

September 2023 Newsletter

Emerald Valley Intergroup



“The world seems to me
excruciatingly, almost
painfully beautiful at times,
and the goodness and kindness
of people often exceed that
which even I expect.”

- LOIS W.

LOVE EXPANDS

Step 9

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

Questions about AA?

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

Visit Us: 2160 West 11th, Suite I 97402

Open: Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM, Sat-Sun
9AM-4PM

EVI Website: www.eviaa.org

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

EVI Business Meetings

Mon. Sept.18 & Oct.17 @ 6:30pm PST

In-Person: 2160 W.11th, Unit I, Eugene,

Online: Zoom ID 870 5057 1775

Password: 656291

Business meetings occur every 3rd
Monday of the month

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- Contact the **Meeting Guides Chair**
- Email the Meeting Guides Chair [HERE](#).

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FEATURED UPCOMING EVENT

You got a talent?
Java Jive wants it.

Text 541-953-6454 to get yourself (or a group) on the docket!



9th Tradition

9th Tradition Summary

Organization and Service Aren't Mutually Exclusive

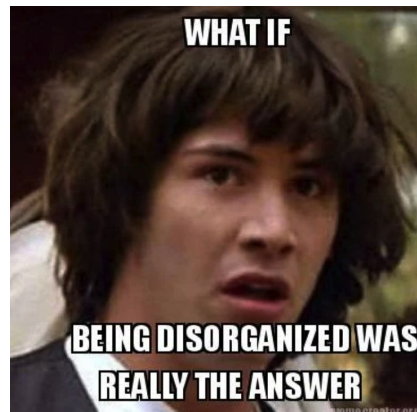
Short Form:

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Long Form:

"Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee.

They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness."



In the beginning, our founders really felt like we didn't need much organization and structure in the Fellowship, and then they went and created a bunch of it. "It is clear that we ought never to name boards to govern us, but it is equally clear that we shall always need to authorize workers to serve us. It is the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service."
(12x12, Page 174)

One of the best examples of this is if you should ever find yourself needing to reach out to GSO for their ideas on a specific issue that your group, District or Area may be having; you can be relatively sure regardless of what you are asking about will garner a response that generally starts off with something like, "That's a great question. Our shared experience in A.A. is...." and they will offer suggestions of solutions from those that have gone before us to help you with your concern. They cannot tell us what to do, but they can help us. The organization of our Fellowship is crucial to our being able to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, but that structure is not there to govern, but to serve.

Step-Tradition Parallel

The first nine steps delivered us from the bondage of our past experiences with alcohol. We finally arrived at the place where we could say to ourselves, “I have totally faced my past. And there is nothing left in my past that I’m ashamed of. There’s nothing left that hurts anymore. There’s nothing left in my past that’s painful. There’s nothing left in my past I need to forgive or need to be forgiven for. I’m at total oneness and peace with my past.” Well, that’s a tremendous statement to be able to say. That’s an enormous statement for any person to be able to say about their life. And that’s what the first nine steps give us. And the ninth tradition assures me that once my ninth step amends have been made, I will be led to that profound place of peace I have always sought in my life: divine order.

The ninth tradition not only contains the secret of divine order but also contains the personal principle that will keep an alcoholic like me in divine order. It is so simple. I give up control. I stop organizing myself. I stop trying to organize God into my limited ideas of order. How does this ninth tradition relate to the ninth step? My life gets unimpeded flow of divine love in a triangle consisting of you, myself and God. Whenever the divine order of that relationship is disturbed, I can restore order by making the unmade amend that put my life out of order. The ninth step poses the question, “After making amends, how do I stay reconciled with you today?” The ninth tradition answers that question by implying that I remain in the divine order by not organizing you, myself or God and spontaneously being of service to you & God.

(Developed by the [Unity Insures Recovery Through Service A.A. Group](#))

9th Tradition Inventory

Organization and Service Aren’t Mutually Exclusive

As it states at the top of this page, the 12 Traditions were created to help each A.A. group maintain unity and relate better to the world about us. With that in mind, they have been widely used in helping us learn how to be in better relationships with everyone in our life. Below is a snapshot inventory you can take to see how well you are honoring the spiritual principle found in this Tradition (in & out of the rooms of A.A.).

