 expense for CPCPI. \$12,010 over prudent reserve.

APPROVE AGENDA: (no voting)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (limited to two minutes)

Steering (Chair) Leah; Steering Committee reviewed suspended members status, they are now allowed to visit the EVI office. Discussing having a credit card. Rewording some language in the meeting guide, "WC" will now indicate a wheelchair accessible meeting, this is following Area 58.

Grapevine Brian; Hoping to have a committee meeting soon. Placing an order for retail materials.

Office Coordinator Radley; Going well, need volunteers, would like printable meeting guide.

Activities not here.

Hospitals & Institutions John; 2 places having Zoom meetings, 2 in person. Have some opening to fill on the committee. Mason is interested in the vice chair position. Mason can continue to help H&I until we have a quorum to elect.

Outreach

Speaker Meeting Bruce G; This week on Zoom. 7pm.

CPC/PI Syerra; Close to having an AA billboard located around town. Established an Email account for the vice-chair. Need a committee secretary.

Meeting Guides

Website Jude; There is an issue with meeting guide formatting, not allowing printing to a tri-fold. Thanks Newsletter chairs past and present.

Archivist Mary; Hope to meet at EVI to organize documents. Trying to get local speakers on mp3 and have it on website, working with web/tech.

Literature Nancy; Getting ready to place an order, low on Big Books. Get special orders in ASAP.

Diverter Spencer; Looking for people on call to take a Saturday or Sunday on short notice. 9am-4pm. Bruce W can help.

Newsletter Emilee; Thanks Della for all the help. Checking out events in other intergroups around the country to keep new events happening. Emilee's Dad has a story in the Grapevine.

<https://eviaaweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/EVI-Newsletter-November-2020.pdf>

Tech Support Matt; Early morning update error last Saturday, all fixed. Working to secure digital storage and emails on Google. Thanks Tech.

Old Business

Open Positions: (No Quorum, no voting)

Ad-hoc for meeting guide formatting.

• Meeting Directory-Chair and Vice chair

• Newsletter-Vice Chair

• H&I- Vice chair

• Outreach-Chair and Vice Chair

1. Proposed By-Laws changes/voting references. (No vote)

2. Site Search- Looking at 2 sites, 695 Centennial St. Springfield and 2130 W 7th Eugene

3. Document retention policy- (no vote)

• **NEW BUSINESS** –

1. Budget proposal-Curt; Going to propose Office Coordinator to be paid like the Bookkeeper. Slight monthly increase is proposed. Budget will reduce the prudent reserve some. Rent at the new location will be different. **Take Budget to your group.**

2. Meeting in a Pocket; EVI is contributing \$250 to purchase some "meeting in a pocket"

3. December rotating positions. EVI Chair, EVI Vice-Chair, Secretary, 2 Members at Large.

4. Bulletin- Cleaning up some meetings that are temporally not meeting until they start to meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Feb 7, 2021, District 19 is having a workshop.

BIRTHDAYS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS Brian R 33 years sober.

CLOSING

Responsibility Statement at 7:40



- Zoom online meeting at 6:30pm.
- Open with the Serenity prayer at 6:32 pm
- Present- Leah, Chaz, Terry, Curt, Bruce W, Steve, Radley, Emilee, Rachel, Bruce G, Manda.
- **Treasure report-** Curt- group contributions are up individual contributions are way up, expenses are low, prudent reserve is \$13,161. Working on a revised budget to account for rent at the proposed new location. Should be similar to existing. Motion to approve, 2nd, passed. Motion to ask body to approve a revised budget, 2nd, passed.
- **Bookkeeper report-** not in attendance. Leah reports that Craig said it is going well.