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn’t every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

(The foundation of this inventory is from the A.A. Tradition’s Checklist first published in the [A.A. Grapevine](#))

EVI OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS

Descriptions of EVI Service Committee Positions ([LINK HERE](#))

You can get involved or learn more by joining the Hybrid EVI Business Meetings

Upcoming Meetings:

Mon., September 18 & October 16
@ 6:30pm PST

In-Person:

2160 W.11th, Unit I, Eugene,

Online:

Zoom ID 870 5057 1775, Password:
656291

EVI Business meetings occur every
3rd Monday of the month!

Emerald Valley Intergroup Service positions
(as of August 1, 2023)

POSITION	SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT	TERM
CPC/PI Chair	1-year	2-years
CPC/PI Vice-Chair	6-months	2-years
Meeting Guide Chair	1-year	1-year
Meeting Guide Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year
Member at Large (2-positions)	2-years	2-years
Web/Tech Vice-Chair	6-months	1-year
POSITIONS COMING AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER		
Activities Chair	1-year	1-year
Activities Vice Chair	6-months	1-year
Grapevine Chair	1-year	1-year
Grapevine Vice Chair	6-months	1-year
H & I Chair	2-years	2-years
H & I Vice Chair	1-year	2-years
Meeting Guide Chair*	1-year	1-year
Meeting Guide Vice Chair*	6-months	1-year
Newsletter Chair	1-year	1-year
Newsletter Vice Chair	6-months	1-year
Outreach Chair	1-year	1-year
Outreach Vice Chair	6-months	1-year
WEB/Tech Chair	1-year	1-year
WEB/Tech Vice Chair*	6-months	1-year

*to be reaffirmed if filled in the August elections

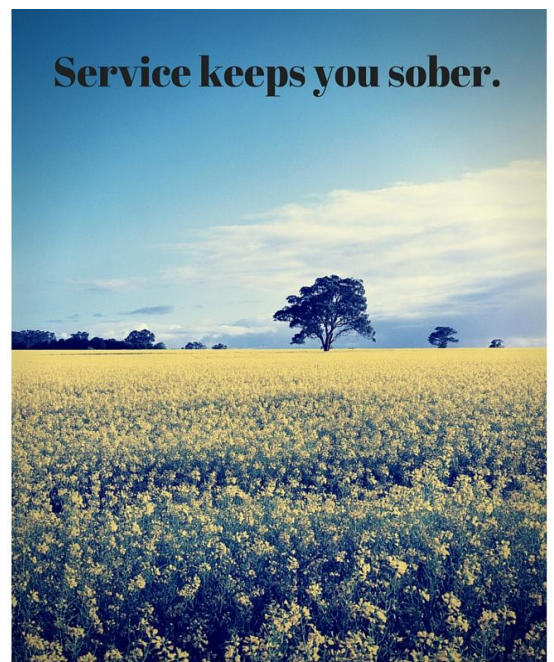
CALL 541-342-4113 FOR MORE INFORMATION

EVI Office Volunteer Service

The EVI office is open seven days a week and is:

- A safe haven for all of us in recovery
- An informational resource center
- Often a first step in someone reaching out for help from the hand of AA
- A lifeline that provides directions and information about meetings and 12-Step call resources

Volunteer Shift: 4 hours a week **Available Slots:** Monday - Friday, either 9am-1pm or 1pm - 5pm, Saturday and Sunday, either 9am-12pm or 12pm-4pm. Contact Carol B. @ emeraldvalleyintergroupoffice@gmail.com or stop by 2160 W.11th Unit I.



Area 58 Hospitals Committee Service Opportunity

Seeking volunteers to take an AA Meeting into the Junction City & Salem State Hospitals!