Old Business-

- **Debit/credit card for EVI business guidelines-** Discussion about having a card. There is a business need for web purchases, bills. Chaz, Meg to set up some use guidelines. Proposing to purchase a “pre-paid” card may be a solution. Will have to meet again to workout the guidelines. Will visit in January.
- **Site Search-** Proposed new location has 1000sf, private restroom, 2 offices, plenty of parking, on Em-x, in the W 11th and City View area. Expenses should be similar to the current location.
- **Tri fold-** Radley and Keryl are working on getting an updated tri-fold. Hasn’t been created since March. New version will have Zoom and in person meetings listed.
- **New Business-**
- **Office Coordinator Status if budget is approved-** Volunteer vs Employee. Proposed 1 year trial, renewed at yearly budget. Will be supervised by EVI Steering Committee, maximum 5 year term. Proposed interim position. We will have to modify the by-laws. Will form an Ad-hoc committee to work out details if the budget is approved. Should be similar to the bookkeeper position.
- Emilee has a question about when to send out the Newsletter. The week before the Business meeting is ideal to include the Steering meeting minutes.
- Streamlined agenda to get through 2 months of business because of no quorum last month. Please submit any committee reports to include in the minutes and send to Terry at evisecretary17@gmail.com by Monday 12/14/2020 8pm.
- Motion for streamlined agenda, 2nd, passed.
- **Announcements**
- EVI is open on Saturday and Sunday 9-4.
- EVI speaker meeting is this Saturday at 7pm.
- Please let people know we need EVI reps to show up so we have a quorum.
- Chaz 17 years.
- Radley is speaking at Five and Dime on the 11th.

Close with Responsibility Statement at 7:32.

December EVI Business Meeting:

Monday, December 14, 2020

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Zoom ID: 842 479 0618

Password: 842479

EVI November 2020 Financial Report

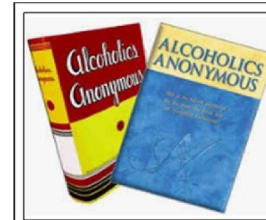
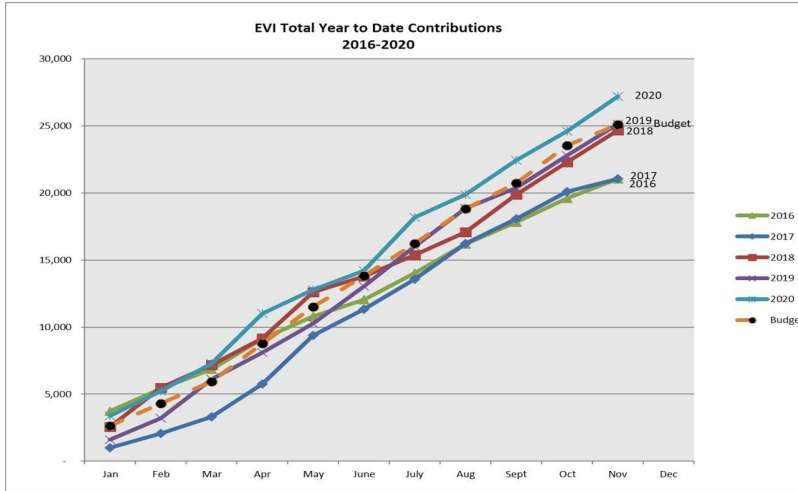
EVI November 2020 Financial Update

1. Overview - Group contributions YTD are \$22,102 which is 1.6% over budget. Individual Contributions YTD are \$5,431 which is (295%) over budget.
2. Expenses - Operating expenses were as expected.
3. Group Contributions - were \$2,079 for Nov vs Budget of \$1,361. Individual Contribution - were \$506 for Oct vs Budget of \$125
4. Committee Expenses - Were Zero
5. Prudent Reserve - The surplus over prudent reserve increase by \$1,151 verses last month.

	Monthly	YTD	YTD Budget	+/-	YTD
Contributions:	\$ 2,585	\$ 27,706	\$ 25,096	\$ 2,610	10%
Expenses:	\$ 1,871	\$ 23,507	\$ 26,624	\$ (3,118)	12%
Difference:	\$ 714	\$ 4,199			

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			26,216
Surplus over PR			13,161

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	Nov	YTD Sales	YTD% of Budget
AA Book Sales	364	6,035	52%
Pamphlet Sales	1	210	32%
Meeting Book Sales		214	15%
Grapevine Sales	69	302	50%
Total Literature Sales	434	6,761	47%

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

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	Nov	YTD
11th Step Meditation		120.00
645 AM Men's Group		918.50
Abnormal Drinkers		50.00
Aqvadore Freiside Group		580.00
Attitude Adjustment Group	200.00	1,131.00
Autumn Group		200.00
Back to Basics Junction City		500.00
Caduceus		275.00
Cape Diem		171.50
Coburg Fire Stoppers		50.00
Cottage Grove Group		90.00
Cresswell 12 x 12		-
Daily Reflections		-
Downtown AM group		1,162.56
Drop The Rock		90.00
Early Firehouse Group		-
Easy Does It		-
Emerald Park	300.00	1,029.20
Expect a Miracle		-
Freedom Bound		-
Freedom Of Choice		60.00
Friday Night Gratitude (Caf Grove)		-
Friday Night Stag		224.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		-
Get Will Group		25.00
Good Grief Saturday		62.70
Gratitude Group		50.00
GWAD (Jesca)		-
Harrisburg Group		-
How It Works		-
Jasper By The Tracks Group		-
Knuckleheads		150.00
Lambda Group		513.00
Last Chance Study Group		-
Last House on the Block		16.00
McKenzie River Group		-
Men's Undisciplined		30.00
Monday Noon Stag	5.00	-
Monday Men's Stag	150.00	750.00
Oakridge Group		250.00
No Rules Group		387.00
One Day at a Time		-
Physical Awakenings		-
Plant a Seed		-
River Road Friday Night Book St		-
River Road Recovery		150.00
Saturday Morning Steps		71.50
Saturday Night Book Study		-
Seniors for Sobriety		-
Serenity on Sunday		-
Serenity Seekers West		80.00
Sickman's Group		245.00
Siters of Sobriety		5,043.00
Sober Awakenings		-
SOS Group		250.00
Sobriety for Life		60.00
Sober Chicks		-
Springfield Study Group		303.00
Stairway to Sobriety		-
Starlight Meditation Group		50.00
Sunday AM B.B. Study Group		25.00
Sunday Women's Step Study		-
Sunday Night Book Study		-
Sunrise at Sunset		-
Sunrise Serenity		-

	Nov	YTD
Sunrise Sobriety Group		320.00
Sunlight of the Spirit		25.00
Terminally Unique		-
The Way Home		485.00
There is a Solution		25.00
Thursdon Bell Ringers		-
Thursday Night Rush Hour C.G.		300.00
Thursday Night Reflections		154.05
Thurs Night Group		-
TNT		-
Tuesday Night Young Peoples		-
Try God Group	350.21	1,130.13
Upon Awakening		-
unknown		-
Village Group		507.00
We Are Not A Glum Lot	307.00	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
Where The Rubber Meets The Road		-
Women's How It Works		240.00
Women's Big Book Study		130.00
Women's Road to Recovery	75.00	325.00
Women in the Solution		130.33
Women Expect a Miracle		-
Young Ducks	50.00	100.00
Total - Contributions/Group		2,079.21
		22,102.47

EVI Contributions—Other

	Nov	YTD
District Contributions		-
Dist 20		1,400.00
District 6		-
Total District Contributions		1,400.00
Contributions/Individual		-
Faithful Fivers		-
Individual - Other	75.00	455.00
Total Contributions/Individual	431.05	4,975.85
Contributions—Other	506.05	5,430.85
EAS/PAA		-
GRCP/PAA		-
Fund Raiser		-
Assembly Host Com		-
Summerfest		-
Contributions—Other		-
Fundraising		-
Activities		-
CPC-PI		-
Speaker Meeting		-
Fundraising		-



AA Grapevine

December's Featured Section is "Remote Communities & Sober Holidays." Members share hopeful stories about helping alcoholics having trouble reaching us. Plus sober holiday stories! Also included are powerful 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

District 19 Workshop Planning Alert!

Online Workshop: International History of Alcoholics Anonymous



Coming this February 2021



*Do you know any
International A.A. Historians??*

Contact the Workshop Committee!

Email: janeary27th2018@gmail.com

WOMENS YPAA ZOOM MTG



SOBER LADIES USING THE Steps S.L.U.T.S.



**SUNDAYS
AND
TUESDAYS
8:30PM PST**

**ZOOM ID:
637 991 920
LGBTQ+ WELCOME**

**EMAIL
SOBERLADIESYPAA
@GMAIL.COM FOR
PASSCODE**

**7TH TRADITION VENMO
@NICOLE-TIGNER**

Home Group
Biz Mtg:
first Tue of every month
at 7:15pm PST
before the mtg!
JOIN US!!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the
44TH ANNUAL SUMMERFEST
JULY 16TH, 17TH & 18TH, 2021
at the Valley River Inn
Eugene, Oregon



Summerfest 2021

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AND EMERALD VALLEY INTERGROUP

- ▶ AA and Al-Anon Speaker Meetings
- ▶ Banquets
- ▶ Panel
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Night Owl Meetings
- ▶ Raffle
- ▶ Friday Night Social & Saturday Night Dance
(Included with Registration)

AA Speakers

Sonja N, Rogue River OR
Wayne B, Covina CA
Eden L, Anchorage AK
Jason J, Portland OR
Sharon C, Hawthorne CA
John C, Belfast Ireland

Al-Anon Speakers

TBA

\$35 Pre-Registration • \$45 After June 30th

We hope to open pre-registration for an in-person event on February 1st, 2021.
Please continue to watch our website, aa-summerfest.org and
our Facebook page, Summerfest 2021 for updates.