- Commitment requires 1 year sobriety and 1 year off probation
- The service commitment is to take one meeting in a month
- You would go into the hospital in pairs with a fellow AA volunteer
- We went from 50 volunteers pre-COVID to 3 volunteers post-COVID, and our fellow AAs in those hospitals are hungry for meetings to return!
- There is a certification process to go through, but don't be discouraged! Hospital committee is here to support every step of the way

If you're interested please email the Hospital Committee at hospitals@aa-oregon.org. For further information contact: Mikaila @ hospital-n@aa-oregon.org or Kailup at hospitals_chair@eviaa.org.

Area 58 Hospital Committee

Carry the AA Message
Into the Oregon State Hospital

You can participate by bringing an AA meeting inside Oregon State Hospitals!

The commitment is to take an AA meeting into either the Junction City or Salem Mental Health Hospital one day a month. This is usually done in pairs, but you do not need to have a partner identified to start this process, the Hospitals Committee is happy to help pair you with a second AA.

The sobriety requirement is one year and one year off probation.

Needed When You Apply to Volunteer for Recovery Services:

- Completed volunteer registration form
- Two references (this can be your sponsor and the Hospital Committee members)
- Criminal background history check approval form

Takes Place During the Certification Process:

- Immunization status of COVID and Influenza
- Proof of TB exam (test can be provided by OSH)
- OSH Safety Orientation class

Important! This is not an actual Clearance Form but a request for one.

Once the Oregon Area Hospitals Committee has received your request, we will send you the necessary forms to get started! We are here to help if you have any questions.

Fill out the paper form below, or email us the following information at: hospitals@aa-oregon.org

Oregon State Hospital AA Volunteer Registration Request Form

Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Sobriety Date: ____/____/____

"Each of us in turn - that is, the member who gets the most out of the program - spends a very large amount of time on Twelfth Step work in the early years. That was my case, and perhaps I should not have stayed sober with less work"
Bill W. Letter 1959

Rev: 2/23/2023

WANT TO ADD A FLYER TO THE NEWSLETTER?

STARLIGHT MEDITATION MEETING

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

TUESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

MEETING ID: 8888240827

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CHECK OUT THE ADD-A-FLYER TIPS AND TRICKS BELOW

ADD-A-FLYER to the EVI Newsletter Tips and Tricks:

- 1) Decide as a meeting that you would like to add a flyer to the newsletter
- 2) Nominate someone from your meeting to create the flyer
- 3) Email your created flyer to the newsletter as a jpeg or png file. The newsletter email is: evinewsaa@gmail.com

Important Note: The EVI newsletter team of volunteers only curates information provided by the local EVI body at large. Because we are a volunteer team, **we do not create flyers or write articles for the newsletter. We also do not manipulate files that come in.** Instead, we rely on the body at large to submit the information they would like to see in the newsletter. The flyers, events, and articles found in the newsletter have been created by individual groups and submitted to the newsletter.

HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER?



EMAIL THE NEWSLETTER YOUR EVENT FLYER AND/OR SUMMARY @ EVINEWSAA@GMAIL.COM

EVI Calendar of Events

Emerald Valley Intergroup - EVI

Today ◀ ▶ Monday, September 18 ▾

6:30pm 3rd Sat. Speaker Meeting

Monday, September 18

6:30pm EVI Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

6:00pm H&I Meeting

Sunday, October 1

1:30pm 1st Sunday Speaker Meeting

Tuesday, October 3

6:30pm Dist. #6 G.S.R. Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

5:30pm Dist. #19 Meeting

Thursday, October 5

6:30pm District #20 G.S.R. meeting

Saturday, October 7

5:30pm 1st Sat. Speaker Meeting

Sunday, October 8

2:00pm CPCPI Monthly Committee Meeting

Monday, October 9

6:30pm EVI Steering Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 14

7:00pm EVI Speaker Meeting

Monday, October 16

6:30pm EVI Business Meeting

EVI SPEAKER MEETING



Sat., Oct. 14, 7PM

Al Anon Speaker
AA Speaker

Bethesda Lutheran Church
445 Royal Ave., Eugene

JAVA JIVE '23

RECOVERY TALENT SHOW

SEPT 23 6-9 PM

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
4445 ROYAL AVE, EUGENE**

**INTERESTED IN PERFORMING
SOME JOKES OR JAMS OR ??
TEXT 541-953-6454**

PRESENTED BY EVI ACTIVITIES



Join us for a weekend journey through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous: Bringing women together through love, laughter and service. *"...vast amount of fun..."*
Page 16, Alcoholics Anonymous