NewHorizonsGroupA1.com

Mid-Day Speaker Meeting

Tues Dec 8th

12:00 Noon PT / 3 pm ET

Jennifer H.K.

from Steps Sisters Grp in Plano TX

Zoom

914 633 670

PC: 164 164

Arrive early - the zoom room will fill up



Mid-Day Speaker Meeting

Tuesday Dec 15th

**12 Noon PT
3 pm ET**

Vera F

From the Attitude Adjustments Grp Bend OR

Zoom

914 633 670

PC:164 164



For more info visit us at:
NewHorizonsGroupA1.com

"The Four Forwards"
presented by:
Gail L. Akron OH

Tues Dec 22nd
12pm PT / 3pm ET

Zoom

914 633 670

PC: 164 164

NewHorizonsA1Group.com

Polly P

West Connect Group, Jacksonville FL



Zoom

914 633 670

PC: 164 164

MID-DAY SPK MTG

TUESDAY DEC 29TH

12:00 NOON PT / 3 PM ET



For more info visit NewHorizonGroupA1.com

The Early Sobriety Group Presents:

Staying Sober Through the Holidays

Have you ever struggled staying sober during the Holiday Season?
Join us this December

None of us need go through the Holidays alone or have to fear relapse if we keep growing spiritually. In this 4-Week Workshop Series, our Group will present some perspective on how to end 2020 sober!

Any questions, contact us from our website at www.earlysobrietygroup.com.

Where: Zoom ID: 871 3858 1670 Password: soberN2020

When: Each Saturday in December:

4 Week Series (12/5/20-12/26/20)

Time: 11:00 am EST (Room opens at 10:40 am)



8AM Pacific Time



EVI Zoom Speaker Meeting:

Sat. Dec 12th, 7 PM

Al Anon Speaker: Elizabeth R., Eugene,
Oregon

AA Speaker: Stormie D., Eugene,
Oregon

Meeting # 881 4226 5379

Password - 717 465

Paris, France

A free online workshop for **ALL**
Paris A.A. members, and those
with a desire to stop drinking

Step One

Beginning | Admitting

ENCORE PRESENTATION!

Saturday 12 Dec 2020

2 - 4pm

ZOOM Meeting ID: 750 000 1212

5AM Pacific Time

*"A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual
in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life,
can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer
to become happily and usefully whole."
12 Steps and 12 Traditions, p15*



Workshop sponsored by
English-speaking Paris AA Intergroup

CELEBRATING THE 85 YEARS OF AA AND RECOVERY

THE EAST BAY INTERGROUP - OAKLAND, CA PI/CPC COMMITTEE PRESENTS



A VIRTUAL TOUR OF AA RECOVERY & HISTORY THROUGH SERVICE ON YOUTUBE • LIVE WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020
9AM PST - 12PM EST - 5PM UK

A. Kickoff - The Gifts of Service & Recovery

Discovering the benefits & rewards of service
Presenter: Tim C. - Hayward, Ca
9am - 9:30am (PST) - Q & A

B. Dr. Bob's Home for the Holiday's - Virtual Tour

Ann Smith's spiritual legacy
Reading & Legacy of Historical Bill W. Holiday letter
Presenter: Harmon V. Akron, Oh
9:30am - 10:45am (PST) - Q & A

C. "Not Cured?" "Daily Reprieve?" "Way of Life?"

The best kept secrets in our fellowships - Steps 10, 11, & 12
Presenter: Herb K. Ranch Palos Verdes, Ca
11am - 12:15pm (PST) - Q & A

D. The Women of the Big Book

Their impactful early years & legacy
Presenter: Nancy K. - Galt, Ca
12:30pm - 1:45pm (PST) - Q & A

E. Living & Growing in Recovery in AA & Al Anon

The Family Afterward comes alive
Presenter: Al J. Mooney MD - North Carolina-
Non-Alcoholic Class A Trustee USA/Canada-
General Service Board
2pm - 3pm (PST) - Q & A

F. The Circle & Triangle of AA - The Triangle & Circle of Al-Anon

How to effectively & precisely work the recovery programs
Presenter: Mike B. - Hermosa Beach, Ca
3pm - 4:15pm (PST) - Q & A



**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS
THIS EPIC LINEUP!**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!
PASS, POST, & FORWARD THIS FLYER!**



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA



Special Event!

Itchy & Ugly
Yet Weirdly Charming

Virtual Meeting
Ugly sweater contest!
Trivia!
Games!
AA Speakers!

Zoom 9644 175 1846

password: Hohoho.

DECEMBER 19th
6-8:30pm (pst)

Alcoholics Anonymous®

Sat, December 19, 2020

6:30 AM – 5:30 PM PST

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics Anonymous!

We are happy to announce a Virtual Western U.S./Canada Forum on December 19, 2020: "2020: Experience, Strength & Hope - what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now."

The one-day event will feature participation from the Pacific, Southwest, West Central and Western Canada Regions. As with traditional Regional Forums, the day will include workshops, presentations, Q&A's, General Sharing, and much, much more!

Registration will open on November 20, 2020 and can be accessed on our website at www.aa.org.

All members are invited, so get on the virtual bus! Bring a newcomer!

In fellowship,

Sandra W.
Regional Forums

Event Link:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

Regional Forums

Mountain Time



Sober Claus Is Coming to Town



A Holiday Performance by the Blackouts



Join the Blackouts for TWO fun and festive evenings of recovery-related performances.

Contact a member of the Blackouts by December 13 if you are interested in performing.

Zoom meeting ID: 867 4969 6947

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86749696947>

New Mexico AA Area 46

Sunday, December 20

and

Thursday, December 24

6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Starts at 5PM PST



Mountain Time
Bayard Holiday Party

Zoom



Monday December 21st, 2020 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Special Viewing of:

Markings on the Journey

A Brief Video History of AA by C.S.O.



Followed by a Special Guest Speaker – **Jimmy D.,
Southwest Region Trustee** – at 7:00 PM

Sharing and Fellowship until 8:00 PM

This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

Zoom ID: 954-728-029 Password: 719406



Starts at 5:30PM PST

Eastern Time

Keamy Sunday Night Live Easy But Think First

31st Annual Christmas Alkathon

24 Hours of Virtual Fellowship

Meetings will begin at 8:00 PM December 24th 2020 and run every even hour until the final meeting at 8:00 PM December 25th Christmas Day

December 24	8:00 PM	Open Speaker	Al K
	10:00 PM	Steps 1,2,3	Jackie S
December 25	12 Midnight	Promises	Mike M
	2:00 AM	Reflections	Paula R
	4:00 AM	Ask It Basket	Mike L
	6:00 AM	Red Ball	Steve M
	8:00 AM	Speaker Discussion	Joe Q
	10:00 AM	Big Book	J.R.
	12 Noon	Gratitude	Shannon C
	2:00 PM	Open Speaker	Jean P
	4:00 PM	Beginner	April A
	6:00 PM	Came to Believe	Butch M
	8:00 PM	Speaker Discussion	Dave B
	9:00 PM	Closing Ceremony	

ZOOM MEETING ID: 833 5585 7447 PASSWORD: trinity

Dial in number +1 929 205 6099 (New York)

7th Tradition Donations can be sent to Zelle - JOADACOSTA

Hawaii Time



VIRTUAL! KONA CHRISTMAS ALCATHON

Christmas Eve through Christmas Day

12:00 Noon Dec. 24th to 12:00 Noon Dec. 25th

Zoom Info: Starts at 2PM PST 12/24/2020

Meeting ID: 825-0900-2552

(No Passcode)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82509002552>

Please sign up to Chair a meeting! (Six months sobriety needed.) Call West Hawaii Central Office ("Intergroup") at 808-329-1212 to get your name on the sign-up sheet!

****** Sponsored by West Hawaii Central Office ******

Eastern Time

DISTRICT 14 JERSEY CITY PRESENTS

A VERY VIRTUAL NEW YEAR'S ALCATHON!