SPEAKERS

- Rebecca B. (Arlington, WA)
- Lyndy M. (Beaverton, OR)
- Rebecca D-S. (Portland, OR)
- Alison R. (Aloha, OR)
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

**SATURDAY NIGHT ICE CREAM SOCIAL/
 PAJAMA PARTY/GAME NIGHT FREE TO ALL
 IN-PERSON REGISTRANTS**

Rose City Girlstock is a paid event which is self-supporting through your registrations. You must be registered to attend. No Seventh Tradition baskets are passed at any time during the event.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

FREE COFFEE - REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 300 - REGISTER EARLY!!! - ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME (FIRST AND LAST):		PHONE:
PREFERRED NAME (FOR BADGE):		ADDRESS:
EMAIL:		CITY, STATE ZIP:
SPECIAL NEEDS (OTHER THAN DIETARY):		HEARING IMPAIRED? Please circle YES or NO
		REGISTRATION ONLY
Name as it appears on card:		REGISTRATION + MEALS
Credit Card Number:		DONATION
Expiration Date:	3 Digit Code:	TOTAL
Check #:	REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE VALID IF CHECK IS RETURNED. A \$50 FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE EVENT.	

October 6th – 8th, 2023

Holiday Inn Portland South (HIPS)
 25425 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville, OR 97070
 503-682-2211

Book your room from our website or call the hotel directly and let them know you're with Rose City Girlstock (ONLINE CODE RCG).

Go to www.rosecitygirlstock.com for online and hotel registration!

\$122: Special Room Rates for the HIPS (per night plus tax) for single or double beds. *Offer expires September 25, 2023*

\$75: In-Person Registration Only/\$85 (On October 1)

\$145: In-Person Registration + Meals/ \$155 (On October 1)

(Meals include Saturday Night Dinner, Sunday Morning Breakfast)

Vegetarian and Vegan Options will be provided

\$30: Online Registration / \$40 (On October 1)

All prices above do not include processing fees

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mail in registrations 9/22/23

Registration Chair: Amber G.; Co-Chair: Jamie L.

Email: rosecitygirlstock@gmail.com

RCGS Chair: Dylan C.: 818-679-4764

RCGS Co-Chair: Amy S.: 971-205-0546

RCGS Mailing Address:

12890 SW Hackamore Court

Beaverton, OR 97008

October 6 - 8, 2023

Join us for a weekend journey through the 12 Steps:

Bringing women together through love, laughter and service.

Rose City Girlstock 2023 will be a hybrid event. You can choose to attend in-person or tune in virtually.

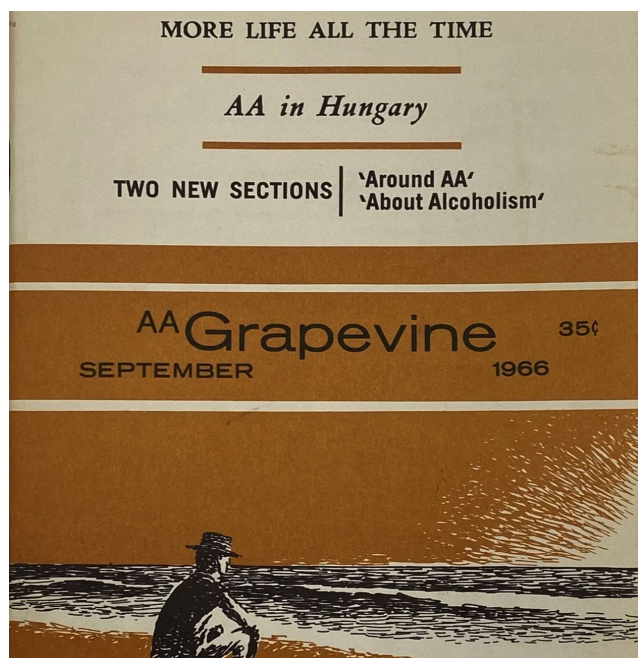
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” ...a vast amount of fun...”