12 STEPS TO A SOBER NEW YEAR

New Year's Eve

6 - 7:45pm - Step One - Live and Let Live

8 - 9:45pm - Step Two - Erie Street/Red Door

10 - Midnight - Step Three - District 14

New Year's Day

Midnight - 1:45am - Step Four - Mansion at 12:15

2 - 3:45am - Step Five - Young People's

4 - 5:45am - Step Six - West Side Story

6 - 7:45am - Step Seven - Friday Night by Candlelight

8 - 9:45am - Step Eight - Primary Purpose

10 - 11:45am - Step Nine - Sisters in Serenity

12 - 1:45pm - Step Ten - Soberly Speaking

2 - 3:45pm - Step Eleven - Hudson Group

4 - 6pm - Step Twelve - BYOB (Bring Your Own Bagel)

Join us through Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235145950>

Meeting ID: 88235145950

Passcode: 4332283

Dial by your location

+1 646-558-8656 (New York)

+1 312-626-6799 (Chicago)

Questions? Contact us at D14OnlineMeetings@gmail.com

— HOSTED BY DISTRICTS 6 & 19

NEW YEAR'S EVE 6TH & PENN VIRTUAL 2021 A.A. ALKATHON

12/31 TO 1/1

5 PM - 11 AM PST

MEETINGS EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR

ZOOM ID: 869 7741 7580

PASSWORD: sTAYINuP

SPEAKER MEETINGS @ 7PM, 9PM, 11PM

***HYBRID MEETING LOCATION*:**

**LIVE AND LET LIVE ALANO CLUB
3847 PARK BLVD. SD, CA 92103
9 PM - 3 AM**

***45 PERSON CAPACITY,
SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PLACE**

**DEAF ZOOM MEETING
7PM - 1AM ON 12/31
9AM - 11AM ON THE 1ST
ZOOM ID: 869 3712 2774
PASSWORD: soberNYE**

DCM_19@AREA8AA.ORG

Hawaii Time
New Year's
Virtual Alkathon

Please join us for our very first
virtual alkathon.

Noon Dec.31,2020 - Noon Jan 1,2021

45 minute meetings start on the hour.
Last meeting starts at 11 AM Jan. 1st.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726510408>

Meeting ID: 837 2651 0408

One tap mobile +16699006833, 83726510408#

Questions? Contact Central Office 808.329.1212



Coordinated by KKA

Starts at 10AM PST

2021 NEW YEARS ALCATHON

PRESENTED BY
DISTRICT #2 - HONOLULU

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When:

Starts at 2PM PST

Starting 4:00 PM Tuesday, December 31, 2020

And

Ending 4:00 PM Wednesday, January 1, 2021

Meetings Will Start Every Hour on the Hour
Ending 10 Minutes Before the Next Meeting.

• AA MEETINGS INCLUDING AN AL-ANON MEETING •

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Someone Who Understood

Hitting bottom would surely end his chance to adopt. Who on earth would let him raise their child now?



NEVER underestimate the miracles of sobriety. Prior to getting sober, my wife and I initiated the process of private adoption in hopes of adding a child to our family. We had a 3-year-old daughter and we

wanted her to have a sibling.

After meeting with an adoption attorney, we created a resume along with a glossy picture of our family for prospective birth mothers to review. We hoped someone would choose us to adopt their unborn baby. But our

picture-perfect family was soon shattered by the realization that I had a problem with alcohol.

Fortunately, around that same time I found AA and began what would be a bumpy but lifesaving road to recovery. I was 32. Around 90

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days sober, I realized I would have to add something to that resume—my alcoholism.

I contacted the attorney's office and told him that we would need to put our adoption plans on hold. I needed to get my feet back on the ground and get a solid hold on sobriety. When I got off the phone, I figured our chances for adopting a child were zero now. I mean, come on, who picks an alcoholic to father their child?

Fast-forward two years and nine months. I was on my way out of my office to join my coworkers at the office Christmas lunch. Just then, the phone rang and caught me before I could get out the door. "This is Dave," I said into the phone.

"Dave, this is Brenda at the

adoption attorney's office," the woman said. "You're in our inactive file but I just had to call. A birth mother has a request and you're the only person who fits what she's looking for in an adoptive parent." Brenda continued, "She wants to place her child in a home where at least one of the adoptive parents is in recovery. Based on the genetics of alcoholism, she feels it's important that this child have the benefit of having a parent with some understanding of alcoholism and addiction."