Alcoholics Anonymous (p. 16)



A.A. Historical Events in August



Sept 11, 2001

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

Sept 17, 1954

Bill D, AA #3 dies

Sept 21, 1938

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

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

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

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

EVI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Joe D

Sobriety Date: 10/15/2010

Homegroup: Downtown AM

What is your favorite line from the Big Book or other AA related literature? Why?

“Insanity is a lack of proportion and the inability to think straight. It happens to me all time and now I can smile about it. “

What is your biggest lesson learned in AA?

Sober, Service, Steps

What was one suggestion that you were given early on in AA that remains fundamental to your recovery today?

It was suggested to me that I learn only to pray for the knowledge of His will in my life and the strength to carry that out.

What is lighting your AA fire today?

The ninth step promises

NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

of the *Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous* - June 25, 1939

ALCOHOLIC EXPERIENCE BY Percy Hutchison

Alcoholics Anonymous. 400 pp. New York: Works Publishing Company. \$3.50

Submitted by EVI member Ron R.

Lest this title should arouse the risibles in any reader 1st me state that the general thesis of "Alcoholics Anonymous" is more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment of the subject I have ever come upon. And it is a subject not to be neglected, for, irrespective of whether we live under repeal or prohibition, there will be alcohol addicts, precisely as there are drug addicts. It is useless to argue that under one legal condition or another the number will be less or more. When populations are to be reckoned in the million, fractions cease to count. Under prohibition alcohol will be manufactured and bootlegged, as it was during our late "noble experiment," precisely as narcotics are today smuggled and bootlegged. It is, consequently, the individual only who has to be considered, not the problem of supply and dissemination.

Alcoholics Anonymous is unlike any other book ever before published. No reviewer can say how many have contributed to its pages. But the list of writers should include addicts and doctors, psychiatrists, and clergymen. Yet it is not a book of personal experience, except in a limited sense, any more than it is a book of rules and precepts. Whether the author of any given chapter can be physician or addict, the argument comes hack to a single fundamental; and that is that the patient is unable to master the situation solely through what is termed "will power," or volition.

One contributor, who thought he had "got by" on a diet of milk, one day said to himself that he could safely add a little whiskey to his lacteal nourishment. He did. And then a little more, and then a little more. In the end, he was back to the Sanitarium. His "will" was operating one hundred Per cent; yet there was a fallacy somewhere. It is to root out this fallacy and supplant it that this book has been compiled.

The present reviewer, since this is no ordinary publication, believes it only fair that he should state that at one time he advanced fairly deeply into the field of psychology and he is free to state that the entire superstructure of "Alcoholics Anonymous" is based on a psychology of volition that he himself once advanced but which was never universally acceded to. And that is what we glibly call "will," and usefully so in general practice, should for scientific accuracy be reduced to more elemental terms. And, such an effort made, what results? Just this. That volition, "will power," tracked to its source, is the automatic and irrefutable working of a dominating idea.

Consider Napoleon, the man of indomitable will. What does it, in this final psychological analysis, come down to? It comes down to the fact that so exclusively did Napoleon's mind contain the idea that he was the man of destiny that there was no room for any other idea, so that every act, every "willed" action, was the unconscious result of, flowed from, that idea.

Courage to Change

Women's Open Meeting



When: Monday at 6:30pm
Where: City First Church
Madison Street, Eugene, OR

*Childcare provided

Cont...BOOK REVIEW, NEW YORK TIMES, June 25, 1939
ALCOHOLIC EXPERIENCE BY Percy Hutchison

Here, then, is the key to "Alcoholics Anonymous," the great and indisputable lesson this extraordinary book would convey.

The alcoholic addict, and why not change, should it seem we have become too intense, to "the drug addict," cannot, by any effort of what he calls his "will," insure himself against taking his "first dose." We saw how the chap with his whiskey in milk missed out. There is one way for our authors, and but one way. The utter suffusion of the mind by an idea, which shall exclude any idea of alcohol or of drugs. Better, let us say the usurpation of the entire ideational tract by this idea. The idea itself may be, perhaps, fairly trivial. Such as: I do not like alcoholic drinks. In fact, my stomach revolts at their mention.

Those who appear to dominate these pages apparently would not subscribe to so simple a formula as I have proposed. But my point is that it might be sufficient; and I base this on the book itself, provided only that their thesis flood, so to speak, the entire ideational tract. Yet would that be possible? Or possible for long? That is the question. And, as a matter of fact, those several authors give it short shrift. I have advanced it solely to exhibit the stark psychological trail on which we have walked. The thesis of the book is, as we read it aright, that his all-embracing and all-commanding idea must be religious. Yet here again should the reader pause, for the writers are talking of what William James called "Varieties of Religious Experience" rather than matters of individual faith. There is no suggestion advanced in the book that an addict should embrace one faith rather than another. He may fall back upon an "absolute," or "A Power which makes for righteousness" if he chooses.

The point of the book is that he is unlikely to win through unless he floods his mind with the idea of a force outside himself. So doing, his individual problem resolves into thin air. In last analysis, it is the resigning word: Not my will, but Thine, he done, said in the full knowledge of the fact that the decision will be against further addiction.

Most readers will pass this book by. Yet of such a majority many might not be amiss in turning its pages. There but for the grace of God, goes _____. A few will reach for it furtively. It is a strange book. The argument, as we have said, has a deep psychological foundation.

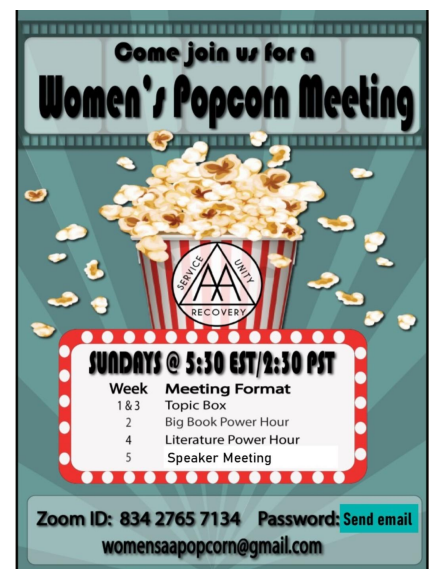


ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

STARLIGHT MEDITATION MEETING

TUESDAYS AT 5:30 PM
MEETING ID: 85908240667

A\$ Bill Sees It * Meditation * Share



Come join us for a
Women's Popcorn Meeting

SUNDAYS @ 5:30 EST/2:30 PST

Week	Meeting Format
1 & 3	Topic Box
2	Big Book Power Hour
4	Literature Power Hour
5	Speaker Meeting

Zoom ID: 834 2765 7134 Password: [Send email](#)
womenspopcorn@gmail.com



Know Thyself - Some suggestions take on a life of their own -
AA Grapevine, Oct. 1993, By *Marge R., West Dennis, Massachusetts*
EVI Member Contribution: Ron R.

After thirty-five years without a drink I find myself very confused about what I'm hearing at meetings. When I came into AA, I was told I had an illness and if I didn't drink I wouldn't get drunk. Now what I hear is: "If you don't get to ninety meetings in ninety days, you'll get drunk." "If you don't get down on your knees to pray, you'll get drunk." "If you isolate yourself, you'll get drunk." "If you're codependent, you'll get drunk."

Recently, I attended a Big Book study group and the group was told by a militant young lady that those who hadn't studied the Big Book with a member of that group would not be asked to join the discussion. It has always been my belief that no matter how long people are sober, there are no experts. Further, ours is a Fellowship of suggestions and not demands. In my thirty-five years, I have found answers for me but have not acquired the ability to live another person's life.

When I first approached the Fellowship, it was suggested that I get a sponsor. Now sometimes it appears the only choices are a guru or a Step Nazi. Thank God I was told that the timetable in working the Steps was between my Higher Power and me.