I couldn't believe what I was hearing. "Wow, that's amazing," I replied. I knew in that moment, deep in my heart, that this was right. God had a plan for us. Our conversation concluded with scheduling a phone call with Elizabeth, the birth mother, for that evening.

Elizabeth called right on time and as we talked, the common bond of AA clicked right in. We spoke the same language. My wife and I talked to her for almost an hour and we agreed to fly to Portland to meet in person. We met for dinner at a downtown café. It was a magical evening—Elizabeth was pretty, funny and full of life. Our conversation didn't skip a beat, as one topic led to another, including sobriety and AA. Then we noticed that the singer who was performing in the restaurant was singing the song "From a Distance," one that Bette Midler had recently made popular. The lyrics, "God is watching

us; God is watching us; God is watching us from a distance" were perfect in that moment. This night is forever etched in my mind. Oh, and that singer? She turned out to be Elizabeth's AA sponsor.

Emilee was born in 1991, a healthy, beautiful baby girl. We flew 1,000 miles that day to be there for the birth of our second daughter. We saw Elizabeth surrounded by her AA friends and family and we were welcomed with open arms and some natural ambivalence. Within a few days, we said goodbye to Elizabeth through many tears to return home with our newborn daughter.

The Fellowship of AA made this all possible. My friends at our 6:00 A.M. Attitude Adjustment meeting supported me every inch of the way. I became known as Emilee's dad; I was no longer just Dave. That's the gift of sobriety in AA. We can become something more than we ever believed we could be.

Over the years Elizabeth's instincts would be proven right, and Emilee would suffer the pain of this disease. After Emilee's first ever AA meeting at six weeks old to meet my friends, her next meeting would be when she was 16 to start her own journey in sobriety.

It's tough to admit you're an alcoholic at any age, much less that your life is unmanageable. On one hand, I had the experience of sobriety in AA. On the other, I had to realize that my

daughter would have to find her own path to sobriety. At times my pain overshadowed hers and that was not good. When I finally acknowledged her suffering and found acceptance, I was able to get out of the way and she found the help she needed.

Emilee recently celebrated one year of sobriety. She has a home group and a sponsor; works the Steps, attends meetings regularly, loves the Fellowship and has found a new life. AA saved her life as it had saved mine 30 years earlier. My gratitude to God, AA and the Fellowship can only be expressed in continued service in hopes of enlarging the gift of AA to others. And it doesn't hurt to remind myself that "God is watching us."

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Lake Oswego, Ore.

GRAPEVINE AUDIO STORIES

Relapse & recovery



Sometimes it takes several tries to get sober. That's why in AA we say "Keep coming back." Listen to powerful stories of hope from those who know what relapse is like. Visit www.youtube.com/aagrapevine

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

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

Dec 1 1940 – Chicago Daily Tribune begins a series of articles on AA by Nall Hamilton.

Dec 5 1985 – Dave B, founder of Montreal Group, dies weeks before 50th anniversary. His story was added to the 4th Edition Big Book.

Dec 6 1939 – Bert the Tailor lends Works Publishing \$1000.

Dec 6 1979 – Akron Beacon reports death of Henrietta Sieberling.

Dec 7 1949 – Sister Ignatia received Poverello Medal on behalf of A.A.

Dec 10 1975 – Birds of a Feather AA group for pilots is formed.

Dec 11 1934 – Bill admitted to Towns Hospital for the fourth and last time (fall '33, '34 in summer, midsummer and final admittance).

Dec 11 1941 – Dallas Morning News reports first AA group formed in Dallas.

Dec 12 1934 – Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital.

Dec 12 1937 – Bill meets with Rockefeller Foundation and tries to get money.

Dec 13 1937 – Rockland State Mental Hospital takes patients to meeting in New Jersey.

Dec 13 or 14 1934 – Ebby visits Bill at Towns hospital, brings William James' book, Varieties of Religious Experience.

Dec 19 1939 – Los Angeles hold their first AA meeting there.

Dec 20 1945 – Rowland H. dies (he carried the Oxford Group message to Ebby).

Dec 27 1893 – Rev. Samuel Shoemaker is born.

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- Meeting Directory Chair & Vice-Chair
- Outreach Chair & Vice-Chair
- H&I Vice-Chair
- Newsletter Vice-Chair
- Office Volunteers
- CPCPI Committee needs a Secretary

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12/14/2020 at 6:30PM

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