The simplicity of the Fellowship is an important aspect of my continued sobriety. The Fellowship states loud and clear, "Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." When I was new, the "experts" of those days allowed us to enjoy the blessing of not having to drink one day at a time until we were ready to confront our previous distortions. Yet now I observe people being made to suffer in attempting to discover "who they are" and "what space they're in."

The French author Andre Gide wrote that the maxim "Know thyself" was "as pernicious as it is ugly. Whoever studies himself arrests his own development. A caterpillar that sets out to really know itself would never become a butterfly."

Somewhere I remember hearing that this was a Fellowship of progress not perfection, and I'm also certain that once or twice I've heard "Keep It Simple." Sometimes I think I'm in the wrong hall!

EVI Business Meeting Committee Reports

August, 21, 2023

Steering Committee: Set Agenda for 8/21//23 Business Mtg. Discussed options for office copier machine and ongoing maintenance contract. Chose members for the Financial Advisory Board to work on the annual budget.

Activities: Next event is Java Jive, Sept 23, 6-9 PM at Bethesda Lutheran Church, and volunteer for the talent show are needed. This is the first Java Jive since COVID. Please announce this in your meetings.

Archives: Elijah said all is ok

Diverter: Cory- Participation is improving.

EVI Speakers Meeting: Bruce G: reported that the Speaker Meeting is going well, but more help is needed with setup and takedown. Interested folks can attend their business meeting on first Sunday of the month at noon at the EVI Office.

CPC/PI, Grapevine, H&I, Literature, Meeting Guides - no report

Newsletter Erica said August issue will be out on 8/22. They will meet with the Steering Committee next month.

Website Bruce W reported that the website is going fine, and the new computer has not yet replaced the old computer. EVI also needs to pay BLUE HOST for our domain.

Office Vol. Coord/Bkkpr Carol: If you are issued a key to the office, please do not pass the key to anyone else. If there is a need for a key, I will always be available to get one to you or enable you to access the office.

Volunteers going thru website and if a glitch is found (broken link, etc.) I have been able to contact the web chair and response time has been excellent. Thank you Bruce W. Please check with your groups if there is info they wish the office could provide. Any feedback, positive or negative would be so helpful.

Writing detailed notes for Summerfest going forward. Sold \$165 worth of literature and had a \$60 personal donation.

Outreach Merthi: I have been in contact with 6 meetings on my list. I have about 1/2 of them crossed off now. Summerfest was a great way to connect with Juan about the Hispanic mtgs, Heather about a women's meeting in cottage grove and the guys who manned the Sponsors booth that weekend.

Here are the areas I still need help with: Oakridge, Jasper, Cottage Grove, Monroe and McKenzie Bridge. If you have any information about these meetings please contact me at 541-952-1771 txt or call

We want to encourage groups to send EVI Reps to have a voice here but also we need to have enough groups to be here to be able to have a quorum. So please encourage folks to show up here.

**EVI NEWSLETTER SURVEY UPDATE:
SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE OUT IN THE OCTOBER
EDITION!**

The Newsletter team has already met with the Steering Committee, begun to implement survey results, & have added new team contributors! Thank you everyone for your participation!

EVI Steering Committee News

September 11, 2023

EVI Steering Committee Motion:

To create an Ad-Hoc Committee to address the EVI Web/Tech Challenges

Motion for the Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to address Web/Tech Challenges for EVI

Motion:

That an Ad Hoc committee comprised of:

- Current acting Web/Tech Chair
- Elect Web/Tech Chair and Web/Tech Vice-Chair
- Other interested volunteer members of the Groups served by EVI

be established to review the current practices and organization around the support of the EVI website, determine whether we are currently expecting more than what is reasonable of a volunteer, and explore alternatives. The committee will then make recommendations for ongoing support of this critical function report those findings/recommendations back to the body.

Background:

It is the intent of the Emerald Valley Intergroup to establish service positions which can be effectively executed by volunteers from within the fellowship.

The question has been raised as to whether the complexity and liabilities associated with our current Web/Tech functions exceed what is reasonable to expect of the skill set and time availability of an EVI volunteer or volunteers.

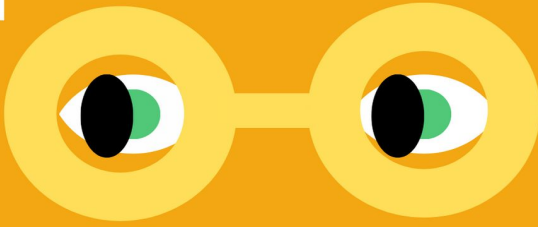
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EVI CONTACT GUIDE

EVI OFFICE	EVI CHAIRPERSON
<p>Newcomers, Meetings, Events, Information, Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email the Office: evi_office@eviaa.org Call 541-342-4113 (24 Hour AA Hotline) 	<p>Chairs Steering Committee Meetings and Business Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email EVI Chair: evi_chair@eviaa.org
EVI WEBSITE	CPC/PI
<p>Coordinates Web Updates, Event Calendar, Event Postings, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email the Website: web_chair@eviaa.org 	<p>Cooperation with Professional Community, Public Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email CPC/PI: cpcpi_chair@eviaa.org CPC/PI Web Page
MEETING GUIDE UPDATES	H&I – HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS
<p>To submit a new meeting or to change a current meeting's information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email EVI Meeting Guides: meeting_guides_chair@eviaa.org 	<p>Delivers AA programs to hospitals, addiction treatment facilities, jails, mental health institutions & recovery homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email H&I: hospitals_chair@eviaa.org H & I Web Page
EVI NEWSLETTER	NOTE
<p>If you have stories or ideas to contribute, contact the Newsletter chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email: news_chair@eviaa.org. View Current Newsletter: Newsletter Page 	<p>The EVI Webpage, Newsletter, and Meeting Guide each have their own team. For specific website, newsletter, or guide needs, please email the team responsible for that need. If your need addresses the website, meeting guide, and newsletter, please email all teams in order to address your need in each location.</p>



WE ARE LOOKING FOR



EVI NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions that members have expressed desire to see in the newsletter:

- Local meeting flyers
- Local meeting history/current
- AA related event info
- Local member stories
- Comic strip/funnies
- EVI committee stories and updates
- Monthly AA word puzzle
- AA history
- **Service stories**
- **Other**

Contribution Deadline: Contributions must be submitted by the 15th of that month in order to qualify for the month. Send contributions to @evinewsaa@gmail.com

What: Your contribution

Where: Send as an email attachment to the EVI Newsletter Team at evinewsaa@gmail.com

When: Contributions for the month must be sent in BY the 15th of the month you want to have them included.

How: We accept most all files (.png, .jpeg, .pdf, Word, Google Doc, photo images)

Note: Some articles may be saved for the following month if the newsletter content quota has been already met.

Dear EVI Members,

The newsletter would love to continue adding contributions to the newsletter from the membership. If you have a desire to share AA related information with the whole body at large, we would love to include your contribution.

Important Note: The EVI newsletter team of volunteers only curates information provided by the local EVI body at large.

Because we are a volunteer team, *we do not create flyers or write articles for the newsletter. We also do not manipulate files that come in.*

Instead, we rely on the body at large to submit the information they would like to see in the newsletter. The flyers, events, and articles found in the newsletter have been created by individual groups and submitted to the newsletter.



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EVI Newsletter QR Code



The Stages of Recovery

EVI Member Contribution: Ron R.

Stage 1:

I walk down the street . There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I fall in. I am lost. I am helpless. It isn't my fault. It takes forever to find a way out.

Stage 2:

I walk down the same street. There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I pretend I don't see it. I fall in again. I can't believe I am in this same place. But it isn't my fault. It still takes a long time to get out.

Stage 3.

I walk down the same street .There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I see it is there. I fall in...it's a habit...but my eyes are open. I know where I am. It is my fault. I get out immediately.

Stage 4;

I walk down the same street. There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I walk around it.

Stage 5:

I walk down a different street.

